

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 1

Bill No. 3-26

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, January 5, 2026

Introduced and first read on January 5, 2026
Public Hearing set for February 2, 2026
Bill Expires April 10, 2026

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Development Plan – Region 8 Plan
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3 FOR the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 8 Plan”, as amended by
4 this Ordinance, the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 8, covering
5 Davidsonville, Harwood, Lothian, Owingsville, Owings, Waysons Corner, and parts of
6 Friendship and Edgewater, which includes visions, themes, goals, policies, planned
7 land use maps, and implementation strategies for Region 8; amending “Plan2040”, the
8 County’s General Development Plan, by the “Anne Arundel County Region 8 Plan”,
9 as amended by this Ordinance; and generally relating to the “Anne Arundel County
10 Region 8 Plan”.
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12 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 was passed by the County Council on May 3, 2021,
13 which adopted “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, and amended,
14 among other things, § 18-2-103 of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as
15 amended), and required that the County be divided into no less than seven region
16 planning areas encompassing all unincorporated areas of the County; and
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18 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 and Plan2040 provided for the creation of region plans
19 for each region planning area and the creation of stakeholder advisory committees
20 for each region planning area; and
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22 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 and Plan2040 created, adopted, and depicted the
23 boundaries of nine region planning areas, including the Region 8 Planning Area,
24 which includes Davidsonville, Harwood, Lothian, Owingsville, Owings, Waysons
25 Corner, and parts of Friendship and Edgewater; and

1 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 and Plan2040 required that the Office of Planning and
2 Zoning work with the stakeholder advisory committees to create the region plans
3 and to ensure that the region plans are consistent with the policies in Plan2040; and
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5 WHEREAS, § 18-2-103(e)(4), as adopted by Bill No. 11-21, requires that each
6 region plan shall include maps depicting any changes to the land use map included
7 in Plan2040, and a description of how the changes are consistent with the goals and
8 policies of Plan2040; and
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10 WHEREAS, § 18-2-103(e)(5), as adopted by Bill No. 11-21, provides that, upon
11 adoption by ordinance of the County Council, a region plan shall be considered an
12 amendment to Plan2040 until adoption of the next General Development Plan; and
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14 WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 36-24, the County Executive's nomination of the
15 members of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No. 8
16 was approved by the County Council as required by § 18-2-103 of the County Code;
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19 WHEREAS, a draft of a "Anne Arundel County Region 8 Plan" was presented to
20 and considered by the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area
21 No. 8, and the Committee met on various occasions to review drafts of the "Anne
22 Arundel County Region 8 Plan" and review and hear community input; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No.
25 8 provided the Office of Planning and Zoning with recommendations on the
26 contents of the draft of the "Anne Arundel County Region 8 Plan"; and
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28 WHEREAS, a draft of the "Anne Arundel County Region 8 Plan" was provided to
29 the Planning Advisory Board in accordance with County Charter § 533(a), and the
30 Planning Advisory Board made advisory recommendations on the draft of the
31 "Anne Arundel County Region 8 Plan" to the Office of Planning and Zoning; and
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33 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Zoning, after consideration of the
34 recommendations of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning
35 Area No. 8 and the Planning Advisory Board, prepared the "Anne Arundel County
36 Region 8 Plan" dated January 5, 2026, a copy of which is incorporated herein by
37 reference; now therefore,
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39 *SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
40 That, after passage of this Ordinance, the Planning and Zoning Officer shall amend text
41 maps, charts, graphs, photos, and tables in the "Anne Arundel County Region 8 Plan" dated
42 January 5, 2026, in accordance with any amendments to this Ordinance.
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44 *SECTION 2. And be it further enacted,* That, after passage of this Ordinance, the
45 Planning and Zoning Officer may correct obvious errors, capitalization, spelling, grammar,
46 headings, and similar non-substantive matters and may publish the "Anne Arundel County
47 Region 8 Plan", dated January 5, 2026, and may add or amend covers, title pages,
48 pagination, a table of contents, and graphics to improve readability.

1 SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted*, That “Anne Arundel County Region 8 Plan”,
2 the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 8, dated January 5, 2026, as amended by
3 Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance, is hereby adopted.

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5 SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, “Anne Arundel County Region 8 Plan”,
6 the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 8, dated January 5, 2026, as amended by
7 Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance, shall be considered an amendment to Plan2040 until
8 the adoption of the next General Development Plan.

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10 SECTION 5. *And be it further enacted*, That a certified copy of “Anne Arundel County
11 Region 8 Plan”, the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 8, dated January 5, 2026, as
12 amended by Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance, shall be permanently kept on file in the
13 office of the Administrative Officer to the County Council, and in the Office of Planning
14 and Zoning.

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16 SECTION 6 *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
17 from the date it becomes law.