

FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT SERVICES

CURRENT CONDITIONS

Many of the County's departments are located in the County Administration Building at 107 North Kent Street, Winchester; public safety agencies are located at the Frederick County Public Safety Center at 1080 Coverstone Drive, Winchester. The County has also recently acquired the former Sunnyside Plaza Shopping Center. This facility is planned to help meet the need for increased office space, meeting space, and governmental services in an accessible location.

FOCUS FOR THE FUTURE

Frederick County government shall continue to provide accessible, effective, and high-quality government services to its citizens, business owners, and community partners. Community facilities providing administrative and judicial services shall be located in urban areas which may include the County's Urban Development Area, Sewer and Water Service Area, and/or areas identified as future Urban Centers.

The County should strive to improve access to government services through a variety of creative and proactive approaches. Advances in technology should be embraced to further to advance the availability of government services. Projects aimed at enhancing the County's ability to provide accessible, effective, and high-quality services, either by Frederick County or through partnerships with private entities should also be considered.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Proper planning and land use policies enable the County to identify where future growth should be accommodated. By planning for this growth, we are better able to identify and provide for infrastructure and services in areas where they can reach the majority of the population.

GOALS/STRATEGIES

GOAL: IMPROVE SERVICES TO CITIZENS THROUGH EFFICIENT PROVISIONS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

STRATEGIES:

- County government facilities should be provided in a manner that ensures that all citizens, business owners, and community partners have accessible services.
- Community facilities should generally be located within urban areas such as the County's Urban Development Area, Sewer and Water Service Area, and/or areas identified as future Urban Centers.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

- Community facilities should serve as community focal points.
- Collaboration between County agencies should be a priority, to ensure that the County can provide the best possible environment for positive and vibrant community growth. Multiple use/satellite public facilities should be developed wherever such facilities would make the delivery of services more efficient.
- Encourage collaboration with the private sector to provide integrated infrastructure in the most efficient way possible.