Ashton Village Center Sector Plan Virtual Tour

**Description**
Virtual Tour of the area covered by the Ashton Village Center Sector Plan

**Summary**
Prior to this evening’s public hearing for the Ashton Village Center Sector Plan, Planning Staff will lead the Planning Board and other online guests on a visual tour of the Plan area. The public hearing will follow this “virtual” tour after a short dinner break.

Attachment A provides a map of the tour route and a summary of the stops.
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1. **Crystal Spring Drive**
   - Recommended multi-use path on the west side of MD 650
   - View of Plan area from the south

2. **Southeast Quadrant Parking Pad**
   - Open field, Sandy Spring Bank and single-family home
   - A combination of CRT, R-60 and RC zoned properties
   - Environmental buffer to the east
   - Across MD 650: Cricket Book Shop and Shipley Services building in the CRT zone; two apartments above the book shop

3. **Christ Community Church of Ashton**
   - The former Ashton Baptist Church is in the R-90 zone
   - The Alloway building, in the CRT zone, was built in 2001
   - The Plan recommends rezoning the church property to a C/R zone to “complete” the village center
   - The Exxon will need to be allowed to continue in the CRN zone
   - A short section of multi-use path runs from the church to Exxon
   - Proposed removal of two filling station driveways

4. **Porter Road**
   - Construction site for Ashton Market in the TF-10 zone

5. **Historic Register Eligible Houses**
   - Three national register eligible houses

6. **Wyndcrest Community**
   - A mix of detached houses and townhouses, some with detached garages and access alleys

7. **Sherwood High School East Entrance**
   - High school and track
   - Recommended crosswalk
   - Recommended multi-use path on the north side of MD 108

8A. **Sherwood High School Athletic Fields**
   - Recommended connection to the parkland to the south

8B. **State Champion White Ash Tree**
   - Proposed trails to connect Ashton to parkland

9. **Sherwood High School West Entrance**
   - Sandy Spring Museum and historic Cloverly across MD 108
   - Rural buffer between Sandy Spring and Ashton
   - End of current multi-use path on the north side of MD 108

10. **Ashton Club Way Cul-de-sac**
   - A mix of single-family detached houses and townhouses
   - Large community open space and SWM pond
   - Direct connection through opening in the shopping center

11. **Ashton Village Center Shopping Center**
   - Convenience store, post office, restaurants and other stores
   - Unsafe for students coming from the high school
   - Incomplete sidewalk network along MD 108 and MD 650
   - National historic register eligible house north of Orion Club Drive

12. **Ashton Knolls**
   - (North of Plan area) RNC neighborhood with clustered houses and a large amount of open space to help maintain rural character
   - View of the Plan area from the north

13. **CVS**
   - Ashton sign and landscaped parklet in the corner
   - Utility pole in NE corner and stop bar on southbound MD 650
   - Proposed design guidelines and the C/R zone would require the building to be built closer to the street with parking behind

14. **BG&E Substation**
   - Mention that this is the eastern plan boundary
   - View of the Plan area from the East

15. **Sandy Spring Bank**
   - Iconic shade trees on the corner
   - Village center does not engage pedestrians
   - Bank drive-thru will need to be allowed to continue in zone