

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

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

The Plan's development was a collaborative process involving the Crofton Small Area Plan Committee, staff from the Department of Planning and Code Enforcement, other County agencies and the public. Together, the Small Area Planning Committee and staff have held public forums, conducted regular committee meetings, sent out and received questionnaires and focus group surveys, and have spoken with and listened to area residents. This input was gathered to help identify assets, issues and opportunities in the Crofton Small Area. These were used to formulate a vision for the future of the area. They have worked together to identify 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 Crofton Small 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.

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 Crofton Small Planning Area. All committee meetings were open to the public. In addition, 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, as well as a draft land use map. Once the Committee and staff formulated their draft plan, it was presented to the Planning Advisory Board (PAB) for further review and comment by the public. 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.

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Small Area Planning Process - Tasks and Responsibilities

