

# Summary

Approved

**Keedysville Comprehensive Plan Update**  
**Kick Off Meeting**  
10/2/2025 @ 6:30 PM

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## Welcome

Introductions

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## Project Overview

- Mackin reviewed the project scope and outlined the Steering Committee's responsibilities throughout the comprehensive planning process.
- The project timeline and next steps were discussed, with no additional comments from the committee.

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## Information Gathering

- **Existing Information:** Background materials include the Town's previous Comprehensive Plan (available on the Town website), the 2022 community survey, and Planning Commission feedback on plan elements.
- **Stakeholders:** The committee will begin identifying and compiling a list of key community stakeholders with vested interests in Keedysville, such as Town Council members, the Green Team, Historical Society, local business owners, and civic groups.
- **Public Input:** Outreach methods will include an online and mailed community survey, flyers distributed at Town Hall and the Post Office, updates shared through the Town's website and Facebook page, and information in the quarterly newsletter (next edition scheduled for December). The Town has also started developing a contact list and will coordinate with HOAs for wider distribution.

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## Issue Identification

- **Historic Preservation:** The Town recently purchased an old historic church, with the intent of converting it into a museum and potential community gathering space.
- **Recreation and Environment:** Ongoing and planned projects include pickleball courts, restroom facilities, streambank restoration, and park enhancements. The Town owns property for a new pocket park and is exploring options to replace aging playground equipment. The Town is also renewing its lease with DNR for the rail bed area, which may incorporate exercise equipment. Soil Conservation will soon conduct a cleanup project with native species plantings, and the DNR Land Trust is pursuing downstream watershed restoration and erosion control initiatives through grant funding.

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- **Infrastructure and Utilities:** Major wastewater upgrades occurred about ten years ago, but the Town continues to replace aging pipes and address sewer issues on the north end of Main Street. The bridge on Main Street requires inspection by the County and is a designated historic structure. Many local roads are in need of repaving.
  - **Community Character and Safety:** Preserving the Town's small-town charm and quiet, close-knit atmosphere remains a top priority. Keedysville currently shares a community deputy (8 hours per week), and Fire/EMS services are provided by Boonsboro and Sharpsburg.
  - **Education and Public Services:** The local school is highly regarded, and the small library—owned and maintained by the Town but operated by the County—continues to serve residents.
  - **Growth and Development:** The Town is not currently pursuing annexation (recently had a de-annexation), though future water access improvements could make annexation development feasible. Most residents value Keedysville's character as a quiet, bedroom community.
  - **Transportation:** The committee noted a pilot public transit program in Boonsboro that could eventually benefit Keedysville residents. The County's long-term plan includes a potential bike/hike trail connection, though feasibility remains uncertain.

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## Next Steps

Preliminary Mapping

Public and Stakeholder Outreach

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**Next Meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month (semi-monthly) on November 13, 2025**

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*Sarah Baker, Council Member*

## Planning & Zoning Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting October 2, 2025

All attendees must sign in. Attendee comments will be heard at the discretion of the presiding officer and only during the appropriate time in the agenda. Those wishing to be heard must check the appropriate box. Comments will be limited to three minutes each.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	WISH TO BE HEARD
James Kerns	7 Mt. Vernon Lane	301-432-5342	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Judy Kerns	" " " " "		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DAN Bowling (Mackin)			<input type="checkbox"/>
Karen Layman (MD Dept of Planning)			<input type="checkbox"/>
MARK ANDROS	(Resident - 58 S. Main St)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sue Gemery	Resident 50 S. Main		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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# Agenda

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Scope – Roles and Responsible Parties

Project and Schedule

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Existing Information

Stakeholders

Public Input

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## **Issue Identification**

What is important for the plan

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