

ENVISION A TRANSIT READY ELKTON

Elkton Transit Oriented Development Plan



PLEASE JOIN US
**ELKTON
VISIONING
WORKSHOP**

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ELKTON MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 2nd FLOOR

We invite you to a Visioning Workshop to shape the future of downtown Elkton. The concerns and ideas you express will be the basis for readying Elkton for successful future rail service and developing a strategy to enhance Elkton as a unique community.

During this interactive event, learn what characteristics make transit-oriented communities successful and discuss your ideas, concerns and objectives. What type of future development can best enhance Elkton, which services and facilities are most needed, what transportation improvements will give safe, appealing travel choices, and how can public art, landscaping and infrastructure nurture Elkton as a desirable place to live, work and play?



Why plan for Transit Oriented Development?

Transit oriented development (TOD) is a mixed use residential and commercial area designed to make public transit successful, walking and bicycling convenient and safe, and provide for a vibrant, livable community. We are developing an Elkton TOD Plan to:

- Promote future reintroduction of rail service to Elkton
- Enhance community character in the downtown
- Improve regional access and local walking, bicycling and transit services
- Support local and state Smart Growth policies and economic development initiatives
- Embrace Elkton's history while preparing for its future

JOIN US FOR A VISIONING WORKSHOP

The Town of Elkton, Cecil County and the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) invite all interested residents and property and business owners to participate in a public Visioning Workshop to plan for the future of downtown Elkton.

For information:

302.737.6205 or toll free from Cecil County 888.808.7088

www.wilmapco.org/Elkton

WHAT IS TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT?

Transit-oriented development (TOD) creates compact, walkable neighborhoods around transit or planned transit. It helps make transit successful by creating many destinations within a short walk, offering convenient access to jobs, shopping, services and recreation.

Elkton has great TOD potential. Currently along the 460 miles of commuter rail between Richmond, Virginia and New London, Connecticut, there is one major gap: the 20 miles from Perryville to Newark. Filling this gap has been a top local and regional priority.. Maryland is promoting transit-oriented development to increase the number of riders and get a better return on rail investment.

While TODs come in many sizes and types, successful TODs share a few characteristics:

- Pedestrian-friendly development with wide sidewalks, well-marked crosswalks, good lighting and narrow streets to slow traffic. Landscaping, inviting public spaces and interesting architecture enhance walkability.
- Greatest density of land use is closest to transit and tapers off as you get farther out.
- Surface parking is limited to efficiently use prime locations closest to transit and shared, structured parking is considered a better option.
- Provides a mix of housing, jobs, shopping and recreation choices.
- Increases community value for public and private sectors, residents and visitors.
- There is no one-size-fits-all TOD; design and scale must complement desired community character.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Attend the Visioning Workshop on October 29, 7 p.m., 2nd floor of the Elkton Municipal Building, 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, Maryland 21921
- Schedule an individual interview or a presentation to your group. Call 302.737.6205 or toll free from Cecil County 888.808.7088.
- Visit project website to learn more or submit your comments at www.wilmapco.org/Elkton

WHO IS THE PROJECT TEAM?

This plan is being developed by the Wilmington Area Planning Council, in partnership with the Town of Elkton, Cecil County and the Maryland Department of Transportation. Through the planning process, we will be coordinating with local leadership, land owners, major employers, residents and other interested stakeholders. Design Collective and RK&K—consultants for award winning TOD plans developed elsewhere in Maryland—will be providing technical support.

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