

VISIONING WORKSHOP #2 SUMMARY COUNTYWIDE & CHESTER/STEVENSVILLE



PlanQAC's second Visioning Workshop was held virtually on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 5:30pm via WebEx and telephone call-in. Its purpose was to solicit community input on topics related to the Comprehensive Plan and its vision for Chester/Stevensville and Queen Anne's County as a whole. Chester/Stevensville residents and stakeholders, as well as those living/working in other parts or outside of the County, were welcomed to attend and participate. Below is a summary of the Workshop's discussions and participant questions.



Discussion Topic: Chester/Stevensville Opportunities & Challenges

Opportunities: address traffic issues in a meaningful way; waterways make the community unique and desirable

Challenges: traffic; public access to waterways as well as addressing water quality; resiliency in the face of rising sea levels, more frequent storm events and flooding; sewer capacity at the plant is near its limit

Discussion Topic: Vision for Chester/Stevensville

No affordable housing for children so that they can remain local after graduation; where would affordable housing be appropriate on Kent Island; there is an issue with capacity at the treatment plant so planning housing in the future would require other topics to be addressed first; workforce development is not supported by the County; County should increase support to its most vulnerable citizens

Discussion Topic: Big Ideas

Resiliency; climate change

Participant Question: How will Kent Narrows be incorporated into the plan?

Participant Question: What constitutes affordable housing and where is it appropriate?

Participant Question: Who makes the changes to the housing moratorium? How is that addressed?

A detailed summary of the five PlanQAC Visioning Workshops will be available in advance of the March 2021 Planning Commission meeting. 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/>