



# Town Neighbor Meeting: Bethesda Downtown Plan October 6, 2016 -- Handy Reference Sheet

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## What does that mean? 10 favorite bits of jargon

1. BDP: Bethesda Downtown Plan - also called The Plan, The Proposed Plan, Downtown or the Central Business District (CBD)
2. Density: the mass of a building described in square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>)
3. Density Pool: combining all available density (the pool) and distributing it as projects come forward vs assigning density to specific sites now
4. FAR: Floor Area Ratio - how much area a building can take up on a site
5. Greenway: linear park
6. Height: how tall a building can be – estimate 10 feet per floor
7. PHED: Planning, Housing & Economic Development Committee of the County Council
8. Planning Board: People appointed by the County Council to oversee land use
9. Priority Sending Site: properties given extra density on a site to sell to another site
10. Setback: how far back a building is built from the property line

## Where can I find that? Web addresses

**Bethesda Downtown Plan:** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/bethesda\\_downtown/documents/BDPPlanningBoardDraft\\_lowres.pdf](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/bethesda_downtown/documents/BDPPlanningBoardDraft_lowres.pdf)

**Tonight's TOCC slides:** [www.townofchevyCHASE.org](http://www.townofchevyCHASE.org)

## What's the schedule? Key dates in the process

October 13: Town Council discussion of Town position  
October 18, 19 and 20: County Council public hearings  
Late Fall, 2016, Winter 2017: PHED Committee discussions  
Winter, 2017: Full County Council discussion of the Plan  
Late Winter 2017: County Council vote on the Plan

## What can I do?

1. Email comments to TOCC by **Oct 10th** at [Townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org](mailto:Townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org) (put "BDP" in the subject line)
2. Write to the County Council **before Nov 1<sup>st</sup>** at [County.Council@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov](mailto:County.Council@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov)
3. Call [240-777-7803](tel:240-777-7803) to sign up to testify at public hearings on October 18, 19 or 20
4. Attend hearings on October 18, 19 and/or 20 to show support