

Laurel Master Plan Committee

Agenda for September 30, 2025

- Roll Call
- Approval of the minutes of the May 27, 2025 meeting
- Project and Timeline Update
- Review of the Regulatory Requirements
- Discussion on Master Plan Elements
 - Land Use
 - Sensitive Areas
 - Recreation Facilities
- Next Steps
- Adjourn

Monthly Committee Meetings

- **September 30** – Land Use, Parks & Rec Facilities, Sensitive Areas
- **October 28** – Housing, Growth
- **November 19** – Overlays (Main Street, Arts & Entertainment, etc.)
- **December ??** – Draft review, clean up, connections, etc.

Goals & Objectives

- Review supplied text.
- Identify what is/is not working in the current version.
- Offer suggestions
- Focus Areas –
 - Recommendations or “Goals & Objectives”
 - This should be for subsections, rather than the entire chapter
 - We will catalog the Master Plan Goals & Objectives for easy reference
 - Goals & Objectives can be global: time-based, event-based, land-use, environmental, etc. – NO LIMITS
 - Think ecologically, socially, physically and economically

Regulatory Changes

1. HB0258/SB0266 – Local Comprehensive Planning and State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy – Planning Principles (2025).
2. HB0538 – Land Use – Affordable Housing – Zoning Density and Permitting (Housing Expansion and Affordability Act of 2024).
3. HB1466/SB0891 – Land Use and Real Property – Accessory Dwelling Units – Requirements and Prohibitions (2025).
4. Executive Order 01.01.2025.19 (Sept 3, 2025)

Land Use

- Starting with the high elevation Big Picture
 - Review Land Use Designations
 - Is the map reflective of real uses on the ground?
- Neighborhood mapping (15 Neighborhoods)
 - Correct Boundaries?
 - Neighborhood Names rather than numbers?
- Limitations & Challenges
 - Sprawl
 - Available Land
 - Connectivity

Land Use cont'd

- Equity
- Overlays Generally (to be detailed in November)
- Historic Districts
- Special Study Areas
 - Outdated text
 - Incorporate into Overlays
 - New Study Areas/Topics?

Recreation & Facilities

- This section has five (5) major subheadings:
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Public Education
 - Solid Waste Collection & Disposal
 - Utilities
 - Library
- P&R crosses over with Human Resources and Senior Services
- Facilities are not all P&R – Should we have a separate subsection?
- Recycling sites in City of Laurel?

Sensitive Areas

- Note Strategies under the Patuxent River Policy Plan
- Recommendations for Stream Buffer determination
- Floodplain – Discuss FIRM and NOMA
- What Else?

September Closing

- Objectives for October
- Avenues for continual feedback
- Questions???

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