

# Summary of Recommendations - Status Update as of September 2020

The following is a summary of the recommendations contained within this Comprehensive Plan. Further details regarding specific topics may be found at the end of each Element in the plan. Status is indicated by **Completed**, **In-Process**, **Forthcoming**, and **On-Going**.

Recommendation	Status	Next Step
Any increases in land use densities will be generally limited in order to mitigate the impact on traffic and existing infrastructure.	<b>In-Process</b>	Land use densities will follow the Adopted Plan.
Allow potential for a variety of housing types and densities to serve all ages, particularly the aging population and families with young children, consistent with the Vision Statement of this Plan.	<b>In-Process</b>	This is continually being developed as part of the rezoning effort and the residential text revisions.
Recognizing that many citizens came to the Freedom Area to escape the trappings of urbanization in surrounding counties, the government will not attempt to fundamentally transform communities against the will of existing homeowners and residents. Recognizing that Freedom is a suburban/rural area, government will respect the character of the community and its neighborhoods.	<b>On-Going</b>	
According to the Pew Research Center there is an increasing trend toward “ <i>Generational Housing</i> ” wherein multiple generations live under one roof. “ <i>A record 64 million Americans live in multigenerational households.</i> ” Freedoms should remain a place that will accommodate larger homesites that can accommodate additions of in-law suites or similar improvements that enable multiple generations of families to live together. Facilitate residential infill development consistent with the character of adjacent housing in Freedom’s existing established neighborhoods, recognizing the value that many citizens place of	<b>In-Process</b>	This is continually being developed as part of the rezoning effort and the residential text revisions.

larger lot development.		
Surgically refine intracounty multimodal transportation to better target the needs of the elderly and disabled.	In-Process	This is being developed as part of the County's 5-year Transit Development Plan.
Increase the amount of land designated for commercial and light industrial uses in the areas targeted for economic development.	In-Process	This is part of the Comprehensive Rezoning effort, following the Adopted Plan.
Maintain a predictable, consistent and evenly applied development review process. Develop several small-scale, pedestrian friendly, destination-oriented places through the development of vacant parcels and through redevelopment.	Completed And On-Going	This is part of the existing Development Review Process.  As the implementation of the Plan continues to move forward development of these communities will continue.
Address the visual appearance and lack of "sense of place" in Freedom's commercial corridors.	Forthcoming	
Reduce the boundaries of the Freedom Designated Growth Area (DGA) to remove State-owned conservation lands and environmentally sensitive areas.	Completed	This was done with the Adoption of the Plan.
Investigate and establish policies, strategies, and practices to encourage cost effective redevelopment of aging obsolete, or blighted properties.	Forthcoming	
Promote intelligent and appropriate use of historic resources and develop programs for the Freedom area that will encourage and enhance historic preservation.	Forthcoming	
Identify and promote bicycle and pedestrian connections to key historic, tourism, and scenic destinations.	Completed And On-Going	This was completed with the Adoption of the Freedom Plan and the Certification of the County-Wide Bike-Ped Plan. This will be an on-going effort as the network is developed.
Conserve sensitive area lands through existing policies and programs and minimize the impact of development upon sensitive areas.	Completed And On-Going	This was completed with the Adoption of the Plan and is reaffirmed with County policies protecting these lands.
Continue to improve and enhance the movement and conveyance of people and materials via our system of roads within Freedom's	In-Process And On-Going	Improving and enhancing is an on-going effort in the County. Implementation is in-process with various development projects in the community.

<p>transportation network. Consistently implement, through the development review process and a variety of funding mechanisms, the construction on all Planned Major Streets identified in the Plan.</p>		
<p>Continue to aggressively pursue capacity enhancements to MD 32 and MD 26.</p>	<p>In-Process</p>	<p>The SHA recently completed a thorough study of the MD 26 corridor. This study will assist the county in prioritizing enhancement and improvements to the corridor.</p> <p>MD 32 is currently being upgraded with a \$15 million project for the new Army National Guard facility.</p> <p>The BCC continues to include these two roads in the CTP Priority Letter to the Secretary of Transportation</p>
<p>Continually explore and determine the needs for n Intracounty Transportation.</p>	<p>In-Process</p>	
<p>Conduct small area analyses within the Freedom CPA to provide more specific right-of-way, traffic operations, and geometric design guidance for implementation of the local area network.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>This was completed with 3 various projects:</p> <p>MD 32 Planning and Environmental Linkages Project</p> <p>MD 26 Corridor Study</p> <p>Carroll County Transportation Corridor &amp; Subarea Analysis by Mead &amp; Hunt.</p>
<p>Ensure that the proposed development plans are consistent with the Adopted Comprehensive Plan and Plan Elements to improve traffic flow and facilitate alternative intracounty transportation alternatives for the elderly and disabled, as well as bicyclist and pedestrian needs, to be addressed through the development review process.</p>	<p>On-Going</p>	<p>This is part of the policies and procedures of the Bureau of Development Review.</p>
<p>Ensure approved development does not outpace the County's ability to provide public facilities in a timely manner.</p>	<p>On-Going</p>	<p>Part of the County's Adopted concurrency management ordinance.</p>
<p>Ensure approved commercial and residential development does not outpace the County's financial</p>	<p>On-Going</p>	<p>Part of the County's Capital Improvements Program and Concurrency Management.</p>

ability to provide water and sewer capacity.		
Put forward the Water and Sewer Service Area text and maps as part of the 2018 Carroll County Water and Sewer Master Plan Triennial update.	Completed	Adopted and MDE Approved as part of the Water and Sewer Master Plan Triennial update.
Revise the PFA boundary to reflect the sewer service area that is recommended in the 2017 Carroll County Water and Sewer Master Plan Triennial update.	Forthcoming	With Adoption and Approval of the W&S Triennial Update and subsequent rezoning County Planning will evaluate and submit updated PFA boundaries to the MDP.
Reallocate unused sewer service capacity for properties on septic systems within Sewer Service areas to potential new development.	Completed And On-Going	This was done with the Adopted and Approved W&S Triennial Update. There is still some limited availability of W&S that can be reallocated for future projects.
Periodically evaluate concurrency management standards for Emergency Medical & Fire Protection and Police Protection facilities and services.	On-Going	This is evaluated regularly by the Department Emergency Services and the Bureau of Development Review.
Develop and implement a long-term corridor enhancement project for the MD 26 business district to improve conveyance, connectivity, and increase redevelopment opportunities.	In-Process	The SHA recently completed a thorough study of the MD 26 corridor. This study will assist the county in prioritizing enhancement and improvements to the corridor
Promote Community Investment Program (CIP) projects that are necessary to preserve the quality of life that this land use plan seeks to preserve.	On-Going	Part the annual CIP.
Review, revise and amend the County Zoning Ordinance to ensure uses are consistent with the County Master Plan.	In-Process	This is underway with comprehensive rezoning process text amendments and mapping updates.