

Visioning Anne Arundel

A continuing online discussion for Plan2040



SUMMARY OF ONLINE INPUT AND SURVEY COMMENTS

April 2019 – June 2019

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The Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning and the Citizen Advisory Committee held a series of 17 Visioning Meetings in communities throughout the County in April through June, with citizen input activities that will help shape the Vision for Plan2040. Each of the 17 meetings featured three open house-style activities:

1. a review and input of boundaries for over 40 communities in the County,
2. rating priorities for non-implemented recommendations from the Small Area Plans (SAP) and the 2009 General Development Plan (GDP), and
3. a Visioning Survey with four questions for participants to share their vision for the future of the County
 - a. What is special about your community?
 - b. What has changed in the last 15 years?
 - c. What needs improvement?
 - d. What should your community look like in 20 years?

For each meeting, an online survey matched the three activities of the Visioning Meetings, allowing participants who could not attend a live meeting to provide their input.

The following is a summary of the input and comments from the online surveys from Deale/Shady Side, with highlights of the top or most frequently received comments.

Visit the [Plan2040 website](#) for detailed data from each of the 17 Visioning Meetings.

DEALE/SHADY SIDE

Boundary Review

There were no Boundary review comments for Deale/Shady Side.

Vision Survey

Online respondents stated that what is special about Deale/Shady Side was the people, culture, history, the love and pride of their community and the huge role that water plays on the culture of the community. What has changed over the last 15 years is more houses, families, businesses and traffic has come into the area, as well as the loss of large farm lands and new families who have bought older homes but do not know the history of the area. What needs improvement are roads and transportation infrastructure, better public water access, required bulkheads on smaller streams and the need for sidewalks. Respondents said that what the community should look like in 20 years is something similar to how it looks now with improvements to road system, sidewalks and bike lanes.

Other comments respondents had include that the community is a relatively safe place to live and should be kept that way, schools are at capacity and more attention should be paid to sewer spills that happen on Park Street that affect area wells.

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SAP & GDP Recommendations Survey

The top SAP Land Use and Zoning recommendation for Deale/Shady Side was to negotiate developing a range of compatible recreational and community uses to complement new industrial activities, and to create a commercial growth boundary around Deale Village to eliminate future sprawl. The highest rated Natural, Cultural and Water Resources were to adopt a policy to ensure the long term viability of existing wells and to form a community panel to determine the need for additional facilities at Franklin Point. The next highest rated recommendation was to expand ongoing efforts to identify stormwater management problems and take corrective actions.

The top rated Community Facilities recommendations were addressing overcrowding and other issues at Southern High School and for the County to aggressively pursue using vacant parcels within the Deale Village area for a community village center. The next highly rated Community Facilities recommendation was to establish a waterfront picnic park with restroom facilities adjacent to the Deale Wharf. The top Revitalization recommendation was to designate Deale-Churchton Road from the Deale Library to Tracy's Creek as a State Revitalization Area. The highest rated Transportation recommendations were to identify a priority list of road improvements needed to bring area roadways up to adequate standards and redevelop the Smith Property at the intersection of MD 468 and MD 256 to include a bypass roadway connecting Muddy Creek Road with Deale Chuchton Road.

The top Other recommendations were that the County should work with the State to develop a deer management plan and requiring that all agricultural wells utilizing the Aquila Aquifer should be removed.

The top 2009 GDP Land Use and Zoning recommendation was to conduct a study of former landfill sites to confirm their current status and assess their current and future suitability for development. The highest rated Community Revitalization GDP recommendations were to create a Housing Trust Fund with a dedicated funding source to provide financing to improve, preserve and increase the workforce housing and to develop legislation to create Neighborhood Conservation overlay districts and associated design standards and/or guidelines.

The top Natural Resources GDP recommendation was to evaluate the possibility of requiring a fee to be paid for a natural restoration fund when approving modifications in sensitive areas. The highest rated Transportation GDP recommendations were to conduct a feasibility study for the extension of light rail to other areas in the County and to study the feasibility of adding stations on the commuter rail line.