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The public is invited to attend and listen to the matters being presented, however please be advised that this is a Work Session Meeting, and therefore public comments will not be accepted.



**WORK SESSION
AGENDA
December 12, 2017
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
11916 Somerset Avenue, Rm. 111/Meeting Room
Princess Anne, MD 21853**

1:00 p.m. - Maryland Department of Planning/States Development Plan

A Better Maryland: Local Officials Listening Session Agenda

Date and Time: December 12, 2017; 1:00 PM

Location: Somerset County Office Complex, County Commissioners Meeting Room 111

Address: 11916 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, Maryland 21853

Purpose

The meeting is designed to be a listening session to discover how a new State Development Plan can meet the needs of local officials and improve statewide land planning and coordination.

Format

A roundtable discussion of elected and appointed officials meeting with the Special Secretary of Smart Growth and Planning Secretary in open comment and question dialogue.

Welcome and Introductions

Maryland Department of Planning Introduction

- What is a State Development Plan? Why are we meeting?
- State Development Plans in Maryland and Requirements
- Project Timeline, Tasks, and Schedule
- Meeting Objectives
 - Establish open lines of communication to prepare the best State Development Plan possible
 - Clarify what the State Development Plan is and what it is not
 - Understand local perspectives and priorities
 - Identify local concerns and wishes

Listening Session Discussion

- What planning efforts or processes in your communities/jurisdictions are you proud of? What are your assets?
- What are some barriers to planning in your communities/jurisdictions?
- What type of planning resources or technical assistance would you like to have to support good planning and a high quality of life in your community?
- How can the State of Maryland improve coordination with local jurisdictions and with other state agencies to support good planning and a high quality of life in your community?
- What should be in a State Development Plan? How should it be organized? How can it maintain its utility over the years?
- What else do you think we should know about your communities/jurisdictions and about how we can do our job better?

Conclusion and Next Steps