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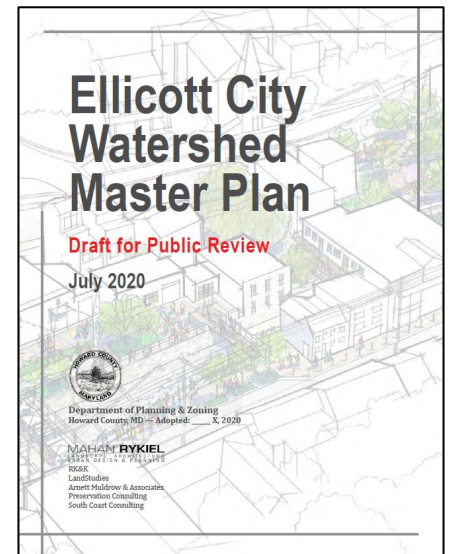
ELLICOTT CITY WATERSHED MASTER PLAN

OVERVIEW

You are invited to review the draft [Ellicott City Watershed Master Plan](#) and provide feedback during the public review comment period through August 22.

This comprehensive, long-range document creates a community-driven vision for historic Ellicott City and the Tiber Branch Watershed. The plan represents the culmination of a multi-year public outreach process that began in response to the 2016 flooding and builds upon County Executive Ball's "Ellicott City Safe and Sound" flood mitigation plan.

The master plan establishes goals, desired outcomes and policies for the next twenty years. It also features conceptual illustrations that can serve as inspiration should specific opportunities arise over time.



WHAT SHOULD I REVIEW?

If you only have a short time for reviewing the material, we recommend reading:

- The 'Vision' to understand the big-picture goals for the future
- The 'Executive Summary' for a high-level orientation to the plan

VISION STATEMENT

Ellicott City, and its watershed, is a model, resilient community that thrives by protecting its people, commerce, history, culture and natural environment; and by enhancing its vibrant and authentic character.

If you have an hour or so, we recommend choosing one or two topic or area chapters that interest you most. Choose from 12 plan frameworks.

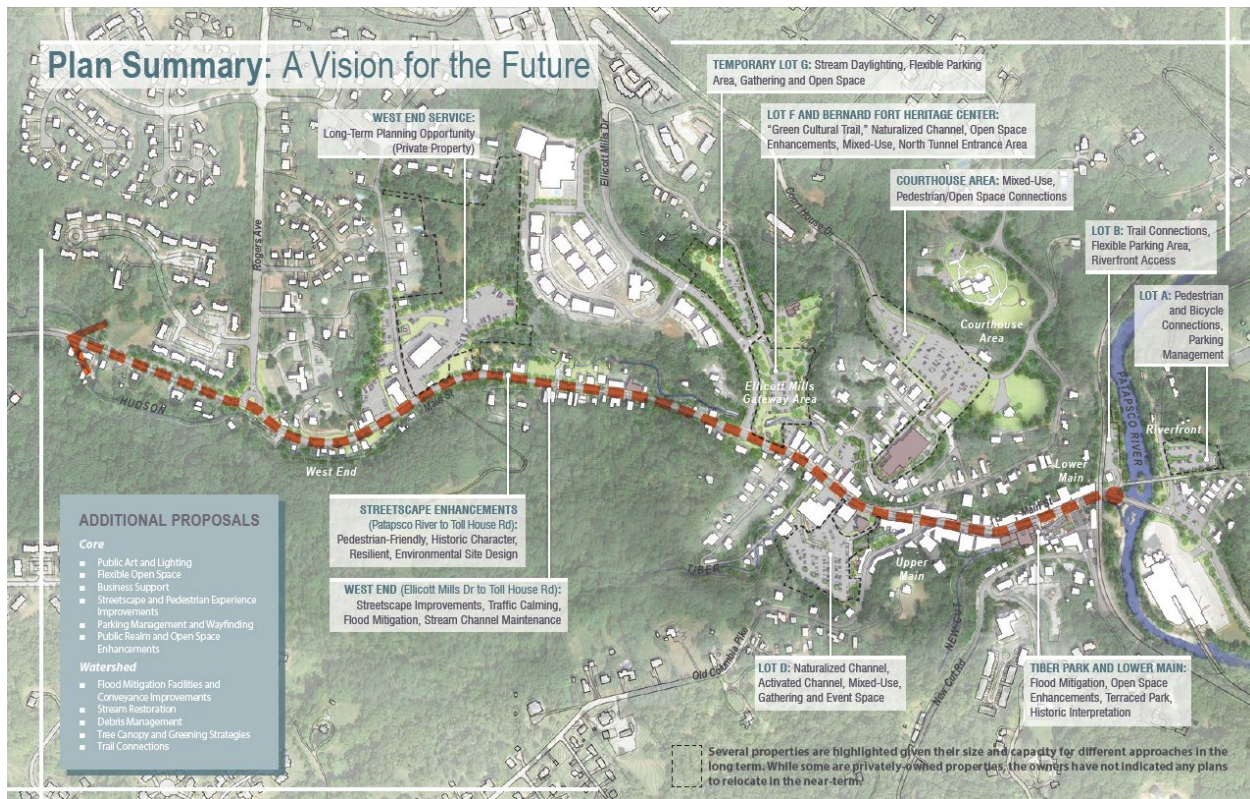
Five Topic-Related Frameworks:

1. Character & Placemaking
2. Flood Mitigation
3. Economic Development
4. Environmental Stewardship
5. Transportation

Seven Area-Related Frameworks:

1. Streetscapes
2. Riverfront
3. Lower Main
4. Upper Main
5. Ellicott Mills Gateway
6. West End
7. Courthouse





If you have more than an hour, we recommend diving deeper into the plan by reading other topic and area chapters and:

- The 'Informing the Vision' chapter, which covers background
- The 'Implementation' chapter, which broadly establishes when different policies could be implemented and by which county agencies and partners

HOW DO I PROVIDE INPUT?

Provide input by: 1) commenting directly on the PDF document at hcodpz.konveio.com/ecmp (requires registration) or 2) by filling out our comment form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ECMPDRAFT>.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY INPUT?

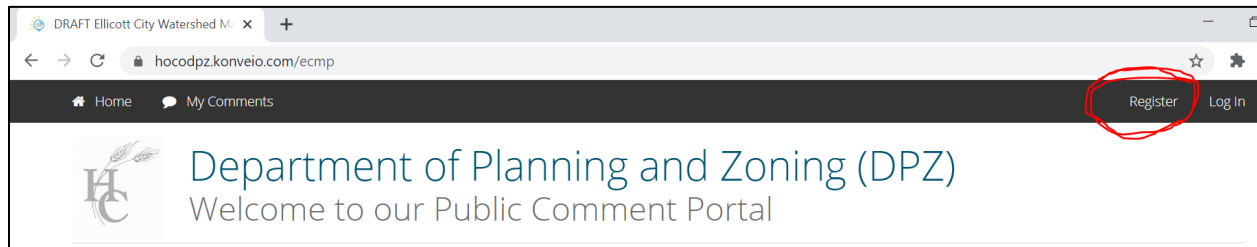
Your comments will be considered as the Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) works with our consultant team to finalize the plan. DPZ will compile all comments into a summary to be transmitted to the Planning Board and County Council this fall as part of the legislative process to adopt the master plan as an amendment to our current general plan, [PlanHoward 2030](#). It will be carried forward with the new general plan, [HoCo By Design](#).

HOW DO I MAKE MY COMMENTS EFFECTIVE?

At the public draft stage, we are not seeking new ideas, but are instead looking for feedback on the plan now that you can see it in detailed narrative format. We encourage you to be brief, clear and focused in your comments.

WHAT IS KONVEIO AND HOW DO I USE IT?

Konveio is a online platform for making comments directly onto a PDF document. To use Konveio to comment on the master plan, you will need to register through hocodpz.konveio.com/ecmp, activate your registration through the auto-generated email, and then log in with the user name and password you select. Konveio allows you to place your comment along side specific text or graphics.



WHAT IF I HAVE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES USING KONVEIO?

Based on testing the Konveio platform, larger chapters might load slowly on occasion. If you see a spinning circle rather than plan content, we have found reloading the page usually addresses this problem. If technical difficulties persist please contact DPZ community planners Jeff DelMonico at jdelmonico@howardcountymd.gov or Kate Bolinger at kbolinger@howardcountymd.gov for assistance. You may also use the comment form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ECMPDRAFT> instead of Konveio.

OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE AND FOLLOW THE PLAN

There will be several virtual events during the draft plan comment window. Please stay tuned to www.howardcountymd.gov/ecmp for updates as these are announced:

- Historic Preservation Commission Virtual Meeting
- Draft Plan Virtual 'Open House'
- Master Plan Advisory Team Virtual Meeting
- Planning Board Public Meeting

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE PUBLIC COMMENT WINDOW?

As an amendment to PlanHoward 2030, the Planning Board will provide advisory comments to the County Council. The public meeting for Planning Board to make this recommendation is targeted for Thursday, October 15th.

The Draft Plan will be introduced to the County Council later this fall.

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Contact DPZ – Peter Conrad at pconrad@howardcountymd.gov or Kate Bolinger at kbolinger@howardcountymd.gov

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