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The Commissioners of St. Mary's County to Hold Public Hearing on St. Mary's 2050 Comprehensive Plan Draft

LEONARDTOWN, MD – The Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) have scheduled a public hearing to consider public testimony on the draft of the St. Mary's 2050 plan. The decision to move the draft plan to a public hearing was made following a [briefing](#) provided by the Department of Land Use & Growth Management on August 18, 2026, and a [work session](#) conducted on September 15, 2026.

The public hearing will be conducted on **Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **CSMC Meeting Room** of the Chesapeake Building located at 41770 Baldrige St. in Leonardtown. **Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.**, and sign-up sheets for those wishing to speak will be available in the lobby.

Residents are encouraged to attend and share their feedback on the draft St. Mary's 2050 plan. Those wishing to address the Commissioners may participate in person or provide feedback via:

- Email to: csmc@stmaryscountymd.gov
- Mail to: PO Box 653 Leonardtown, Maryland 20650

The deadline to submit public comments is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2026. All submissions will be considered by the CSMC at the Public Hearing and for up to seven days following the hearing. Additional details regarding the Public Hearing are available at: www.stmaryscountymd.gov/publichearings.

The draft *St. Mary's 2050 plan* continues to be available for public review online at: www.stmaryscountymd.gov/stmarys2050/.

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The St. Mary's 2050 Comprehensive Plan will guide land use decisions through 2050 and help ensure the community grows responsibly while preserving its rural character, natural resources, and quality of life. Throughout the planning process, residents, businesses, and stakeholders have been invited to share their thoughts and ideas about the future of St. Mary's County.

For more information or assistance, please contact the Department of Land Use & Growth Management (LUGM) at (301) 475-4200, ext. 1500, or via email to StMarys2050@stmaryscountymd.gov. Community members are also welcome to stop by the LUGM office to speak with a member of our team. Additional information, including office hours and location details, is available at www.stmaryscountymd.gov/LUGM.

About St. Mary's 2050

St. Mary's 2050: Charting Our Tomorrow is an update to the County's Comprehensive Plan that will guide future land use and development decisions while supporting economic vitality, environmental stewardship, and quality of life. Continued community engagement is a key component of creating a plan that reflects a shared vision for St. Mary's County's future.

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