

SILVER SPRING DOWNTOWN AND ADJACENT COMMUNITIES PLAN DESIGN GUIDELINES BRIEFING



Description

The *Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan* was approved and adopted in June 2022. To accompany the Plan, staff is developing Design Guidelines for development of new buildings, parks, and public spaces in the Plan area. These Design Guidelines will eventually be used by property owners, developers, the Montgomery Planning regulatory team, community members, and the Planning Board to implement the Sector Plan.

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Briefing

Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent
Communities Plan Design Guidelines

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Summary

The 2022 *Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan* is an update to the 2000 *Silver Spring Central Business District Sector Plan*. The Plan was adopted and approved by the Planning Board, M-NCPPC and County Council in June 2022. 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.

To accompany the Plan, staff is developing Design Guidelines for development projects and public space improvements within the Plan area. The Design Guidelines will be a tool for applicants, property owners, and other community stakeholders to implement Sector Plan recommendations for Design Excellence in new development. The guidelines will also be used by staff and the new Silver Spring Design Advisory Panel to review design proposals and make recommendations for required Public Benefit points.

Staff will provide an overview of the outline for the Design Guidelines and will highlight new topics proposed for this document that uniquely address the Plan area.