

Olny Town Commons

Community Planning Forum

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What is a town commons?

It is an outdoor public space for the community to use for various types of programming and events.



Why are we here today?

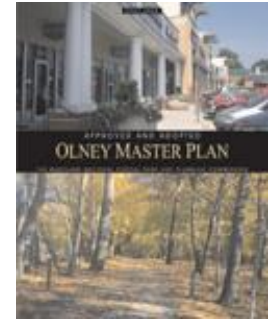
We want to hear from you, Olney residents, on what you want to see in a town commons.

What amenities would you like included?

What would you like to use it for?

How did we get here?

- 2005 – Olney Master Plan identified the need for a town commons in the center of Olney
- 2013 – The Olney Town Center Advisory Committee (OTCAC) approved an *Illustrated Concept and Design Guidelines* booklet for development in the Town Center



How did we get here?

- **2016 – the OTCAC completed its *Concept Plan for a Civic Center and Town Commons for Olney, Maryland***
- **2016 - \$25,000 was put in the County's Capital Improvements Program to begin facility planning for an Olney Town Commons**
- **2017 – DGS staff and consultants interviewed community organizations to gather input on a town commons**

Who did we interview?

In March-April 2017, DGS and its consultant interviewed the following Olney organizations to gather input on how they would use a Town Commons and what amenities they would like to have for this space.

- **GOCA**
- **Olney Home for Life**
- **Project Change**
- **Olney Farmers & Artists Market**
- **Olney Concert Band/Olney Big Band**
- **Olney Civic Fund/Olney Days Planning Committee**
- **Olney Chamber of Commerce**

Where are these pictures from?

The pictures around the room represent places and amenities mentioned during interviews and in the *Concept Plan for Civic Center and Town Commons for Olney, Maryland*, produced by the OTCAC.

What amenities and features are we missing? Please let us know!

What's next?

- **This Tuesday, May 23** – we will present what we heard to Olney Town Center Advisory Committee
- **Summer 2017** – work with consultant to create report
- **Summer/Fall 2017** – work on budget for next step in process, a Program of Requirements

What should I do now?

DGS staff and its consultants are here to listen to you. Tell us what you envision for a town commons.

See something you like? Vote for it!

Did we miss something? Tell us and we will write it down.

Be sure to take a flyer and stay engaged throughout the planning process.