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## **Howard County solicits professional services to develop Ellicott City master plan**

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – The Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning has released an Expressions of Interest (EOI) for professional services to develop a master plan for Ellicott City and its watershed.

The master plan process will help define a comprehensive, community-driven vision for rebuilding a stronger, model resilient community. It will also incorporate a watershed plan in a way that many traditional master plans do not.

“Following Ellicott City’s historic July 30 flood, we held four public meetings to bring the community together, hear its concerns and discuss ideas for the future,” said Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman. “Our Community Advisory Group has worked diligently to sort through and prioritize nearly 300 project ideas. Now we’re ready for this next step in the rebuilding process.”

Key services and experiences should include urban design, landscape architecture, architecture, historic preservation, economic development, flood impacted communities, traffic, transportation, parking, and engineering expertise to address the technical implications of possible options and to help translate flood study results.

A hydrologic and hydraulic study is currently underway for the Ellicott City watershed. The results of that study will be used throughout the master plan process and help guide decisions, set planning parameters and test choices. Additionally, Ellicott City’s unique topography, hydrology, road network and mill town heritage will require a tailored, well-planned roadmap for long-term rebuilding.

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## **Howard County solicits professional services to develop Ellicott City master plan** *(continued)*

A pre-submission meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 2:00 p.m. at the Office of Purchasing located at 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 501 in Columbia to brief prospective consultants on the scope of the project and provide an opportunity for questions. Questions concerning the EOI should be directed to Evangeline Bolder at 410-313-6373 or by email to [EBolder@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:EBolder@howardcountymd.gov) by no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3.

Responses to the EOI are due no later than 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

More details about the Request for Expressions of Interest can be found at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Planning-and-Zoning/Community-Planning/Community-Plans/EC-Master-Plan>.

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