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Save the Dates: Community Invited to Review Draft of St. Mary's 2050 Plan During Drop-In Open Houses this March

LEONARDTOWN, MD – St. Mary's County Government's Department of Land Use & Growth Management (LUGM) has released the first draft of the **St. Mary's 2050 Plan** and is inviting the community to review the document and share feedback to help guide the final version.

St. Mary's 2050: Charting Our Tomorrow is the County's long-range Comprehensive Plan that will shape land use, growth, and preservation decisions through 2050 and beyond. Input gathered during this 45-day review period will play an important role in refining the plan to ensure it reflects shared priorities, values, and future needs of the community.

A series of **drop-in Open Houses** will be held in March, providing opportunities to review the draft, ask questions, and share feedback directly with the project team. These sessions are informal, open-house style events and community members may attend at any time during the listed hours. The format is designed to encourage one-on-one conversation, gather perspectives, and allow residents to participate at their convenience.

Community members are encouraged to **save the dates** and stop by one of the Open Houses:

- **Monday, March 2, 2026**
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lexington Park Library
21677 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Blvd, Lexington Park
- **Monday, March 2, 2026**
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
St. Mary's College Daugherty-Palmer Commons (DPC)
47720 College Dr, St. Mary's City
- **Tuesday, March 3, 2026**
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Loffler Senior Center
21905 Chancellors Run Road, Great Mills

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- **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Northern Senior Center
29655 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall

- **Thursday, March 5, 2026**

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Captain Walter Francis Duke Regional Airport
44200 Airport Road, California

- **Saturday, March 7, 2026**

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lexington Park Library
21677 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Blvd, Lexington Park

- **Saturday, March 7, 2026**

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Leonardtown Library
23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown

Please note: If St. Mary's County Government Administrative Offices are closed due to inclement weather on any scheduled session date, that Open House will be canceled.

Can't attend? The draft plan is available online at: www.stmaryscountymd.gov/StMarys2050.

Feedback may be submitted directly through the project webpage by clicking the "Participate Now" button. This online option allows individuals to review the plan at their own pace and provide comments on key topics and recommendations. Paper copies of the plan are also available for review at all St. Mary's County public libraries, senior centers, and the Health Hub.

All feedback received — both online and in person — will be considered as the plan moves toward its final draft for consideration by the Planning Commission in late spring and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County this summer.

About St. Mary's 2050

St. Mary's 2050: Charting Our Tomorrow is an update to the County's Comprehensive Plan and will guide future land use and development decisions through 2050 and beyond. The plan will help ensure St. Mary's County continues to thrive while preserving its unique character, natural resources, and quality of life. Ongoing engagement is a critical part of shaping a shared vision for the County's future.

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