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## BERLIN ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

*Berlin, MD* – The Mayor and Council and Planning Commission of the Town of Berlin are pleased to announce the release of Request for Proposals (RFP) #2025-06 for a full update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The RFP was opened to interested parties beginning July 1, 2025, with final proposals due by 3:00 PM on Friday, September 5, 2025.

Questions from prospective bidders will be accepted until August 1, 2025, with responses provided and posted publicly by August 8, 2025. All deadlines are subject to change at the Town's discretion.

Mayor Zack Tyndall commented, "The current Comprehensive Plan has served as a valuable tool in guiding Berlin's growth and land use decisions. However, it was adopted in 2010 and, reviewed without change in 2020, so it is due for a thorough review and update. It's time for a fresh look to ensure we are meeting the needs of our current and future residents."

An internal review committee, including the Mayor, members of the Town Council, Planning Commission, and Town staff, developed the RFP and will evaluate submitted proposals in September. The committee will interview selected firms and make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council for contract award.



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The selected consultant will lead a thorough update of the Town's Comprehensive Plan, addressing key areas such as population trends, land use, infrastructure and utility needs, environmental sustainability, stormwater management, and future growth. A strong emphasis will be placed on community engagement, with a variety of public outreach methods including in-person meetings, surveys, and workshops. The final plan will be submitted for review by the Planning Commission before formal consideration and adoption by the Mayor and Council.

Those interested in RFP #2025-06 can access the full document and submission details on the Town's website at: rewww.berlinmd.gov/government/request-for-proposals

Updates on the planning process and opportunities for public involvement will be shared over the next 12-18 months via the Town's website, Facebook page, monthly Berlin Bulletin, and future press releases.

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