

**PLANNING AND
ZONING
COMMISSION
MEETING #1**

JUNE 1, 2023

Comprehensive Plan Update

*Somerset County,
Maryland*

READY ^{SOMER} SET PLAN

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES



What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- A comprehensive plan is a document, officially adopted by the local governing body, which spells out the manner in which a municipality, county or sub-area of a county must develop. Typically, it includes a map showing proposed future land use and anticipated transportation and community facilities. It also contains policies for protecting environmental features and recommendations for amending local development-related ordinances in a manner that helps achieve the comprehensive plan's objectives. It must also explain how the jurisdiction will provide water for development and address the handling of sewage treatment plant discharges.
- The plan has legal significance in that zoning, provision of water and sewer, and other local actions must be consistent with its recommendations.

Source: <https://planning.maryland.gov/Pages/OurWork/complans/background.aspx>



Planning Commission

- The planning commission generally oversees the drafting of the comprehensive plan and amendments thereto, holds public hearings and advises the governing body as to whether to adopt. The plan has legal significance in that zoning, provision of water and sewer, and other local actions must be consistent with its recommendations.

Continuously Informing the Plan



Working draft chapters of the plan will be continuously informed by:

- ✓ Planning & Zoning Commission,
- ✓ Public, and
- ✓ Technical Committee.



Project Website



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Somerset County, Maryland

READY SOMERSET PLAN

ABOUT
Learn more about the comprehensive planning process.

PROJECT TIMELINE
View project timeline for perspective on the plan update process.

DRAFT PLAN CHAPTERS
Review and comment on draft plan chapters as they are developed.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
Get involved with the plan update process by taking the **Public Survey** and keeping up to date with meetings.

CONTACT

Do you have a **question** about the comprehensive planning process?

Please fill out the form below with your question or comment and a project team member will get back to you.

Name *

First and Last

Email *

e.g., email@example.com

Your message *

Enter text here

Send

<https://www.plansomersetmd.org/>



Public Survey

Somerset County Comprehensive Plan Update

Public Opinion Survey

Thank you for your interest in the Somerset County MD Comprehensive Plan. This survey is part of our public engagement process. The results of this survey will be documented for use in preparing the comprehensive plan update. Your participation and input will be a valuable resource for our community.

Through the comprehensive planning process, County residents, business owners and community organizations help shape the future of Somerset County. County-wide planning leads to compatible land uses, as well as transportation networks, public facilities and parks. In addition, comprehensive planning protects the County's environmental and cultural resources. Planning helps to ensure that Somerset County continues to be attractive, safe, and prosperous.

This survey typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete. Thank you for your participation!

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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

PUBLIC SURVEY

This survey is being used to collect your insight and perspective on various topics that comprise the Comprehensive Plan Update. The survey consists of 25 questions and will take an average of 15 minutes or less to complete.

Click the button below to complete the survey.

Complete Public Survey!

<https://www.plansomersetmd.org/>



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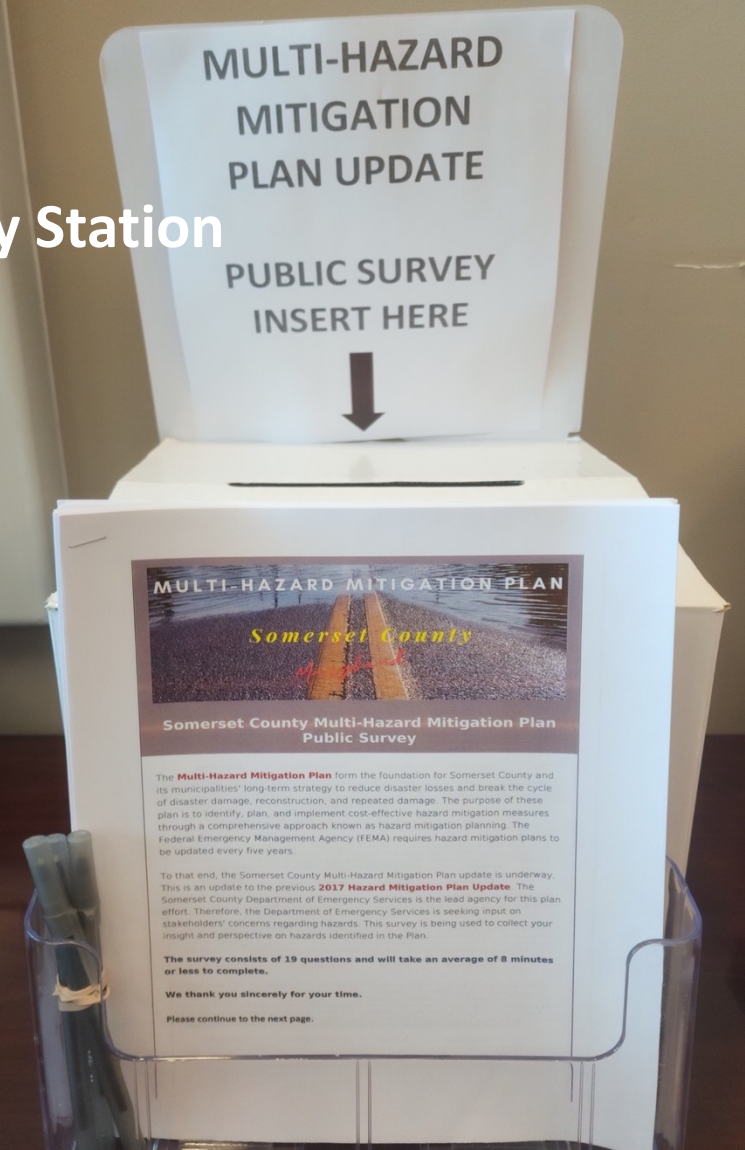
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Survey Station





Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings

- Working draft chapters will be presented as they are developed.
- Opportunity for the public to attend.

Plan Update Timeline



June 2023- July 2024

Planning Commission public meetings will be held periodically throughout the plan update process.



June 2023

Public Survey launched. Survey will be open June 2023-March 2024.



August 2023

Draft community profile will be available on the project website.



September 2023-April 2024

Draft plan chapter development and upload to project website for review and comment.



May-July 2024

Draft plan, review, comments, and final plan.



Next Steps

- Launch project website
- Launch public survey
- Form Technical Committee
- Hold Technical Committee Kick-Off Meeting
- Prepare Community Profile
- Present at the August 3rd Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting