

CR-81-2023 – Planning Board Analysis (Attachment 1)

A resolution for the purpose of establishing the Plan Prince George's 2035 Implementation and Infrastructure Task Force; setting forth procedures for the selection and appointment of members; assigning duties and responsibilities; setting forth provisions for administrative support of the board; and setting a time for the completion of work and termination of the temporary board.

The Planning Board has the following comments for consideration by the District Council:

Policy Analysis:

CR-81-2023 establishes an eleven-member Implementation and Infrastructure Task Force to examine the Implementation Strategies within Plan Prince George's 2035. The Prince George's County Planning Board Chair must designate two staff members from the Prince George's County Planning Department to serve on the task force. The task force will recommend to the County Council how to best reconcile current development policies and regulations within the General Plan to limit sprawl and development outside of transit-oriented areas and local centers and address climate goals and infrastructure deficiencies in the County.

Plan 2035, under Section V (Implementation), identifies a series of priority actions that Prince George's County must take to implement our shared vision for the future. The proposed task force is a critical first step in bringing together key stakeholders to chart a path forward for Plan 2035 implementation.

In July 2019, Planning Board staff began work on the first Five-Year Review of Plan 2035 ("The Review"). In January 2020, the Planning Board staff presented a progress report to the County Council's Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee. The review was published in September 2020.

The review established a broad methodology for evaluating the plan, focusing on reporting on the "Indicators of Success." The review included an exercise to link every strategy or policy to one of the indicators, such that one could connect action taken on one of the strategies or policies to the indicator's performance.

The review also contained recommendations for future monitoring and evaluation of Plan 2035, including expanding the number of indicators and developing a methodology to create and monitor a pipeline for residential and commercial development.

Council members should further note that, as part of the research for the review, the Planning Board staff, and partner agencies were interviewed to determine progress against each plan strategy and policy and asked to provide proof to support their responses. These responses helped Planning Board staff categorize each strategy and policy into "Not Started," "Ongoing," "In Progress," or "Completed." A copy of the Planning Department's Five-Year Review of Plan 2035 can be found in the attached link:

https://www.mncppcapps.org/planning/publications/BookDetail.cfm?item_id=383&Category_id=2.

Establishing the task force is an excellent opportunity to evaluate and adjust the vision of Plan Prince George's 2035. The Planning Board supports the creation of this task force and looks forward to assisting the County Council and the task force.

Impacted Property:

The resolution will affect most Prince George's County properties, except for properties located in the City of Laurel.

Following discussion, the Planning Board voted to support CR-81-2023.