

The Odenton Small Area Plan is dedicated to Glenn Akers who generously gave his time to improve the world around him. He worked tirelessly alongside his fellow Committee Members to make Odenton a better place to live.

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## Introduction

The Odenton Small Area Plan is a refinement of the *1997 Anne Arundel County General Development Plan*.

The purpose of the Odenton Small Area Plan is to enhance the quality of life in the Odenton Area, to help implement the goals and recommendations of the *General Development Plan (GDP)*, and to promote citizen, business and County cooperation in the planning and development process.

The Plan's development was a collaborative process involving the Odenton Small Area Planning Committee, staff from the Office of Planning and Zoning, other County agencies and the public. Together, the Small Area Planning Committee and staff held public forums, conducted regular committee meetings and spoke with and listened to area residents. This input was gathered to help identify assets, issues and opportunities in the Odenton Small Planning Area. These were used to formulate a vision for the future of the area. The Plan identifies where pedestrian and road improvements are needed, what type of land uses are appropriate and where they should be located, and how residential and commercial areas can be designed to improve their overall function and appearance.

This Plan for the Odenton Small Planning Area consists of a document and maps. The document addresses community history and character, land use, zoning, circulation, natural and historic resources, public utilities, community facilities, and community design. The maps show existing and proposed land use and zoning. Together, the text and maps amend the *General Development Plan* and official zoning maps.

## The Small Area Plan Process

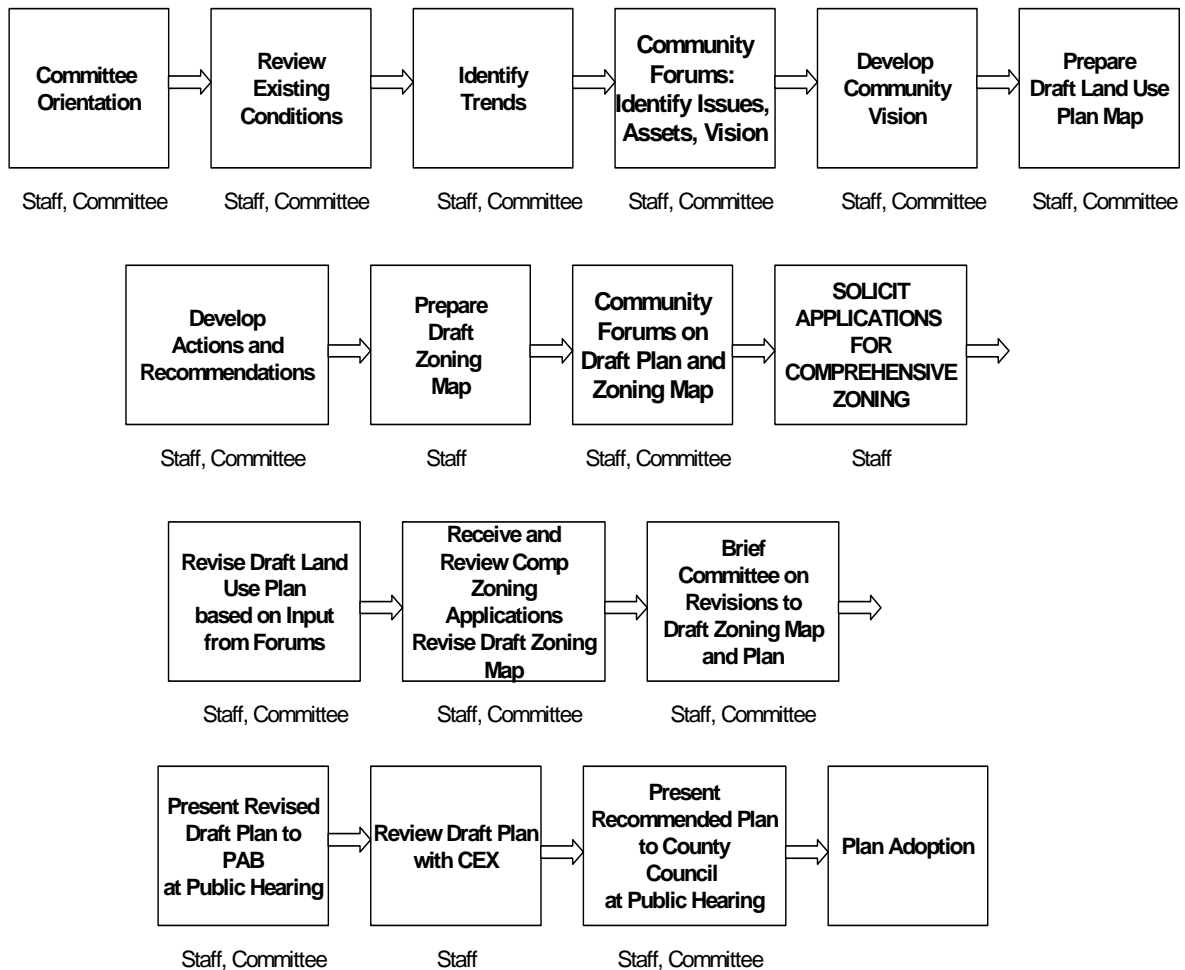
Starting with the appointment of committee members and ending with the adoption of a long range plan for the community, the Small Area Plan process is designed to maximize public participation, build consensus and present the best plan for the future of the Odenton Small Area. To this end, all committee meetings were open to the public. Two public forums were held. One near the start of the process to hear from the community about issues, opportunities and a vision for the future and another near the end to present draft recommendations and a draft land use map. In addition, a business focus group was held. Many committee members also attended various community meetings and events to provide information to citizens as well as to gather information from them.

Once the Committee and Staff formulated their draft plan, it was presented to the Planning Advisory Board (PAB) for further review and public comment. Comments from the PAB were provided to the County Executive for consideration prior to introducing the Small Area Plan to the County Council for public hearing and adoption.

It should be noted that the Odenton Small Planning Area includes land that lies within the County's designated Odenton Growth Management Area (OGMA). Since 1995, land use within the OGMA has been governed by the adopted *Odenton Town Plan*. An updated *Odenton Town*

Plan is currently being prepared by the Office of Planning and Zoning in conjunction with a citizen advisory committee. When adopted, this new plan will establish policies and guidance for land uses within the OGMA. Therefore, the *Odenton Small Area Plan* primarily addresses that portion of the Small Planning Area outside of the OGMA. While some of the recommendations contained within the *Odenton Small Area Plan* may be applicable to the OGMA as well, the *Odenton Growth Management Plan* will establish specific policies, such as property zoning and urban design, for the OGMA portion of the Small Planning Area.

**Small Area Planning Process - Tasks and Responsibilities**



Once the Plan has been adopted by the County Council and incorporated into the *General Development Plan*, the Planning Staff will begin the implementation of the plan recommendations. It is hoped that the citizens who participated in the plan development will continue to follow the process and provide input during the implementation stage.