

ALLIANCE FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (ALC) – UPDATE #2

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At the urging of concerned citizens, the update of our General Development Plan (GDP) is underway. According to the County website, “The GDP is Anne Arundel County’s comprehensive plan to **guide land use in the County, preserve its assets and conserve its resources**. It is prepared in compliance with State requirements and guidelines. Adopted by the County Council, the GDP establishes policies and recommendations to guide land use decisions over a **20-year planning timeframe**. All master plans and development regulations adopted by the County must be **consistent with the goals, policies and recommendations of the GDP.**”

This plan will guide how and where the county grows, or doesn’t grow! Decisions about zoning and the extension of public water and sewer will be based on this plan, called “Plan 2040”.

The county has scheduled eight “listening sessions.” These sessions are a great opportunity to speak out for improved transportation, better protections for our environment, and growth that doesn’t diminish our quality of life. Your attendance at one or all of these sessions allows you to have direct input. The listening sessions will be from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM:

- October 17: Broadneck High School*
- November 30: Old Mill High School*
- December 11: Arundel High School*
- January 11: Annapolis High School*
- January 29: Northeast High School*
- February 8: Southern High School*
- February 22: Brooklyn Park Middle School*

**dates and locations subject to change*

Participating in the process of developing Plan 2040 is one of the most important things you can do for your community. The Anne Arundel ALC encourages you to come out and be heard!

To learn more about the new plan, visit

www.aacounty.org/Plan2040

To learn more about the Alliance for Livable Communities, visit <https://www.annearundel-livable.org/>