

Water Resources Element

What is the Water Resources Element (WRE)?



- A required part of comprehensive plans under state law since 2006.
- Review water and wastewater adequacy and consider impacts of growth and development
- Includes implementation actions to ensure water resources safely meet current and future needs



A Functional Element of the
2010 County Comprehensive Plan
Adopted September 23, 2010



Frederick County's Water Resources Element

- Adopted in 2010 as a functional element to the 2010 County Comprehensive Plan
- An updated WRE was not conducted with the 2019 Livable Frederick Master Plan
- New comprehensive plan means a new/updated WRE



The Livable Frederick Master Plan

Frederick County, Maryland
Adopted September 3, 2019

WRE Requirements – What's New?

- Enhanced focus on the health of Maryland waters
- Climate change effects on water resources
- Equity of growth and development impacts on water resources



Frederick County WRE – What's Next?

- Interdepartmental effort:
 - Livable Frederick
 - Energy and Environment
 - Water and Sewer Utilities
- Consultant work closely with staff to compile and evaluate:
 - Current Capacity
 - Projected Demand
 - Meeting Demand

Project Process

Consultant Data
Analysis

Draft WRE

Planning
Commission
Review/Hearing

60-Day State
Review

County Council
Review/Hearing

Adoption