



PlanQAC's seventh Special Topic Workshop was held virtually on Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 at 1:30pm via WebEx and telephone call-in. The purpose was to solicit community input on topics related to the Comprehensive Plan, more specifically the unincorporated communities with Community Plans within Queen Anne's County. Below is a summary of the Workshop's discussions and participant questions.



Discussion Topic: Chester/Stevensville Updated Vision

- Feel strongly that original vision and input provided for the 2007 update should be re-visited and incorporated into the current update.
- Important if not crucial to focus on the environmental element because climate change is starting to effect Chester/Stevensville now.
- Need for more citizen input and involvement. County and the community need to do a better job of making sure that their involvement and words matter.

Discussion Topic: Chester/Stevensville: What We've Heard

- Really need to focus on the impact to the environment these proposed changes and updates will have through these community plans. We do not want to allow for continued development without taking environmental stresses into consideration.
- County has a greater ability to control what happens in these communities – is there potential for advisory committees that would prevent the County from “steamrolling” these smaller towns?

Discussion Topic: Grasonville Updated Vision

- Focus really should be on community parks and connectivity that allow residents to access them easily and promote a sense of community within our towns.
- Grasonville has lost its identity—suggest re-establishing the former character/sense of place

Discussion Topic: Grasonville: What We've Heard

- More potential if better design guidelines implemented for pedestrian-oriented movement
- Assist business owners with façade design assistance program
- Infill development of commercial businesses adjacent to residential neighborhoods should be appropriately scaled and fit with surrounding character

Discussion Topic: Kent Narrows Updated Vision

- Add “to include commercial and residential uses” after community development

Discussion Topic: Kent Narrows: What We've Heard

- Needs to strengthen connectivity to adjacent neighborhoods/communities.
- Height restrictions needed to prevent becoming “Ocean City West” and high rise capacities.
- Improve streetscape design, taking into account vehicular and pedestrian safety.
- Community was split when overpasses put in and resulting transportation patterns have hurt some businesses

All comments and questions will be considered during the development of PlanQAC. Additional comments or questions can be submitted through the project website: <https://www.qacplan2021.com/>