

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 17-26

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

By the County Council, March 2, 2026

Introduced and first read on March 2, 2026
Public Hearing set for April 6, 2026
Bill Expires June 5, 2026

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Development Plan – Region 5 Plan

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3 FOR the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 5 Plan”, as amended by
4 this Ordinance, the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 5, covering Odenton,
5 Piney Orchard, Gambrills, Woodwardville, Crofton, and Two Rivers, which includes
6 visions, themes, goals, policies, planned land use maps, and implementation strategies
7 for Region 5; amending “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, by the
8 “Anne Arundel County Region 5 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance; and generally
9 relating to the “Anne Arundel County Region 5 Plan”.

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11 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 was passed by the County Council on May 3, 2021,
12 which adopted “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, and amended,
13 among other things, § 18-2-103 of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as
14 amended), and required that the County be divided into no less than seven region
15 planning areas encompassing all unincorporated areas of the County; and

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17 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 and Plan2040 provided for the creation of region plans
18 for each region planning area and the creation of stakeholder advisory committees
19 for each region planning area; and

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21 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 and Plan2040 created, adopted, and depicted the
22 boundaries of nine region planning areas, including the Region 5 Planning Area,
23 which includes Odenton, Piney Orchard, Gambrills, Woodwardville, Crofton, and
24 Two Rivers; and

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26 WHEREAS, Bill No. 11-21 and Plan2040 required that the Office of Planning and
27 Zoning work with the stakeholder advisory committees to create the region plans
28 and to ensure that the region plans are consistent with the policies in Plan2040; and

1 WHEREAS, § 18-2-103(e)(4), as adopted by Bill No. 11-21, requires that each
2 region plan shall include maps depicting any changes to the land use map included
3 in Plan2040, and a description of how the changes are consistent with the goals and
4 policies of Plan2040; and

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6 WHEREAS, § 18-2-103(e)(5), as adopted by Bill No. 11-21, provides that, upon
7 adoption by ordinance of the County Council, a region plan shall be considered an
8 amendment to Plan2040 until adoption of the next General Development Plan; and

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10 WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 1-25, the County Executive’s nomination of the
11 members of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No. 5
12 was approved by the County Council as required by § 18-2-103 of the County Code;
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15 WHEREAS, a draft of a “Anne Arundel County Region 5 Plan” was presented to
16 and considered by the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area
17 No. 5, and the Committee met on various occasions to review drafts of the “Anne
18 Arundel County Region 5 Plan” and review and hear community input; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No. 5
21 provided the Office of Planning and Zoning with recommendations on the contents
22 of the draft of the “Anne Arundel County Region 5 Plan”; and

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24 WHEREAS, a draft of the “Anne Arundel County Region 5 Plan” was provided to
25 the Planning Advisory Board in accordance with County Charter § 533(a), and the
26 Planning Advisory Board made advisory recommendations on the draft of the
27 “Anne Arundel County Region 5 Plan” to the Office of Planning and Zoning; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Zoning, after consideration of the
30 recommendations of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning
31 Area No. 5 and the Planning Advisory Board, prepared the “Anne Arundel County
32 Region 5 Plan” dated February 2, 2026, a copy of which is incorporated herein by
33 reference; now therefore,

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35 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
36 That, after passage of this Ordinance, the Planning and Zoning Officer shall amend text
37 maps, charts, graphs, photos, and tables in the “Anne Arundel County Region 5 Plan” dated
38 February 2, 2026, in accordance with any amendments to this Ordinance.

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40 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, after passage of this Ordinance, the
41 Planning and Zoning Officer may correct obvious errors, capitalization, spelling, grammar,
42 headings, and similar non-substantive matters and may publish the “Anne Arundel County
43 Region 5 Plan”, dated February 2, 2026, and may add or amend covers, title pages,
44 pagination, a table of contents, and graphics to improve readability.

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

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

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

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