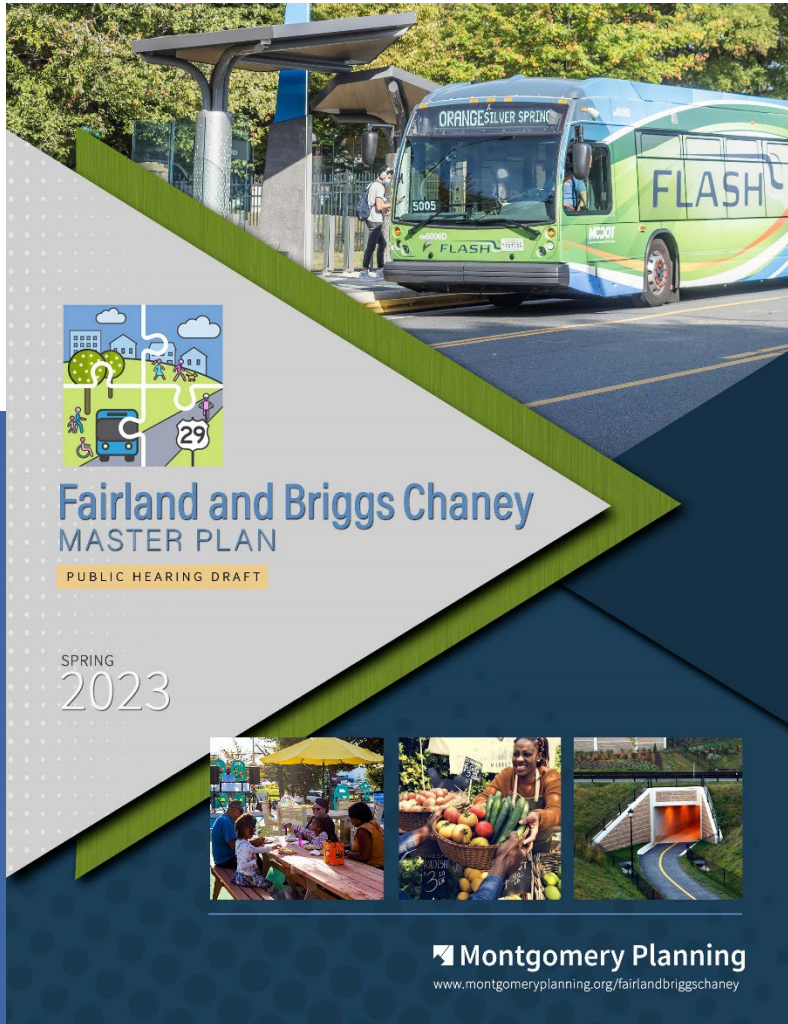


FAIRLAND AND BRIGGS CHANEY MASTER PLAN UPDATE PUBLIC HEARING



Description

The Planning Board will receive public testimony on the Public Hearing Draft of the Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Hold a public hearing on the Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan Update Public Hearing Draft.

SUMMARY

The Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan is a corridor-focused amendment to the 1997 *Fairland Master Plan* that seeks to establish a renewed vision for a portion of Columbia Pike (U.S. 29) over the next 10 to 20 years. The Plan embraces a future for this corridor as a more complete, equitable, transit-oriented, and compact community.

Anticipating potential significant impacts from future development and a growing population in the eastern region of the county, this Plan also seeks to address inequities pertaining to housing opportunities, impacts stemming from and resiliency to climate change, enhancements to underutilized properties through infill development and redevelopment, and improvements to existing systems (e.g., parks, circulation, and food) to meet the needs of residents, workers, and visitors in the Plan Area and beyond. The Plan also prioritizes the goals and policies of *Thrive Montgomery Plan 2050*, the General Plan for Montgomery County.

The main objectives of this Master Plan are to realize:

1. **Equitable Communities:** The Plan considers racial equity and social justice as essential themes of its purpose and implementation. Attention to past injustices in planning policy and public investment, particularly in the East county, as well as present inequities in the public and personal realm, informed the development of the Plan to support a stronger social network that embraces the advantages of a multi-racial and multi-cultural community.
2. **Economic Health:** The Plan seeks to ensure a vibrant, strong, and competitive economy by attracting and maintaining major employers, continuing to enhance nearby federal and institutional campuses, supporting local small businesses and innovation, and attracting and retaining a high-quality, diverse workforce.
3. **Environmental Resilience:** The Plan seeks to apply the best available strategies to fight climate change and mitigate the impacts of both planned changes and unexpected events in the community while continuing to preserve and enhance our natural resources.

The master plan amendment kicked off in April 2021 with an approved Scope of Work by the Planning Board. Since then, the planning team has briefed the Planning Board on community engagement efforts, an existing conditions assessment, and a framework of preliminary recommendations that incorporated ideas generated from previous visioning workshops and previewed the Plan’s emerging recommendations.

Staff presented the Working Draft of the Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan to the Planning Board on March 23, 2023. After directing staff to make revisions to the Working Draft, the Planning Board authorized staff to prepare the Public Hearing Draft of the Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan and scheduled a public hearing for May 4, 2023 in the second floor auditorium of the M-NCPPC Wheaton Headquarters building at 2425 Reddie Drive, Wheaton, MD 20902. The public hearing was advertised in the Washington Times on April 3, 2023 and the Public Hearing Draft Plan was distributed to all necessary stakeholders, both in hard copy and electronic format.

The public hearing record will remain open until May 18, 2023 at 5 p.m. for additional written testimony to be submitted to the Planning Board. Staff will summarize the testimony and conduct the first work session with the Planning Board on May 18, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Public Hearing Draft of the Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan

Attachment B – Public Correspondence to Date