



Somerset County Comprehensive Plan Update

Visioning Workshop

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5:30 PM

Somerset County Civic Center
Crisfield Ln, Princess Anne, MD 21853

What is a Visioning Workshop?

A Visioning Workshop is an essential component of the comprehensive planning process. The workshop provides an opportunity to garner public involvement to identify the community's core values, and the future vision of Somerset County. Visioning is meant to emphasize community assets rather than needs, assess community options and opportunities through shared purpose and values, and to encourage public involvement through the planning process.

Public Involvement

Public involvement is key in this process as visioning facilitates the development of an effective comprehensive plan by focusing attention on organizing collective thought in which not one person, group, organization, or institution is fully in charge. By working together in the visioning process a consensus, on core values is achieved through shared long-term goals. These shared core values serve to lay out what the community should look like physically, socially, and environmentally in the next 20 years, resulting in a vision statement.

Types of Participants

Involvement from the community as a whole is necessary for the visioning process to provide an accurate outlook on what the community feels is most important for the future. This includes economic sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, and others. Organizations such as art and culture unions, churches, environmental youth, and others. Local government such as elected officials, police, transportation, housing, and others. It is imperative that the public has an opportunity to participate on in the visioning process.

Intended Results

Development of an overall vision statement that sets a strong foundation for the comprehensive plan moving forward.