

# Edgewater/Mayo Small Area Plan

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## **Introduction**

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

The purpose of the Edgewater/Mayo Small Area Plan is to enhance the quality of life in Edgewater/Mayo, 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.

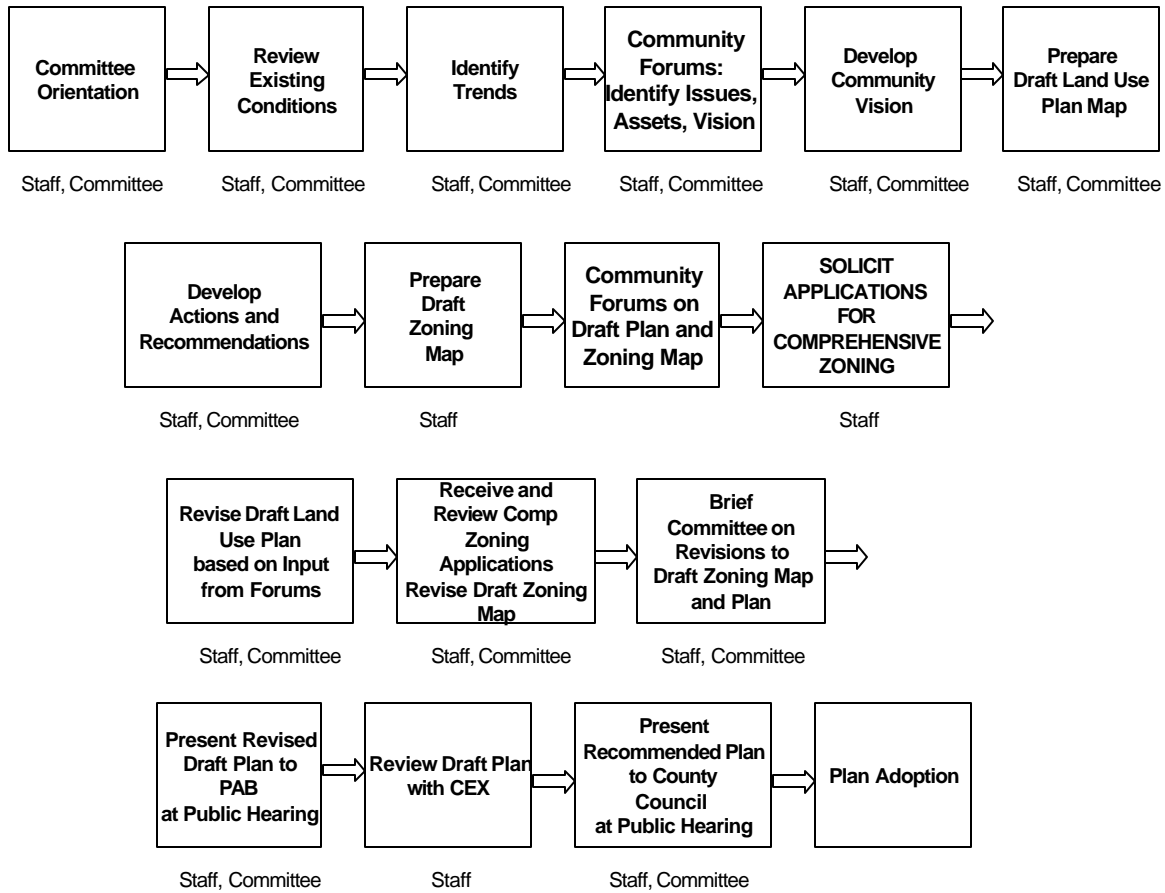
The Plan's development was a collaborative process involving the Edgewater/Mayo Small Area Plan Committee, staff from the Office of Planning and Zoning, other County agencies and the public. Together, the Small Area Planning Committee and staff have held public forums, conducted regular committee meetings, sent out and received questionnaires and focus group surveys, and have spoken with and listened to area residents to help identify assets, issues, and opportunities and to formulate a vision for the future of their area. They have discussed areas where pedestrian and road improvements may be needed; various land uses that may be appropriate and their possible locations; and issues regarding the design of residential and commercial uses and their overall potential impact on the function and appearance of the area and how this impacts this environmentally sensitive area.

This Plan for the Edgewater/Mayo consists of a document and maps. The document addresses community history and character, land use, zoning, circulation, natural and historic resources, 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 serve as a basis for comprehensive zoning of the Planning Area.

## **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 was designed to maximize public participation, build consensus and present the best plan for the future of the small planning area. All committee meetings have been 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 one near the end to present draft recommendations on the various subject areas of the plan 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.

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



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