

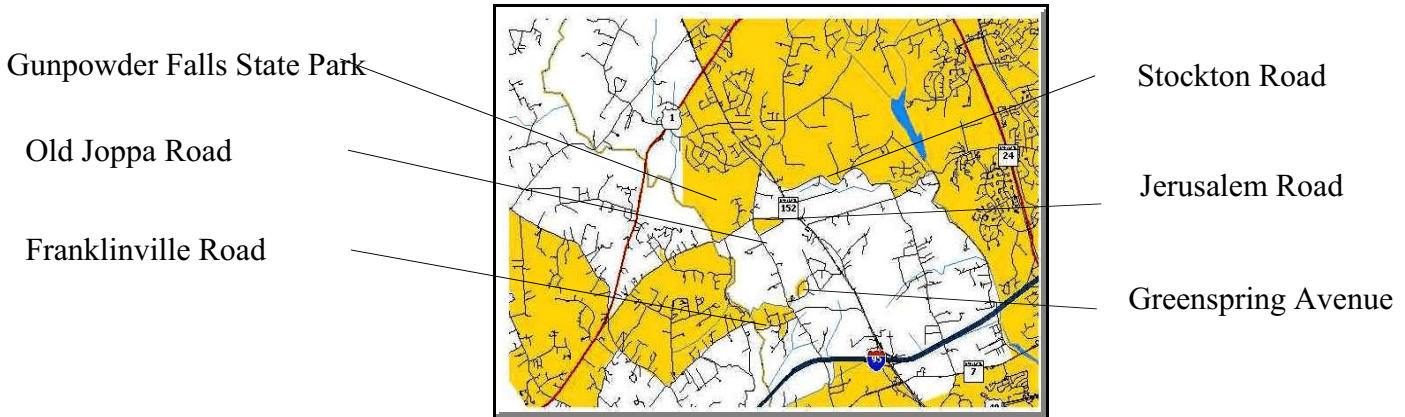


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The 2010 Harford County Transportation Element Plan Changing Joppa to an Urban Area



This is a map that the Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning (P&Z) is using in the 2010 Transportation Element Plan. It is based on the 2000 Census. The U.S. Department of Transportation in using this map, calls the shaded areas an “Urban Area Population of 50,000 to 100,000.” This should come as a shock to those of us in the Rural Joppa area which includes Gunpowder Falls State Park.

The 2010 Transportation Element Plan is legislation which guides Harford County roads - which ones to widen, where to create new roads, expansion of public transit service, if any, for the next 6-8 years. This legislation is just in time to lead into the Master Plan and the Land Use Element Plan which defines the Development Envelope, where it is and what will happen to land both inside and outside of the boundary. To call this area of Joppa, which is outside the Development Envelope an “Urban Area” is to set it up to be swallowed by the Development Envelope. Our green patch, the gateway to the County has been a target for developers since the beginning of this association. And it is Little Gunpowder Improvement Association which has kept it green through the years.

This Plan again threatens Mountain Road (Rt 152) with widening to 4 lanes. We need to demand that this be removed from the Plan. Study after study has proven that widening roads will only alleviate traffic congestion for a short time - time until new development spurred by the “new wide road” clogs it back up again.

On the basis of this map, P&Z has changed the following roads in our Joppa area:

- MD 152 - widen to 4 lanes
- Jerusalem Road - reclass from a Minor Rural Collector to an Urban Collector Road
- Old Joppa Road - from Rt 7 to Rt 152 - reclass from a local road to an Urban Collector Road
- Old Joppa Road - from Rt 152 to Rt 1 - reclass from a Minor Rural Collector to an Urban Collector Road
- Singer Road - from Winters Run to Rt 152 - reclass from a Minor Rural Collector to an Urban Collector Road
- Whitaker Mill Road - reclass from a Minor Rural Collector to an Urban Collector Road

Since the last Transportation Plan was completed in 2000, there have been no changes in land use or zoning in this targeted area. There are no major subdivision plans anywhere along these roads. There is absolutely NO REASON to capriciously label these roads as urban collectors unless it is to set a precedent for calling this part of Joppa - "Urban Joppa."

All of us must be involved. If you think that someone else will speak for you, we may lose this lovely place. This County Council counts the numbers of those who call, write, email or speaks up about a bill. If enough people speak out, this Council will listen. On the next page the list of Comprehensive Rezoning Issues and their outcome are listed. Throughout the entire rezoning process, only those issues which had a large number of interested people speaking out, made a difference. If only a few people spoke or wrote, their input was ignored. All of you who read this have a duty to contact the County Council.

- Keep our roads consistent with the Master Plan
- Keep our roads consistent with the Priority Funding Areas designated by this County and State
- Keep the promises made in the Joppa-Joppatowne Community Plan
- Protect us from the Developers' dreams of tacky townhouses

Bill 09-46

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Drop them a note, send them this newsletter, send them an email, give them a call or leave a voice mail (they all "count"), and come to the public hearing for this bill on January 5th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m in Bel Air.

We urge you to tell the County Council to keep us Rural in Joppa. Don't let them tell you that this Transportation Plan isn't really all that important.

It is.

Act Now.

Comprehensive Zoning Request Issues In LGIA Land

We contacted Councilmen Guthrie and Woods giving our zoning requests on these issues. Below is the outcome. For the most part, our zoning requests were ignored.

Issue #	Property Owner	Property Street #	Property Location	Acreage of Parcel	Acreage to Rezone	Current Zoning	Request Zoning	LGIA Request	Councilman Guthrie's Vote
A002	Anderson, Charles B., Jr.	1209	Old Mountain Rd South	2.24	1.60	R1/B3	B3	R1/B3	B2/B3
A003	Korolo, LLC (Ioannis Korologos, Managing Member)	900	Philadelphia Rd	1.22	1.22	B1	B3	B1	B3
A004	JKE, LLC (Ioannis Korologos, Managing Member)	906	Philadelphia Rd	0.17	0.17	B1	B3	B1	B3
A008	Marquis Associates, LLC (Stephen Quick, Managing Member)	907	Philadelphia Rd	0.902	0.902	R1	B3	B1	B2
A009	Marquis Associates, LLC (Stephen Quick, Managing Member)	909	Philadelphia Rd	1.486	1.486	R1	B3	B1	B2
A010	Marquis Associates, LLC (Stephen Quick, Managing Member)	1507	Old Mountain Rd South	0.78	0.78	R1	CI	B1	CI
A014	Bierman, Albert J.		Dorothy Avenue	128.16	128.16	AG	R1	R1	WITH-DRAWN
A015	901 Philadelphia Road, LLC (William B. Snyder, Jr., Member)	901	Philadelphia Rd	0.392	0.392	B1	B3	B1	B2
A016	Snyder, Frances M.	1309	Old Mountain Rd South	0.30	0.30	B1	B3	B1	B2
A017	The Estate of Michael J. Kozub (Mary Cecile Caron Kozub, Charles Soul, and John B. Kane, Personal Representatives)	1306	Old Mountain Rd South	3.64	3.64	R1	B3	R1	R1
A018	Nohe, Gregory M. and Nohe, George J., III, Executors of the Estate of Loretta M. Nohe, surviving tenant by the entirety		Route 7	2.268	2.268	LI	R1	--	R1
A023	Gemcraft Homes Forest Hill, LLC (William R. Luther, Managing Member)	1233	Joppa Farm Rd	10.03	10.03	R1	R2	R1	R1
									Councilman Woods' Vote
B031	Stratford Rd, LLC (Brian S. Baker and Carl Ray Mann, Members)	402A	Timber Lane	10.44	10.44	AG	RR	AG	RR
B032	Stratford Rd, LLC (Brian S. Baker and Carl Ray Mann, Members)	404A	Timber Lane	11.46	11.46	AG	RR	AG	RR

Our Purpose

The Little Gunpowder Improvement Association was founded in 1975. Its purpose is the protection of the area from commercialism and from types of development incompatible with or harmful to its character as an agricultural and semi-rural residential neighborhood and to promote the dignity and integrity of the existing neighborhoods within the Development Envelope.

Dues - Check your mailing label to see when your dues need to be renewed.

Still \$5.00 per year per family. Always a bargain! Send dues to:

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Extra donations are always cheerfully accepted. Thanks for all the renewals you've been sending in. We appreciate your support.



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