

# Visioning Anne Arundel

## *A continuing online discussion for Plan2040*



### SUMMARY OF ONLINE INPUT AND SURVEY COMMENTS

April 2019 – June 2019

#### SUMMARY INTRO

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 Odenton, with highlights of the top or most frequently received comments.

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

#### **ODENTON**

##### Boundary Review

There were no Boundary review comments for Odenton.

##### Vision Survey

Online respondents stated that what is special about their community is the small town community and the fact that it had older neighborhoods with mature trees. Respondents stated that what has changed over the last 15 years is that there is more traffic and that traffic at Benfield and Route 2 and surrounding areas is unbearable. What needs to be improved is traffic reduction, pedestrian safety and awareness, improved popularity of walkable neighborhoods, controlled development and preservation of trees and green space. Respondents said in the next 20 years Odenton should be diverse and modern.

##### SAP & GDP Recommendations Survey

The top SAP Land Use, Development and Zoning recommendation that was voted upon was to establish a historic district in Odenton, Woodwardville and the USNA Dairy Farms, followed by establishing design guidelines for future development. The top Natural Resources and Water Resources recommendation that was voted upon was to support non-point pollution control efforts and stream restoration efforts in the Towsers Branch sub-basin of the Little Patuxent River watershed. The top Community Facility recommendations were to attract a college annex in the

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heart of Odenton Town Center and to support the future design and construction of a West County High School and a Seven Oaks Elementary School.

The highest selected Other recommendations were to bury overhead wires along main streets in revitalization areas and to use the Odenton Heritage Society as a base to incorporate surrounding areas under the oversight of the Heritage Society or a new commission. The next highest rated recommendation was to identify on County planning maps all existing and proposed microwave towers.

The top 2009 GDP recommendations that were voted to move forward were to conduct a study of a former landfill sites to confirm their current states and asses their current and future sustainability. The top 2009 GDP Community Revitalization comments were to establish a community outreach process to be in used in developing Neighborhood Conservation Areas and to identify neighborhoods or communities that qualify as a Neighborhood Conservation District. The other top rated recommendation was to establish criteria to be used in defining a neighborhood as unique, distinct or historic for purposes of establishing a Neighborhood Conservation District.

The top rated GDP Natural Resource recommendation was consider the use of tax credits to encourage soft tidal erosion control techniques. The top rated GDP Transportation recommendations were to prepare a comprehensive study of Park and Ride lots to assess supply, demand and improvements if needed and to revise the impact fee program to allow a portion of transportation impact fees to be dedicated to public transit improvements.