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## **Livable Frederick Wins 2019 Outstanding Plan from Maryland Planners Association**

FREDERICK, Md. – The American Planning Association’s Maryland Chapter announced today that Livable Frederick has earned its [2019 Outstanding Plan award](#). Livable Frederick is an innovative approach to long-term planning. The master plan integrates health, community, the economy, transportation, the arts, education, and the environment to deliver a high quality of life. The plan, which took four years to develop, was formally adopted last week.

“I am excited to see Livable Frederick win this recognition,” said County Executive Jan Gardner. “The plan was shaped by the people who live and work in Frederick County. Livable Frederick is an innovative plan and a model for other communities.”

Livable Frederick incorporates unprecedented public input, computer modeling and scenario testing. The plan is built on a vision of what Frederick County will be like in the year 2040. The vision describes a vibrant, unique community where people can live, work, and thrive while enjoying a strong sense of place and belonging. The Livable Frederick Master Plan takes that vision and creates a framework to guide future growth.

Executive Gardner appointed a Steering Committee of community and business leaders to lead the plan’s development. To shape the plan, the Steering Committee and County planning staff presented information at nearly 200 community meetings. They led workgroups with more than 100 members, surveyed thousands of people, and compiled 15,000 comments from the public.

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