

13. Access to Public Waters: New Strategy #4. - Establish waterfront “parks” with picnic tables, sanitary facilities and boat ramps. Land Conservation organizations should be encouraged to actively pursue this strategy through conservation easements and other tax incentives.

Community Development Issues

- 1) Demographics, Economics and Housing: Strategy 2 - Identify several potential sites for new businesses or industry associated with the “Village:Strategy”.
- 2) Demographics, Economics and Housing: Strategy 3 -- year-round employment, especially jobs related to tourism.
- 3) Transportation and Recreation: Issue #2, Strategy #3 - Expand freshwater fishing opportunities, including those associated with the development of reservoirs for potable/irrigation water.
- 4) Public Facilities: Item #3. New Strategy #3 - Develop a plan to consolidate all the schools at a single “campus” and include facilities such as an acoustically satisfactory auditorium and a sports complex with an indoor swimming pool for use by students, and by the community outside of school hours.
- 5) Public Facilities: Item #3, Strategy #2 - salt infiltration or other contaminants unless those industries can be sustainably supplied with water from reservoirs.

Public Comments at Hearing held by the Planning Commission (1/27/05)

- 1) The need for better schools and school atmosphere. There were also comments regarding having a campus where not only school functions would take place but also community events.
- 2) The County has an aging population with big demands, and the County will need to face these demands.

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Attachment 2

Written Comments Received:

Physical Land Environmental Issues

1. Use and Development of Land: Issue #1, bullet #2 - These hubs must continue to define the future business centers of the County.
2. Use and Development of Land: Issue #1, Strategy #3 - Dispersed sites throughout the Villages of the County may be preferred to a single business complex.
3. Soil Suitability for Septic Tanks: Last Issue, add new Strategy #3 - Educate citizens to maintain septic systems by reducing water usage, minimizing the use of garbage disposals and pumping the septic tank every five years.
4. Wetland and Natural Habitat Areas: New Strategy #5 - Educate citizens about the importance of maintaining tidal marshes by pruning back overhanging limbs and removing debris so as to maximize light penetration. and remove invasive *Phragmites australis*.
5. Historic and Archeological Resources: Strategy #1, bottom - Perform a... remove the word "consider" if there is no intent to do it.
6. Groundwater Supply: Issue #1, Strategy #1 - Enforce the 5 year mandatory pump out of septic tanks.
7. Groundwater Supply: New Issue - Artesian water supplies are unsustainable and the water table aquifer cannot supply sufficient water for municipalities and industrial users. Reservoirs can provide a sustainable public water supply as well as create waterfront property, enhance recreation in the form of kayaking, canoeing, and fresh water fishing, and provide water for irrigation of vegetables, vineyards, nurseries, etc.
8. Groundwater Supply: New Goal - To project the need for water into the next century and site reservoirs accordingly.
9. Groundwater Supply: New Goal - New Strategy - Ensure that no development takes place in valleys that may be flooded, or that inappropriate development takes in place on property that may become waterfront.
10. Watersheds: New Goal D - Achieve a reduction in the amounts of nutrients nitrate and phosphate that discharge into waterways via the groundwater by increasing the number of deep-rooted trees in the RPA.
11. Watersheds: New Strategy 7.- Ensure compliance with the RPA requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Act.
12. Shoreline Conditions: Refer to 6. New Strategy #5