



Ashton Village Center Sector Plan—Working Draft Presentation

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Staff Recommendation

Approve the Working Draft of the Ashton Village Center Sector Plan as the Public Hearing Draft and set the public hearing date for September 17, 2020.

Summary

The Ashton Village Center Sector Plan covers approximately 127 acres at the crossroads of MD 108 and MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue). The Plan seeks to promote the creation of a rural village center for the Ashton community while protecting the rural character of the greater Ashton area. The Plan includes design recommendations to ensure new development harmoniously blends in with existing development. The Plan also seeks to implement the County's Vision Zero goals by keeping the roadways right-sized for a village and by improving the bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Planning Staff held a Kick-Off meeting on May 16, 2019 at the Sandy Spring Museum and the Planning Board approved the Scope of Work for the Ashton Village Center Sector Plan on May 23, 2019. Community members attended a design workshop in October 2019 and another community meeting in January 2020. Preliminary recommendations were presented to the Planning Board on April 1, 2020.

The Ashton Village Center Sector Plan is an amendment to a portion of the 1998 *Sandy Spring/Ashton Master Plan*. It follows a similar plan, the 2015 *Sandy Spring Rural Village Plan*, which amended the portion of the 1998 Plan just to the west of Ashton in Sandy Spring.

Staff recommends approval of the Working Draft as the Public Hearing Draft and requests the Planning Board schedule the public hearing date for September 17, 2020. The Ashton Village Center Sector Plan appendices will be available online prior to the public hearing.

Attachments

- Ashton Village Center Sector Plan Working Draft
- Citizen Correspondence