



PlanQAC 2021

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY 2021 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



VISIONING WORKSHOP

COUNTYWIDE & CHESTER/STEVENSVILLE

JANUARY 28, 2021 5:30-7:00PM

TONIGHT'S AGENDA



- Welcome & Introductions
- Planning Process
- Breakout Groups
- Discussion Highlights
- Next Steps
- Q&A

Welcome & Introductions



- *Queen Anne's County Staff*
- *County Officials*
- *WM Staff + Team Members*

POLL #1



Where do you live?

- Barclay (town)
- Centreville (town)
- Chester (community)
- Church Hill (town)
- Grasonville (community)
- Kent Narrows (community)
- Millington (town)
- Queen Anne (town)
- Queenstown (town)
- Stevensville (community)
- Sudlersville (town)
- Templeville (town)
- Queen Anneís County (not in a town/community)
- Outside Queen Anneís County

POLL #2



How long have you lived in QAC?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- More than 10 years
- I don't live in Queen Anne's County

Welcome to PlanQAC 2021



What is a Comprehensive Plan?



- Blueprint for the future: 20-year horizon
- Establishes a community vision for growth and preservation over the next 20 years
- Guides decisions on land use and preservation, transportation, housing, development, environment
- Coordinates local planning efforts
- Fulfills State of Maryland requirement

What is a Comprehensive Plan?



A comprehensive plan is not:

- A regulation
- An ordinance
- Zoning

What is a Comprehensive Plan?



A comprehensive plan, upon adoption, does not:

- Create new regulations
- Change existing zoning
- Alter the development rights allowed by each property's existing zoning

What is a Comprehensive Plan?



- Main Components:
 - Needs & Opportunities
 - Supporting Goals & Recommendations
 - Future Development Guide
 - 10-Year Action Plan for Implementation
- Public Input:
 - Helps prioritize needs and opportunities
 - Helps establish community vision for growth and preservation
 - Helps identify desired development patterns

What is a Comprehensive Plan?



CHAPTER 1 Introduction	Planning Background County & STATE VISION	Legal Context Community Outreach
CHAPTER 2 County Profile	Physical Characteristics Demographic Characteristics	Housing Characteristics Economic Characteristics
CHAPTER 3 Community Facilities & Services	COMMUNITY FACILITIES & Services PUBLIC UTILITIES	OPEN SPACE & RECREATION
CHAPTER 4 Land Use	EXISTING LAND USE FUTURE LAND USE	PRIORITY PRESERVATION Growth Management Strategies
CHAPTER 5 Environmental Resources & Protection	NATURAL RESOURCES SENSITIVE AREAS AREA OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN	WATER RESOURCES MINERAL RESOURCES FLOOD CONTROL
CHAPTER 6 Transportation	TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM Multimodal Facilities	Planned Improvements

What is a Comprehensive Plan?



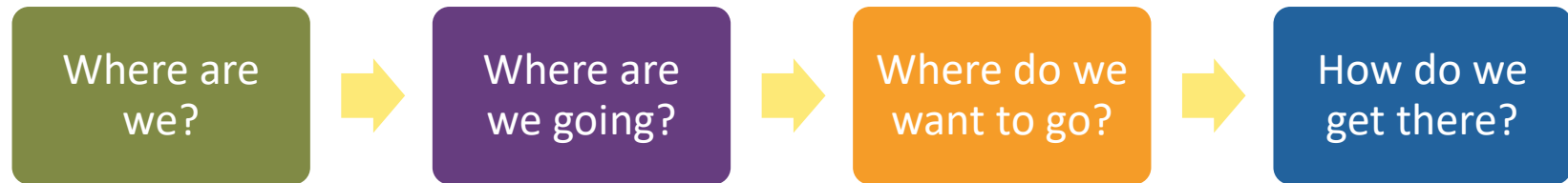
CHAPTER 7 Historic & Cultural Resources	Preservation Framework Historic Resources	Cultural Resources Programs & Resources
CHAPTER 8 Economic Development & Tourism	Workforce & Employment FISHERIES Economic Centers	Tourism COMMUNITY RENEWAL Tools & Techniques
CHAPTER 9 Housing	Housing Stock & Market Affordable/ WORKFORCE HOUSING	Public & Assisted Housing Programs & Resources
CHAPTER 10 Town Planning Framework	County-Town Relationship Town Profiles	MUNICIPAL GROWTH
CHAPTER 11 Community Plans	Chester/Stevensville Grasonville	Kent Narrows
CHAPTER 12 Implementation	DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS Tools & Techniques	Planning Coordination Implementation Tables

How often is the Plan updated?



- 10-year updates required by the State of Maryland + interim 5-year reviews
- Previous planning efforts
 - 2010 Comprehensive Plan
 - 2006 Kent Narrows Community Plan
 - 2007 Chester/Stevensville Community Plan
 - 2010 Grasonville Community Plan
- Other plans to consider during this update
 - Municipal comprehensive plans
 - QAC Housing Study
 - QAC LPPRP
 - QAC Comprehensive Water & Sewerage Plan
 - MD Transportation Plan
 - And many other plans and data sources

PlanQAC: Steps in the Planning Process



PlanQAC: What is the Planning Process?



PlanQAC Project Timeline



PlanQAC: What is the Planning Process?



Public Outreach

- County Commissioner Meetings
- Planning Commission Meetings/Workshops
- Visioning Workshops
- Special Topic Workshops
- Community Survey
- Questions of the Week
- Public Comments

PlanQAC: What is the Planning Process?



Final Plan

- 20-Year Vision
- Goals & Strategies
- Future Development Guide
- Implementation Program

PlanQAC 2021 Visioning



POLL #3



In ONE word, describe what Queen Anneís County will be known for in the future.

PlanQAC 2021: Visioning Overview



What is a vision statement?

- Communicates what the County wants to be like in the next 20 years
- Provides overall "big picture" guidance for the entire Comprehensive Plan
- Is supported by all the goals and policies in the Comprehensive Plan
- Is often formatted as a short paragraph

Breakout Groups



Chester/Stevensville Breakout Group

Ground Rules



- Respect the views of others
- Listen quietly when others are speaking
- Provide comments in a way that leaves others time to speak
- Don't repeat what others have already said

Exercise #1



Chester/Stevensville Opportunities & Challenges

- What are Chester/Stevensville's key opportunities?
- What are Chester/Stevensville's greatest challenges?

Exercise #2



Chester/Stevensville's Community Character

PRESERVE

Are there areas of Chester/Stevensville where a specific character should be preserved?

Consider: specific development patterns, density, historic resources, environmentally sensitive areas

CHANGE

Are there areas of Chester/Stevensville where the existing character should change?

Consider: redevelopment, revitalization, 20-year planning horizon

CREATE

Are there areas of Chester/Stevensville where a new character should be created?

Consider: new development, undeveloped areas, areas with existing development

Exercise #3



Chester/Stevensville's Current Vision

The vision for the Chester/Stevensville Planning Area is to provide that families of all income levels are able to obtain secure affordable housing, maintain decent employment, have useful and safe transportation modes, select from a variety of community parks, recreation, and educational opportunities, and maintain the environmental health of their neighborhoods.

Do you agree, disagree, or want to suggest changes to the current vision?

Exercise #4



Big Ideas for Chester/Stevensville

After discussing Chester/Stevensville's opportunities, challenges, and future vision, what are some BIG IDEAS for PlanQAC to consider?

Breakout Groups



Countywide Breakout Group

Ground Rules



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Exercise #1



QAC Opportunities & Challenges

- What are the County's key opportunities?
- What are the County's greatest challenges?

Exercise #2

QAC's Community Character

PRESERVE

Are there areas of Queen Anne's County where a specific character should be preserved?

Consider: specific development patterns, density, historic resources, environmentally sensitive areas, other.

CHANGE

Are there areas of Queen Anne's County where the existing character should change?

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Are there areas of Queen Anne's County where a new character should be created?

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Exercise #3



QAC's Current Vision Statement

The overall community vision is to continue the ethic that the County remains a quintessential rural community with the overall character of the County preserved as:

- A predominantly rural county with small towns connected by creeks and county roads through fields and forest ñ a great place to live;
- A county that encourages agriculture, seafood and maritime industries, tourism and outdoor sports, small business and high-tech enterprise ñ a good place to work;
- A county that is a faithful steward of its natural and cultural heritage ñ a good neighbor for the Bay and other Eastern Shore counties;
- A county in which development does not impair the quality of life enjoyed by all ñ a community that protects the expectations and opportunities of all its citizens.
- A county that supports the highest quality of education that seeks to fully prepare its citizens for the future.

Exercise #4



Big Ideas for Queen Anne's County

After discussing opportunities and challenges for Queen Anne's County, as well as its vision for the future, what are some BIG IDEAS for PlanQAC to consider?

Breakout Groups



Discussion Highlights

POLL #4



After participating in all of the discussions tonight, what should PlanQACís most important priority be for:

- Chester/Stevensville
- Queen Anneís County

Next Steps



Next Steps



- Check out PlanQAC website
- Sign up for project updates
- Respond to Questions of the Week
- Attend future workshops and meetings
- Provide comments on document drafts through the website
- Tell your friends and family!

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SCHEDULE

■	Jan 14	PC #2	Introduction, County Profile, Plan Reorganization
■	Jan 27	TC #1a	Community Facilities, Open Space & Recreation
■	Jan 27	TC #1b	Transportation, Town Planning
■	Jan 27	VIS #1	Countywide & North County
■	Jan 28	VIS #2	Countywide & Chester/Stevensville
■	Feb 03	VIS #3	Countywide & Grasonville
■	Feb 04	VIS #4	Countywide & Kent Narrows
■	Feb 10	ST #1	Transportation, Community Facilities
■	Feb 11	PC #3	Community Facilities, Towns, Open Space & Recreation
■	Feb 11	VIS #5	Countywide & North County
■	Feb 17	TC #2a	Environment, Water Resources
■	Feb 17	TC #2b	Historic & Cultural Resources
■	Feb 24	ST #2	Environment, Open Space & Recreation
■	Mar 04	ST #3	Historic & Cultural Resources
■	Mar 11	PC #4	Environment, Water Resources, Transportation
■	Mar 11	TC #3	Housing
■	Mar 17	TC #4	Economic Development & Tourism
■	Mar 17	ST #4	Housing
■	Apr 01	ST #5	Economic Development & Tourism, Town Planning
■	Apr 08	PC #5	Housing, Historic & Cultural Resources
■	Apr 14	TC #5	Community Plans
■	Apr 27	ST #6	KNDF/Kent Narrows Community Plan
■	May 05	ST #7	Community Plans
■	May 13	PC #6	Economic Development & Tourism
■	May 13	TC #6	Land Use, Priority Preservation
■	Jun 03	ST #8	Land Use, Priority Preservation
■	Jun 10	PC #7	Community Plans
■	Jun 16	TC #7	Implementation
■	Jul 08	PC #8	Land Use, Priority Preservation, Implementation
■	Jul 27	PC #9/BCC #2	Draft Presentation
■	Sep 29	TC #8	Recommendations to Address Public Comments
■	Oct 14	PC #10	Public Hearing
■	Oct 26	BCC #3	Public Hearing (or additional review, if needed)
■	Nov 09	PC #11/BCC #4	Additional Meeting, if needed
■	Nov 23	PC #12/BCC #5	Additional Meeting, if needed

Schedule updated January 4, 2021

Dates may change at the direction of QAC Staff or Planning Commission.
Biweekly schedule updates will be issued noting any changes to the schedule.

- PC Planning Commission Workshop
- TC Technical Committee Meeting
- VIS Visioning Workshop
- ST Special Topic Workshop
- BCC Board of County Commissioners Meeting

Q&A



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!



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