

**ALLEGANY COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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Geographic Information Systems Offers New Product

Businesses and Residents Will Benefit

The Allegany County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Office has introduced *Planning 2.0*, a website designed to facilitate the public comment process regarding land use designations within Allegany County. *Planning 2.0* is fast, convenient, and offered free of charge to all internet users.

The Allegany County Commissioners, Michael W. McKay, Creade V. Brodie, Jr., and William R. Valentine, are committed to on-going, two way communication and the implementation of *Planning 2.0* is an example of this commitment. *Planning 2.0* is a way to enhance public participation in the comprehensive planning process. It is also expected to increase staff efficiency in land use designation resolution.

Planning 2.0 provides the general public with the capability to view information and provide feedback. *Planning 2.0* uses a mapping interface that will be familiar to those who have used Google Maps. Individuals can search for any property and view two maps, Existing Land Use and Projected Future Land Use. Individuals have the option to add comments regarding any property directly on the map. The Allegany County Planning Division will review all comments and a staff member will contact the individual to follow-up. The land use data displayed on the website was determined by the County's Planning Division as part of the comprehensive plan development process.

Elizabeth E. Stahlman is the GIS Manager. The GIS Office may be contacted at 301-777-2199 and gis@allconet.org. Staff will be pleased to answer questions and assist individuals in the use of *Planning 2.0*. The website is:

<http://arcgis.allconet.org/planning/index.html>.

PLANNING 2.0
allegany county, md

What is Land Use? Status Definitions

More... Streets Aerial Topo

No. 2: Review Land Use
Choose land use category to display

- Existing Land Use
- Future Land Use

No. 3: Provide Feedback
Select your comment type from the list below, click your property on the map to place your comment and then fill out the pop up form.

Public Comments

- F Future Land Use
- G General Comment
- E Existing Land Use

Braddock-LaVale
Future Land Use Status: Adopted

50 m 200 ft
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