

PARTICIPATION IN THE HUGHESVILLE VILLAGE REVITALIZATION PLAN PROCESS

There will be many opportunities for the public to participate and provide feedback to local officials and the workgroup. The tentative outline for the process includes the following opportunities for public comment:

- ❑ Issue Identification Workshop (August 2004): In August 2004, an Issues Identification Workshop was held at T.C. Martin. The purpose of the workshop was to solicit public input on the community's vision for the Village of Hughesville. Approximately 150 people attended the workshop and provided comments that will be shared with the Advisory Committee and integrated into the Revitalization Plan.
- ❑ Hughesville Revitalization Advisory Committee Meetings (July 2005 through July 2006): The Hughesville Revitalization Advisory Committee (HRAC), appointed by the County Commissioners, will meet to discuss the issues and opportunities associated with Hughesville and make recommendations for the Plan. The HRAC will be assisted in their efforts by staff of the County Government and other State/County agencies, as well as by a consultant hired to prepare the Plan. Members of the public may attend these meetings and observe the proceedings.
- ❑ Advisory Council Review of Draft Plan (Spring 2006): The HRAC will meet to discuss their comments on the draft of the Plan. Once comments have been addressed in the Plan, a Draft Plan will be prepared for release to the public.
- ❑ Planning Commission Public Hearing/Work Session (Spring-Summer 2006): The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and series of work sessions to receive and discuss comments on the Plan.
- ❑ County Commissioner Public Hearing/Work Session (Summer 2006): Responsibility for final approval of the Plan rests with the Charles County Commissioners. At the completion of their public hearing and work sessions, the Commissioners will either approve the Plan or remand it back to the Planning Commission for additional work.

As other opportunities for public comment arise during the update process, notices will be placed on the website and advertised. Please keep abreast of the dates of these opportunities for public comment by visiting our website frequently or by contacting a staff member. We encourage you to attend these public meetings and provide your input.

* Please note that time frames are tentative and subject to change.

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