



NEWS RELEASE

Public Input Sought as Comprehensive Plan Update Begins

FREDERICK, MD – July 26, 2019: The public is encouraged to participate as the Frederick Division of Planning begins to draft the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update.

With the 2010 Comprehensive Plan as the foundation, the Division will begin the process by gathering public input and collecting data to define goals and strategies that will guide the City's growth and development for the next 10 to 20 years. The Land Use Article from Maryland State Law requires that the City's Comprehensive Plan to be updated every 10 years.

The plan must include public input, and the Planning Commission and Board of Aldermen are required to consider topics such as land use, transportation, sensitive areas, community facilities, water resources, and municipal growth, among others. In addition to the state requirements, Frederick's plan will also consider housing, historic preservation and community character and design.

The public is encouraged to participate by completing a five-minute [questionnaire](#) or by leaving comments on the [interactive mapping tool](#). With the interactive map, participants can zoom to neighborhood level and enter a comment on specific issues or can leave comments regarding larger issues that apply citywide.

In addition to the receiving feedback from the questionnaires and map, City staff will attend and share information with Neighborhood Advisory Councils (NACs) and stakeholder groups throughout the summer. The public is encouraged to stay engaged during the process.

Public hearings and workshops about the plan will be scheduled by the Planning Commission and Mayor and Board of Aldermen during the fall of 2019 and spring 2020. Public comments are strongly encouraged during those hearings. Updates and information can be found at www.cityoffrederick.com/2020compplan, or by calling the Division of Planning at 301-600-1499.

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