

Small Town Symposium

NEW STRATEGIES FOR TOWN PLANNING



taking charge of your town's future
October 29-30, 2008

Towns and counties in Maryland have experienced record levels of growth and the pressure for growth in the last decade.

Wastewater capacity and treatment demands on Maryland's small towns have presented our communities with unprecedented challenges to meet new planning regulations while maneuvering through development review, annexations and needs for community revitalization.

The current market downturn is providing a cooling period for towns to assess standards of where and how they want to accommodate development - as infill and/or through annexations.

This workshop is intended to provide cutting edge information about tools that can be adopted to help integrate growth most seamlessly and efficiently into existing townscapes and landscapes while protecting natural resources.

By attending the Small Town Symposium you will learn how to develop planning tools and best management practices for your community that will bring the type of community development that you envision and which will save time, enhance quality of life and contribute to community/regional sustainability.

October 29

8:30 - 9:30 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:30 - 10:00 **Greetings**

Kevin Brooks, Executive Director Maryland Rural Development Corporation
Jeanne Haddaway, Maryland House of Delegates, District 37B
Honorable Robert Willey, Mayor, Town of Easton

10:00 - 10:30 **Town Growing Pains – Identifying Problems and Potential Solutions**

Joyce DeLaurentis, Community Development Director, MRDC
Jay Corvan, Architect, Trappe, Maryland

10:45 - 11:30 **Getting the Community You Have Envisioned - Case Studies in Success in Directing Growth – If you Don't Have a Plan, a Developer Will Have a Plan For You!**

Russ Brinsfield, Mayor of Vienna, Maryland
Laschelle Miller, Town Administrator, Leonardtown, Maryland

11:30 - 11:55 **Successfully Navigating the Annexation and Development Review Process
Brynja McDivitt Booth, Esquire**

12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch**

“Regional Initiatives Affecting Small Towns”
Scott Warner, Executive Director, Mid-Shore Regional Council
Dr. Michael Scott, Director, Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative

1:00-2:30 **Considering Alternate Scenarios Town Expansion Options in a Regional Context - Review of Past Trends and Consequences, Regional Case Studies (*Presentations and Panel Discussion*)**

Steve Allen, Maryland Department of Planning
Jay Corvan, Architect
Mark Gradecak, Planning Consultant
John Seward, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy
Scott Warner, Executive Director, Mid-Shore Regional Council

2:45- 4:15

Designing for Healthy Rural Communities – Developing Design Guidelines

Jay Corvan, Architect, Trappe, Maryland

– “Guidelines for Maintaining Rural Character for Infill and New Development”

Bill Kastning, Town Planner, Town of Denton

– “Development and Use of The Denton Pattern Book”

Dennis Haskins, Scenic Byways Program, MDOT, SHA

– “Context Sensitive Transportation Corridors - Design for Enhanced Economic Development”

4:30 – 5:15

Walking Tour of Easton Infill Development

Lynn Thomas, Long range Planner, Town of Easton

5:15 – 6:30

Reception – Scossa Restaurant and Lounge

Speaker: Joe Alfandre, The Kentlands Company

Hors d’oeuvres and cash bar

Dinner on your own

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9:00 – 9:25

Ecological Assessments as an Element of Comprehensive Planning

Ted Brown, PE, Water Resources Engineer, Biohabitats, Annapolis, Maryland
Anne Roane, City Planner, City of Cambridge Maryland

9:25 – 9:50

Source Water Protection in Comprehensive Planning

Lyn Poorman, Water Management Administration, Maryland Department of Environment

9:50 – 10:15

Managing Your Storm water Runoff - Environmental Site Design (ESD) in Maryland - Maximum Implementation in Residential and Commercial Development

Ken Pensyl, Program Manager of the Sediment, Stormwater and Dam Safety Program, Maryland Department of Environment

Break

10:25 - 11:10 Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreements

Ryan Showalter, Esquire, Miles and Stockbridge, Easton, Maryland

11:10 - 11:35 Development of Model Planning Documents for Small Towns – Review of Sample Plans and Ordinances– HB 1141 and Beyond

Dale Mumford, Maryland Rural Development Corporation
Mark Gradecak, Planning Consultant

11:35 – 12:15 Feedback, Questions and Answers – Panel Discussion

Panelists include:

John Leocha, Infrastructure Planner, Maryland Department of Planning
Jay Corvan, Architect
MDE representative TBD
Joyce DeLaurentis, Maryland Rural Development