

SILVER SPRING DOWNTOWN AND ADJACENT COMMUNITIES PLAN PUBLIC HEARING



Description

Over the last twenty years, Silver Spring has transformed into a uniquely diverse and vibrant destination for retail, restaurants, businesses, arts and entertainment. This evolution was set in motion by the 2000 *Silver Spring Central Business District Sector Plan* which envisioned a transit-oriented, green and pedestrian-friendly downtown with a strong commercial and residential development market. The *Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan* builds on the previous plan to help Silver Spring continue to be a regional destination for the next twenty years.

MASTER PLAN INFORMATION

Public Hearing

Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent
Communities Plan

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Staff Recommendations

The Planning Board will receive public testimony on the Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Sector Plan. Planning Board members can bring their copies of the Public Hearing Draft that were previously distributed to them or access the Public Hearing Draft at the following link:

https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SSDAC-Public-Hearing-Draft_FINAL.pdf

Planning Board members are encouraged to have the Public Hearing Draft available during the Public Hearing.

Summary

The *Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan* is an update to the 2000 *Silver Spring Central Business District Sector Plan*. This plan also amends the *East Silver Spring Master Plan* and the *North and West Silver Spring Master Plan*, both approved in 2000. This plan makes recommendations within the plan area for land use and zoning, housing, economic growth, urban design, transportation, parks and public spaces, environmental resiliency, community facilities and historic resources.

On October 28, 2021 staff presented the Working Draft of the *Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan* to the Planning Board. The Planning Board authorized staff to prepare the Public Hearing Draft of the Sector Plan and the Board scheduled a Public Hearing for December 2, 2021 to take place at 6:30 pm in the auditorium of the Wheaton Headquarters Building at 2425 Reedie Drive in Wheaton, MD. A notice for the Public Hearing was published in the Washington Times on November 1, 2021.

Staff will conduct the first work session with the Planning Board on December 9, 2021.

[Attachments](#)

- Public comments received through 11/24/2021
- Summary of comments