

TALBOT COUNTY WORKING WATERFRONT COMMUNITY SURVEY

SUMMARY TABLES

Q1. Please tell us a little about yourself (choose all that apply).						
	Overall	Tilghman Residents	Tilghman Business Owners	Bellevue Residents	Residents Outside Tilghman & Bellevue	Total
I am a resident of the Village of Tilghman	48.7%	100.0%	68.8%	0.0%	0.0%	135
I am a resident of the Village of Bellevue	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	10
I am a resident of Talbot County, but not within the Villages of Tilghman or Bellevue	43.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	119
I am a business owner in the Village of Tilghman	5.8%	8.1%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16
I am a business owner in Talbot County, but not in the Villages of Tilghman or Bellevue	7.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.8%	22
Total	294	135	16	10	119	
Note: as respondents were able to select more than one answer on this question, percentages may add up to more than 100%.						

Q2. What is your age group?

	Overall	Tilghman Residents	Tilghman Business Owners	Bellevue Residents	Residents Outside Tilghman & Bellevue	Total
Over 65	44.8%	43.3%	31.3%	70.0%	46.2%	124
45 to 64	39.4%	39.6%	43.8%	30.0%	38.7%	109
25 to 44	14.8%	15.7%	25.0%		14.3%	41
Under 24	1.1%	1.5%	0.0%		0.8%	3
Total	277	134	16	10	119	

Q3. How long have you lived in Talbot County?

	Overall	Tilghman Residents	Tilghman Business Owners	Bellevue Residents	Residents Outside Tilghman & Bellevue	Total
More than 20 years	44.0%	33.1%	68.8%	60.0%	51.3%	122
10 to 20 years	30.3%	31.6%	18.8%	20.0%	31.1%	84
5 to 10 years	12.3%	15.8%	12.5%		10.1%	34
Less than 5 years	13.0%	19.5%		10.0%	7.6%	36
Not a resident	0.4%			10.0%		1
Total	277	133	16	10	119	

Q4. Do you live in Talbot County full-time/year-round or seasonal/part-time?

	Overall	Tilghman Residents	Tilghman Business Owners	Bellevue Residents	Residents Outside Tilghman & Bellevue	Total
Full-time/year-round	80.2%	69.4%	87.5%	70.0%	93.3%	223
Seasonal/part-time	19.8%	30.6%	12.5%	30.0%	6.7%	55
Total	278	134	16	10	119	

Q5. How long have you owned a business in Talbot County?

	Overall	Tilghman Residents	Tilghman Business Owners	Residents Outside Tilghman & Bellevue	Total
More than 20 years	42.1%	27.3%	37.5%	35.7%	16
10 to 20 years	26.3%	27.3%	25.0%	35.7%	10
5 to 10 years	13.2%	18.2%	18.8%	7.1%	5
Less than 5 years	18.4%	27.3%	18.8%	21.4%	7
Total	38	11	16	14	

Q6. As a resident, how do you enjoy the waterfront in your community (choose all that apply)?

	Overall	Tilghman Residents	Tilghman Business Owners	Bellevue Residents	Residents Outside Tilghman & Bellevue	Total
Enjoyment of scenic views	82.1%	88.1%	62.5%	90.0%	79.0%	229
Enjoyment of restaurants	78.1%	77.0%	87.5%	30.0%	84.0%	218
Enjoyment of waterfront parks and open spaces	71.0%	68.1%	56.3%	70.0%	76.5%	198
Nature observation, including aquaculture/wildlife observation	68.8%	73.3%	43.8%	60.0%	68.1%	192
Motorized boating	66.3%	61.5%	81.3%	90.0%	70.6%	185
Active use of waterfront paths and walkways (e.g. walking, running, biking)	58.4%	68.8%	56.3%	20.0%	50.4%	163
Paddle boating (e.g. canoeing, kayaking)	57.7%	65.9%	37.5%	50.0%	52.9%	161
Fishing	53.8%	53.3%	56.3%	70.0%	53.8%	150
Special waterfront events such as concerts	44.1%	43.0%	50.0%		49.6%	123
Wind-powered boating (sailing, board sailing)	36.6%	37.0%	37.5%	60.0%	35.3%	102
Rowing	15.1%	14.8%	18.8%	30.0%	13.4%	42
Other	18.6%	21.5%	18.8%	20.0%	16.0%	52
Total	279	135	16	10	119	

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Q7. As a business owner, how important is direct access to or being located directly on the waterfront to your business operation?

	Overall	Tilghman Residents	Tilghman Business Owners	Residents Outside Tilghman & Bellevue	Total
Essential	39.5%	45.5%	56.3%	35.7%	15
Important	10.5%	18.2%	12.5%	0.0%	4
Desirable	18.4%	9.1%	12.5%	28.6%	7
Not important	5.3%	9.1%	6.3%	0.0%	2
Totally unrelated	26.3%	18.2%	12.5%	35.7%	10
Total	38	11	16	14	

Q8. Which of the following best describes your business operation (choose all that apply)?

	Overall	Tilghman Residents	Tilghman Business Owners	Residents Outside Tilghman & Bellevue	Total
Other	50.0%		25.0%	57.1%	19
Charter boat company	15.8%	36.4%	31.3%	7.1%	6
Boat repair	15.8%	9.1%	18.8%	14.3%	6
Commercial fishing	13.2%	9.1%	18.8%	14.3%	5
Retail shop	13.2%		12.5%	21.4%	5
Aquaculture operations	7.9%	18.2%	12.5%	7.1%	3
Seafood market	7.9%	9.1%	12.5%	7.1%	3
Boat construction	7.9%		6.3%	7.1%	3
Marina	5.3%			7.1%	2
Seafood production facility	5.3%	9.1%	6.3%	7.1%	2
Boat sales	5.3%		6.3%		2
Dry storage	5.3%		6.3%	7.1%	2
Water-based education and research organization	2.6%	9.1%	6.3%		1
Hotel, motel, inn, bed and breakfast	2.6%	9.1%	6.3%		1
Restaurant	2.6%		6.3%		1
Event venue	2.6%	9.1%	6.3%		1
Total	38	11	16	14	

Q9. How important is the preservation of working waterfronts and water-related industry in your community?

	Overall	Tilghman Residents	Tilghman Business Owners	Bellevue Residents	Residents Outside Tilghman & Bellevue	Total
Very important	77.3%	78.2%	100.0%	40.0%	78.4%	211
Important	11.7%	9.8%		40.0%	11.2%	32
Neutral	8.1%	7.5%		20.0%	8.6%	22
Not important	2.9%	4.5%			1.7%	8
Total	273	133	16	10	116	

Q10. As a resident, what are the four (4) biggest threats to the character and quality of life in your community related to waterfront development?

	Overall	Tilghman Residents	Tilghman Business Owners	Bellevue Residents	Residents Outside Tilghman & Bellevue	Total
Development that is out of character with existing neighborhoods	46.2%	37.0%	18.8%	30.0%	60.2%	128
Shore erosion/flooding	43.7%	49.6%	25.0%	70.0%	38.1%	121
Loss of working waterfront businesses	31.0%	28.9%	37.5%	10.0%	34.7%	86
Noise from hospitality businesses (hotels, inns, shops, restaurants)	28.2%	31.9%		10.0%	26.3%	78
Development regulations that are too strict	26.0%	29.6%	56.3%	50.0%	18.6%	72
Lack of affordable housing	24.2%	26.7%	31.3%	10.0%	22.0%	67
Not enough commercial business/jobs	23.8%	31.1%	62.5%		16.1%	66
Lack of year-round businesses	23.8%	36.3%	50.0%	10.0%	11.0%	66
Lack of public access to the waterfront	23.5%	24.4%	25.0%		25.4%	65
Loss of year-round residents	23.1%	24.4%	31.3%	10.0%	22.9%	64
Too much commercial development	22.7%	16.3%		40.0%	29.7%	63
Loss of open space	22.7%	16.3%	12.5%		32.2%	63
Noise from industrial and waterfront businesses	20.6%	20.7%		40.0%	18.6%	57
Too much residential development	16.6%	10.4%			25.4%	46
Traffic impacts from local businesses	9.7%	5.9%		40.0%	12.7%	27
Impacts from home-based businesses	5.4%	3.0%			8.5%	15
Parking impacts from local businesses	5.4%	5.2%	6.3%		6.8%	15
Other	18.1%	16.3%	31.3%	30.0%	17.8%	50
Not a resident	0.7%			10.0%	0.8%	2
Total	277	135	16	10	118	

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Q11. What types of regulatory methods would you support to address the above issues (choose all that apply)?

	Overall	Tilghman Residents	Tilghman Business Owners	Bellevue Residents	Residents Outside Tilghman & Bellevue	Total
Increased shoreline protection requirements	41.0%	33.1%	20.0%	22.2%	53.0%	110
Architectural/design guidelines for compatible development	35.4%	25.4%	13.3%	11.1%	48.7%	95
Stricter noise ordinance requirements	34.3%	32.3%	6.7%	33.3%	36.8%	92
More lenient noise ordinance requirements	31.3%	43.1%	66.7%		17.9%	84
Required public access to the waterfront	31.3%	26.9%	20.0%	22.2%	40.2%	84
Restriction of waterfront development to working waterfront businesses	27.2%	21.5%	13.3%	11.1%	35.0%	73
Allow more affordable housing types	26.1%	26.9%	46.7%	33.3%	23.9%	70
Increased landscape buffering requirements	25.7%	16.2%		11.1%	38.5%	69
Regulations for home-based businesses	18.7%	13.1%	6.7%	11.1%	26.5%	50
Limitations on business hours of operation	15.7%	13.8%	13.3%	22.2%	16.2%	42
Allow more commercial development on the waterfront	15.3%	19.2%	53.3%		10.3%	41
Lower landscaping requirements	13.4%	14.6%	40.0%	44.4%	7.7%	36
Higher minimum parking requirements	4.9%	2.3%			7.7%	13
Lower minimum parking requirements	3.7%	2.3%	6.7%		6.0%	10
Other	17.2%	16.9%	33.3%	33.3%	15.4%	46
Not a resident	0.4%				0.9%	
Total	268	130	15	9	117	

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Q12. As a business owner, what are the four (4) biggest threats affecting your business related to development?

	Overall	Tilghman Residents	Tilghman Business Owners	Residents Outside Tilghman & Bellevue	Total
Burdensome/inefficient review and permitting process	45.5%	36.4%	43.8%	54.5%	15
Prohibitive use regulations	42.4%	36.4%	43.8%	36.4%	14
Lack of available boat slips for working watermen	39.4%	27.3%	31.3%	45.5%	13
Lack of affordable housing for employees	36.4%	36.4%	31.3%	45.5%	12
Excessive minimum lot sizes, setbacks, buffers, coverage limits	33.3%	45.5%	37.5%	36.4%	11
Complaints from neighbors	27.3%	45.5%	43.8%	9.1%	9
Restrictive noise regulations	18.2%	27.3%	31.3%		6
Restrictions on home-based businesses	12.1%		6.3%	9.1%	4
Excessive parking requirements	12.1%			18.2%	4
Lack of public parking areas/on street parking	12.1%		12.5%	18.2%	4
Lack of land area/space for expansion or new development	9.1%	9.1%	6.3%	9.1%	3
Encroachment of residential development into business areas	9.1%		6.3%	9.1%	3
Encroachment of new non-working waterfront businesses on the waterfront	6.1%			18.2%	2
Excessive landscaping requirements	6.1%		6.3%		2
Lack of lodging facilities	6.1%	9.1%	6.3%	9.1%	2
Other	27.3%	18.2%	18.8%	36.4%	9
Total	33	11	16	11	

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Note: Filtered to only include responses from people who answered that they were a business owner in Question 1.

Note: Bellevue Residents omitted from summary table as none responded to Question 1 as business owners.

Q13. As a business owner, what types of regulatory methods would you support to address the above issues (choose all that apply)?

	Overall	Tilghman Residents	Tilghman Business Owners	Residents Outside Tilghman & Bellevue	Total
More streamlined development review and permitting process	58.8%	54.5%	62.5%	66.7%	20
More lenient noise ordinance	47.1%	63.6%	68.8%	8.3%	16
More inclusive permitted uses	38.2%	36.4%	43.8%	33.3%	13
Allow more affordable housing types	38.2%	54.5%	43.8%	25.0%	13
Reduced setbacks, buffer areas	32.4%	45.5%	56.3%	8.3%	11
Allow more home-based businesses	32.4%	36.4%	37.5%	25.0%	11
Allow accessory dwelling units attached to businesses	32.4%	27.3%	31.3%	41.7%	11
Reduced minimum lot size	26.5%	36.4%	43.8%		9
Restrict waterfront development to working waterfront businesses	20.6%	9.1%	18.8%	25.0%	7
Reduced parking requirements	17.6%	9.1%	18.8%	8.3%	6
Increased impervious coverage limits	14.7%	18.2%	25.0%		5
Other	23.5%	18.2%	18.8%	25.0%	8
Total	34	11	16	12	

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