

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION RENEWAL



STATE OF MARYLAND: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

REQUIRES A STRATEGIC ANALYSIS OF 6 CATEGORIES: ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, QUALITY OF LIFE, LAND USE/STAFFING NEEDS (5 YEAR TIME FRAME)

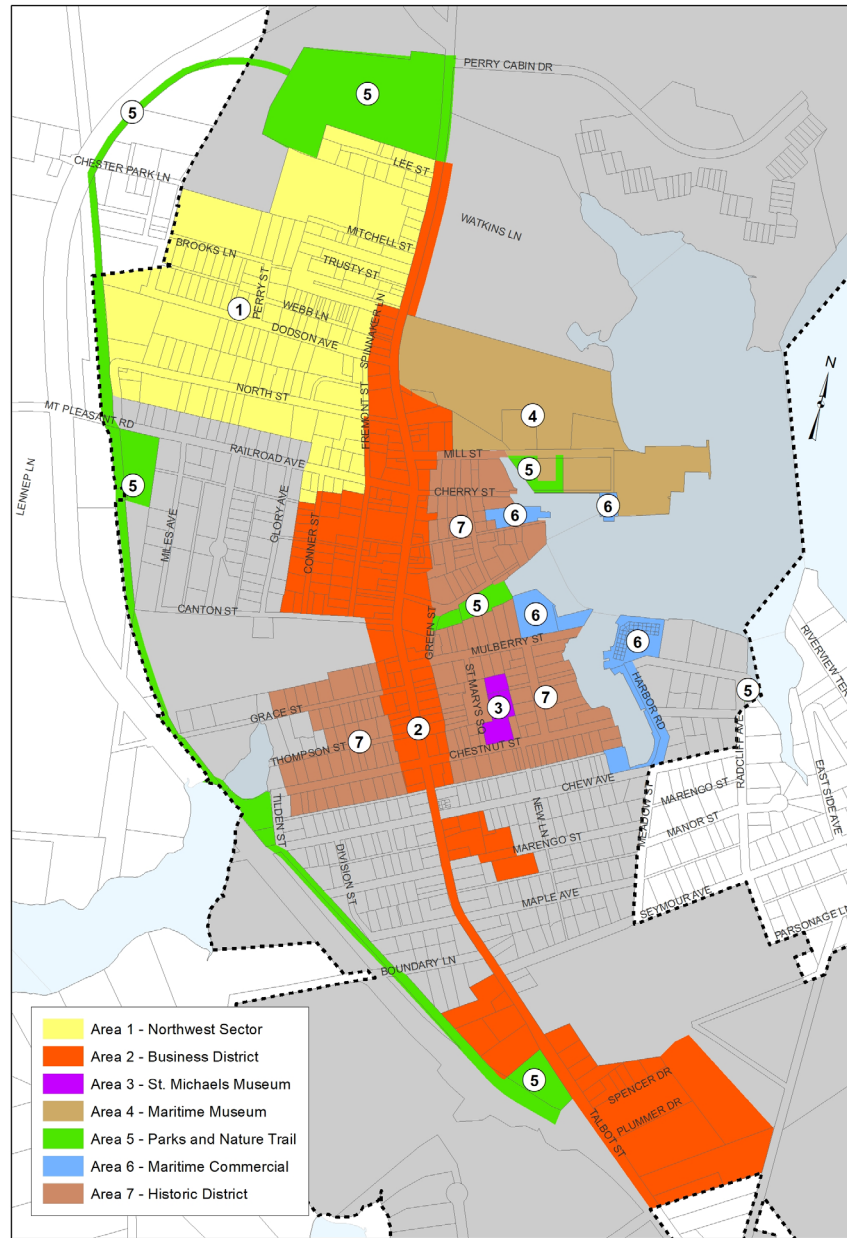
REQUIRES AN ACTION PLAN FOR EACH CATEGORY: ASSESS WEAKNESSES, STRENGTHS AND SET FUTURE OUTCOMES OR GOALS

QUALIFY FOR VARIOUS GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 12+ DIFFERENT GRANTS
- MDOT: NATURE TRAIL, MDHCD: COMMUNITY CENTER

9 PERSON WORKGROUP TO REVIEW EACH CATEGORY

Town of St. Michaels
Sustainable Communities Map 2019



PREVIOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ PREPARING FOR SEA LEVEL RISE
- ✓ ST. MICHAELS NATURE TRAIL WORK
- ✓ BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY
- ✓ SIDEWALK & CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS
- ✓ COMMENCE NEW COMMUNITY CENTER

1. ENVIRONMENT: FUTURE DESIRED OUTCOMES & STRATEGIES

➤ MITIGATE IMPACTS OF SEA LEVEL RISE

COMPLETE CURRENT STUDIES & PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION IMPROVEMENTS

➤ IMPROVE THE TOWN'S WATER SYSTEM SERVICES

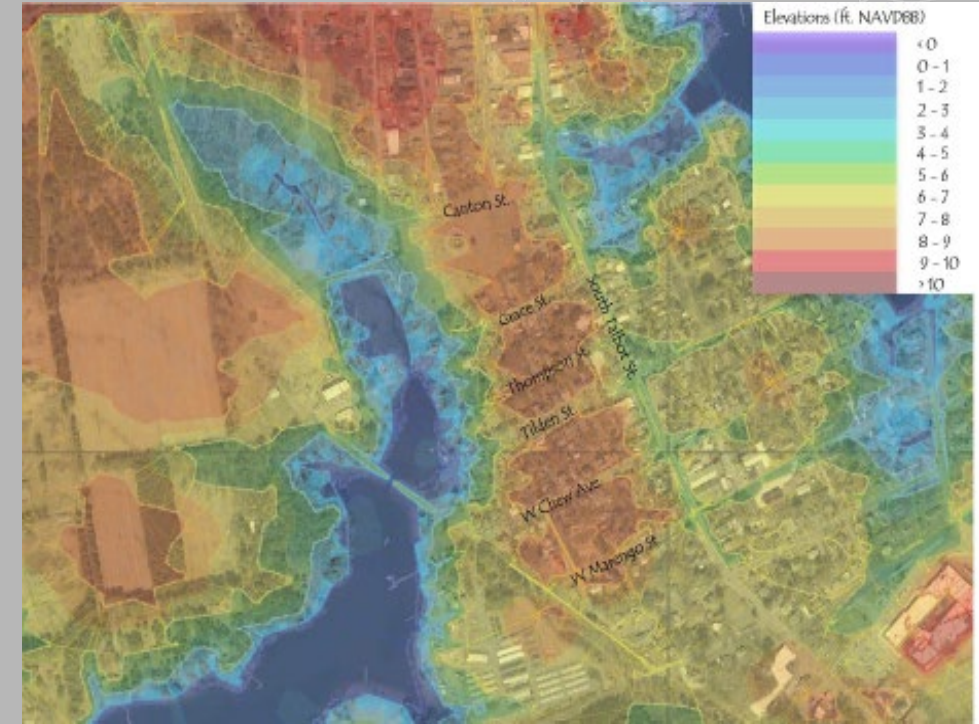
ANALYZE SUPPLY & DEMAND. DESIGNATE 3RD WELL SITE

➤ PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

COMPLETE 1.25 MILES OF NATURE TRAIL. UPDATE PARKS PLANNING EFFORTS

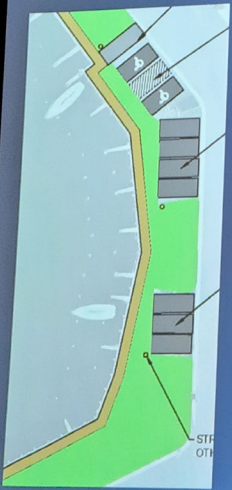
➤ INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS TO WATER

CONSIDER PUBLIC ACCESS IN SEA LEVEL RISE & MASTER PLANS. SEEK FUNDING SOURCES





Option B



- New bulkhead in same location increased to el. 5.0'.
- 5' wide walkway at back of new bulkhead, el. 5.0'
- Grassed/planted area below the walkway at head of spaces, and increased green space between parking
- Small retaining wall to transition to parking (14-18" high)
- Reduction in parking to 40 total spaces.
- Removal of shed to improve parking and continuity on watermen side of small boat ramp.

The diagram shows a plan view of a waterfront area. A yellow bulkhead runs along the water's edge. Behind it is a green area representing a walkway and grassed/planted area. A small retaining wall is shown as a dashed line. Parking spaces are indicated by grey rectangles. A shed is marked with an 'X' and labeled for removal. The water area is light blue, and the sky is dark blue.

2. ECONOMY: FUTURE DESIRED OUTCOMES & STRATEGIES

➤ POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT OF OLDER BUILDINGS

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES, CONSIDER HIRING A GRANTS MANAGER, CONTINUE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

➤ TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS – SERVICE PROVIDERS

WORK WITH EASTON UTILITIES (FRANCHISE AGREEMENT), CONTINUE ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS UPGRADES (WEB SITE REVISIONS)

➤ EXPAND ECONOMY – COORDINATION WITH BUSINESS

RESEARCH OR REVIEW DATA & ANALYSIS (BOTH PUBLIC & PRIVATE SECTORS).

COORDINATE WITH NON-PROFIT AND FESTIVALS/EVENTS, ASSIST WITH START UP BUSINESS INFORMATION



3. TRANSPORTATION: FUTURE DESIRED OUTCOMES & STRATEGIES

➤ IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN-TRAFFIC INTERFACE SAFETY

INCREASE POLICE OR PUBLIC SERVICE AIDE PRESENCE. DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS:
BOLLARDS, LANDSCAPING

➤ IMPROVE PARKING & TRAFFIC CIRCULATION

COMPREHENSIVE STUDY: SUPPLY/DEMAND, CIRCULATION, WALKABILITY, SIGNAGE, PARKING

➤ CONSIDER CHANGES TO TALBOT STREET PARKING

ENHANCE CROSSWALKS, OUTDOOR DINING, LANDSCAPING



4. HOUSING: FUTURE DESIRED OUTCOMES & STRATEGIES

➤ PROMOTE RESTORING AND REHABILITATING EXISTING HISTORIC HOUSING

INVENTORY HISTORIC DISTRICT HOMES. DEVELOP HOUSING RENOVATION RECORDS

➤ PROMOTE INFILL & RENOVATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE HOUSING TYPES

REVIEW ZONING CODE FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES.

➤ PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR LOW TO MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

PARTNER WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. SUPPORT ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS AND POLICES FOR SUCH.

➤ RESEARCH INCENTIVES TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE SPONSORED HOUSING

OUTREACH TO EXISTING BUSINESSES. EXAMINE ZONING CODE TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH.



5. QUALITY OF LIFE: FUTURE DESIRED OUTCOMES & STRATEGIES

➤ PROMOTE EXPANSION OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWN

SURVEY MEDICAL PROVIDERS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND SERVICES.

➤ COMPLETE THE COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

FOLLOW UP ON PLANNING & PERMITTING ISSUES AS NEEDED. HELP PROMOTE FUNDRAISING AS NEEDED.

➤ ADVANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A VARIETY OF ART: MUSIC, VISUAL ARTS AND PERFORMING ARTS

ORGANIZE A MEETING WITH VARIOUS GROUPS TO EXPLORE WAYS TO WORK TOGETHER. CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICES IN ST. MICHAELS.

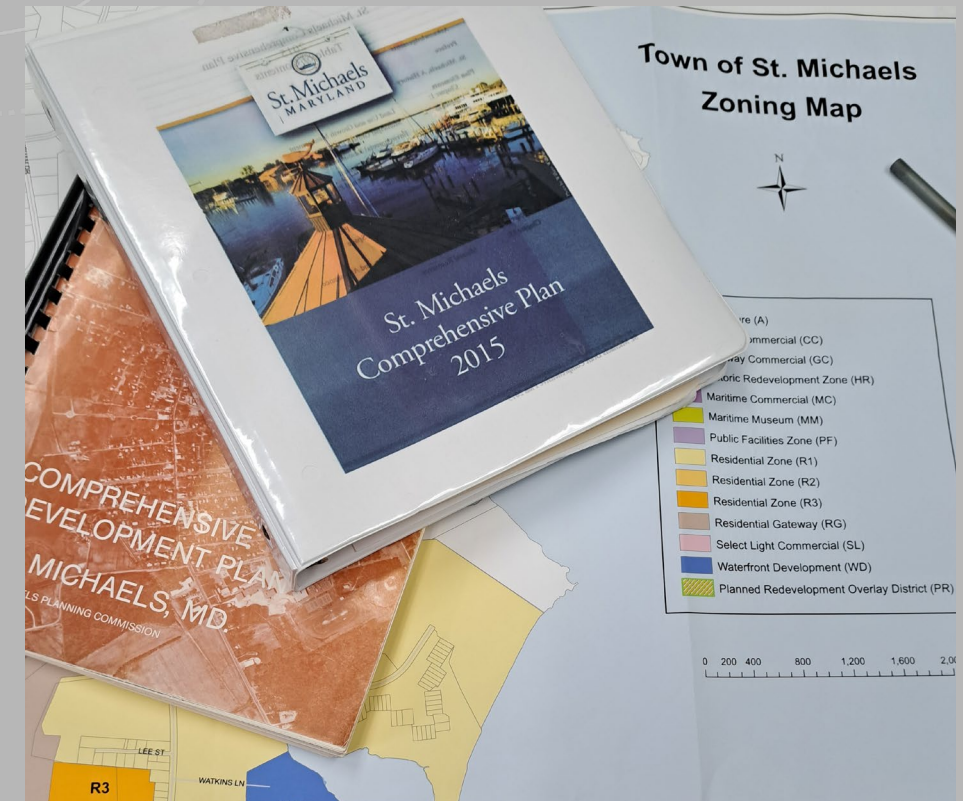
➤ INCREASE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

EXPLORE NEW OPPORTUNITIES: SUCH AS A DOG PARK, BIKE – SCOOTER RENTALS. CONSIDER RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BLWP MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT.



6. LOCAL PLANNING & STAFFING CAPACITY: FUTURE DESIRED OUTCOMES & STRATEGIES

- **ANALYZE SHORT TERM HOUSING IMPACTS**
PREPARE A REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION
- **UPDATE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2024-2025**
UTILIZE THIS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REPORT TO HELP GUIDE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE. AN UPDATE IS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND BY THE END OF 2025
- **CONSIDER ADDITIONAL STAFF & RESOURCES**
PROVIDE DATA AND ANALYSIS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE BUDGET PROCESS
(POLICE AIDE, GRANTS MANAGER)



TOWN COMMISSION ACTION

- CONSIDER THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION RENEWAL
- TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS
- CONSIDER ANY CHANGES YOU THINK ARE NEEDED
- VOTE TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION AND TRANSMITTAL TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT