

BETHESDA DOWNTOWN PLAN DEVELOPMENT CAP



Description

The Planning Board will receive public testimony on the Bethesda Downtown Plan development cap.



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SUMMARY

The 2017 *Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan* established for downtown Bethesda a development cap of 32.4 million total square feet. Page 151 of the plan states: “Once total development-including approvals reaches 30.4 million square feet, the County Council may require certain actions before additional development is permitted.” The Planning Board approved a Site Plan in September that increased total development above 30.4 million square feet.

In response to this plan recommendation, the Planning Board may provide to the County Council comments and/or recommendations for next steps, based on staff recommendations and public comment.

On September 28, 2023, Planning staff briefed the Planning Board on its assessment of the implementation of the plan and recommendations for next steps. The presentation is attached and the recording of the briefing is available on the Planning Board Agenda page:
<https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/meetings/watch-online/>.

On October 12, 2023, the Planning Board will take public testimony on the development cap.

The Planning Board will consider its recommendation to the County Council in a future worksession, on November 2 or November 9.

Information on the plan and its implementation is available online at
<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/downcounty/bethesda-downtown-plan/>.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Bethesda Downtown Plan BOZ Cap

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ATTACHMENT

1. Staff presentation from September 28, 2023, Planning Board briefing