

WELCOME TO THE PlanQAC 2021 Kent Narrows Community Plan WORKSHOP!

We'll begin in just a few minutes!

All participants are muted, so if you want to comment, please use the hands up or chat function.

To find the hands up and chat function, hover your mouse over the bottom of the window. These circles should appear. The chat function is the speech bubble and the person with is the participant function where you'll find the hands up.

The hands up function is under participants. There's a little hand in the bottom right corner. Use this function to be unmuted by the host to comment or ask a question.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface with several annotated elements:

- Mute/Unmute**: An orange box above the microphone icon in the top toolbar.
- Open Chat**: An orange box above the speech bubble icon in the top toolbar.
- Leave Event**: An orange box above the red 'X' icon in the top toolbar.
- Participants**: An orange box above the person icon in the top toolbar.
- Chat**: A dropdown menu is open, showing a text input field with the placeholder "Enter chat message here". An orange box labeled "Enter comments/questions here" is positioned over this input field.
- Participants**: A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of participants. The "Host" section includes "Dale Grey (Host)". The "Attendee" section includes "AutoRegister jemma.pearl@ecodev.vic.gov.au (me)".
- Hands up function**: An orange box with an arrow pointing to a red circle around the hands-up icon in the bottom right corner of the meeting window.



PlanQAC 2021

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY 2021 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOP

KENT NARROWS COMMUNITY PLAN

APRIL 29, 2021 9:00-10:30AM



WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & ICEBREAKERS



POLL #1

What is your relationship to the Kent Narrows? (choose all that apply)

- I live here year-round
- I live here part-time
(e.g., seasonal, vacation)
- I own a residential rental property
- I work here year-round
- I work here part-time
- I own a business here
- I own non-residential property here
- I keep my boat here
- I work for the County
- Other



POLL #2

**How long have you been in the Kent Narrows?
(e.g., lived, worked, owned property)**

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- More than 10 years



Ground Rules

- Start and end on time
- Stay on topic
- Focus on issues, not personalities
- Speak up – everyone contributes
- Be open to new ideas
- Workshop will be recorded and posted online (along with chat comments)

All participants are muted to reduce background noise. Raise your hand to be unmuted!



TODAY'S AGENDA

- Relationship between Comprehensive & Community Plans
- Group Discussions
- Next Steps
- Q&A



RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PLANS

COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Community-guided vision for growth and preservation in the County over the next 10-20 years
- Showcase County's assets and areas for improvements
- Practical roadmap to achieve identified County vision and goals
- Coordinates local planning efforts
- Fulfills State of Maryland requirement

KENT NARROWS COMMUNITY PLAN

- Geographic focus on the Kent Narrows (sub-area plan)
- Part of the County Comprehensive Plan
- Community vision, goals, objectives, policies, and plans for future Kent Narrows development
- Consistent with vision and goals of the County Comprehensive Plan
- Consistent with Maryland Visions



Why Update the Plans?

Project Purpose

- Things in the natural and built environment change
- Local priorities and vision change with time
- New data has been collected and released
- New issues and opportunities arise
- Strategies to achieve identified vision and goals have to be adjusted
- Last Plan adopted 15 years ago (2006)



KENT NARROWS COMMUNITY PLAN DISCUSSIONS



Discussion #1: Community Assets

DO YOU AGREE? WHAT'S MISSING?

Access to Water & Land

Aesthetic Diversity

Boating Environment &
Character

Boat Slips

Building Height

Eastern Shore Character

Live Entertainment

Natural Beauty

Open Spaces

Preserved Land

Recreational Boating

Restaurants

Scale of Development

Seafood

Slower Pace

Summer Activity Diversity

Vistas from Land & Water

Walking, Biking & Water Trails

Water Currents

Waterfowl

Waterfront Amenities

Wildlife Refuges

Working Waterfront



Discussion #2: Priority Issues

STILL RELEVANT? WHAT'S MISSING?

- **Infrastructure Needs**
 - Water/Sewer Capacity; Parking Capacity; Route 18 Accessibility; Safe Bike & Ped Facilities and Connections; High Tax & Infrastructure Costs; Traffic
- **Lack of Attractions**
 - Lack of Varied Activities; Need Destination Marketing; Need Downtown or Business District
- **Preservation of Natural Amenities**
 - Preserve/Enhance Atmosphere (e.g., boats, open water, watermen heritage); Preserve Natural Splendor of Water & Waterfowl; Balance Preservation & Community Development Goals; Enhance with Appropriate Amenities; Coastal Resilience
- **Coordination of Waterway Activities with Special Events**
- **Place of Community – Not Just Tourist Attraction**



Discussion #3: Community Preferences

STILL APPLICABLE? WHAT SHOULD CHANGE?

- Preservation/conservation of current scenic, natural, and environmental beauty and quality is paramount
- Watermen heritage must be part of future community development and redevelopment
- A community-wide understanding and shared vision about development scale, type, and character is lacking (architectural style unique to KN)
- Importance of serving the current population while maintaining water-based heritage and enhancing qualities as a year-round destination
- Maximize every opportunity for visitors and residents to enjoy its character, including unique water and land features
- Community development efforts focused on opportunities for vacant land, redevelopment, rehabilitation, and revitalization of abandoned/dilapidated structures and underutilized sites
- Improve signage system to guide visitors to and within Kent Narrows
- Provide year-round attractions and activities for all ages of diverse interests that sustain or enhance the natural environment



Discussion #4: Development Objectives STILL RELEVANT? WHAT SHOULD CHANGE?

- Establish KN as a year-round destination through visitor-attracting mixture of uses
- Link quadrants for pedestrian access, parking, and public water access
- Ensure architectural design sensitive to KN character
- Establish incentives for on/offsite public improvements
- Allow flexibility in development standards
- Continue the Kent Narrows Development Foundation
- Encourage local reinvestment of room and special district taxes
- Discourage highway service-oriented uses
- Further enhance KN's unique waterfront experience
- Evaluate County-owned/leased land for highest and best use



Discussion #5: KENT NARROWS COMMUNITY PLAN

What do you like about the Plan?

What don't you like about the Plan?

What's missing?

What's most important to keep?



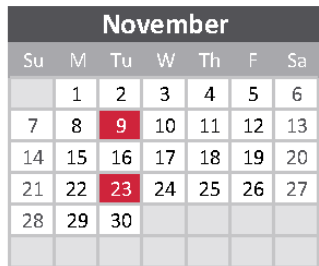
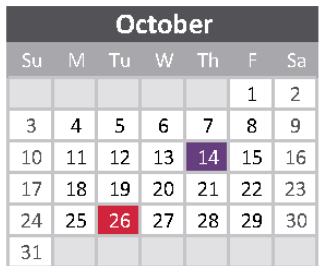
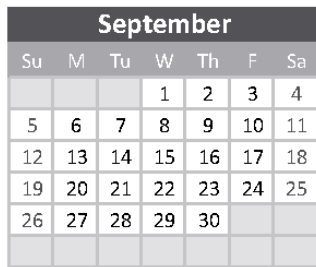
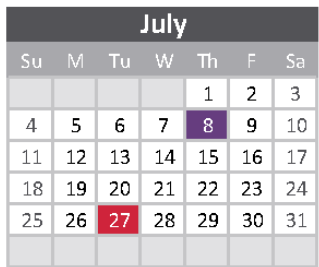
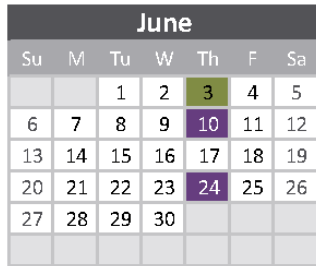
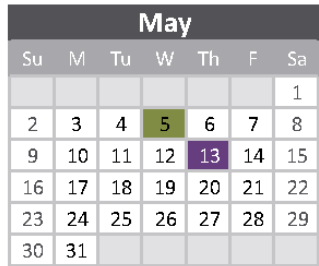
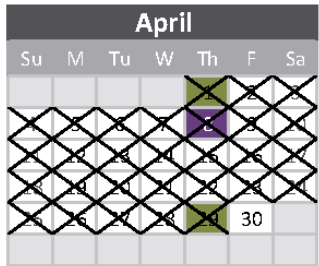
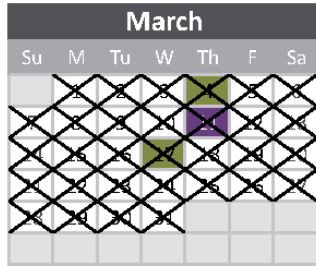
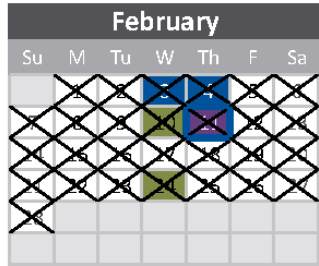
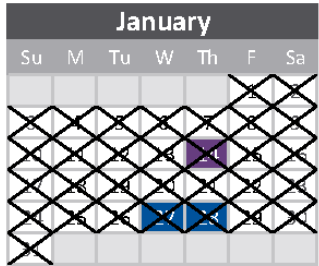
NEXT STEPS



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!
- **Continue to send us comments or questions!**

2021



SCHEDULE

Jan 14	PC #2	8:45-Unk. AM	Introduction, County Profile, Plan Reorganization
Jan 27	VIS #1	5:30-7:00 PM	Countywide & North County
Jan 28	VIS #2	5:30-7:00 PM	Countywide & Chester/Stevensville
Feb 03	VIS #3	5:30-7:00 PM	Countywide & Grasonville
Feb 04	VIS #4	5:30-7:00 PM	Countywide & Kent Narrows
Feb 10	ST #1	1:30-3:00 PM	Community Facilities (incl. Open Space & Recreation)
Feb 11	PC #3	8:45-Unk. AM	Community Facilities (incl. Open Space & Recreation)
Feb 11	VIS #5	5:30-7:00 PM	Countywide & North County
Feb 24	ST #2	9:00-10:30 AM	Environment, Transportation
Mar 04	ST #3	1:30-3:00 PM	Historic & Cultural Resources
Mar 11	PC #4	8:45-Unk. AM	Transportation
Mar 17	ST #4	1:30-3:00 PM	Housing
Apr 01	ST #5	1:30-3:00 PM	Economic Development & Tourism, Town Planning
Apr 08	PC #5	8:45-Unk. AM	Housing, Historic & Cultural Resources
Apr 29	ST #6	9:00-10:30 AM	KNDF/Kent Narrows Community Plan
May 05	ST #7	1:30-3:00 PM	Community Plans
May 13	PC #6	8:45-Unk. AM	Economic Development & Tourism
Jun 03	ST #8	1:30-3:00 PM	Land Use (incl. Priority Preservation)
Jun 10	PC #7	8:45-Unk. AM	Town Planning, Community Plans
Jun 24	PC #8	8:45-Unk. AM	Environment (incl. WRE), Community Facilities (<i>revisited</i>)
Jul 08	PC #9	8:45-Unk. AM	Land Use (incl. Priority Preservation), Implementation
Jul 27	PC #10/BCC #2	Tentative/TBD	Draft Presentation
Oct 14	PC #11	Tentative/TBD	Public Hearing
Oct 26	BCC #3	Tentative/TBD	Public Hearing (or additional review, if needed)
Nov 09	PC #12/BCC #4	Tentative/TBD	Additional Meeting, if needed
Nov 23	PC #13/BCC #5	Tentative/TBD	Additional Meeting, if needed

■ Planning Commission Workshops	Open to public. Part of regular meeting.
■ Visioning Workshops	All workshops open to public. Being held virtually.
■ Special Topic Workshops	All workshops open to public. Being held virtually.
■ County Commissioners Meetings	Open to public. Specifics TBD.

Technical Committee (working sessions with County Staff) are also being held.

Schedule updated April 28, 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.

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📅 Latest Plan QAC Events Scheduled



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📅 Upcoming Meetings

✉️ Join Mailing List

❓ Question of the Week

📁 Draft Documents

Upcoming Events!

Special Topic Workshops:
February 24, March 4 & 17

Planning Commission Meeting:
Status update and review of Environment and Transportation chapters.
March 11 at 8:45 am

MORE INFO



Q&A



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!



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