Region Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee Application Packet

Region 1, 3 and 9

The Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ) is accepting applications for stakeholders to serve as volunteers on a Region Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC).

Region Plan SAC members will provide input and assist the County in examining specific community challenges and opportunities, as they relate to land use, for the respective region. The following are expectations of each SAC member:

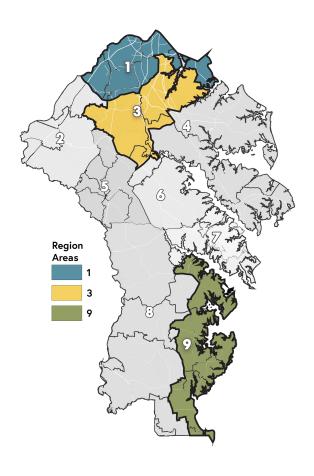
- Become familiar with the goals, policies, and strategies of Plan2040.
- Become familiar with planning concepts, land use regulations, and community trends.
- Be familiar with the built and natural environment of the planning area.
- Seek community input on a long-term vision, issues, and opportunities.
- Participate in the development of a Vision and Goals for the area.
- Review and provide input to OPZ on policies, strategies, and comprehensive zoning.
- Participate on subcommittees as needed.
- Assist/support in the public forums, Planning Advisory Board meetings, and County Council meetings.

Each Region Plan SAC will follow a standard charter, outlining the purpose, guiding principles, and approach to preparing Region Plans. The charter also establishes expectations and supports effective collaboration among Committee members and County staff.

Those interested in serving on the Region Plan SAC must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a resident of, own property in, or have an interest in land use planning in the respective region.
- Be able to commit approximately 3 hours per month in SAC meetings for development of the Region Plan (for approximately 8 months), including an additional approximately 2 hours per month for meeting with community members. SAC members should expect approximately one hour of time for reading/reviewing materials for each hour of meeting time.

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- Be open to a full range of ideas and concerns from residents, other stakeholders, and interest groups.
- Work collaboratively with people of diverse perspectives and experiences, and in respectful partnership with other SAC members.
- Work within a consensus-driven planning process, where all opinions are heard and respected, though not all may be advanced.
- Work in collaborative partnership with the County staff managing the planning process.
- Have access to and familiarity with or willingness to use digital distribution and engagement platforms.
- Complete Anne Arundel County's <u>online ethics training</u> prior to the first SAC meeting.
- Sign the SAC Charter as part of the application.
- Complete and sign a **Conflict of Interest Statement** prior to appointment.

Stakeholder Advisory Committee members will be appointed by the County Executive and approved by resolution of the County Council. A screening committee will conduct preliminary review of applications and may request interviews with applicants. Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Current connections with and service to community;
- Relevant knowledge of the region;
- Consensus-building and collaboration skills; and
- Fulfilling the membership requirements of <u>Section 18-2-103</u> of the County Code.

Please <u>click here</u> to preview the list of questions in the application. Note that only electronic applications will be accepted. <u>Click here</u> when you are ready to submit your official application for consideration to serve on the SAC.

Note: The Region Plans will be developed according to the schedule that was approved with Plan2040. Applications are being accepted at this time for the second round of Region Plans: Regions 1, 3, and 9 only. A call for SAC applications will be conducted in May 2024 for round three, including Regions 5, 6, and 8.