RESOLUTION NO. 26 - 25

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026 WORCESTER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND USE MAP

Recitals

A. The County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland adopted a Comprehensive Plan and associated Land Use Map for the County on March 7, 2006, with amendments in 2010 to include a Priority Preservation Element and in 2011 to include a Water Resources Element; and

B. In 2023, the Worcester County Planning Commission commenced preparation of an updated Comprehensive Plan that involved work sessions, citizen input and comment, joint work sessions with the Worcester County Commissioners, and input received from State and County agencies pursuant to the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

C. The Worcester County Planning Commission has made detailed studies of current and projected conditions and needs; conducted site inspections; met with town and community officials; gathered and reviewed other jurisdictions' plans, studies, and ordinances; consulted scientific studies and reports; met with state officials, County department heads, and other experts to gain sufficient information to prepare the plan; and

D. On August 6, 2026, the Planning Commission, after holding a duly advertised public hearing on Thursday, July 9, 2026, in accordance with all the requirements of Md. Land Use Code Ann. § 3-203, unanimously passed a resolution recommending adoption of the 2026 Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map; and

E. The Worcester County Commissioners considered the recommendation of the Planning Commission and find that the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan will promote the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and visitors of Worcester County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that the 2026 Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map, dated August 6, 2026, is adopted pursuant to the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2026.

Attest:

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Chief Administrative Officer

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