

SILVER SPRING DOWNTOWN AND ADJACENT COMMUNITIES PLAN WORK SESSION #1



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

Date

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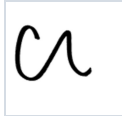
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Summary

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 Public Hearing was held on December 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the auditorium of the Wheaton Headquarters Building at 2425 Reedy Drive in Wheaton, MD. A notice for the Public Hearing was published in the Washington Times on November 1, 2021.

In this first work session staff will review key recommendations that address Parks and Public Spaces, Historic Resources, Environmental Resiliency and Schools. Staff will also review language in the Plan that addresses compliance with the language in Montgomery County Bill 27-19 that “require[s] the Planning Board to consider racial equity and social justice impact when preparing a Master Plan.”

The following major subjects will be reviewed at the work sessions as follows:

December 9:

- Overall work session schedule
- Compliance with Equity Bill
- Parks and Public Spaces

- Historic Resources
- Environment
- Schools

December 16, 2021

- Land Use and Zoning
- Implementation
- Transportation

December 23, 2021

- Housing
- Review edits from 12/9 work session

January 6, 2022

- Review all edits
- Review any additional key text changes.
- Vote out to transmit Plan to Council.

[Attachments](#)

- Summary of public comments. Includes comments submitted by December 1 at 12 pm and comments provided via testimony at the Public Hearing on December 2, 2021.