



September 16, 2009

Historic Sites and Districts Plan
Stakeholders

Re: Historic Sites and Districts Plan Staff Draft

Dear Stakeholder:

The Prince George's County Planning Department is pleased to release the Staff Draft of the Historic Sites and Districts Plan (HSDP) on the plan website at mncppc.org/preservationplan for public comment on September 23, 2009. A hard copy version of the draft plan will also be available at the Planning Information Services Offices on the lower level of the County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

It is important to note that the release of the staff draft of the HSDP represents a departure from the practice for master plans dealing with land use. The HSDP is a functional plan which differs from a master plan. A functional plan is a countywide policy plan for a specific element of the General Plan. As such, we believe that the extra period of stakeholder review will benefit the overall plan development by receiving comments from persons with special interests and knowledge in the fields of historic preservation.

This action is in response to the interest expressed at various stakeholder meetings held over the past several months. Many of you requested the opportunity to review a staff draft in order to be able to provide suggestions prior to the Planning Board's official release for public comment. We encourage your comments and can accept written comments (letter, fax and/or email) for 30 days or until close of business on Friday, October 23, 2009. Staff will consider those comments as we finalize the plan for the Planning Board's "Permission to Print".

This public comment period prior to permission to print extends the public involvement period and was not contemplated at the beginning of the plan scheduling. Therefore, our schedule is being modified and we expect to receive the Planning Board's "Permission to Print" for the Historic Sites and Districts Plan on November 19, 2009. Following the date of "Permission to Print" the public will have at least 30 days to review the Preliminary Draft Historic Sites and Districts Plan, because we expect that the Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Board and the District Council will be held in early January 2010.

If you have any additional questions or if you need any related documentation, please contact me at 301-780-8305, or Chris.Wilson@ppd.mncppc.org.

Sincerely,

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