

Area Master Plan Or Area Plan

Area Master Plans: Area master plans consist of a plan map along with supporting data, text and other maps. They provide specific recommendations on a planning area or subregion basis on the environment, historic preservation, living areas, housing, commercial areas, employment areas, urban design, circulation, and transportation.(See also MASTER PLAN.)

Master Plan

A document that guides the way an area should be developed. It includes a compilation of policy statements, goals, standards, maps and pertinent data relative to the past, present, and future trends of a particular area of the County including, but not limited to, its population, housing, economics, social patterns, land use, water resources and their use, transportation facilities, and public facilities. In Prince George's County, master plans amend the county's General Plan.

Planning Area

A district geographically defined by natural or manmade boundaries as described in the Zoning Ordinance. It is the smallest geographical area for which a master plan is prepared. Prince George's county is divided into 37 planning areas, covering all of the county with the exception of the City of Laurel (which is not under M-NCPPC jurisdiction).

General Plan

The Prince George's County General Plan, approved by the County Council in October 2002, provides long-range guidance for the future growth of the county. It identifies Centers and Corridors where intensive mixed use (residential, commercial and employment development) is to be encouraged. The plan also divides the county into three development tiers (Developed, Developing, Rural) recognizing the different development goals and needs of different parts of the county. The plan also makes recommendations for infrastructure elements: green infrastructure, transportation systems, and public facilities. The plan includes guidance for economic development, revitalization, housing, urban design and historic preservation. Future implementation efforts are outlined.

(**NOTE: The 2002 General Plan has been superseded by and replaced with the 2014 General Plan, Plan Prince George's 2035)