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Harford County Seeks Public Input on Draft Green Infrastructure Plan

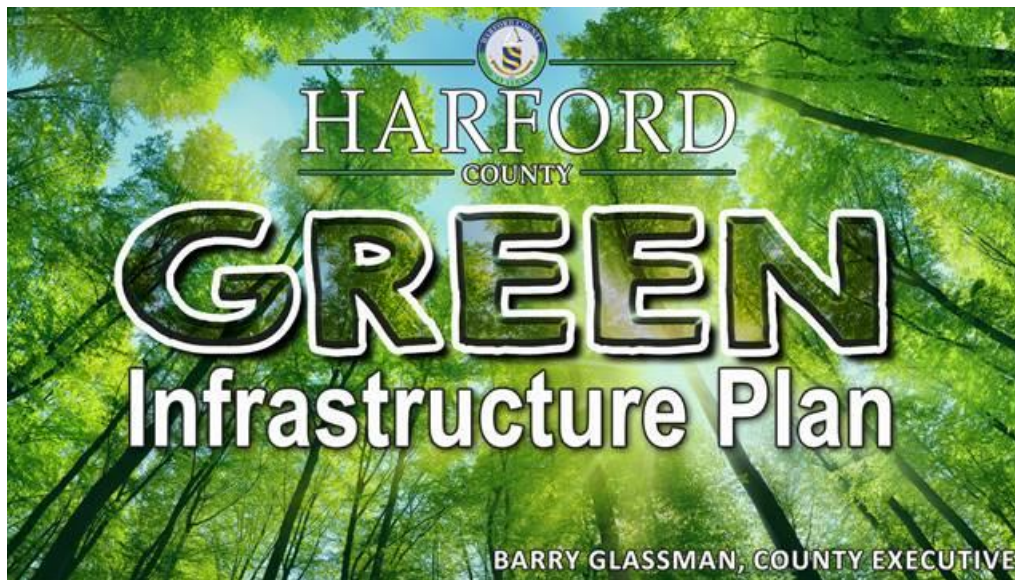
BEL AIR, Md., (Nov. 19, 2018) - A draft of Harford County's first Green Infrastructure Plan is now available online for public review and comment. Green infrastructure is an interconnected network of forests, wetlands, and waterways that supports natural ecosystems, preserves water resources, improves stormwater management, and promotes healthier communities. The draft plan identifies this network and opportunities to enhance the quality of life in Harford County.

Creation of the Green Infrastructure Plan is an implementation of HarfordNEXT, the countywide master plan developed by the Department of Planning & Zoning under the administration of County Executive Barry Glassman. The draft was created with financial assistance and support from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and other partners.


Public input was incorporated into the draft following open house meetings that raised awareness about the Green Infrastructure Plan while providing information about the development process, the schedule, and ways to get involved. Stakeholders and community members voiced their thoughts about what should be included in the green infrastructure network; their priorities for implementation; and their ideas for green infrastructure restoration/preservation/protection activities. Citizens also had the opportunity to provide comments on the plan by email.

Comments on the published draft are welcome through Friday, December 28, 2018. Public response will help shape the final draft of the Harford County Green Infrastructure Plan.

To view the draft plan and respond with comments, please visit <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/2636/Update-November-5>.



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