



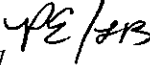
# Howard County

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## *Internal Memorandum*

**Subject:** *Planning Board Recommendation for GPA 2017-01*

**To:** *Jon Weinstein, Council Chairperson  
Dr. Calvin Ball, Council Vice-Chairperson  
Greg Fox, Councilperson  
Mary Kay Sigaty, Councilperson  
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**From:** *Phil Engelke, Chairperson*   
*Howard County Planning Board*

**Date:** *July 5, 2017*

On April 20, 2017, the Planning Board held a public hearing to consider General Plan Amendment 2017-01 to *PlanHoward 2030*; submitted by the Department of Planning and Zoning. The General Plan Amendment, if approved, would revise Figure 6-10 by reducing the Growth and Revitalization allocations from 1,200 per year to 1,000 per year and increase the Established Communities allocations from 400 per year to 600 per year beginning in 2020. The Adequate Public Facilities Task Force recommended this redistribution of allocations contingent on a separate recommendation to remove the shared allocation pool.

According to Section 16.900(i) of the Howard County Code, a 30-day notice of the time and place of the original hearing was published in two newspapers of general circulation in the County. An agenda and technical staff report were posted on the Board's webpage two weeks in advance of the hearing.

Written and oral testimony was presented to the Board on this proposal. The sign-in sheet, an audio recording of the proceedings, and copies of any written input are on file at the Department of Planning and Zoning.

### **Recommendation**

Based on public input and Board discussion at the public hearing, the Planning Board supported eliminating the Shared Growth and Revitalization and Established Communities allocation area. However, the Board was not in favor of altering Figure 6-10 to redistribute allocations within the Growth and Revitalization and Established Communities categories, which had been put forth as a companion measure by the Task Force. The Planning Board recommended denial of the proposed General Plan amendment altering Figure 6-10 of *PlanHoward 2023*. The motion passed 5-0.