

Maryland Planning Commissioners Association 2022 Conference
October 25 - 26, 2022, Preliminary Program **(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**
Clarion Inn, Frederick

The MPCA will secure AICP Credits for most sessions

**Registration includes lunch and dinner on October 25, and breakfast and lunch on October 26*

Tuesday, October 25

7:30 am	Registration Begins
9 - 12 pm	Concurrent Sessions
A	Planning Commissioners Training Course (Maryland Department of Planning) 9 am - 12 pm
B	Open Meetings Act Training (Academy of Excellence) 10 am - 12 pm
12 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Check in and Networking
1:30 pm	Frederick County Planning Overview
2:00 pm	Frederick City Planning Overview
3 - 5 pm	Frederick City Staff Led Tour (Details TBD)
6:30 pm	Mentoring Reception
7 pm	Dinner & Welcome Reception

Wednesday, October 26

7:30 am	Registration Begins
8:30 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Conference Opening Mayor, City of Frederick, Michael O'Connor

9:30 am Plenary Session

30 Yrs of Planning in Maryland: What Have we Learned

Joseph Rutter, Former Planning Director, Howard and Anne Arundel Counties
Steve Zeigler, Planning Director, Anne Arundel, former Planning Director, Frederick and Harford Counties and Community Planning Chief for Prince George's
Pete Gutwald, Former Planning Director, Harford County, Baltimore County, and Annapolis
Uri Avin, Former Planning Director Howard and Deputy Director Harford and Baltimore Counties, and statewide consultant
Gerrit Knapp, Executive Director, National Center for Smart Growth

11:00 am Break

11:10 am Concurrent Sessions (State Agencies and Climate Change)

A New Water Resources Planning Guidance: Integrating Climate Change

Matthew Rowe, Assistant Director, Water and Science Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment

Jim George, Policy Advisor, Water and Science Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment

Jason Dubow, Manager, Resource Conservation & Management Unit, Maryland Department of Planning

B Transportation Planning: Supporting Federal and State Climate Action Strategies While Achieving MDOT's Mission

R. Earl Lewis, Jr., Deputy Secretary for Policy, Planning and Enterprise Services, Maryland Department of Transportation

Sandy Hertz, Director, Office of Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation, Maryland Department of Transportation

Heather Murphy, Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation

Water and Science Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment, TBD

12:00 pm Conference Addresses

County Executive, Frederick County, Jan Gardner
Secretary, Maryland Department of Planning, Robert McCord
Citizen Planner Recognitions

12:45 pm Lunch

Keynote Speaker, Eli Glazier, Multimodal Transportation Planner Coordinator, Montgomery County Planning Department

1:30 pm MPCA Annual Meeting

2:00 pm Plenary Session

Planning Commissions and Comprehensive Plan Consistency

Lisa Ghezzi, Talbot County Planning Commissioner

Chris Drummond, County Attorney

Keith Lackie, Lower Eastern Shore Regional Planner, Maryland Department of Planning

Cynthia K. Unangst, AICP, Middletown Staff Planner

Sharon Suarez, AICP, Frederick City Planner, Former Frederick County Planning Commissioner

Eric E. Soter, AICP/ECO-District AP, Principal, Rodgers Consulting

Jill Baker, AICP, Washington County Planning Director

3:30 pm Break

3:40 pm Concurrent Sessions

A The Community Challenge of Emptying and Empty Houses of Worship

Rick Reinhard, Principal, Niagara Consulting Group

Dr. J. Howard Kucher, Associate Professor of Social Innovation, University of Maryland at Baltimore

B Citizen Planners Role in Planning for Housing over the next 20 years

Gary Mauler, Jessup Improvement Association, Growth Action Network
Affordable Housing Advocate, TBD

5:00 pm Conference Adjourns

The planning committee strives to create a robust schedule of topics that will be valuable to attendees.

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