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## News Release

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### For Immediate Release

## Planning Commission suspends Pathways Plan

**October 20, 2009** – The Planning and Zoning Commission today voted to halt work on the Carroll County Comprehensive Plan, known as the Pathways to Carroll’s Future Landscape, and direct staff instead to revise the County’s 2000 Master Plan. That revision is to be submitted along with the state-mandated Water Resources Element by the end of November. Comprehensive and master plans are different names for the same document, which is designed to direct growth outside of municipalities over 20 years. Since 1992, the State of Maryland has required that such plans be reviewed every six years. Pathways would have been the first major update to Carroll County’s growth guidelines since 1964. The Pathways process began in June 2005 with scores of community meetings, surveys and conferences. Input from the community outreach effort was compiled by the Department of Planning. In April 2009, a draft of the Pathways Plan was presented by the Planning and Zoning Commission for public review.

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