



30 March 2022

To: The Washington Grove Town Council

To our esteemed Colleagues

As instructed by the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code we are certifying to you, the Legislative Body of the Town of Washington Grove, the 2022 Comprehensive Plan as approved by the Planning Commission with Resolution 2022-02 on March 30, 2022.

The Planning Commission notes that over three years have gone into the current draft Comprehensive Plan. In addition to the work of the Planning Commissioners, many Grove residents have participated in writing and editing the document largely through the Town's Committees but also through workgroups on specific topics. We believe the material is carefully considered and no longer in need of revision. It is important to remember the Washington Grove Comprehensive Plan is broad and flexible in its nature. The Planning Commission considers it planning **guidance**, not to be regarded as planning **mandate**. The decisions about what to do are made by the Town Mayor and Town Council reflecting the needs and wants of the Town residents at any given point in time.

In addition to the 2022 Comprehensive Plan, we are sending all public testimony received before and after the Public Hearing (February 16) as required by Section 3 of the Land Use Article. The comments from the Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Maryland Historical Trust were received on August 16, 2021 and led to four months of extensive discussion and writing in order to appropriately incorporate new material into our Comprehensive Plan.

There are multiple documents with the written comments from Washington Grove Residents and a single document explaining what action the Planning Commission took regarding those testimonies. An exception are the last three documents received which were fairly long and detailed and therefore have the Planning Commission responses inserted into the submitted document. The comments we received are yet another testament to the spirit of participation we see in a gratifyingly large number of Grove residents.

Following this letter is a list of all attached documents.

Sincerely,
Peter Nagrod, Chair
Georgette Cole, Jon Cohen, Christine Dibble, Robert Johnson (Alternate), and Deborah Mehlferber.

CC: John Compton, Mayor, Washington Grove
Kathy Lehman, Town Clerk, Washington Grove

**List of Documents submitted to the Town Council with the Town of Washington Grove
2022 Comprehensive Plan**

2022 0330 Letter from the Planning Commission to the Town Council which includes this list of all documents submitted

2022 0330 Washington Grove Comprehensive Plan certified copy signed by Planning Commission Chair, Peter Nagrod (WGCP2022_PC FINAL 033022_Signed by PC Chair)

2022 0330 PC Resolution 2022-02 approving the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map

2022 0330 [PC Response](#) to written public comments on the 2022 Comprehensive Plan

2021 0727 Marc and Peggy Hansen written comments

2021 0816 The Maryland Department of Planning containing comments from Regional Planner Susan Llareus and additional documents with comments from the Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Maryland Historical Trust.

2022 0216 Jane Seegal (written follow-up to verbal testimony at the Public Hearing)

2022 0313 RASEC letter

2022 0313 Woods Committee statement

2022 0316 Kathy Lehman written comments

2022 0316 David Cosson suggestions and PC response

2022 0321 B Raimondo V2 suggestions and PC response

2022 0325 2022 0325 Changes to Forest Portion of CP_Raimondo-Dibble-Klein-Mahaffey submission