



EASTERN SILVER SPRING Communities Plan

Master Plan Process

 MASTER PLAN MILESTONE  COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Work Program
Master plans are added to the Work Program.



Pre-Scope
Data collection, analysis, and review of current conditions and trends.



Scope of Work
Scope of work, including a proposed plan boundary, presented to the Planning Board for approval.



Visioning + Analysis
Community conversations, best practices and professional expertise help develop a vision for the plan area.



Preliminary Recommendations
Planners develop broad recommendations for the plan.



Working Draft
Based on community feedback, planners develop more specific recommendations and present the plan to the community and Board.



Public Hearing Draft
The Planning Board holds a Public Hearing on the draft recommendations and work sessions to make revisions.



Planning Board Draft
The Planning Board approves the new draft and transmits it to the County Council and the County Executive.



County Council Review + Executive Review
County Council holds a Public Hearing on the plan and work sessions to make revisions. The County Executive provides comments.



Approval + Adoption
The County Council approves the plan and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission adopts it. Montgomery Planning publishes the final approved and adopted plan.

The Eastern Silver Spring Communities Plan is just getting started!

Learn about the master plan process and how to get involved with the plan as Montgomery Planning staff starts to gather data and explore the existing conditions of the study area for this plan.

What is a master plan?

Every community in Montgomery County is part of a master plan for how it can flourish in the future. A master plan takes a comprehensive look at how people live, work, play, and shop in their community to create a vision for the future and makes recommendations to achieve that vision. Master plans make recommendations related to land uses (how a property or building can be used), zoning, transportation, schools, parks, and more. Master plans also address housing, historic preservation, pedestrian networks, trail systems, and environmental issues. The Eastern Silver Spring Communities Plan will supersede previous master plans for the communities included in the plan.

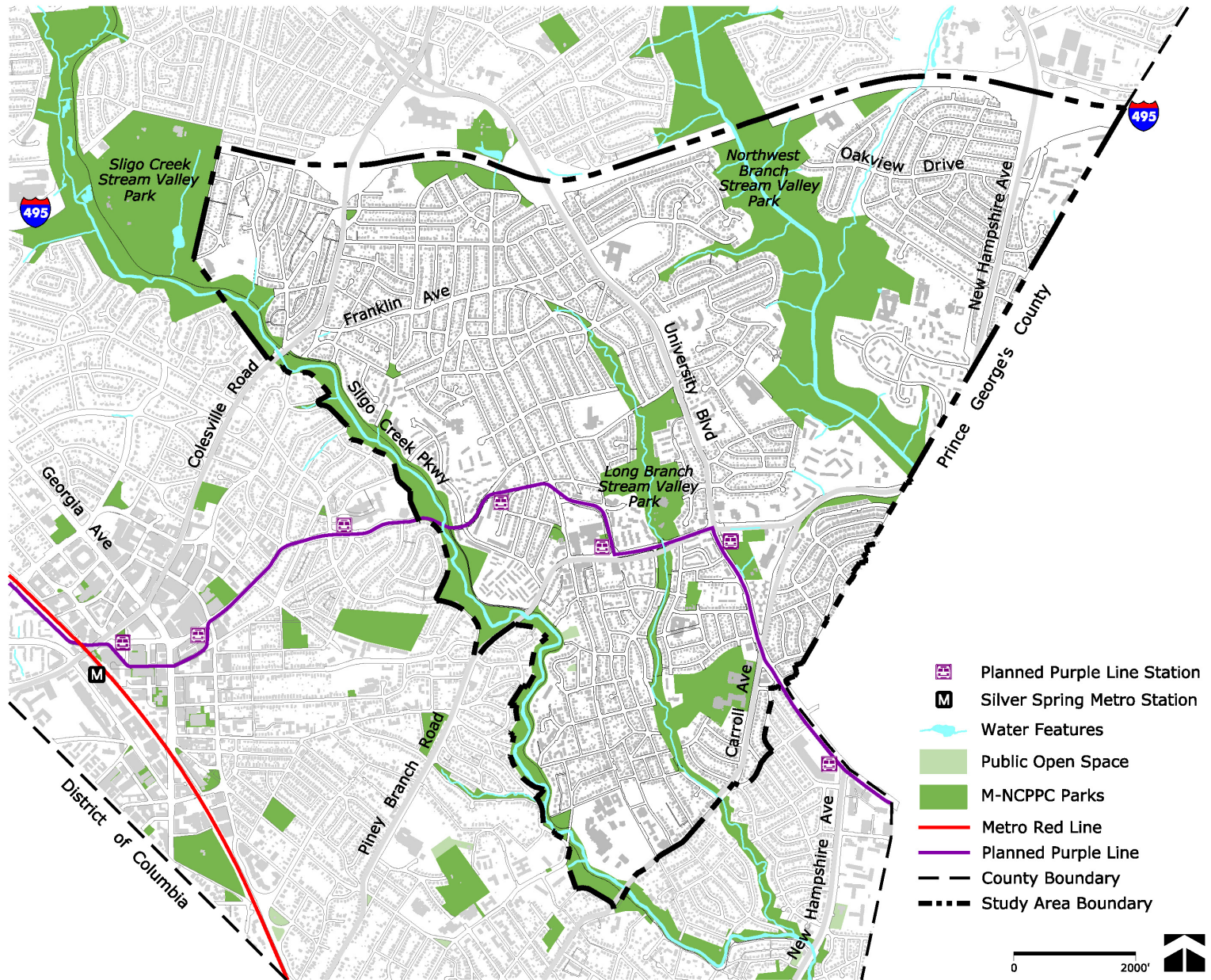
How long does the master plan process take?

Planners work with communities to create new master plans every 15 to 20 years. The master plan process, shown to the left, is an open public process and includes lots of opportunities for the public to get involved and share their views. The Planning Board, County Council, and County Executive all review the plan. The County Council has final approval. The process takes about two to three years.

What areas will be included in the Eastern Silver Spring Communities Plan (ESSCP)?

At the beginning of a master plan, staff will focus on a Study Area (shown on back page) that extends from Sligo Creek east to the Prince George's County line, inside the Capital Beltway (Interstate 495). While learning about this Study Area, staff will work with the community to identify a smaller area, the Plan Area, that will be the focus of the master plan recommendations. Staff will present this Plan Area boundary to the Planning Board as part of the master plan Scope of Work later this year or early 2024.

EASTERN SILVER SPRING COMMUNITIES STUDY AREA MAP



GET INVOLVED



Invite us to join you at your next meeting to share information about the plan and hear your feedback.

Email us at EasternSilverSpring@montgomeryplanning.org to invite us to your next civic association, homeowners' association or community meeting.



Look for us in your neighborhood! Throughout the fall and the plan process, members of the planning team will be at **local community events**, like festivals and farmers markets. Please stop by to learn more about the plan and to help us better understand your community.



Use Montgomery Planning's online **ReactMap** to tell us about your community from your phone or keyboard! Keep an eye out for signs in the area with questions about your experiences and respond by text. You can also respond and share other feedback online at mcreactmap.com. Don't forget to tag it #FixIt, #LoveIt or #NeedIt!



Sign up for the plan **e-letter by visiting our webpage!** It is one of the best ways to stay informed about the ESSCP. E-letters will share information about upcoming events and meetings as well as information about the plan.

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