



Water Resources, Environmental Resources and Sustainability

Comprehensive Plan Update

Focus Group

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Agenda

- Introduction by DID Staff
- Slide Presentation by CWP
- Focus Group Table Discussions
- Share Your Map and Discuss Highlights with the Group

Thank you for your time and input.
If you have any questions, please reach out to:

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Roadmap to Comprehensive Plan

November 2023
Planning Commission
Presentation

**January
2024**
Community
Open
House

**November
2024**
Survey Results
Provided to
DID

February - April 2025
• Public Input and
Draft review
• Weekly DID Staff
Works Sessions

**April -
June 2025**
Public
Focus
Groups

Summer 2025
• Redraft Plan
• Planning Commission
Public Review &
Work-sessions

Fall 2025
• Outside Agency
Reviews
• Final Edits

Winter 2025/2026
• Planning Commission Public
Hearing
• Council Work Sessions & Council
Public Hearings

**Comprehensive
Plan Adoption**

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Water Resources Element

Water Resources Element (WRE) identifies **drinking water** supplies needed by the projected population and suitable receiving waters for **wastewater and stormwater management** to meet needs presented by development as proposed in the land use element.



WRE Overarching Questions

Is there adequate water supply to meet current and future needs?

Is there adequate wastewater facilities to meet current and future needs?

What impact, if any, will meeting these needs have on water resources?



Relationship to Other Elements and Plans

1. Growth projections and growth locations from the Land Use Element and Municipal Growth Element
2. Reference but not duplicate the County Water and Sewerage Plan, which contains more technical data and analysis
3. WRE identifies data gaps, issues to be addressed and needed studies and analyses, which ideally should be completed before the subsequent comprehensive plan update

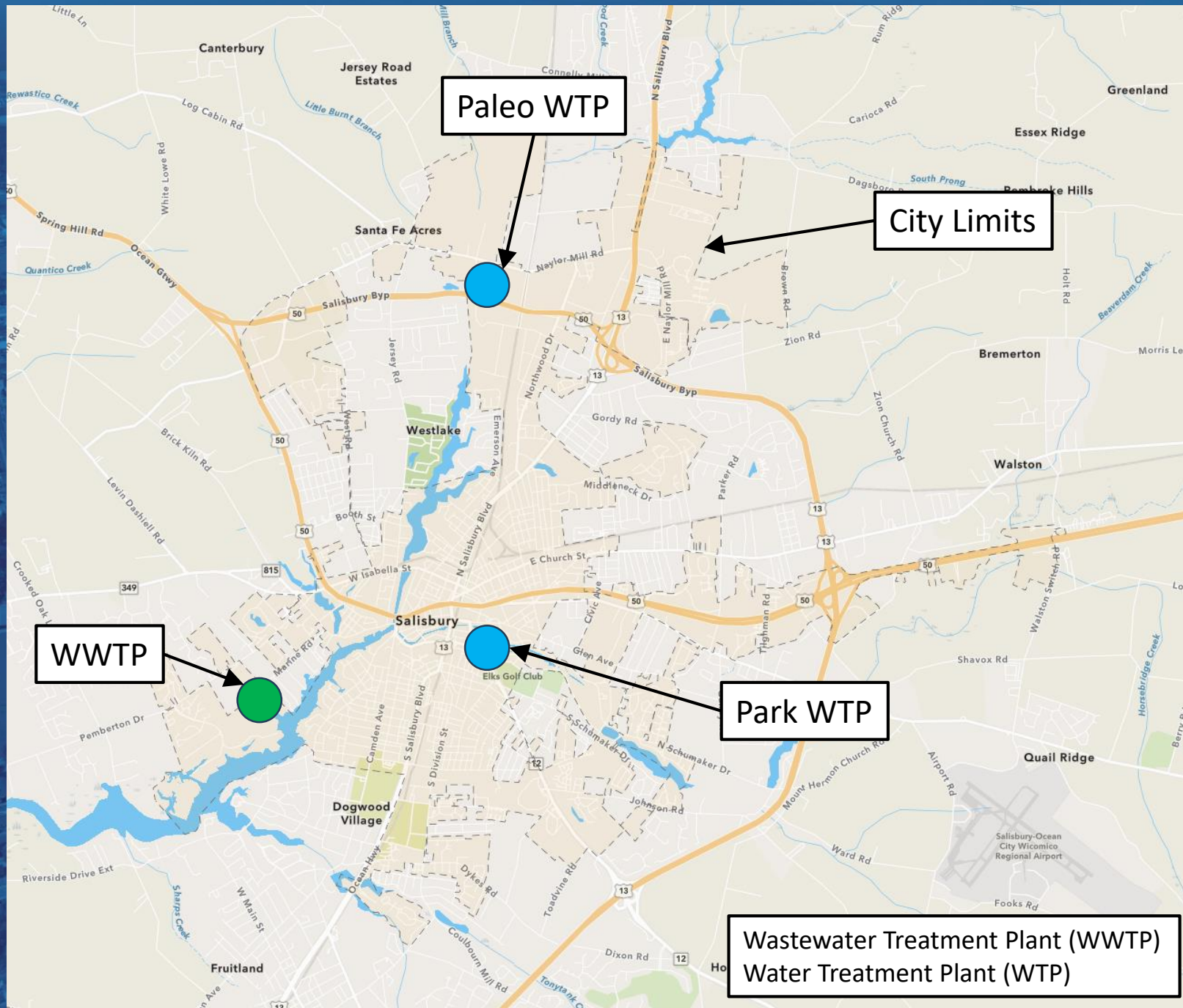


New 2022 WRE Requirements identified by Maryland Department of Planning

1. Ensuring receiving waters are protected
2. Integrating climate change adaptations
3. Considering Equity



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Discussion Questions

1. What do you see as the **biggest challenges** in protecting Salisbury's environmentally sensitive areas? Are there **specific threats** (e.g., development, pollution, invasive species, erosion, emerging contaminants) that concern you the most?
2. Are you aware of areas in Salisbury that experience **frequent or worsening nuisance flooding**? Have you noticed changes in flooding patterns over the last few years? If so, what do you think is contributing to these changes?
3. How can Salisbury **balance future growth and development** with the need to **protect natural areas and water resources**? What kinds of solutions or actions (e.g., policy changes, infrastructure improvements, community education) would you support?
4. How do you think **climate change** may impact water resources and environmentally sensitive areas in Salisbury? What steps should the city take to prepare? Are there specific wetlands, waterways, or habitats you feel are especially **vulnerable or valuable**?
5. How can Salisbury ensure that environmental protection efforts are **equitable and inclusive**? Are there communities in Salisbury that you think are more vulnerable to environmental impacts or have been historically underserved?



Thank you for Participating!

Next Steps (Summer 2025):

- Prepare draft Comprehensive Plan
- Planning Commission public review and work sessions

