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**Cordova Village Master Plan**

**Talbot County, MD** – The Talbot County Department of Planning and Zoning will hold a community meeting on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Cordova Volunteer Fire Company Hall to present the *Preliminary Draft* Cordova Village Master Plan.

The idea of a Cordova Village Master Plan grew from the 2016 Talbot County Comprehensive Plan, which recognized the diverse character of the county’s 22 villages. The plan recommends that village master plans be developed to help guide new development and preserve existing community character.

When completed, the Master Plan will identify existing community assets, challenges, needs and desires, along with potential development, safety, economic and enhancement opportunities consistent with the existing character and vision for the Village’s future. **Community involvement is an essential part of the planning process.** A final draft Master Plan is expected to be presented to the County Council by the end of 2019.

The Cordova Village Master Plan kicked-off on August 20, 2019 with a community planning day. The planning team, which included consultant Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP, spent the entire day in Cordova, exploring the village and meeting with residents, businesses, and officials. Over 100 people attended a formal presentation that was made in the evening. Since August the planning team has been working on the preliminary draft Master Plan.

The meeting will take place at the Cordova Volunteer Fire Company Hall located at 11864 Kittys Corner Road in Cordova. There will be a public open house starting at 5:30 p.m. and a formal presentation and opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide input beginning at 6:30 p.m. Following the meeting the Department will prepare a *Draft* Plan for consideration by the Talbot County Planning Commission and the Talbot County Council.

For more information or to provide comments in advance of the meeting, contact Project Manager Martin Sokolich at 410-770-8032 or via email at [msokolich@talbotcountymd.gov](mailto:msokolich@talbotcountymd.gov). Comments can also be mailed to the Talbot County Department of Planning and Zoning, 215 Bay Street, Suite #2, Easton, MD 21601. More information about the project is posted on the project website at [www.nextstep190.com](http://www.nextstep190.com). The Preliminary Draft Plan will be available for review on or before November 12, 2019.

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