



**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting
October 8, 2024**

Comprehensive Plan Update

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Team Roles

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- **Project Management**
- **Meeting Facilitation**
- **Public Engagement**
- **Technical Analyses**
sociodemographics, land use and character, economic development, historic and cultural heritage
- **Policy & Plan Development**
land use, economic development/tourism, housing

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- **Technical Analyses**
current and future transportation system, public facilities and services
- **Policy & Plan Development**
transportation and infrastructure policies, strategies, and actions with a focus on the linkage to land use
- **Public Engagement Assistance**



- **Technical Analyses**
environmental conditions, current sustainability policies and initiatives, areas of critical state concern, agricultural lands
- **Plan Development**
conservation of environmental lands, rural open spaces, and working lands, community vulnerability to climate and non-climate related hazards with a focus on linkage to land use

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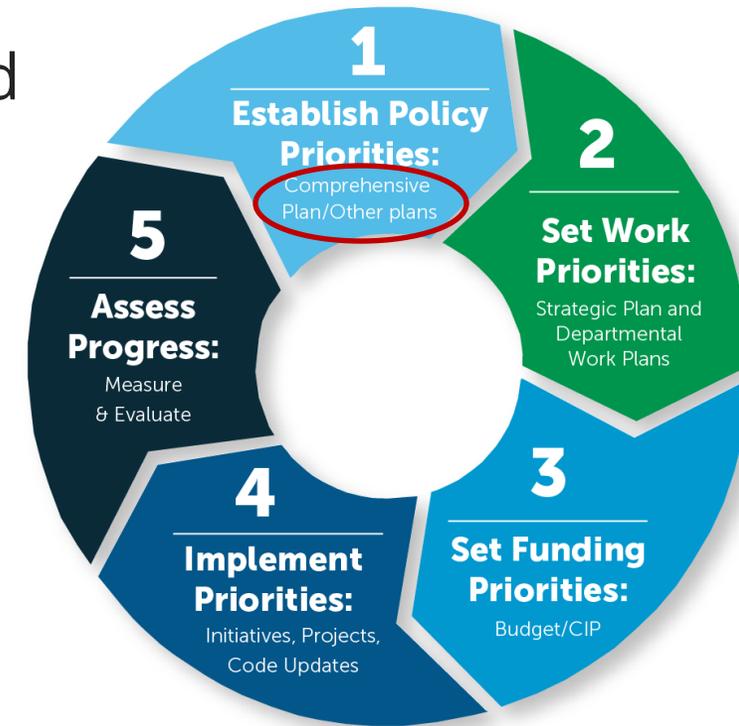


ST. MARY'S 2050 CHARTING OUR TOMORROW

*Updating the St. Mary's County
Comprehensive Plan (2010)*

About the Comprehensive Plan

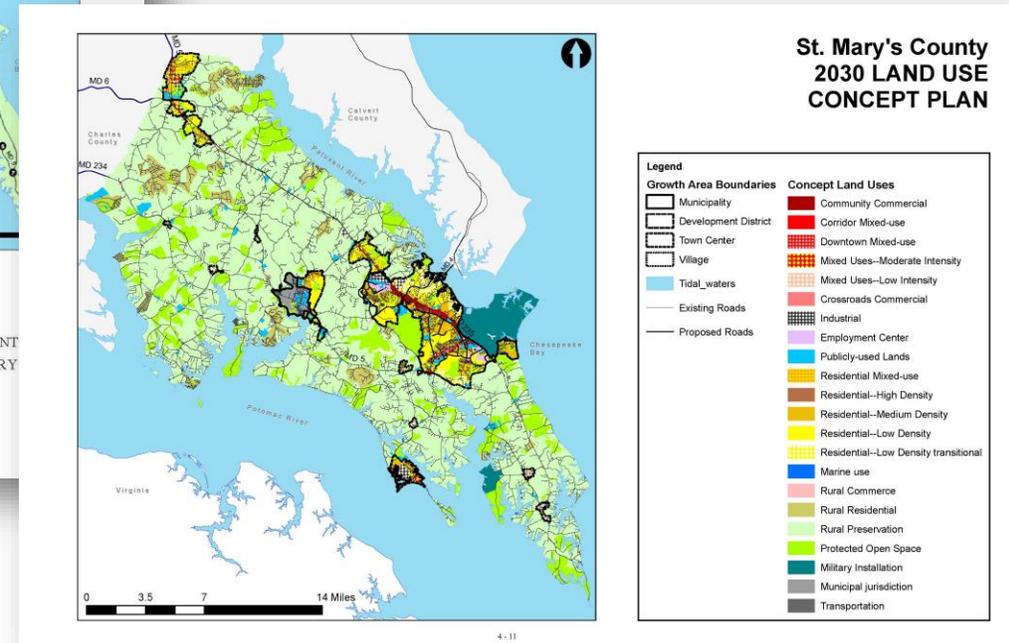
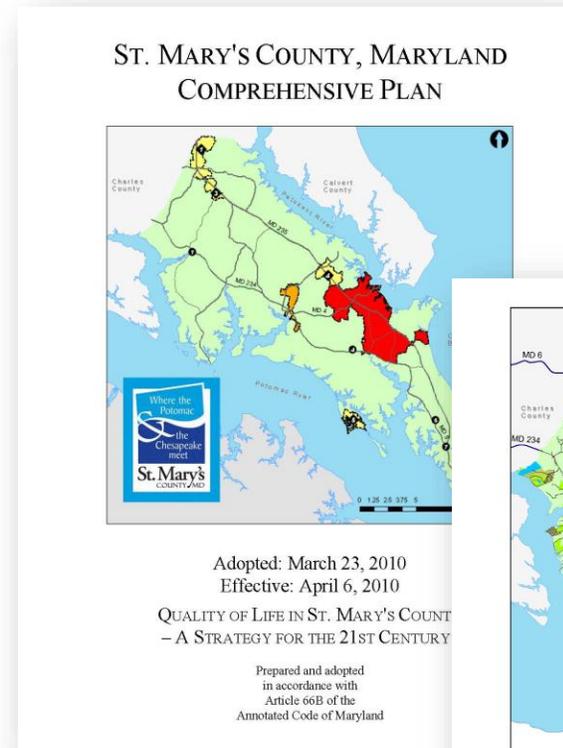
- Required by Title 3 of the Land Use Article
- Long-range (20+ years) **policy guidance** focused on physical planning (land use, conservation, infrastructure)
- **Built from inclusive public engagement**
- **Guide to direct growth and support preservation efforts**
- **Implemented** through updates to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance
- Updated every 10 years



Community Planning Cycle

Currently Adopted Comprehensive Plan (2010)

- Trends
- Successes and Challenges
- Vision and Strategy
- Growth Management Element
- Resource Protection Element
- Priority Preservation Areas Element
- Water Resources Element
- Housing Element
- Economic Development Element
- Community Facilities Element
- Transportation Element
- Human Services Element



Project Timeline



Community Engagement Strategy



Community Engagement Strategy



Community
Engagement
Team



Roles and Responsibilities

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

ROLE: Provide feedback and input throughout the process

- RESPONSIBILITIES:**
- Share insights and opinions as part of engagement activities
 - Learn about planning issues and tradeoffs relevant to County's future

COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS

ROLE: Provide a broad array of perspectives and information on land use related topics

- RESPONSIBILITIES:**
- Provide information and perspectives through project interviews
 - Represent organizations and agencies in St. Mary's County
 - Encourage others to participate in planning process

PLANNING COMMISSION

ROLE: Advises, reviews, and recommends plan adoption; Assists with implementing plan

- RESPONSIBILITIES:**
- Receives briefings on engagement findings and technical analysis
 - Provides feedback on plan direction and progress
 - Serves as ambassador to the public during the planning process by promoting engagement activities
 - Recommends plan for adoption by Commissioners of St. Mary's County

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

ROLE: Make final decisions on policy direction and plan contents; Provide oversight for plan implementation

- RESPONSIBILITIES:**
- Receives briefings on project progress
 - Serves as ambassador to the public during the planning process by promoting engagement activities
 - Adopts final plan
 - Supports implementation efforts

PROJECT TEAM: COUNTY PLANNING STAFF & CONSULTANTS

ROLE: Facilitates project, provides technical support, conducts project work

- RESPONSIBILITIES:**
- Publicizes events & conducts outreach
 - Facilitates meetings and community engagement

- Conducts analysis
- Develops work products & project materials
- Develops plan drafts and final plan



Questions?