

# CENTRAL ANNAPOLIS ROAD SECTOR PLAN AND SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT

## SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY COMMENTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 KICK-OFF MEETING AND LISTENING SESSION

The following summary is a compilation of the comments shared with the M-NCPPC Prince George's County Planning Department team and their consultants on September 16, 2009 at the Central Annapolis Road Sector Plan Kick-Off Meeting and Listening Session. The summary is organized according to the six themes that emerged during the meeting – Quality of Life, Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, Retail and Entertainment, Community, and Transportation. Please let us know, via our Contact Us page, if any of your ideas or concerns were not included in the summary!

### QUALITY OF LIFE

#### OUR QUALITY OF LIFE ASSETS

- Quaintness of Landover Hills
- Natural beauty
- Affordable housing
- *Please see the following sections for additional assets*



#### OUR QUALITY OF LIFE CHALLENGES

- Noise
- Single-family home conversions to boarding houses
- *Please see the following sections for additional challenges*

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

- Ensure trash does not litter convenience store, Safeway and Giant parking lots and the area around the bowling alley
- Improve the cleanliness of bus stops along Annapolis Road
- Ensure property and business owners maintain their properties and keep them free of trash
- Provide more trash cans, in particular at Greenvale and Annapolis Road
- Create a unifying theme along corridor
- Address the image versus perception of the corridor
- Remove junk cars and chickens from front yards
- Provide more attractive, manicured medians
- Provide more public spaces; integrate a public space or plaza at Glenridge - Purple Line stop
- Ensure new development is community-oriented
- Create more of an old town feel with walkable streets
- Renovate GASCO - install benches and add trash cans
- Enhance the appearance of Annapolis Road
- Capitalize on the Purple Line

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### PUBLIC SAFETY

#### OUR PUBLIC SAFETY ASSETS

- Police Department in Landover Hills



#### OUR PUBLIC SAFETY CHALLENGES

- Heavy congestion during evening rush hour along Annapolis Road
- Lack of sidewalks
- Lack of safe pedestrian crossings on Annapolis Road specifically near Walmart, CVS, Glenridge and bowling alley
- Poor lighting
- Crime - "Would you walk at night?"
- Inadequate police presence in Woodlawn area; unsafe streets
- Safety at Glenridge Shopping Center
- Safety of intersection at 71st and Woodbridge
- Safety of intersection at Varnum and Annapolis Road
- Safety at Glenridge Park - drug dealing and dog fights
- Speeding, in particular along Annapolis Road and Allison Road
- "Kids are being hit by cars!"
- Graffiti



#### OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Improve lighting along Annapolis Road and in particular in front of Pep Boys and at Greenvale and Annapolis Road
- Provide continuous sidewalks
- Ensure faster police-response time
- Get rid of pawnshops because they attract crime
- Address boarded-up and vacant buildings
- Provide a police substation in the Glenridge Shopping Center
- Provide a police substation at Capital Plaza
- Address safety concerns at Glenridge Park
- Install traffic calming in particular speed bumps at 70th Place and Coopers Lane and Annapolis Road
- Enforce fire hydrant parking restrictions
- Install an overpass at 71st Street
- Address intersection of Varnum and Annapolis Road
- Add countdown signals for pedestrians

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## PARKS AND RECREATION

### OUR PARK AND RECREATION ASSETS

- Glenridge Park
- Landover Park



### OUR PARK AND RECREATION CHALLENGES

- Lack of usable and accessible public spaces
- Safety
- Accessibility
- Quality of facilities



### OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE PARKS AND RECREATION:

- "Something for everyone!" Provide an intergenerational community center that provides supervised recreational opportunities for youth and services for seniors; it should include fitness facilities and a pool. Possible locations include Capital Plaza and Glenridge.
- Enhance access to existing and proposed recreational facilities for youth, seniors, and non-drivers
- Expand bike and trail network in area
- Provide a Boys and Girls club
- Improve the maintenance of the Landover Hills park
- Enhance the Woodlawn park by removing the steep slopes, providing a larger park area, improving the facilities, including the basketball court, addressing the stagnant water in the pond, and addressing public safety concerns related to drugs and dog fights
- Consider intergrating a new school with a new community center

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## RETAIL AND ENTERTAINMENT

### OUR RETAIL AND ENTERTAINMENT ASSETS

- Mom and pop stores balanced with larger retailers
- Convenient access to shopping
- Local neighborhood stores such as Bill's Hardware and Hallal's Meat Market
- Giant and Safeway
- *Please see the Parks and Recreation section for additional assets*



### OUR RETAIL AND ENTERTAINMENT CHALLENGES

- Lack of sit-down restaurants
- Too many fast-food restaurants
- Substandard retail
- Too many mom and pop stores
- "How do we attract the right development?"
- *Please see the Parks and Recreation section for additional challenges*

### OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE RETAIL AND ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS:

- Encourage local, neighborhood-oriented coffee shops
- Provide space for a farmer's market
- Provide neighborhood retail along Annapolis Road in front of Walmart
- Preserve local, neighborhood stores such as Bill's Hardware and Hallal's Meat Market
- Attract quality retail
- Provide sit-down restaurants
- Provide healthier eating options
- Desirable uses include: Jaspers, Ruby Tuesday, Olive Garden, movie theater, Next Day Blinds, DHW, Gap

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### COMMUNITY

#### OUR COMMUNITY ASSETS

- Quaintness of Landover Hills
- People
- Long-term residents and neighbors - close-knit community
- Churches
- Community events
- Diversity
- Children
- Friendly atmosphere
- Walkable residential neighborhoods



#### OUR COMMUNITY CHALLENGES

- Changes in "culture" lead to problems and conflicts
- Foreclosures



#### OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY:

- Preserve churches
- Appreciate the diversity of the community
- Provide bilingual services
- Provide education to assist with cultural integration
- Provide more affordable housing
- Provide newer and better housing
- Preserve residential character and zoning
- Prevent future foreclosures

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### TRANSPORTATION

#### OUR TRANSPORTATION ASSETS

- Location
- Proximity to transit and highways
- Potential Purple Line stop



#### OUR TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES

- Heavy congestion during evening rush hour along Annapolis Road
- Traffic backups near St. Mary's and spillovers from Parkway
- Placement of certain bus stops
- Frequency of transit service
- Impact of Purple Line on neighboring residential streets and parking, on traffic and congestion, and on properties
- Access to Purple



#### OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE TRANSPORTATION:

- Synchronize signals along Annapolis Road
- Improve bus service along Annapolis Road, in particular during evening hours and the weekend
- Increase the number and enhance the appearance, cleanliness and safety of bus stops along Annapolis Road
- Provide a bus stop at Greenvale and Annapolis Road
- Provide shuttle buses between Purple Line and Capital Plaza
- Make Purple Line stop an asset