

Charles County Comprehensive Plan FAQ



Get the answers to your most important questions about the future of Charles County. This guide helps you understand what the Comprehensive Plan is, why it matters, and how you can participate.

What is the Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan serves as a policy guide and framework for future growth, development, and preservation in Charles County over the next twenty-five years.

Why is it being updated?

State law requires each jurisdiction to review and update its Comprehensive Plan every 10 years. The last plan was adopted in 2016; the next update is scheduled for 2026.

What is included?

- Growth projections and land use maps.
- Infrastructure (roads, schools, public safety, water/sewer).
- Environmental protection policies
- Recommendations for future zoning and development.

Why is it significant?

It provides a shared vision for how Charles County will grow. Zoning, infrastructure, and development decisions must legally align with the Plan's goals.

How do I prepare and get involved?

- ✓ Read the 2016 Comprehensive Plan <https://charlescountymd.info/comprehensiveplan>
- ✓ Review the Planning Commission Annual Report <https://charlescountymd.info/pcannualreport>
- ✓ Attend/Watch a Planning Commission Meeting <https://charlescountymd.info/pcmeeting>
- ✓ Watch our Webinar on the Comprehensive Plan <https://charlescountymd.info/compplanwebinar>

Why is participation important?

YOUR VOICE MATTERS! A successful plan reflects the community's values, concerns, and goals. Continued public support is critical to implementation.

How can I participate in the process?

There will be many upcoming opportunities for public input. Sign up for updates here: <https://charlescountymd.info/compplan>

**Get Involved - Help Shape
Charles County's Future!**