

THE QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY PLANNER

The Queenstown Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Queenstown, in conjunction with Queen Anne's County, is busy working on completing their Comprehensive Plan. At the June 11 QAC Planning Commission Meeting there was a work session held to discuss the newest draft of the Queenstown Plan. There was a vibrant debate between the County and Town on several points of the plan. The QAC Planning Commission captured these points in a detailed letter to the Queenstown Planning Commission outlining concerns contained within the revised plan. The following were concerns outlined by QAC Planning Commissioner Frank Frohn:

1. Size of the planning area, specifically properties located south of Route 50;
2. Traffic impacts and issues;
3. Impacts on the environment;
4. Demands of Queenstown's sewer and water resources,
5. The absence of the Water Resources Element and complete Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Wye and Chester Rivers;
6. Queenstown as a receiving area for Transfer of Development Rights; and
7. Adherence to the County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance for new development.

The Eastern Shore Land Conservancy echoes the concerns of the QAC Planning Commission. We feel that development south of Route 50 would degrade the environmental quality of the Wye River, increase dangerous Route 50 traffic, and detract from the character and quality of Queenstown. For a full copy of the letter please contact QAC planning staff at 410-758-1255.

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The Blue Ribbon Panel-Update

The Queen Anne's County Blue Ribbon Panel will have a meeting on July 10, 2009 which will start at 8:00am. Why such a long meeting? The Panel will be conducting a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis on the key points gathered from the community 08-25 proposals. These proposals were collected in late April, and the Panel combed through the proposals to identify the key points contained within each proposal. To review the proposals please visit www.qac.org

The SWOT analysis will allow the Panel to flush out important aspects of each of the key points. Each member will be asked to identify how each identified key point will strengthen the County, weaken the future of the County, as well as what opportunities the key point would provide for the County and how it could potentially threaten the long-term health of the County. For a list of all the key points please contact Lynda Thomas at 410.758.4098.

The County is currently using the assistance of an independent facilitator to assist in finding the best solution on Ordinance 08-25. The next meeting will be lengthy, however the information captured from this meeting will extremely important to allow this process to continue to move forward.

Meetings and Happenings Around QAC!

Blue Ribbon Panel on Smart Growth and Rural Planning, meeting, **July 10, 2009 at 8:00am** at the Land Use, Growth Management, and Environment Building. For more info please call Lynda Thomas at 410.758.4098

QAC Commissioner Meetings, July 14 at 9:00am and July 28 at 5:30pm Schedule TBA For more info please call Lynda Thomas at 410.758.4098

QAC Planning Commission, July 9 at 8:45am for more info please contact the Planning Office at 410.758.1255