Thrive Montgomery 2050 Update

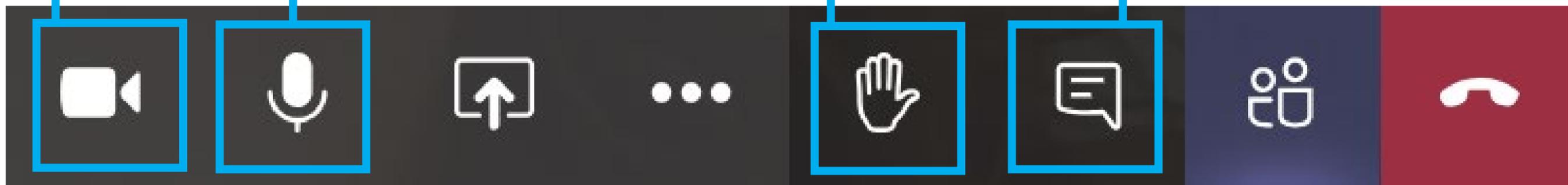6.9.20

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Open meeting chat

Community Check-In

- **How are feeling right now?**

- **What most concerns you?**
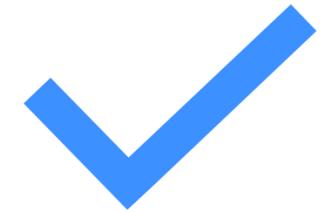
Today's Presentation

What is Thrive Montgomery 2050?

Overview of Parks' Draft Goals, Policies and Actions

Questions for residents and stakeholders

Conclusion and next steps

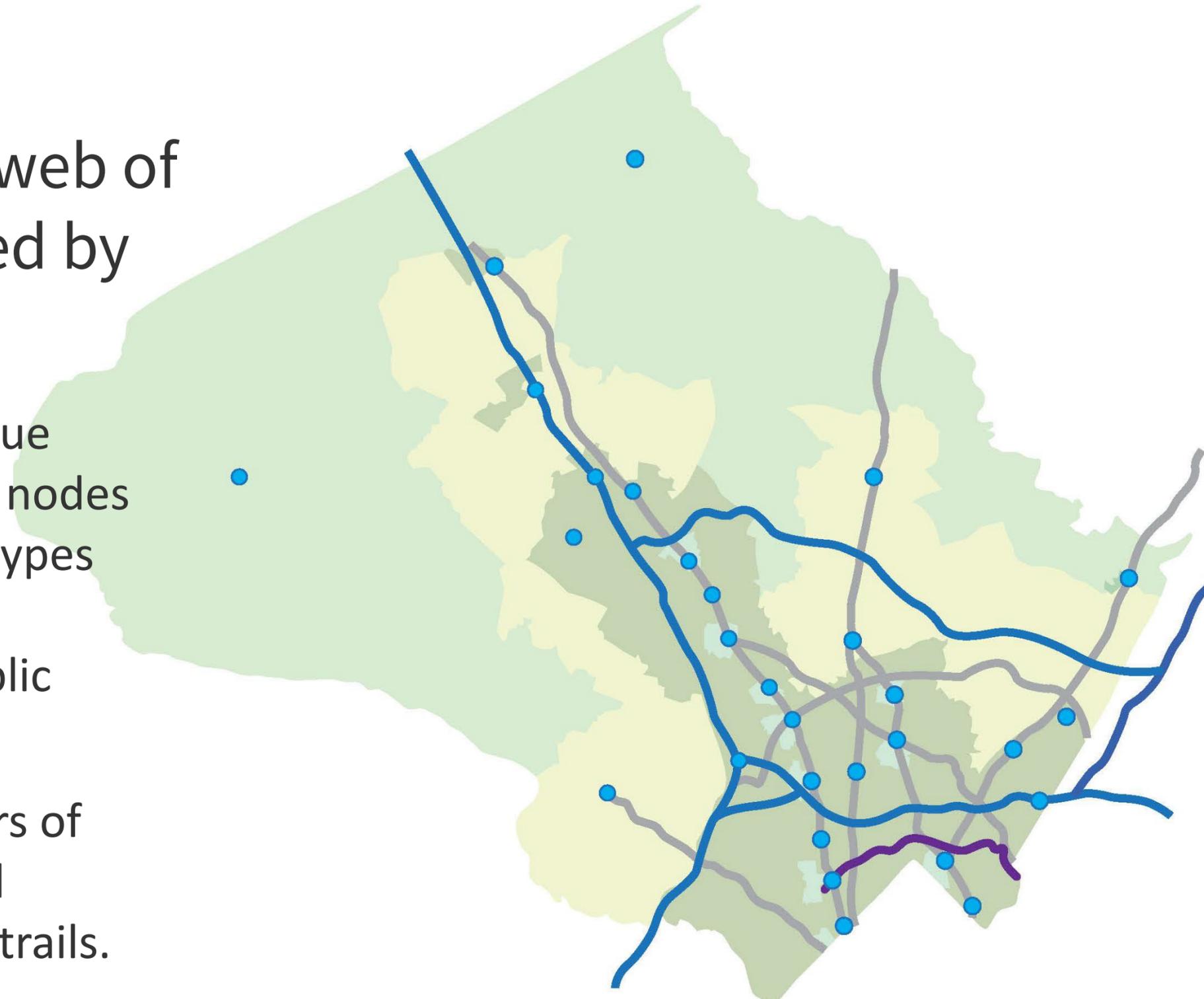# What is Thrive Montgomery 2050?

- 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 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.

Big Shifts

Where are we heading?

Urbanism – Corridors are the future

15-minute living

Active lifestyles = Health

Social – Connections of people and places

Housing is a right and a value

Major roads transformed into boulevards

Sustainable and Resilient

Stop planning for cars

De-pave the county

Varieties of commercial uses

Regional solutions to problems

Diversity is our strength

Embrace importance of place

Source: https://www.sasaki.com/projects/the-blairs/

Categories of Goals

Design, Arts and Culture

Complete Communities

Diverse and Adaptable Growth

Connectedness

ECONOMIC HEALTH

ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE

COMMUNITY EQUITY

Healthy and Sustainable Environment

Diverse Economy
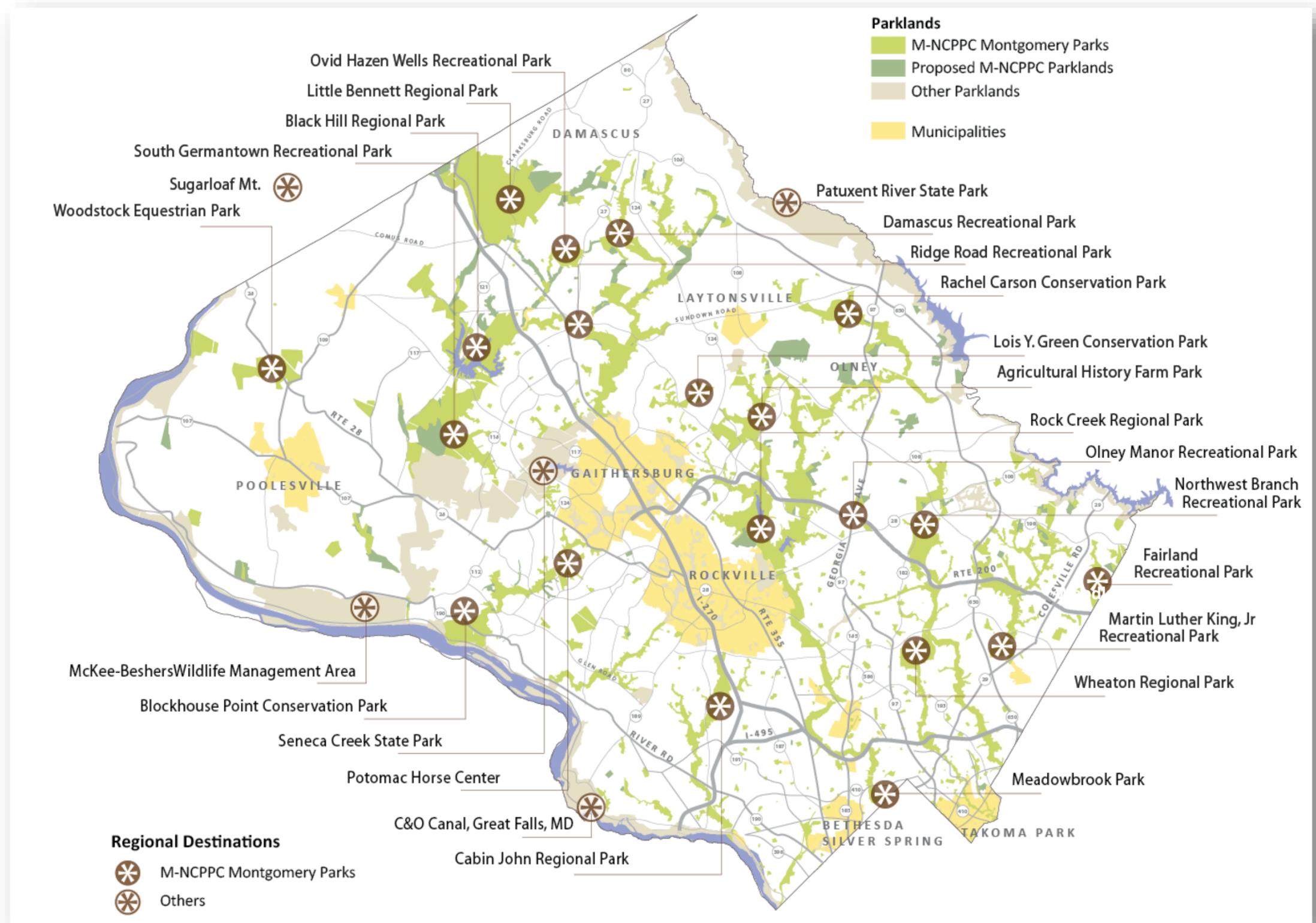
Affordability and Attainability

Safe and Efficient Travel

About M-NCPPC Montgomery County Department of Parks

Our park system includes:

- **422 parks across 37,000+ acres**
- **457 miles of streams**
- **302 tennis courts**
- **294 athletic fields**
- **285 playgrounds**
- **215 basketball courts**
- **238 miles of paved and natural surface trails**
- **134 picnic shelters**
- **117 historic structures**
- **102 campsites**
- **28 park activity buildings**

Parklands
- M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks
- Proposed M-NCPPC Parklands
- Other Parklands
- Municipalities

Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park
Little Bennett Regional Park
Black Hill Regional Park
South Germantown Recreational Park
Sugarloaf Mt.
Woodstock Equestrian Park
Patuxent River State Park
Damascus Recreational Park
Ridge Road Recreational Park
Rachel Carson Conservation Park
Lois Y. Green Conservation Park
Agricultural History Farm Park
Rock Creek Regional Park
Olney Manor Recreational Park
Northwest Branch Recreational Park
Fairland Recreational Park
Martin Luther King, Jr Recreational Park
Wheaton Regional Park
Meadowbrook Park
McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area
Blockhouse Point Conservation Park
Seneca Creek State Park
Potomac Horse Center
C&O Canal, Great Falls, MD
Cabin John Regional Park
Battery Lane Urban Park

Regional Destinations
- M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks
- Others

Why are park and open spaces important?

- **Our parks and recreation system promotes….**

  - Healthy, active living

  - Economic health because it attracts people to live and work here

  - Sense of community and civic pride

  - Social gathering and cohesion

  - Healthy, safe, green communities

  - Connections to nature, areas for contemplation

  - Natural and cultural resources stewardship

Parks
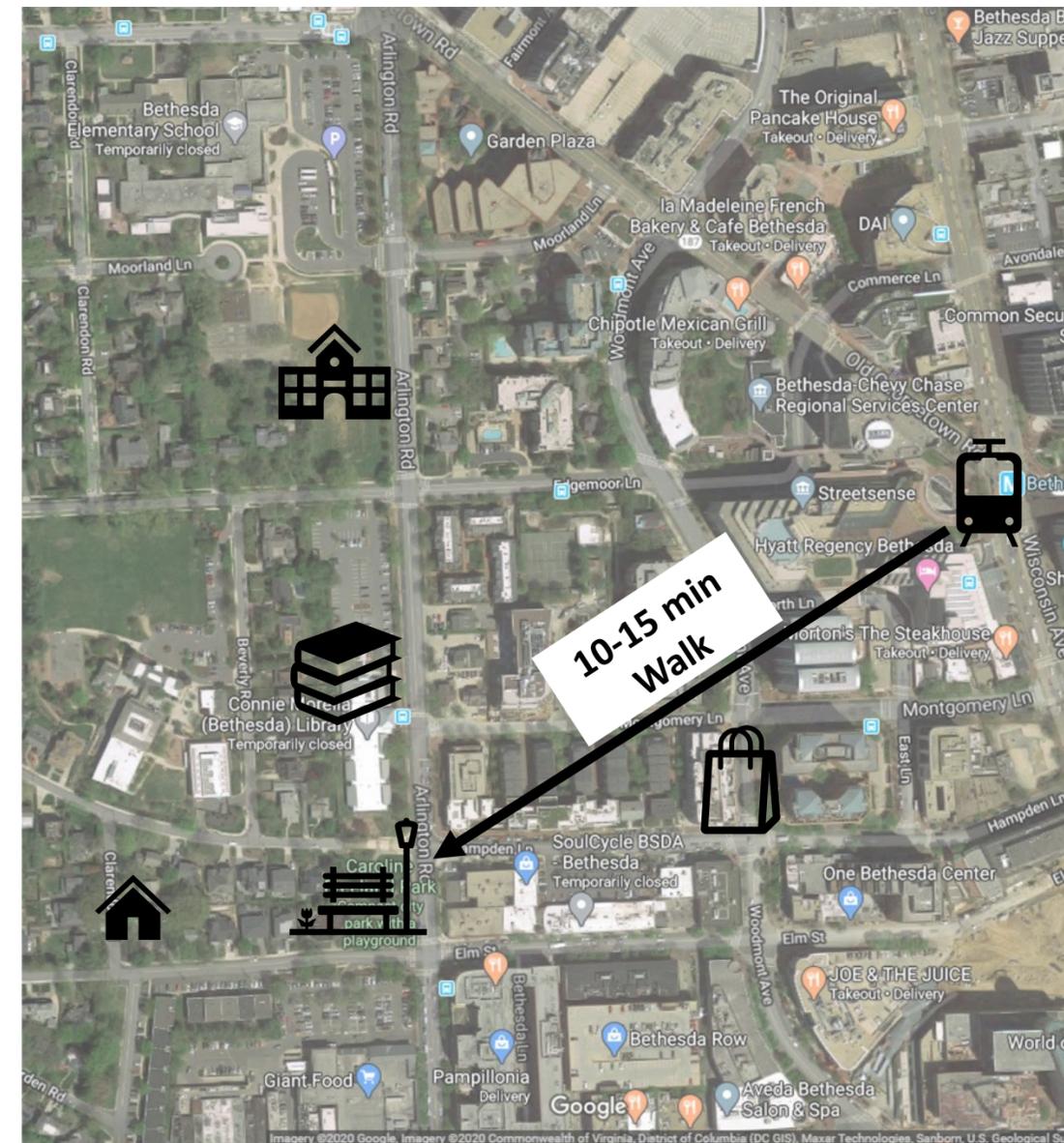## Goals, Policies and Actions

Complete Communities

Promote active lifestyles by making parks and open spaces a central element of the community.

Ensure all people in urban and suburban communities have access to parks or public spaces that provide opportunities for vigorous physical activity, social engagement, and quiet contemplation or connections to nature within a comfortable **15-minute walk** from their homes or from transit.

Complete Communities

Connectedness

Create strong neighborhoods and communities that foster communication and interaction among residents and create a culture of inclusion.

Use **parks and public space** to facilitate active lifestyles, physical connections and interactions amongst diverse populations.

Establish a culture of inclusion and that encourages people to linger and connect socially.

Healthy and Sustainable Environment

Improve health and well-being for all Montgomery County residents and address the health disparities that currently exist.

Create convenient and safe opportunities for physical activity for residents of all ages, cultures, abilities and income levels by... ensuring safe, convenient connections to **parks and open spaces**.

Promote active and healthy lifestyles and active transportation... by...ensuring that all county residents in urban and suburban communities have access to a **park or open space** within walking distance from their homes.

Safe and Efficient Travel

Get people out of their cars. Transform Montgomery County into a community of walkable, people-centric places where public transit, walking and bicycling are the preferred travel mode for daily trips and the need for personal vehicles is substantially reduced.

Reallocate some street space dedicated to motor vehicle travel to other uses such as walking, bicycling and transit.

Open Parkway:
- Get people out of their cars
- Reallocate street space for walking and biking

Design, Arts and Culture

Create and preserve great places with attractive streets and public spaces, inspired urban design and high-quality architecture that delivers lasting beauty.

Use a variety of existing and new **parks and trails** to support communities with compact, walkable development and sustainable design.

Complete Communities

Orient communities around convenient social gathering places accessible to neighborhood residents by walking and biking.

Locate and design…parks…as places where social gathering is encouraged.

Maximize co-location, redevelopment… partnerships and a focus on design excellence.

Complete Communities: Co-location

Connectedness

Assess racial equity and social justice impacts across all Montgomery Parks and Montgomery Planning initiatives.

Employ strategies to assess racial equity and social justice impacts of master, functional, regulatory, and parks

Connectedness

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK POLICE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DIVISION
12751 LAYHILL ROAD
SILVER SPRING, MD 20906

Press Release

For immediate release:
June 5, 2020

For more information, contact:
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Suspect Charged with Second-Degree Assault

Victor Stoddard @VicStoddard · Jun 4
They were putting up signs to commemorate the death of George Floyd. He wasn't having it.

Capital Crescent Trail
(Near Dalecarlia Tunnel, Bethesda, MD)

32.1M views   June 2, 2020   0:11 / 0:34

23.1K   114.1K   256.1K

Public Parks are platforms for democracy and for equity and social justice

Healthy and Sustainable Environment

Preserve, restore, enhance, expand and sustainably manage natural and other green areas to support human communities and healthy, diverse populations of native animals and plants, while providing appropriate and accessible outdoor recreation opportunities for all.

Diverse and Adaptable Growth

Transform land uses surrounding rail and BRT transit corridors to accommodate future population growth and varied lifestyle preferences in attractive, walkable and mixed-use communities.

Diverse and Adaptable Growth: Park Near Transit
(Wheaton Urban Creation Park)

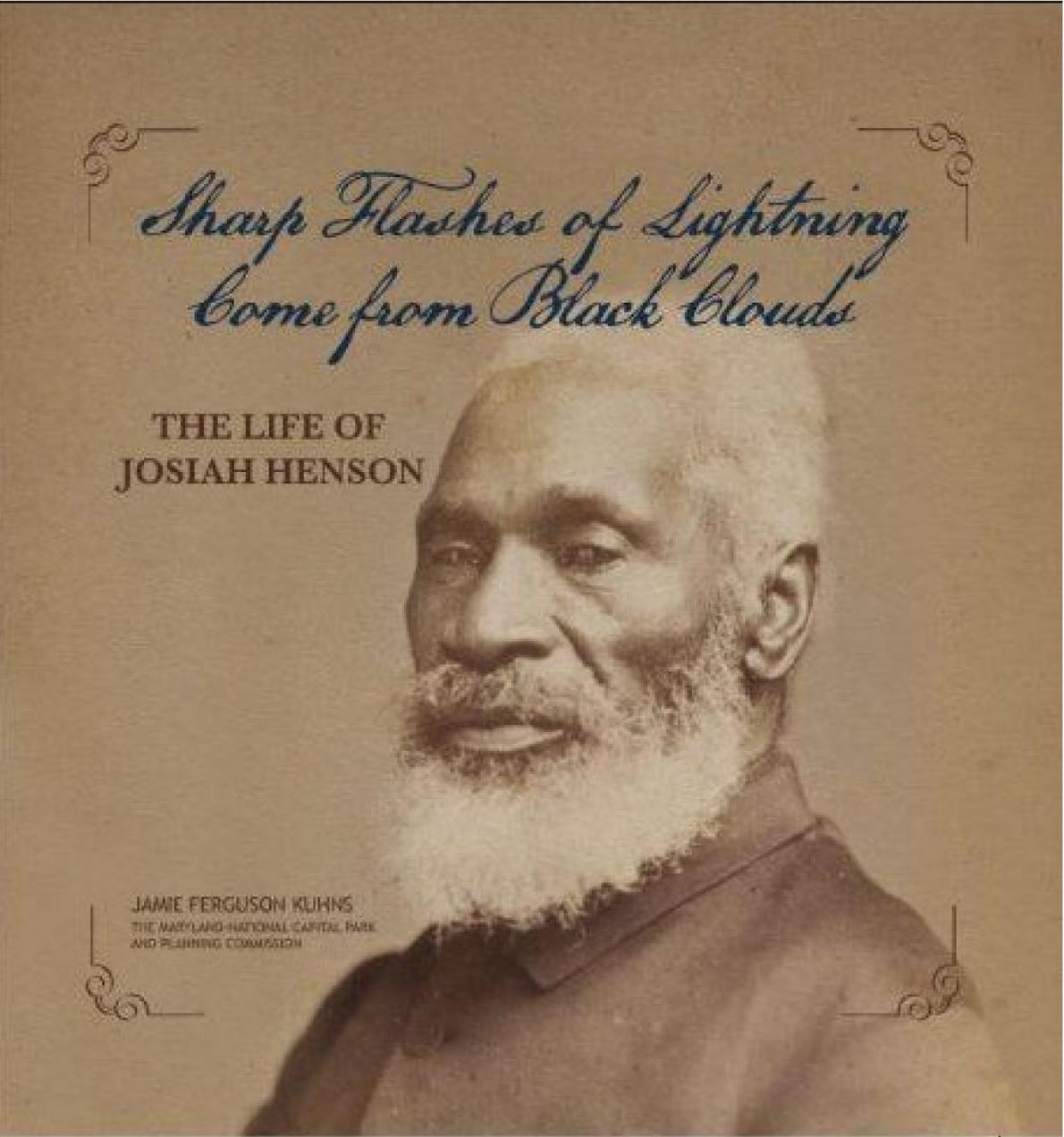Acquisition and swap for the Urban Recreational Park near Metro

Design, Arts and Culture

Provide every resident in the county with a variety of opportunities to experience art and culture daily by making public art an integral part of the public realm and physical infrastructure.

Activate **parks, public spaces** and civic facilities like libraries, post offices and schools with art and interactive design that reflects the history and unique characteristics of the place, stimulates the mind and encourages physical activity.

Design, Arts and Culture: Josiah Henson Park

Questions for the Community

Questions # 1

- **What do you like most about County parks?**

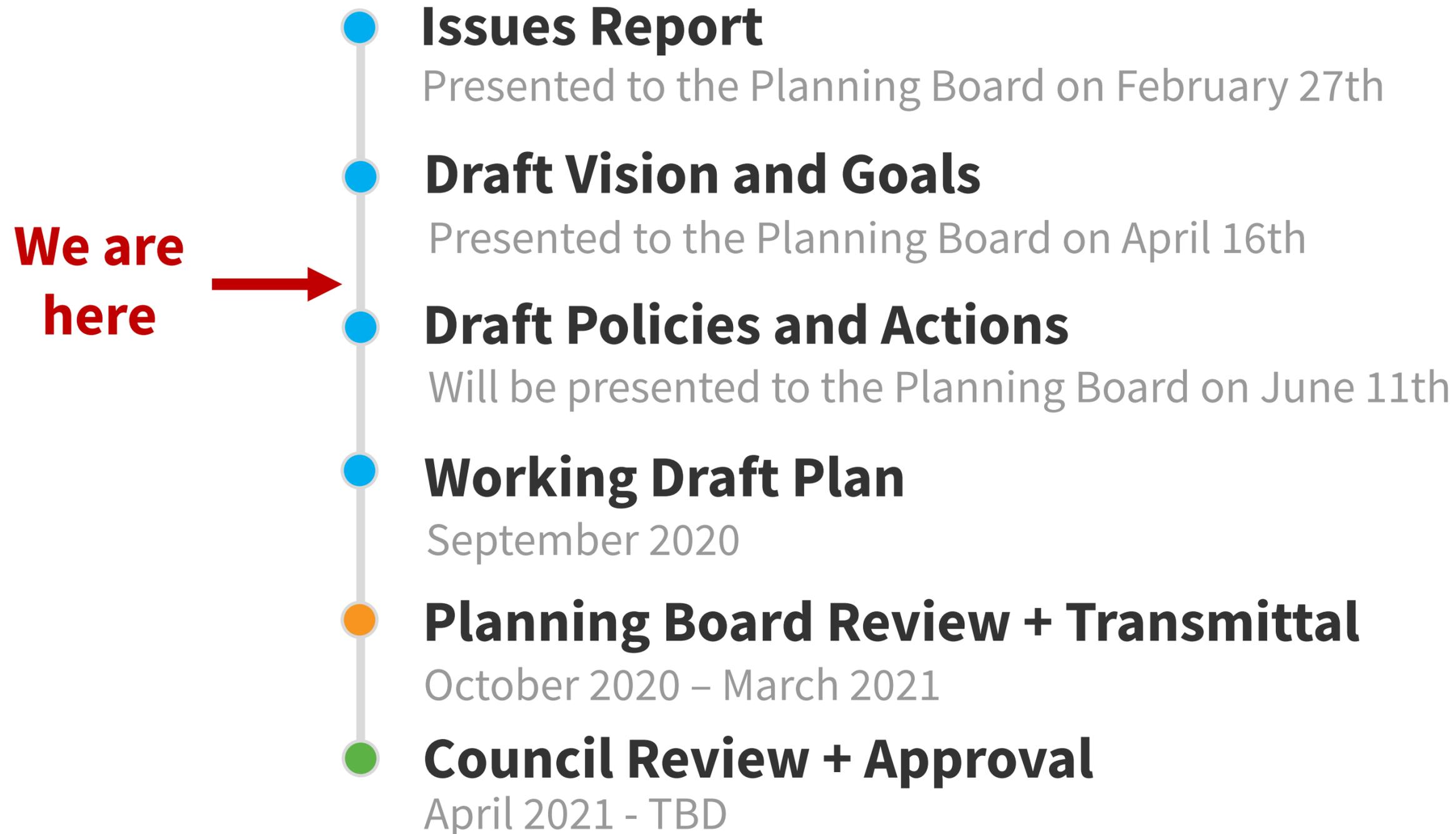- **What are we doing well?**

Questions # 2

- **What is currently missing from County parks?**

- **How could we improve?**

Questions # 3

- **How do you think parks and recreation will change in the County 30 years from now?**

- **What will be important 30 years from now that may be less important today?**

Project Timeline

Issues Report
Presented to the Planning Board on February 27th

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

We are here →

Draft Policies and Actions
Will be 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

Stay involved!

- Testify at the June 11th Planning Board Meeting on the Draft Policies and Actions
  - Written testimony - send email to MCP-Chair@mncppc-mcp.org by June 11th at 12pm)
  - Virtual video testimony – sign up on www.MontgomeryPlanningBoard.org
- Sign-up for the Thrive Montgomery 2050 e-letter at www.ThriveMontgomery.com
- Send your comments to Thrive2050@montgomeryplanning.org
- Connect with us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram
- Participate in upcoming Community Chats – through June 30th

Community Chat Schedule

June 9, Noon to 1 p.m. **Parks**

June 10, Noon to 1:30 p.m. **LGBTQ Communities**

June 10, 5 to 6 p.m. **Diverse Economy**

June 17, 7 to 8 p.m. **Healthy Communities**

June 22, 7 to 8 p.m. **Safe and Efficient Travel**

June 23, Noon to 1 p.m. **Complete Communities**

June 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Bilingual Healthy and Sustainable Environment**

June 24, All day. Twitter Town Hall. **Housing**

June 24, 5 to 6 p.m. **Pints with a Planner on Housing with Casey Anderson**

June 29, Noon to 1 p.m. **Culture and Design**

June 30, 7 to 8 p.m. **Diverse and Adaptable Growth**

Thank You!

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