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What is Thrive Montgomery 2050?

- Update to the General Plan, last comprehensively updated in 1969.
- Long-range vision for the future of growth in the county.

Thrive Montgomery 2050 plan will help guide:
- Countywide policies
- Future initiatives
- Land use planning infrastructure
- Community amenities
- Private development
In 2050, Montgomery County is a vibrant and welcoming place where all people thrive with equitable access to:

- Attainable housing;
- Healthy food;
- Opportunities for physical activity, parks and open space;
- Employment;
- Education;
- Services;
- And a variety of travel options.
Vision

In 2050, Montgomery County is a web of complete communities connected by vibrant corridors.

- **Complete communities**: Individual and unique centers of neighborhood activity and urban nodes optimize land use with a variety of housing types and price points are located close to transit, workplaces, needed goods and services, public amenities and active park spaces.

- **Vibrant corridors**: comfortable, safe corridors of multimodal transportation and services; and corridors of green parks, stream valleys and trails.
Categories of Goals

- Design, Arts and Culture
- Complete Communities
- Diverse Economy
- Connectedness
- Diverse and Adaptable Growth
- Healthy and Sustainable Environment
- Affordability and Attainability
- Safe and Efficient Travel

ECONOMIC HEALTH
ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE
COMMUNITY EQUITY
Diverse and Adaptable Growth

• Focus growth on infill development and redevelopment in areas supported by rail and bus rapid transit.

• Manage growth as a mature, built-out county.

• Transform auto-centric roads into people centric places

• Continue to preserve parkland, environmentally sensitive areas and the Agricultural Reserve.
Focus growth on infill development and redevelopment concentrated around rail and bus rapid transit (BRT).
Policies

- Policy 7.1.1: Direct growth to areas supported by rail and BRT.
- Policy 7.1.2: Prioritize highest density around rail and BRT.
- Policy 7.1.3: Redevelop underutilized properties near transit.
- Policy 7.1.4: Create new and enhance existing parks near rail and BRT.
Diverse and Adaptable Growth Goal

Transform areas surrounding rail and BRT to accommodate future population growth and lifestyle preferences.
Policies

• Policy 7.2.1: Incentivize development and public realm improvements near rail and BRT.

• Policy 7.2.2: Develop the county as an interconnected web of transportation and green corridors.

• Policy 7.2.3: Advance compact, mixed-use development near rail and BRT.

• Policy 7.2.4: Retrofit single-use areas to accommodate higher densities and a mixture of uses within a 15-minute walk or bike ride of transit.
Diverse and Adaptable Growth Goal

Manage future growth and development as a built-out county by maximizing use of constrained land and identifying innovative solutions to deliver public facilities and infrastructure.
Policy

• Policy 7.3.1: Create flexible and adaptable land use policies, programs and regulations that allow for unanticipated changes.

• Policy 7.3.2: Develop new methods of funding public infrastructure by capturing increases in land value and reinvesting in infrastructure.

• Policy 7.3.3: Leverage existing publicly owned land and co-location opportunities to provide public facilities and services.

• Policy 7.3.4: Expand the use of public-private partnerships to achieve co-location with private redevelopment.
Diverse and Adaptable Growth Goal

Strengthen Montgomery County’s agricultural character to ensure the prosperity of the Agricultural Reserve into the future.
Policy

• Policy 7.4.1: Broaden access to healthy food, agritourism and agricultural employment through the support and diversification of the agricultural sector including urban and suburban farming.
Policy

• Policy 7.4.2: Maintain and enhance the Agricultural Reserve as a national model for supporting and protecting agriculture and rural open space.
Policy

- Policy 7.4.3: Support and enhance policies that provide opportunities for new farmers to own and operate their own farms.
- Policy 7.4.4: Increase public awareness of the Agricultural Reserve and better connect communities to this vital resource.
Policy

• Policy 7.4.5: Provide residential communities in the Agricultural Reserve with adequate infrastructure and services.

• Policy 7.4.6: Maintain agriculture as the primary land use in the Agricultural Reserve.
Policy

- Policy 7.4.7: Balance support for an evolving agricultural industry with the conservation of farmland, rural open space and environmental resources.
- Policy 7.4.8: Establish food production and distribution infrastructure to enable county growers to process their products and distribute them locally.
Discussion
Project Timeline

- **Issues Report**
  - Presented to the Planning Board on February 27th

- **Draft Vision and Goals**
  - Presented to the Planning Board on April 16th

- **Draft Policies and Actions**
  - Presented to the Planning Board on June 11th

- **Working Draft Plan**
  - September 2020

- **Planning Board Review + Transmittal**
  - October 2020 – March 2021

- **Council Review + Approval**
  - April 2021 - TBD
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