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Frederick County has grown by 30,000 people in the last six years. Projections show that we will grow by twice that in the next decade. Will we? What do you want? What is the best for your quality of life?

Rapid growth? Smart growth? Slow growth? No growth?

Whatever is decided should include your voice — and good planning and consideration for our overcrowded schools, roads, diminishing farmland and overtaxed emergency services.

The current Board of County Commissioners (Gardner, Gray, Hagen, Jenkins and Thompson), who were elected on a platform of managed growth and transportation planning, are responding to a public mandate for change and have announced a temporary moratorium on approving any more residential subdivisions. They are also crafting a revised countywide comprehensive plan and zoning map aimed at giving greater consideration to open space preservation and strengthening adequacy standards for public services and facilities like roads, schools, police and rescue. **The county's "Growth Management Initiative" gives citizens a once in a generation opportunity to plan for the future of Frederick County.**

Let's voice our vision and engage in the plans.

We Draw the Line is a citizen driven campaign that brings democracy to the county planning process. County residents are invited to bring their voices and vision to the planning process and determine where the lines between urban centers and open space should be drawn.

We Draw the Line is directed by a Countywide Leadership Council of prominent and knowledgeable participants in the debate over growth issues. The Leadership Council (LC) members are points of contact who can discuss questions and concerns with Frederick County residents.

The We Draw the Line campaign needs to present preliminary planning recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners by June 30th, 2008. To facilitate getting

your input we have set up a website with maps, background information, an online forum and Leadership Council contact information: WWW.WE-DRAW-THE-LINE.ORG. There will be at least one meeting in your area for you to discuss issues of interest and concern (date and location soon posted on site's calendar) where there will be maps for you to make specific recommendations and mark ups. If you can't make it please join the online forum and make your comments there.

Participate in this important conversation and help safeguard your quality of life in Frederick County. Tell 5 friends or neighbors about this effort, and have them contact:

FRIENDS@FRIENDSOFFREDERICKCOUNTY.ORG to join the campaign.

Thank you.