

# Maryland Planning Commissioners Association 2017 Conference

## November 2 - 3, 2017, Program

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### Thursday, November 2

8 am	Registration
10 pm	<b>Planning Commissioners Training Course, part 1</b>
12 pm	Lunch
1 pm	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>
A	<b>Planning Commissioners Training Course, part 2 (Finishes at 2 pm)</b>
B	<b>Open Meetings Act Training (Finishes at 3:30 pm)</b>
2 pm	<b>Local Government Review</b>  Representatives of municipal and county governments throughout the Eastern Shore share how they have handled many growth and planning decisions that your jurisdiction may have to face in the future. Learn from their experience and perspective.
4 pm	<b>Tour of Easton Point Development and The Hill archeological site</b>
6 pm	<b>Dinner &amp; Welcome Reception</b>

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### Friday, November 3

7 am	Registration Begins
7:30 am	Breakfast (served until 9 am)
8 am	<b>Conference Opening and Welcome</b>
8:15 am	<b>State Legislative Review</b>
9 am	<b>Concurrent Sessions 1</b>
A	<b>Sign Ordinances and Supreme Court Decisions</b>  In-depth panel discussion of the effects of the Supreme Court decision on sign subject matter and how it will impact present and future sign planning decisions. Panelists will include local government planners, legal counsel and a representative from the Outdoor Advertising Association of America.
B	<b>Making Sense of State Planning</b>  Representatives from the State departments of Transportation and Planning will discuss and field questions on the efforts for developing the Maryland Transportation Plan and State Development Plan, respectively. In addition, the contractor conducting the Department of Commerce's Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) will also present. Maryland's Statewide JLUS aims to promote compatible civilian development supporting the long-term military mission sustainability and continued regional community development in and around Maryland military installations.
10:15 am	Break

**10:30 am      Concurrent Sessions 2**

**A      The Comprehensive Plan and You**

Patricia Haddon, President of the Maryland Chapter of the APA, will bore into the details of comprehensive planning, including the steps of plan development and the role of planning commissioners and other board members in the process.

**B      Nuts and Bolts**

Here's a chance to learn the basics of being a Planning Commissioner or Board of Appeals member, including the steps in the development process, how to make a motion, and more. This is a wonderful refresher for the experienced and a MUST for new commissioners and boards of appeals members.

**12 pm      Luncheon**

**With Keynote Speaker: Rob McCord, Acting Secretary of the Maryland Department of Planning**

**1 pm      MPCA Annual Meeting**

**1:30 pm      MPCA Outreach Project Presentation**

Maryland Department of Planning staff will present results from the MPCA Outreach Project, conducted over the summer of 2017

**1:45 pm      Concurrent Sessions 3**

**A      Solar/Wind Energy Planning Roundtable**

An expert panel of planners and industry representatives will elaborate upon the decision making, implementation, and value of wind and solar energy projects throughout the state.

**B      Annexation, What it is and What to Do**

Planners experienced in the process will inform and answer questions on the steps of annexation, cooperation needed between jurisdictions, and the role of a planning commission and board of appeals.

**3:15 pm      Governor Hogan's Cabinet Secretaries' Forum**

**Secretaries or Deputy Secretaries of Planning, Transportation, and Natural Resources**

Here is your chance to meet and discover the thinking of the cabinet secretaries of Planning, Agriculture and Natural Resources. They will help you understand their visions for future planning and how your decisions effect these critical elements of land use.

**4:45 pm      Conference Adjourns**