

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS

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An amendment to the 1964 General Plan and the 1969 General Plan Update.

Staff Draft Amendment

This document is prepared by the Montgomery County Planning Department for presentation to the Montgomery County Planning Board. A Public Hearing (Preliminary) Draft Amendment is then prepared for approval to go to public hearing by the Planning Board. The Public Hearing (Preliminary) Draft incorporates those preliminary changes to the Staff Draft that the Planning Board considers appropriate.

Public Hearing (Preliminary) Draft Amendment

This document is a formal proposal to amend the General Plan prepared by the Montgomery County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. It is prepared for the purpose of receiving public hearing testimony. Its recommendations are not necessarily those of the Planning Board. Before proceeding to publish a Planning Board (Final) Draft, the Planning Board holds a public hearing. After the close of the record of this public hearing, the Planning Board holds open worksessions to review the testimony and to revise the Public Hearing (Preliminary) Draft Amendment.

FIGURE 1 General Plan Land Areas Map

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Preliminary Board (Final) Draft Amendment

This document is the Planning Board's recommended Amendment. Since October 1, 1992, changes in the Regional District Act require the Planning Board to transmit it to the County Council with copies to the County Executive. The Regional District Act then requires the County Executive, within sixty days, to prepare and transmit a fiscal impact analysis of the Planning Board's (Final) Draft Amendment to the County Council. The Executive may also make any other comments and recommendations on the Planning Board (Final) Draft Amendment within the sixty-day period.

After receiving the Executive's fiscal impact analysis and comments, the County Council may hold a public hearing to receive public testimony on the Amendment. After the close of record of

this public hearing, the Council's Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee holds open worksessions to review the testimony and revise the Planning Board (Final) Draft Amendment. The County Council, after its worksessions, then adopts a resolution approving the Planning Board (Final) Draft amendment as revised.

Adopted Amendment

The amendment approved by the County Council is forwarded to The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for adoption. Once adopted by the Commission, The General Plan Refinement officially amends the various master or sector plans cited in the Commission's adopted resolution.



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