

**Tilghman Village/Waterfront Master Plan
TILGHMAN COMMUNITY DESIGN WORKSHOP**

Talbot County is sponsoring a two-day village and waterfront community design workshop at the Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Hall on October 21 and 22 to advance the Tilghman Village/Waterfront Master Plan. Members of the planning team will be set up at the Fire Hall conducting topical meetings about the plan on Friday afternoon. This will be followed by two workshop opportunities for the public to offer ideas and suggestions for consideration in the plan.

- Friday, October 21 6:00pm to 7:30 pm
- Saturday, October 22, 3:00pm to 4:30pm

The purpose of the public workshops are to gain community consensus as to

- The need and potential boundary for a state designation of portions of the Village as an Intensely Developed Area, based upon the input from the August 24th community meeting
- The need for the establishment of a “Working Waterfront Overlay District” that simplifies the development approval process for desirable marine commercial uses and identifies the desirable uses that the community wants to encourage in this overlay district
- The best ways to maintain existing and encourage new retail and service business opportunities and access along Tilghman Island Road in a manner that is compatible with village qualities

Public input provided during the Community Visioning Meeting held on August 24, 2016 and through the community survey identified the primary challenge facing Tilghman is to balance the desire for a viable working waterfront and a functioning “Main Street” as the heart of the village, with the desire to preserve the community’s character and appearance and compliance with state law regarding environmental protection.

One way for Tilghman to increase opportunities for a viable working waterfront and “Main Street” is to seek designation for an Intensely Developed Area (IDA) for portions of Knapp’s Narrows and/or Dogwood Harbor waterfronts and Tilghman Island Road (Tilghman’s “Main Street”). The main benefit of the IDA is that lot coverage requirements would be much less restrictive than the current “Limited Development Area” designation.

From **2:00PM to 5:00 PM** on Friday, the public is invited to the fire house to discuss these items with the planning team members and invited guests from state agencies. The topics for discussion include:

- Definitions and the County parameters for establishing an “**Intensely Developed Area**” and boundary alternatives from the August Community Visioning Meeting
- **Tilghman Island Road** Discuss community design issues for Tilghman’s “Main

Street” including ways to maintain existing and expand business access and opportunities

- **Working Waterfront** Discuss how working waterfront assets can be preserved and business opportunities enhanced through a Working Waterfront Overlay District

Those interested in participating or wanting more information are asked to visit the Talbot County website at: <http://www.talbotcountymd.gov/index.php?page=village-master-plans> to download the preliminary agenda for the two-day workshop.

All are welcome to participate and there is no charge for any of the sessions.

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