



conclusion

## PLAN STEWARDSHIP

The 2008 Town of Upper Marlboro Action Plan planning process has resulted in an updated, comprehensive plan of action items and implementation strategies which will guide public and private development and initiatives in and around Upper Marlboro for the next 10 to 20 years. Plan elements also will be carried forward and incorporated within the master plan for Subregion VI, currently being prepared by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 2008–2009.

Stewardship of the plan will be important to monitor progress and ensure that plan goals and action items remain relevant. Regular review and updates can help the plan stay flexible in the face of changing conditions in the local and regional marketplace. Review can help identify major accomplishments, action items that are no longer appropriate due to changed circumstances, and unexpected barriers to achieving plan goals.

A key outcome of this planning process was the development of a Town of Upper Marlboro Action Plan Advisory Committee whose members included residents, business representatives, property owners, and government representatives who all had a vested interest in the future of Upper Marlboro. This group played a key role in advancing the planning effort and bridging the gap of new town commissioner elections that occurred in the middle of the process. The advisory committee, in conjunction with the town commissioners, could serve as the implementing committee

that would see plan recommendations through to completion. This step would help ensure that the plan factors into local decision-making, results in tangible achievements, and continues to reflect community goals over time.

## CONCLUSION

This plan for Upper Marlboro attempts to strike a balance between the aspirations and goals of Upper Marlboro's residents, business owners, property owners, and town and county government representatives. Many people with varying backgrounds and roles in the community have touched this plan in some way. The planning process was sometimes controversial, and it sparked much discussion and debate on a variety of topics which factored into the development of this document. It is hoped that each community member can recognize elements of the plan that reflect his or her input on how to create a sustainable future for the Town of Upper Marlboro.

Throughout the planning process the Upper Marlboro Town Commissioners, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County representatives, Upper Marlboro citizenry, Upper Marlboro business community, local property owners, and the advisory committee have demonstrated sustained interest in the content and direction of the Town of Upper Marlboro Action Plan. Maintaining that interest in plan implementation will require the official collective endorsement and action of the Upper Marlboro Town Commissioners, Prince George's County, and The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, as well as the informal support of various citizens and community interest groups, and the willingness of the private sector to enter into partnerships with the town, county, and M-NCPPC to help implement plan recommendations.