

## Department of Planning/Meeting Announcement

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

The Maryland Department of Planning (Planning) is excited to announce that we are visiting Somerset County on Tuesday, December 12 as part of our outreach effort for the new state development plan! As you may recall, Governor Hogan signed an Executive Order in August which began the process for the development of a new plan. We are proud to be spearheading this effort for **A Better Maryland**.

**A Better Maryland** is a collaborative process working with local governments, recognizing common priorities, and identifying strategies and resources for responsible growth and resource protection. The first step will be a series of 24 Listening Session events (local staff, elected officials, and the public) in every Maryland County and Baltimore City. The purpose of the Listening Sessions is to engage and connect with the public, local governments, state agencies, and other stakeholders across Maryland and solicit their feedback on what should be included in a state development plan and how it can help state agencies and local governments plan **A Better Maryland**.

The meetings are open to everyone.

### **Local Staff Meeting: 10:00 am**

Location: Somerset County Office Complex, County Commissioners Meeting Room 111  
11916 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne

### **Elected Officials and Planning Commissioners: 1:00 pm**

Location: Somerset County Office Complex, County Commissioners Meeting Room 111  
11916 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne

### **Public Meeting: 5:30 pm**

Location: Princess Anne Public Library 11767 Beechwood Street, Princess Anne

At the meeting, participants will engage with each other and with Planning staff on how **A Better Maryland** can best advance local needs and contribute to collaborative planning across the state. The 24 county-level meetings are only the beginning. Planning will periodically check in with stakeholders throughout the development of **A Better Maryland** to ensure we heard you correctly and are on the right track. This is a multi-year process and we are designing many opportunities for stakeholder involvement and input.

Planning wants to stress that **A Better Maryland** will be an open and inclusive process and the final product will be molded with input from the Maryland community.

Planning just launched a new website dedicated to **A Better Maryland** at [ABetter.Maryland.gov](http://ABetter.Maryland.gov), at which you can learn more about the effort and stay informed of its progress. [RSVPs](#) are appreciated for planning purposes, but not necessary.