

**Summary of Public Input Meeting #1 – Gainesboro Elementary School
June 2, 2016**

- Additional commercial opportunities within the rural area's (specific to Route 522 - North corridor) to support rural communities/residences (specifically fuel/convenience);
- Transportation improvements to support growth of community; and
- Better Understanding economic development opportunity in the County, and where are the best locations for new businesses (based on roads, infrastructure, etc.)

**Summary of Public Input Meeting #2 – Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit Union
June 7, 2016**

- Water; water competition among neighboring jurisdictions; how is water managed and how much water will be available;
- Quality of life; decreasing quality of life over last several years as a result of new development; how does the Plan define quality of life;
- Improvements are needed to Interstate 81 (i.e. additional lanes); Route 37 east bypass as only benefit to developers not public;
- East/west roadway connectivity; harder to go from one side of the County to the other unlike in the past;
- Need for clarity in Residential Development section; acknowledgement of downsizing, need for smaller/mid-sized housing choices for retiree's/empty-nester; variety of housing choices for different incomes; housing affordability major factor for those relocating to the community;
- Caution over "3%" projected growth rate usage in Plan text; question of should the County promote 3% growth, or a lower growth rate; debate over "encouraging growth" vs. "managing growth," preservation of west; Staff noted it was a combination of factors including the market; that determined rate, County in the past has not been "pumping the brakes" on development
- Maps should reflect additional property recently purchased by Kernstown Battlefield Association (KBA);
- Loss of history/farms/land; how can we preserve memory/physical remnants of past.

**Summary of Public Input Meeting #3 – Greenwood Mill Elementary School
June 9, 2016**

- Water; water availability/supply/sources; future sources of water availability; Regional Water Supply Plan (NSVRC); redline for water (i.e. when do we run out?); need for new reservoir, needs to be identified in Plan; County should be more proactive in identifying future sources and "sustainable" supply;
- Demographics; has staff questioned the forecasted population/growth projections; noted by staff we may not "fulfill" the projection; changing demographics; aging community; good to revisit demographics every 5-years, thus a Plan update;
- Fulfillment of approved housing before additional housing is approved; don't need more residential development, especially until water supply is secured for the future; don't reduce requirements for rural lots under 5-acres;
- Historic resources; work closely with Battlefield Association and National Park Service;

- Develop future growth within growth boundaries and in conjunction with infrastructure availability; has been County policy thus far
- Route 37 East Bypass will accelerate development, should not happen until water sources are secured

Summary of Public Input Meeting #4 – Stonewall Elementary School June 14, 2016

- Water resources and future availability; aligning growth with infrastructure planning and availability; aquifer depletion and restoration
- Transportation infrastructure; improvements to Route 11/37/I-81 interchange to alleviate traffic congestion now and in the future;
- Old Charles Town Pike traffic improvements, especially with new school and park facility;
- Parks; new park at Stephenson and existing park facilities at Clearbrook Park; does Clearbrook Park stay open

Summary of Public Input – Online

- Although "Health, Safety, and Welfare" is primarily a matter for other departments, some elements might fall under Planning Commission scope. For example, increasingly, maladies are coming after us right on our properties--Lyme, West Nile, and Zika for example.
Might it be suitable to start a policy on Health, Safety, and Welfare within Chapter 3 Residential Development? It could put some focus, for example, on 1) preventive measures such as storm sewers to provide improved drainage from sump pumps, downspouts, and poorly drained areas, and relaxed restrictions on screened decks and porches, and 2) innovative measures such as nature walks, exercise courses, and bicycle paths.
Thank you for your planning work!
- As suggested at the June 7 public meeting, chapter 3 (residential development) could contain some additional focus on seniors/retirees. For example, in Focus for the Future on page 4 you could note the expanding retiree base along with the expanding workforce. Also on page 5 in the first Policy Implementation, along with move-up residences, include downsizing residences and retirement villages. Particularly attractive to retirees are single-story residences, screened decks and sun rooms, and ADA accessibility provisions.
Retirees are desirable to the county for many reasons, such as they help pay for schools without adding to classroom loading, they tend not to add to rush hour traffic, they increasingly use the services of the county's largest employer, they provide volunteer services to the localities, they keep watch over the neighborhoods during the day, etc.
Thank you!
- Stand alone Starbucks store near Martinsburg Pike & Old Charles Town Pike. Good parks in the county. We're missing better choices for getting groceries, Wegmans or Harris Teeter would be great to have for competitive prices and products. Northeast area.
- I heard you on WINC this AM & felt the need to send you an email. While I would like to believe what you said that you encourage public participation & want to know what those of us who reside in Frederick County I have been to meetings the most predominant was the public meetings for Snowden Bridge. If you were there, there was an overwhelming abundance of attendance, so much so that the James Wood MS auditorium could not hold another person leaving them in the halls & parking lots. One very small

group said yes to this - thousands came out to say no - we did not want it in our county & what happened. Board of Supervisors, planning commission, etc. all ignored every tax paying citizen and as they typically do they went with the developers. Traffic congestion in the area from 37 & 11 all the way through is horrendous every day, roads is Stephenson are deteriorating from the large trucks & added daily traffic that they are not set up to handle. 15 minute commutes double in a 3 mile stretch, the open views are all but gone & the Battlefield that we were assured would be preserved has been shrunk & now large scale apartments are going to block the frontage. It may sound if I am bitter & I am & so are a lot of county residents those who won't come out to your meeting b/c we have found that it is a waste of time. Until you prove differently all many of us see is the good ol boy policy where as residents if we don't like it we can talk but they won't listen & if we don't like it we either have to suffer with the decisions made or move to a place where the boards work for the citizens and the developers.

- I would like to see the growth in Frederick county slow down. The traffic congestion in all areas of the county is becoming that of a CITY - certainly not what I and many others I know want or expected when we purchased homes & land in Frederick County. Taxes are on the rise, the need for more schools, water (which can't be replenished) fire/rescue, and police force are all increased with the added development you bring. Cost highly out way the proffers being charged to big developers who build make money & move on to another town. Those who reside in the county are the ones to suffer and pay the price. The beautiful landscape that used to be the county (trees, mountains and farms) are being replaced with town houses, apartments and the carcass's of dead animals with no where to go line the roads. Please don't continue to LOUDOUN - Frederick County.