

## **PlanMaryland will Host Forums on Providing Feedback**

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The state growth plan known as PlanMaryland will host open forums in May and June where the public can provide feedback on the PlanMaryland draft that was released on 4/21/11. I am unable to find the draft on the web site but I did find a power point about it dated March of this year:

[http://planning.maryland.gov/pdf/yourpart/773/20110328/planmaryland\\_presentation\\_tomsgc032811.pdf](http://planning.maryland.gov/pdf/yourpart/773/20110328/planmaryland_presentation_tomsgc032811.pdf)

The eight different sessions are open to the public which means YOU can make a reservation and go. The forums need average citizens to express their input to counter balance the input from developers and other businesses. When I went to the public round tables last Spring I sat at a table with one of our town planners, a county commissioner, an engineer, a banker and a developer , as well as a member of ARCA. There is a session in Chestertown and one in Bel Air. Here is the web site so you can make your reservation:

<http://plan.maryland.gov/getInvolved/PublicForumsSchedule2011.shtml>

While you are there, take a look at the web site. It is packed with information on what the future may hold for us Marylanders.

Additionally, PlanMaryland has a blog that goes into what they are trying to accomplish but the April 21<sup>st</sup> document is conspicuously absent.

<http://planmaryland.wordpress.com/>