



Bill: Local Comprehensive Plans - Guidance Materials and Notification to the Department of Planning

Position: Support

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Gaithersburg, I write in support of House Bill 240 (HB 240), *Local Comprehensive Plans – Guidance Materials and Notification to the Department of Planning*.

HB 240 strengthens coordination between local governments and the Maryland Department of Planning by encouraging early communication and providing timely guidance materials during comprehensive plan updates. For municipalities like Gaithersburg, this collaborative framework supports more efficient planning, improves alignment with state requirements, and helps ensure that comprehensive plans reflect best practices while remaining responsive to local priorities.

The City values thoughtful growth, sound land use planning, and clear guidance that supports effective implementation. HB 240 provides helpful tools and clarity that will benefit local jurisdictions as they plan for future developments.

For these reasons, the City of Gaithersburg respectfully urges a favorable report on HB 240. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jud Ashman, Mayor
City of Gaithersburg