



Memorandum:

To: Michener's Chesapeake Country Byway Advisory Committee and Interested Stakeholders
From: Jim Klein
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Subject: Potential Preservation/Conservation Goals and Objectives

Overall Preservation and Conservation Goal (DRAFT):

Plan for and implement preservation and conservation measures that will ensure that the Byway's character defining features will be maintained including its related historic sites, landscapes, towns and shorelines.

Issues Identified at Advisory Committee Meeting #1

- *Protection of significant landscapes from suburban sprawl*
- *MAPP project*
- *Perception of property rights infringements*
- *Sea level rise*

The following are some potential preservation and conservation objectives to help guide discussion at the July 15th, 2010 Advisory Committee meeting:

1. Work with local land trusts and preservation organizations through a wide range of sources to securing a source of funding for preservation and conservation easements.
2. Develop a list of conservation and preservation priorities based on criteria that are consistent with potential partner organizations.
3. Focus preservation and conservation actions on property owners that are willing and interested in participating on a voluntary basis.
4. Work with local government to develop incentives for guiding land use and development in a manner that will help to maintain the character defining features of the byway.
5. Make information available to the public on the wide range of preservation and conservation tools that can be utilized to maintain the character defining features of the byway.
6. Adopt the byway management plan as an amendment to each locality's comprehensive plan, and if appropriate, to existing preservation and open space plans.
7. Develop an appropriate organizational structure that will facilitate advocacy on behalf of the byway and speak up for the byway's interests on major regional projects that will potentially impact the character defining features of the byway (such as utility transmission lines, federally funded transportation investments, amendments to growth and sewer service areas, etc.)
8. Use the latest available mapping and technology to address preservation and conservation issues related to potential sea level rise and ensure that the byway is considered in all future deliberations regarding local, state and federal actions associated with potential sea level rise.