



# Takoma Park

## MINOR MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT



# September 2022 Update

# Agenda

- Partner Update
- Key Takeaways from Outreach
- Visioning Overview
- Next Steps/ Updated Plan Timeline

# Partner Update

## City of Takoma Park

- Weekly coordination meetings with the City of Takoma Park
- Public Space Management Plan – Preliminary Recommendations
- Maple Avenue Connectivity Project underway

## Washington Adventist Campus

- Monthly coordination meetings with Planning Staff and the City of Takoma Park

## Other Plan Partners

- Affordable housing providers, including Montgomery Housing Partnership (MHP)
- Meetings with civic associations and other community organizations

This plan will seek to answer the following questions:

What is the future of Maple Avenue and the surrounding area?

What is the future of Washington Adventist Campus and the surrounding area?

How can the plan build on community assets to enhance the livability and quality of life in the Plan Area?

# Community Engagement Update

- Engagement since September 2021
- Heard from 550+ community members, including:
  - Residents of multifamily buildings
  - Students and faculty at Washington Adventist University
  - Community members and other stakeholders
  - Neighborhood and community groups



# Key Takeaways



Residents like living in Takoma Park



Desire for affordable housing on Washington Adventist Campus



Concern about loss of the hospital, desire for urgent care or health clinic to remain



Desire for walkable retail options on Washington Adventist Campus, specifically a grocery store

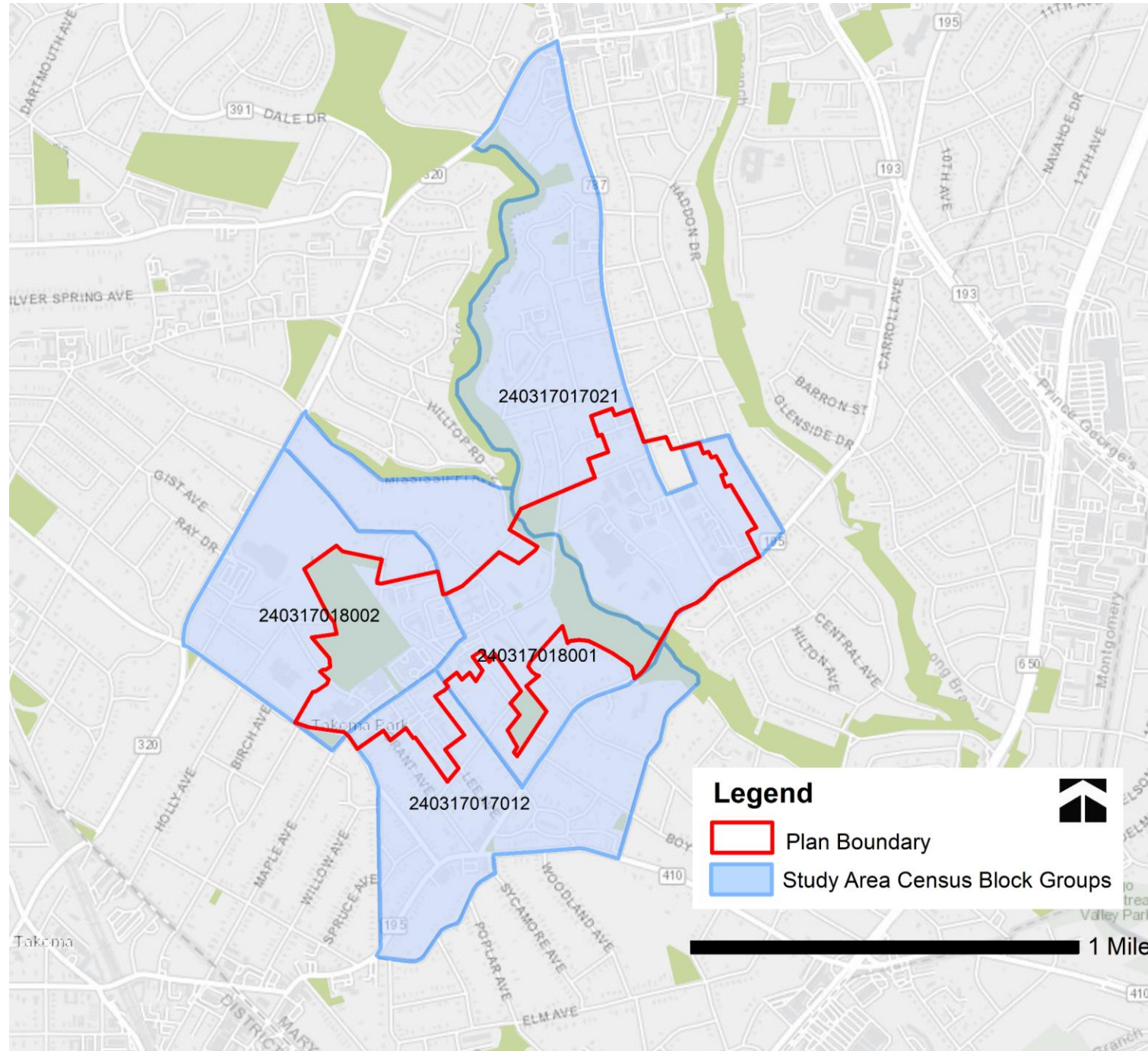


Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park as an important asset that should be protected



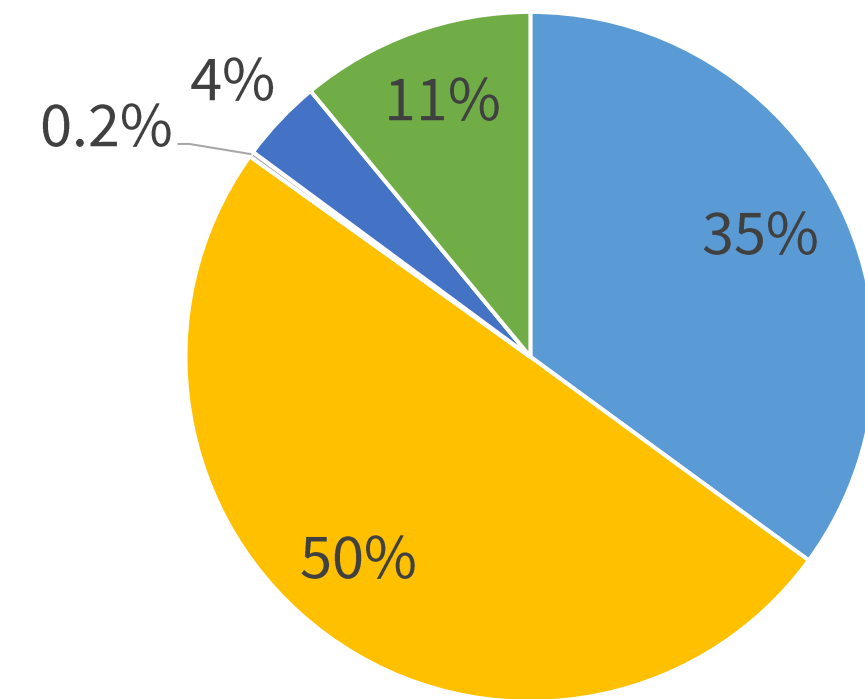
Desire for public amenities on Washington Adventist Campus, such as a space for community gathering, fitness center and swimming pool

# Study Area Demographics



Map of the Study Area

Study Area Race and Ethnicity 2019 (ACS)

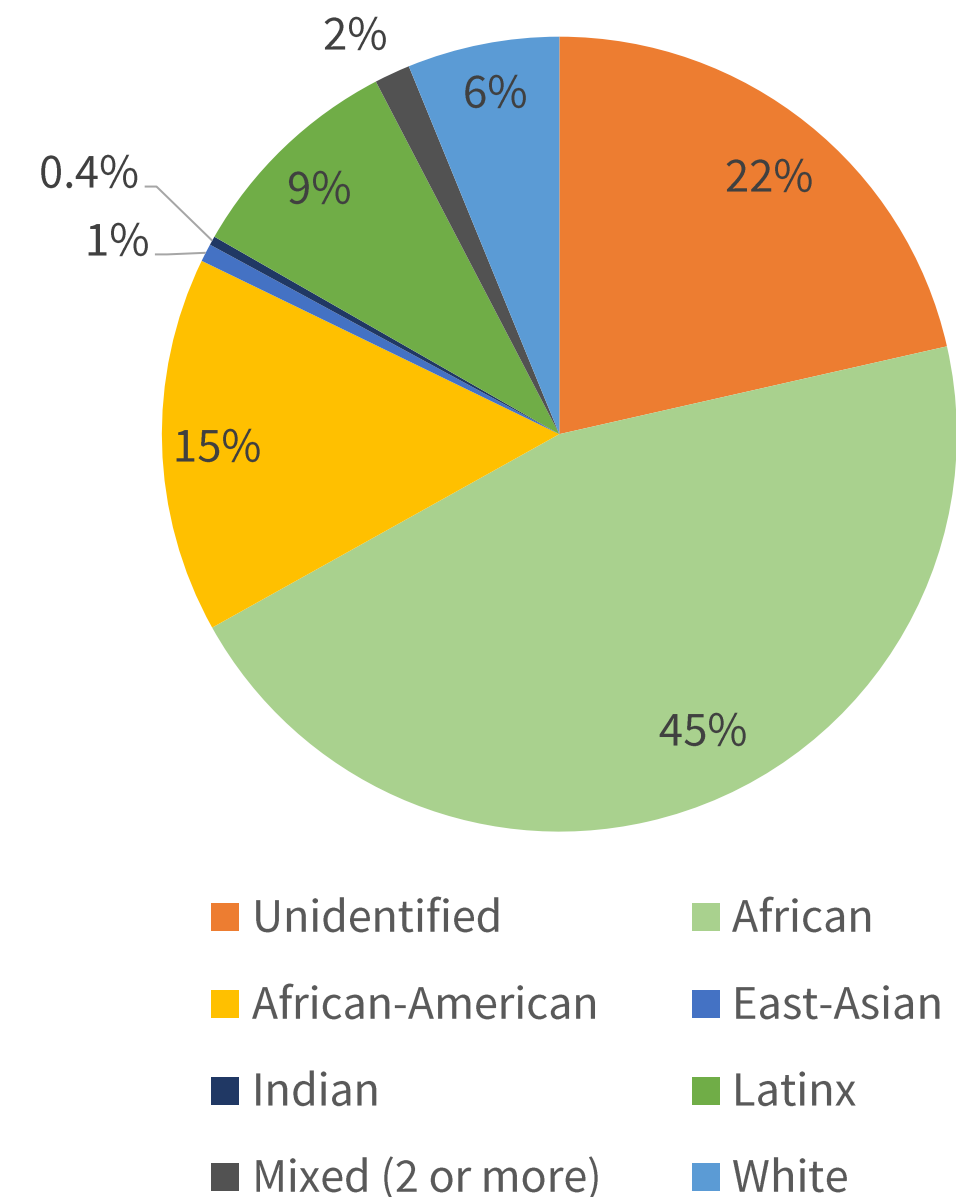


- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian and Alaska Native
- Asian
- Hispanic or Latino

# Maple and Lee Avenues Canvassing

- 239 residents interviewed
- What we heard:
  - Safe, quiet place to live and “good community”
  - Pleased with quality of the schools, but desire more community resources
  - Appreciate walkability of area, but would like more direct transportation connections to Downtown Silver Spring and other destinations
  - Desire for grocery store and more community spaces
  - Concern about maintenance issues and security in apartment buildings

Self-Identified Race and Ethnicity of Participants

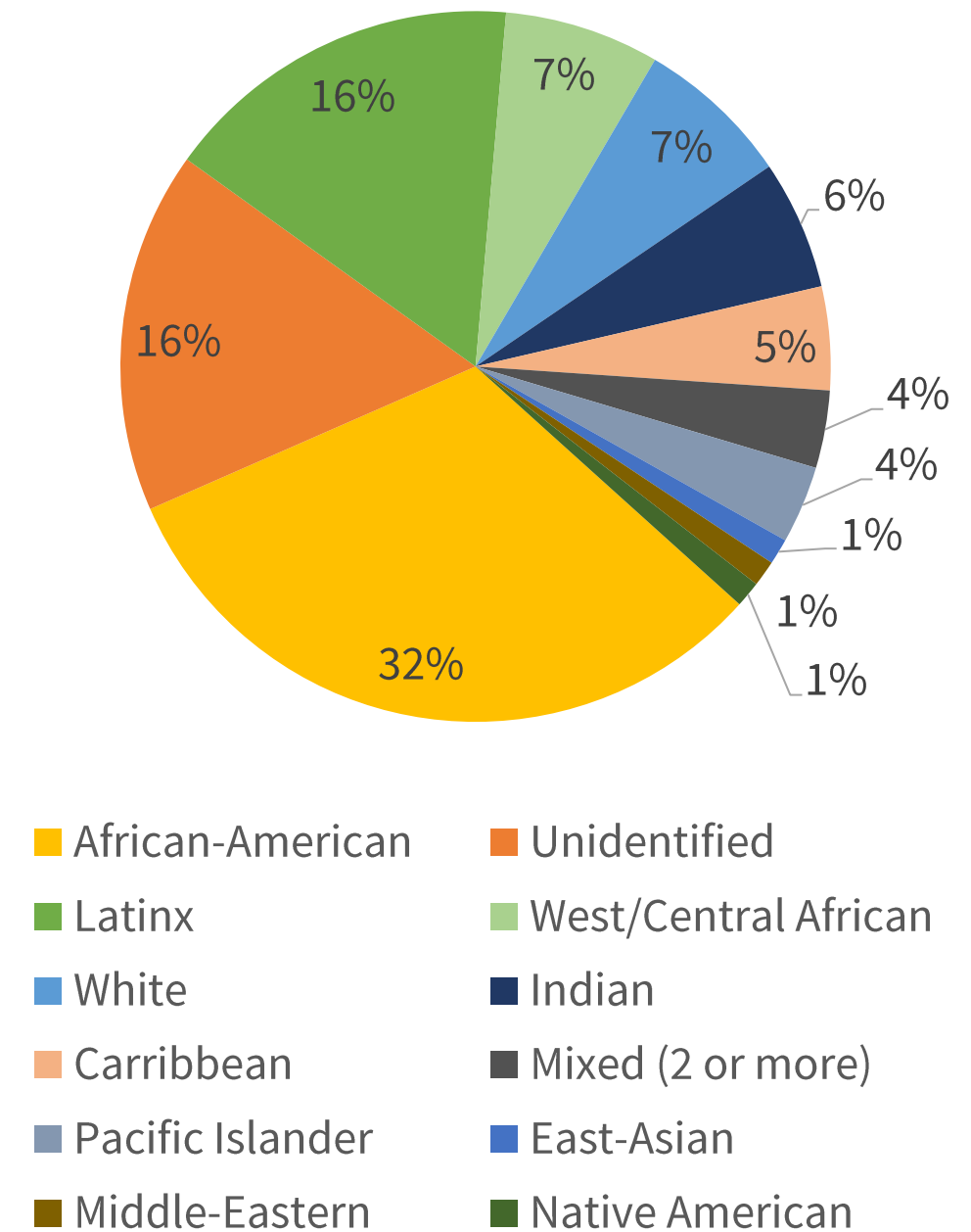




# Washington Adventist University Canvassing

- 85 students and faculty members
- What we heard:
  - Campus facilities are aging and need upgrades, specifically the dorms
  - Desire for more social spaces on campus as well as food and entertainment options
  - Students do not feel connected to surrounding community

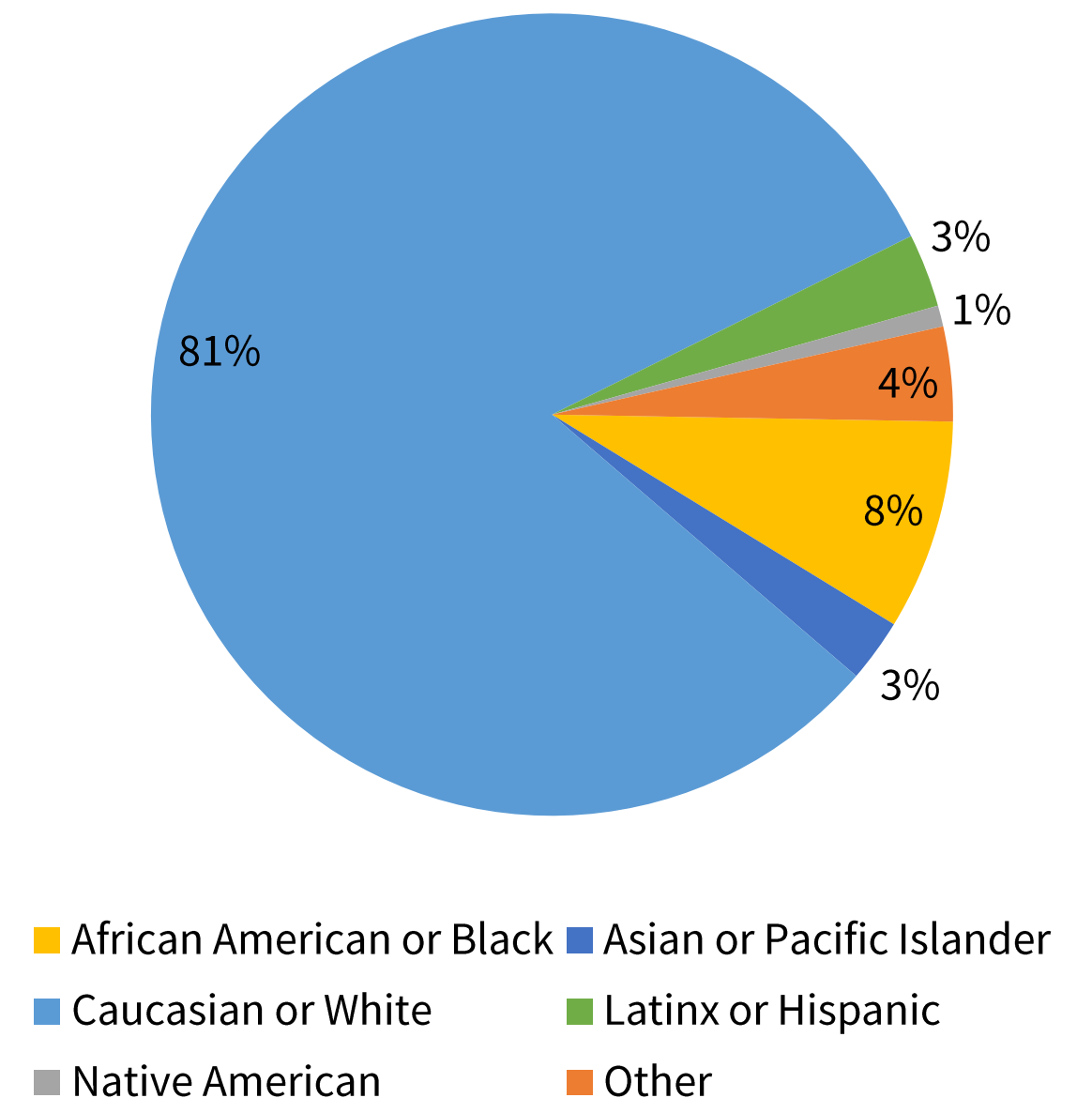
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# Online Questionnaire

- 239 respondents
- What we heard:
  - Passion for Takoma Park’s walkability, community, trees, diversity, local businesses, progressive values and Sligo Creek Park
  - Desire for “underutilized land” and impervious surfaces on Washington Adventist Campus to be put to better use
  - Desire for open, green spaces and trees to remain on Washington Adventist Campus
  - Desire for development at Washington Adventist Campus to include housing, mixed-use development and a new high school
  - Concerns about future development included traffic, “overdevelopment” and tension in the community

Self-Identified Race and Ethnicity of Respondents



# Additional Engagement

- Takoma Park Farmers Market and Crossroads Farmers Market
- National Night Out
- Retail Pop-ups at Erie Center and on Maple Avenue
- Meetings with community and neighborhood groups:
  - Climate Action Coffee Group
  - Sligo Park Hills Citizens Association
  - Long Branch Sligo Creek Citizens Association
  - Ward 5 Residents Meeting (Hosted by Councilmember Jarrett Smith)

# Visioning Open House

Where: Piney Branch Elementary School

When: October 18<sup>th</sup> (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Activities:

- Exhibits (Informational/Educational Boards)
- Interactive Stations
- Live interpretation services available upon request

Online on-demand version will also be made available



# Updated Plan Timeline

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Scope of Work: Fall 2021

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Existing Conditions: Fall 2021 – Winter 2022

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Visioning and Preliminary Recommendations: Fall 2022 – Winter 2023

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Working Draft: Winter 2023 – Spring 2023

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Public Hearing/Work Sessions: Spring – Summer 2023

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Planning Board Draft Transmittal: Summer 2023

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County Council Review/Public Hearing/Work Sessions: Fall 2023

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Commission Adoption of Plan: Fall 2023

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Sectional Map Amendment: Winter 2023 – 2024

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