

Maryland Planning Commissioners Association 2022 Conference  
October 25 - 26, 2022, Preliminary Program **(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**  
Clarion Inn, Frederick

**The MPCA will secure AICP Credits for most sessions**

*\*Registration includes lunch and dinner on October 25, and breakfast and lunch on October 26*

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**Tuesday, October 25**

7:30 am	Registration Begins
<b>9 - 12 pm</b>	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Planning Commissioners Training Course (Maryland Department of Planning)</b> <b>9 am - 12 pm</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Open Meetings Act Training (Academy of Excellence)</b> <b>9 am - 11 am</b>
12 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Check in and Networking
1:30 pm	<b>Frederick County Planning Overview</b>
2:00 pm	<b>Frederick City Planning Overview</b>
3 - 5 pm	Frederick City Staff Led Tour (Details TBD)
6:30 pm	Mentoring Reception
7 pm	<b>Dinner &amp; Welcome Reception</b>

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**Wednesday, October 26**

7:30 am	Registration Begins
8:30 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	<b>Conference Opening</b> Mayor, City of Frederick, Michael O'Connor

**9:30 am Plenary Session**

**30 Yrs of Planning in Maryland: What Have we Learned**

**Joseph Rutter**, Former Planning Director, Howard and Anne Arundel Counties  
**Steve Zeigler**, Planning Director, Anne Arundel, former Planning Director, Frederick and Harford Counties and Community Planning Chief for Prince George's  
**Pete Gutwald**, Former Planning Director, Harford County, Baltimore County, and Annapolis  
**Uri Avin**, Former Planning Director Howard and Deputy Director Harford and Baltimore Counties, and statewide consultant  
**Gerrit Knapp**, Executive Director, National Center for Smart Growth

11:00 am Break

## 11:10 am Concurrent Sessions (State Agencies and Climate Change)

### A New Water Resources Planning Guidance: Integrating Climate Change

**Matthew Rowe**, Assistant Director, Water and Science Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment

**Jim George**, Policy Advisor, Water and Science Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment

**Jason Dubow**, Manager, Resource Conservation & Management Unit, Maryland Department of Planning

### B Transportation Planning: Supporting Federal and State Climate Action Strategies While Achieving MDOT's Mission

**R. Earl Lewis, Jr.**, Deputy Secretary for Policy, Planning and Enterprise Services, Maryland Department of Transportation

**Sandy Hertz**, Director, Office of Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation, Maryland Department of Transportation

**Heather Murphy**, Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, Maryland Department of Transportation

**Water and Science Administration**, Maryland Department of the Environment, TBD

## 12:00 pm Conference Addresses

**County Executive**, Frederick County, Jan Gardner  
**Secretary**, Maryland Department of Planning, Robert McCord  
Citizen Planner Recognitions

## 12:45 pm Lunch

**Keynote Speaker**, Eli Glazier, Multimodal Transportation Planner Coordinator, Montgomery County Planning Department

## 1:30 pm MPCA Annual Meeting

## 2:00 pm Plenary Session

### Planning Commissions and Comprehensive Plan Consistency

**Planning Commissioner**, TBD

**Attorney**, TBD

**Planning Officer**, TBD

**Municipal Planner**, TBD

**State Planner**, TBD

3:30 pm Break

## 3:40 pm Concurrent Sessions

### A The Community Challenge of Emptying and Empty Houses of Worship

**Rick Reinhard**, Principal, Niagara Consulting Group

**Dr. J. Howard Kucher**, Associate Professor of Social Innovation, University of Maryland at Baltimore

### B Citizen Planners Role in Planning for Housing over the next 20 years

**Gary Mauler**, Jessup Improvement Association, Growth Action Network

**Kate Fox**, Growth Action Network

**Affordable Housing Advocate**, TBD

## 5:00 pm Conference Adjourns