
Acknowledgments

Several Committees met throughout the process of developing this Comprehensive Plan. Their individual contributions to this document represent many hours of work. Their responsible dedication in addressing the many and complex issues facing the County assures this document reflects the wide range of views they collectively brought to the planning process and the consensus they achieved in establishing a planning framework for implementation. These Committee members volunteered countless hours in the preparation of this plan and their commitment to the process of developing this plan is hereby acknowledged.

The members of the **Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee:**

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Robert B. Amdur | Emery Hertelendy | Edwin F. Miller |
| Jane Bollman | Kathleen G. Hughes | Stephen Moore |
| Phil Councill, Jr. | Thomas R. Hughes, Jr. | John Murray |
| John Ford | Jane B. Lowe | Dan Schwaninger |
| Robert Greenlee | John Masone | Bertha Wilson |
| Hope R. Harrington | Mike Menzies | Margaret L. Young |
| Randy Esty | | |

The members of the **Easton Election District Citizens Advisory Committee:**

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| John Barto | Thomas D. Lane | Edward Seibert |
| Jane Bollman | Eugene B. Mechling, Jr. | Nancy South-Reybold |
| William Lee Denny | Mike Menzies | John R. Trax |
| Roland Frank | Joseph E. Mullan | John Ward |
| Greg J. Gannon | John Murray | Dyanne Welte |
| Hope R. Harrington | Marcia Potter | Marilyn J. Witkosky |
| Breene M. Kerr | Deborah Renshaw | Earle B. Wood, Jr. |

The members of the **Chapel Election District Citizens Advisory Committee:**

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Earle Asche | Phil Councill, Jr. | Mark Secrist |
| Callum R. W. Bain | Randy Esty | John Walter Stinson |
| Peter L. Councill | Raymond T. Harrison, Jr. | Ian A. White |
| | | Juanita Kohn |

The members of the **Bay Hundred Election District Citizens Advisory Committee:**

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Robert B. Amdur | Eileen A. Deymier | Jane B. Lowe |
| Mark Beck | Merton Mueller Jarboe | Bernice F. Walk |
| Christina Carton | Carol V. Kabler | Joan Wetmore |

The members of the **Trappe Election District Citizens Advisory Committee:**

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Elaine Altvater | Edward L. Delaney, Ph.D. | Jamesene Randall |
| Mark A. Bower | Edgar Harrison | Dan Schwaninger |
| Sean Callahan | Kim Kaestner | Edward Slichter |
| Peter A. Carroll | | |

The members of the **St. Michaels Election District Citizens Advisory Committee:**

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Frank J. Cavanaugh | Katherine R. Herbert | John Masone |
| Phil Dinkel | Robert E. Hofmaster | Edward M. Rider |
| David Etzel | Kathleen G. Hughes | John Swaine, III |
| Stephen Florkewicz | Elinor (Ellie) F. LaFollette | Margaret L. Young |

The members of the **Tunis Mills/Miles River Neck Area Citizens Advisory Committee:**

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Thomas R. Cohee | Thomas R. Hughes, Jr. | Leslie A. Roslund |
| Emery Hertelendy | Rachel R. Papkin | Robert E. Shaw |
| Elizabeth S. Hott | Len Renkenberger | |

The members of the **Oxford/Route 333 Corridor Area Citizens Advisory Committee:**

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Thomas Alspach | John Ekdahl | Edwin F. Miller |
| Schuyler Benson | Mark T. Hertelendy | Kathleen Radcliffe |
| Lorraine B. Claggett | Kim Kearns | James W. Roach |
| Philip G. Conner | Zena Lerman | R. Flanigan (Polly) Shannahan |
| Philip E. L. Dietz, Jr. | Sarane C. McHugh | |

The Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee formed a sub-committee to draft Vision Statements for each element of the Plan, and an overall Plan Vision Statement.

The members of the **Vision Statement Sub-committee:**

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Thomas Alspach | Robert Greenlee | Carol V. Kabler |
| Robert B. Amdur | Emery Hertelendy | Breene M. Kerr |
| Peter A. Carroll | Kathleen G. Hughes | Ian A. White |

TALBOT COUNTY COUNCIL

Philip C. Foster, President
Hope R. Harrington, Vice President
Peter A. Carroll
Thomas G. Duncan
Hillary G. Spence

TALBOT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Richard Hutchison, Chairman
William Boicourt
Linda Makosky
John C. North
John Sewell*
Robert Zuehlke

*retired from Planning Commission December 2003.

TALBOT COUNTY STAFF

R. Andrew Hollis, County Administrator

Department of Planning

George Kinney, Planning Officer
Mary Kay Verdery, Assistant Planning Officer
Debbie Moore, Administrative Assistant

Additional assistance was provided by

Frank Hall, Town of Trappe
Dan Cowee, Director Permits and Inspections
Sharon Ward Ellis, Director, Parks and Recreation
Ray Clarke, Director, Public Works
Mark Cahoon, GIS Manager
Austin Webster, Housing Coordinator
Mike Henry, Easton Airport Manager
Michael L. Mertaugh, Civil Engineer, Public Works

Consulting assistance was provided by

Anthony D. Redman, AICP, Principal, Redman /Johnston Associates
Peter L. Johnston, AICP, Principal, Redman/ Johnston Associates
Mary Means, President, Mary Means & Associates
Jinni Benson, Senior Associate, Mary Means & Associates

THIS PAGE IS INTENTIONALLY BLANK

Vision Statement for Talbot County Comprehensive Plan

This Vision and the sub-vision statements that introduce each chapter reflect the intended focus of Talbot County land use decision-making.

The primary goal of Talbot County's Comprehensive Plan is to preserve the **Quality of Life** and **Rural Character** while protecting the health, safety and well-being of its citizens. Recognizing that the overall environment is an economic asset of the County, protection of our agricultural lands and waterways, and their harvests, is a high priority. Our six hundred miles of shoreline, the rivers and creeks they surround, and the many fragile ecosystems within them are protected with zeal and vigilance. The high quality of the County's infrastructure (including schools, roads, and sewer and water) is maintained as the County's needs change and grow. The livability and economic vitality of our towns, along with our historical treasures and cultural amenities, are highly valued.

Talbot County affords those who live here an unusually high Quality of Life. Our comprehensive planning, our land use decisions, and our growth management strategies are all completely oriented to sustaining and enhancing this remarkable place "where land and water intertwine." To handle the development pressure in Talbot County we blend state-of-the-art planning tools, strong coordination with and support of our municipalities, and effective legislation to ensure that the Quality of Life associated with our Rural Character is maintained. We cooperate fully with other counties in the midshore area in dealing with common concerns that cross county lines.

Measurably positive results are required as Talbot County's progress toward achieving the Vision is monitored. A monitoring program compares baseline data and the goals and objectives of the plan, against actual and proposed land use changes.

Definitions

Quality of Life is a condition of one's existence that can be improved or degraded by the land use decisions based on this Comprehensive Plan. For the purpose of this document, Quality of Life includes: abundant fields and forests; wildlife; clean water in the Bay and its tributaries; clean air; sufficient, potable water in our aquifers; a low level of crime; good employment opportunities, the relative absence of traffic congestion and excessive noise; access to diverse cultural, employment, recreational, educational and entertainment activities, convenient access to goods and services; and an ethic of personal involvement.

Rural Character is a predominance of farm fields and woodlands; the visible presence of wildlife; an abundance of thriving rivers, streams and wetlands; large, open spaces separating functional towns and villages; low speed roadways which are uncongested and access farms and other private properties; and a minimum of light clutter in the night skies; and the absence of strip malls, retail outlets bearing large and prominent names or logos on their exteriors, or large commercial or residential development.

Vision Statement. A statement that communicates a compelling vision of the future, is critical to implementing strategy, and that answers the question "What will success look like in the effective implementation of the Talbot County Comprehensive Plan?"