



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
Park and Planning Commission

POSITION STATEMENT

Bill: HB 0286 Local Comprehensive Planning and State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy - Planning Principles

Position: Support

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Dear Chair Marc Korman,

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (“M-NCPPC” or the “Commission”) has voted to support HB 0286.

What this Bills Does. This bill alters the planning visions for local comprehensive planning to consist of certain planning principles. It also alters the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy to consist of certain planning principles; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to correct cross-references and terminology in the Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act. Generally relating to local comprehensive planning and the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy.

Fiscal Impacts. This bill would have a fiscal impact in Prince George’s County personnel and non-personnel funding sources, as a result of updating the General Plan (i.e. Plan 2035, which was last adopted in 2014). It would require enhanced coordination between the Prince George’s Planning Department and the County’s Economic Development Corporation and the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T), to support sustainable development, including alternative transportation modes, such as mass transit and transportation demand management, to provide a reasonable alternative to traditional road projects and to determine that no reasonable alternative exists for such projects.

The Commission encourages the Committee to support HB 0286.