

## Imagine Cary Community Plan 2024 Interim Update - Frequently Asked Questions

What is included in an interim update?

- The Imagine Cary Community Plan, adopted in 2017, is Cary’s comprehensive plan created by the community. The policies of the plan remain applicable today and are used in all aspects of Cary’s decision making. Anticipated as part of the adopted plan, the interim update ensures that the plan remains up to date with new initiatives and the needs of the evolving community.

What is changing?

- The interim update focuses on four items:
  - A new preface for the plan.
  - The incorporation of the 2021 Cary Housing Plan into the Live chapter.
  - Expanding efforts related to the environment, which was previously included in the Serve chapter, into a new chapter called Enrich.
  - An update to the Serve chapter focused on our evolving community services.

How will Imagine Cary be updated to include other plans currently being developed?

- Much like the incorporation of the Cary Housing Plan with this update, future plans will also be incorporated upon adoption.

How can I find the update?

- The draft update can be found on Cary’s website using the following link or by visiting [carync.com](https://www.carync.com) and searching “Interim Update”.
- <https://www.carync.gov/projects-initiatives/cary-community-plan/imagine-cary-community-plan-interim-update>

How do I determine what has changed?

- The Preface and Enrich chapter are new to the plan and are in plain text.
- Changes in the Live and Serve chapters are marked using the following formatting:
  - Text – black text with no strikethroughs means no change is proposed.
  - **Text** – red text means new text is being proposed.
  - ~~Text~~ – black text with strikethroughs means the text is proposed to be deleted.

Where are the images included in the current Imagine Cary Community Plan?

- The current draft is just text for ease of review. The final draft will include images and graphics similar to the adopted plan.

What is the input process?

- The Imagine Cary Community Plan, adopted Jan. 24, 2017, is the result of several years of work, unprecedented community input, and dozens of meetings and workshops. For the interim update, Cary is engaging all 10 boards and commissions to review and

provide comments. All newly incorporated plans are the result of extensive stakeholder and citizen engagement. Throughout the interim update process, we welcome additional community feedback.

How do I provide comments?

- Comments can be provided using the portal on the project website.
- <https://www.carync.gov/projects-initiatives/cary-community-plan/imagine-cary-community-plan-interim-update>

What is the review period?

- The public review period for the initial draft will be from Jan. 23 to March 31, 2024, beginning with presentations to the boards and commissions. Additionally, the interim update review will continue through the formal public hearing process for the final draft.

What is the formal approval process?

- Following the public review period, the final draft will be revised and graphicly designed.
- The final draft will be available for public review with the formal public hearing process for a comprehensive plan amendment: public hearing at Council, recommendation for the Planning and Zoning Board to review, and recommendation back to Council for final action.

How often will the Imagine Cary Community Plan be updated?

- The citizens and community leaders who worked so hard to create Imagine Cary knew that periodic updates would be needed. As such the plan calls for review and interim updates every five years – which this update serves as – as well as a comprehensive update every ten years.