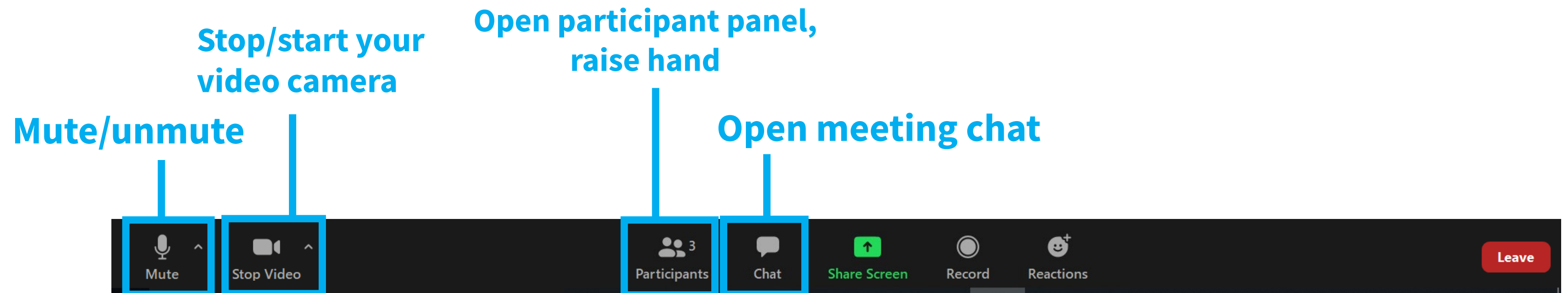




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What is Thrive Montgomery 2050?

- 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



Vision

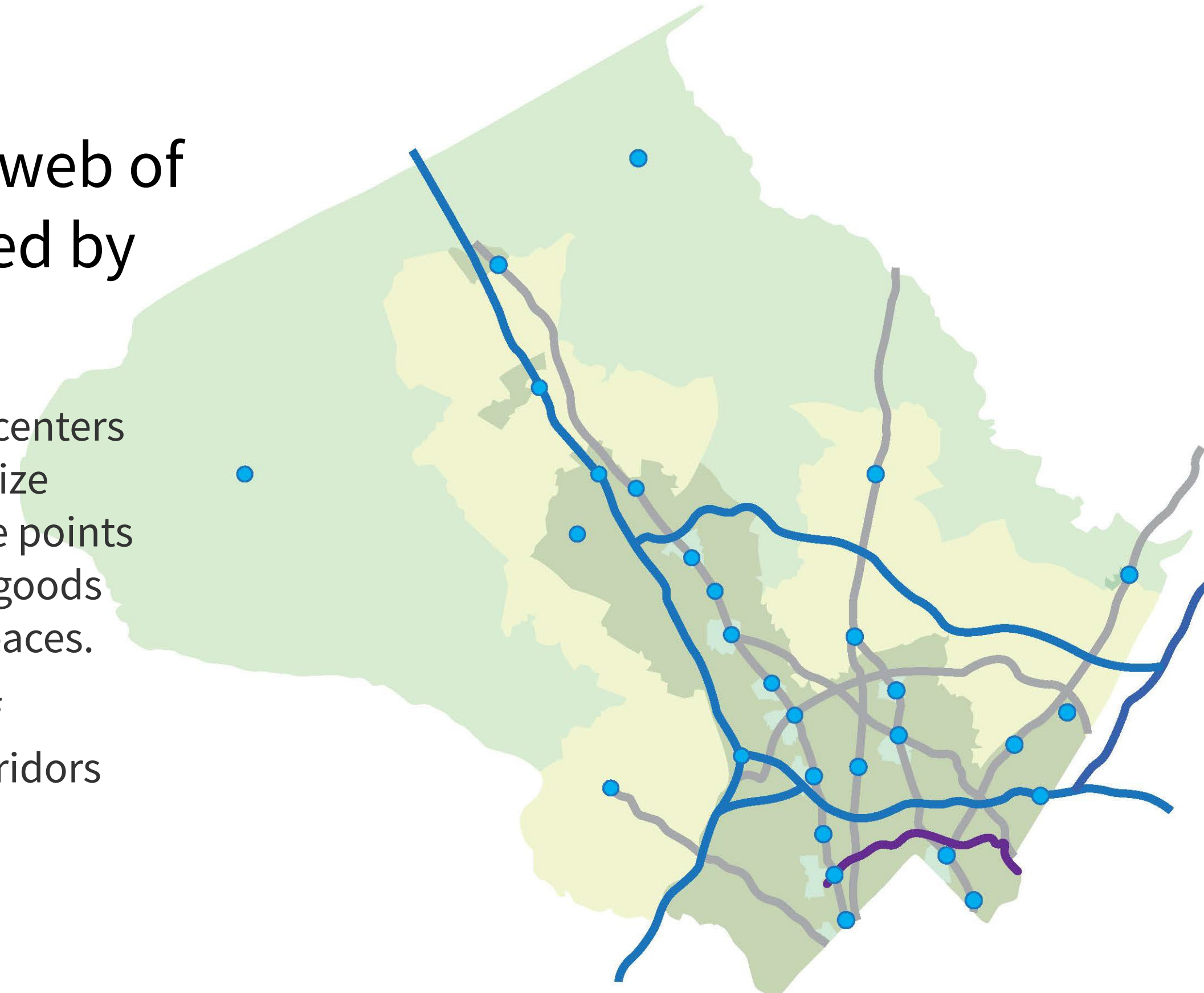
In 2050, Montgomery County is a vibrant and welcoming place where all people thrive with equitable access to:

- 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



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.

Diverse and Adaptable Growth Goal

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 process and distribute their products locally.



Discussion



Project Timeline

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- **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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