

**AGENDA**  
**September 2, 2009 Joint Public Hearing**  
**Courthouse Square Conference Room - 7:00 PM**  
**205 Main Street, Prince Frederick, Maryland**  
**Calvert County Comprehensive Plan Proposed Amendments**

The purpose of the hearing is to gather comments on the proposed amendments to the 2004 Calvert County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter I: Land & Water. Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes the Planning Commission to recommend a plan to the Board of County Commissioners that will serve as a guide to public and private actions and decisions to ensure the development of public and private property in appropriate relationships. Article 66B gives the Board of County Commissioners the authority to adopt the plan. The proposed plan would replace Chapter I of the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan, adopted December, 2004.

**Topic of Hearing** *(See attached Legal Notice for details):*

**Calvert County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter I: Land & Water – Proposed Amendments:**

Numerous amendments to the 2004 Calvert County Comprehensive Plan are proposed. The majority of proposed amendments address legislation enacted by the State of Maryland that mandated certain elements, such as a Water Resources Plan Element, be included in local jurisdictions' comprehensive plans. Other amendments are the result of the Staff's and Planning Commission's review of the 2004 Comprehensive Plan's Chapter I: Land & Water and are intended to meet State requirements for an update every six years. The document *A Sustainable Strategy for Calvert's Aquifers and Watersheds: Guidance Document for the Preparation of the Water Resources Element of the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan*, prepared by Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning Staff, helped guide the update to the Comprehensive Plan.

**Public Hearing Procedures:**

1. Hearing opened by President of Board of County Commissioners, and then turned over to Chairman of Planning Commission.
2. Staff's presentation of the proposed amendments to the Calvert County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter I: Land & Water.
3. Citizens' comments. Comments from individuals will be limited to a maximum of two minutes. Comments from persons representing organizations will be limited to a maximum of five minutes.
4. Staff's concluding comments.
5. Action by Planning Commission *(may be deferred to next meeting)*.
6. Action by County Commissioners *(to be determined after Planning Commission takes action)*.

**Submit written comments on or before September 2, 2009,**  
**unless extended at the public hearing, to:**  
**Calvert County Planning Commission**  
**150 Main Street, Suite 304, Prince Frederick, MD 20678**  
**E-mail: [pz@co.cal.md.us](mailto:pz@co.cal.md.us)**

## CONDUCT AT PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners has adopted guidelines for public hearings and meetings that provide all speakers the right to be heard without interference and further provides equal rights to those in attendance to be able to hear speakers. Attendees shall maintain order and decorum in keeping with the dignity of the government process, and shall refrain from interfering with the public hearing process.

The following rules shall be observed by attendees:

1. Posters, signs, and placards shall not be permitted within the public hearing room.
2. Identification devices such as badges and other distinguishing devices will be permitted as long as the devices will not interfere with the conduct of the public meeting.
3. Only those speakers individually recognized by the official conducting the hearing will be permitted to speak. No outbursts, applause, supportive or non-supportive behavior will be directed toward officials, speakers, or any person in attendance.

Persons not following the rules for proper conduct shall be asked to leave the room and, if necessary, shall be escorted by a deputy sheriff and be subject to the laws of the State of Maryland as well as the laws of Calvert County.

### Procedures for Expressing Views

1. Written statements may be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners in attendance prior to the hearing or following the closing of the hearing up until the time the record is officially closed.
2. A sign-up sheet shall be provided for speakers 30 minutes prior to the scheduled public hearing. Speakers will be allowed to sign-up for one hour after the scheduled starting time of the hearing. Persons on the sign-up sheet may not convey, transfer, or relinquish any part of their speaking time to another person or group.
3. The presiding officer shall limit speakers to a predetermined time limit and shall state the limits at the beginning of the session. Following comments within the time limits prescribed, the speaker will not be permitted to make additional comments.
4. After being recognized by the presiding official, each speaker shall come forward and state the following information for the record of the hearing:
  - Name and Address
  - State whether speaking as an individual or for a group
  - Remarks

A copy of these rules shall be provided at each public hearing or meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE - JOINT PUBLIC HEARING  
CALVERT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS & PLANNING  
COMMISSION

The Board of County Commissioners and the Planning Commission will hold a Joint Public Hearing to consider amendments to the 2004 Calvert County Comprehensive Plan. The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 7:00 PM** in the Courthouse Square, 205 Main Street, Prince Frederick, MD. Numerous amendments to the 2004 Calvert County Comprehensive Plan are proposed. The majority of proposed amendments address legislation enacted by the State of Maryland that mandated certain elements, such as a Water Resources Plan Element, be included in local jurisdictions' comprehensive plans. Other amendments are the result of the Staff's and Planning Commission's review of the 2004 Comprehensive Plan's Chapter I: Land. The proposed amendments and the guidance document, *A Sustainable Strategy for Calvert's Aquifers and Watersheds*, are available from the Calvert County Planning Commission, 150 Main Street, Suite 304, Prince Frederick, MD, phone: (410) 535-1600 x 2377 or from the County's website: [www.co.cal.md.us](http://www.co.cal.md.us). Go to "Planning & Zoning", then "Calvert County Comprehensive Plan Update". The amendments recommended by the Planning Commission for adoption by the County Commissioners may vary from the amendments proposed.

