



# Maryland Rural Development Corporation

## Small Town Symposium

NEW STRATEGIES FOR TOWN PLANNING



taking charge of your town's future

October 29-30, 2008

*MRDC*

*A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT RESOURCE  
FOR RURAL MARYLAND*



# ***What is MRDC?***

*The Maryland Rural Development Corporation (MRDC) is a results oriented resource for Maryland's rural, low income families and communities.*





# *Mission of MRDC...*

*To provide resources that promote self-sufficiency in low-income families and build strong, sustainable communities throughout rural Maryland*





# ***Education, Environment and Equality for Rural Maryland through...***

- *HOUSING AND HOMEOWNERSHIP SERVICES*
- *HEAD START SERVICES TO FAMILIES and CHILDREN*
- *RURAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES*
- *SMALL TOWN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE*
- *LEADERSHIP TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT*





# ***This morning's schedule...***

## ***Wednesday, October 29***

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

*10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Greetings*

*Kevin Brooks, Executive Director Maryland Rural Development Corporation*

*Jeanne Haddaway, Maryland House of Delegates, District 37B*

*Honorable Robert Willey, Mayor, Town of Easton*





# Morning schedule...

- **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





# ***Luncheon Speakers...***

***Regional Initiatives Affecting Small Towns  
Scott Warner, Executive Director, Mid-Shore  
Regional Council***

***Dr. Michael Scott, Director, Eastern Shore  
Regional GIS Cooperative***





# ***This afternoon's schedule...***

**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

**Dennis Haskins**, Maryland Department of Transportation

**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, slideshow of growth  
scenarios*

**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 Stormwater 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***





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- ***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 Discussions***
  - Panelists Include:
    - John Leocha, Infrastructure Planner, Maryland Department of Planning
    - Jay Corvan, Architect
    - MDE representative - TBD
    - Joyce DeLaurentis, Maryland Rural Development





## *The issues...*

- Impact of rapid growth in the rural Maryland
- Increased pressures on existing infrastructure
- The need for new infrastructure and services to handle the current and projected growth
- Economic and environmental factors of planned and unplanned growth
- Impact of the current foreclosure tsunami on our rural communities
- Sustainable, viable small towns and villages
- Affordable, “green” housing stock
- “Quality of Life” in rural Maryland





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