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

The purpose of the Severn Small Area Plan is to enhance the quality of life in the Severn area, to 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 Severn Small Area Plan Committee, staff from the Office of Planning and Zoning, other County agencies and the public. Together, the Small Area Plan Committee and Staff have held public forums, conducted regular committee meetings, and have spoken with and listened to area residents. This input was gathered to help identify assets, issues and opportunities in the Severn 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.

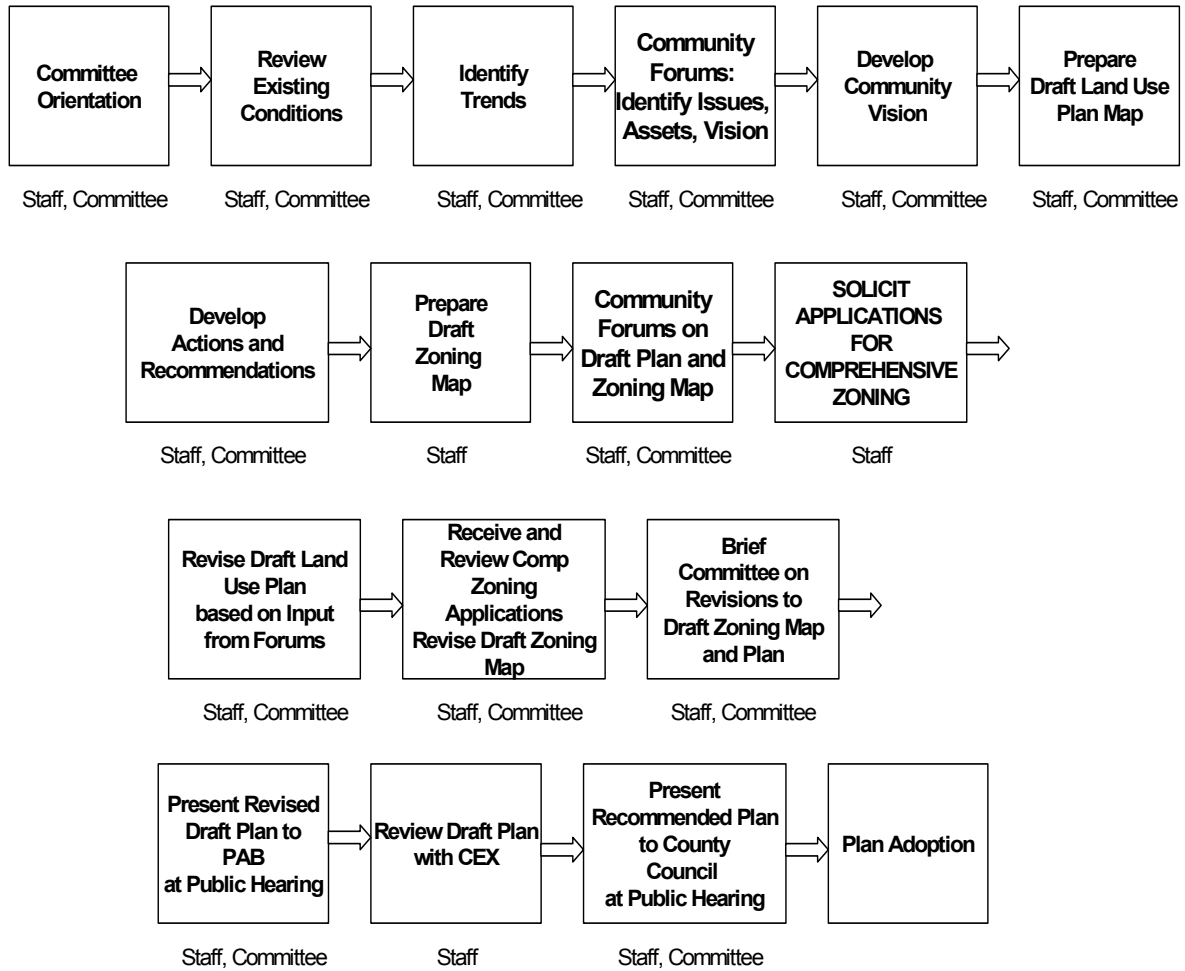
This Plan for the Severn Small Area consists of a document and maps. The document addresses community history and character, land use, zoning, transportation, natural and historic resources, public utilities, community facilities, and community design. The maps show existing and proposed land use and 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 Severn 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, during the development of the Plan, two business focus groups (with assistance from the West Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce), one neighborhood focus group and one human service provider focus group (in partnership with the Odenton Small Area Plan Committee) were held. The committee members also attended various community events to provide information to citizens as well as gather information from them. The Committee also hosted four land use forums, one in each quadrant of the Severn Small Area, to further community involvement and input into the planning process.

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.

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.