

TOWN COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION & HARBOR AREA REVIEW BOARD

Joint Work Session

March 22, 2022

Cape Charles Civic Center

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Town Council
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Establish quorum

2. Call to Order – Planning Commission
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Establish quorum

3. Call to Order – Harbor Area Review Board

4. Discussion Item: Harbor Area re: Comprehensive Plan

5. Harbor Area Review Board Adjournment

6. Planning Commission Adjournment

7. Town Council Adjournment



JOINT MEETING WITH TOWN COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION & HARBOR AREA REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: March 22, 2022

Prepared by: Katie H. Nunez, Interim Planning/Zoning Administrator

Date: March 16, 2022

JOINT MEETING: Discussion of Harbor Area re: Comprehensive Plan

As work is progressing on the Update to the Comprehensive Plan, it is essential that we focus on the Harbor as a whole district and examine the land designations that have been assigned to property around the harbor both from a Future Land Use Map perspective and current Zoning Map designation.

The questions that are posed to the members of these various boards is the following:

- 1) Do we need a Historic Harbor Overlay District which is governed pursuant to Cape Charles Zoning Ordinance Article IX? How is this map different from the designated parcels as Harbor Zoning and shown on the Cape Charles Zoning Map which is governed by the regulations in Cape Charles Zoning Ordinance Article 3, Section 3.9?
- 2) If we need an Historic Harbor Overlay District, have we identified the Harbor Overlay area as we intend and would also like reflected in the Town's Comprehensive Plan?
- 3) How does the Comprehensive Plan elucidate the importance of the harbor itself and the adjacent land uses as an economic driver relative to maintaining the Town's partnership with the Federal Government (Army Corps of Engineers) re: the parameters for federal investment in the ongoing maintenance & dredging of the harbor or potentially expanding the depth of the harbor dredging to meet increased business needs relative to direct harbor commerce thru dockage/wharfage, etc?
- 4) Does the Comprehensive Plan and the Town Zoning Ordinance reflect the latest survey data from fall 2021 collected by Town Administration regarding economic diversity in the harbor area – tourism related businesses, commercial/service-oriented businesses, manufacturing/light industrial type businesses and other business associated with a working harbor?
- 5) The latest survey date from fall 2021 collected by Town Administrator included a question concerning the Town providing additional recreational amenities, such as a basketball court with possible locations for said amenities. The majority responses favored locating such an amenity south of Rayfield's pharmacy on a portion of the railroad property which would fall within the currently identified Historic Harbor Overlay District – does the Comprehensive Plan need to be updated to reflect this type of usage and is this compatible with the uses envisioned in the Harbor Overlay District as well as in the Zoning Ordinance?

BELOW is information to assist discussing and reaching a consensus for each of the questions listed above. It is our intention to focus on confirming the area designated as the Harbor District/Overlay and general uses envisioned there so we can forward that information to the Town's Consultants working on the update to the Comprehensive Plan.

I. MAPS OF HARBOR AREA

Since the Town adopted the Zoning Map on June 6, 2008, which shows several parcels designated as Harbor Zoning pursuant to CCZO Section 3.9, there have been several Zoning Map Amendments (ZMA) to parcels in and around the Harbor since then. Below I have included a GIS Map outlining the parcels that are around the Harbor or may have been affiliated as part of the harbor due to their connection/relation to former STIP or PD-STIP (the former Sustainable Technologies Industrial Park). I have included a note as to when the zoning map designation changed.

It is relevant to have this updated zoning map for this area since there is a difference in this map to what I believe is the adopted Harbor Overlay Map, which was voted by Town Council on November 19, 2019, Town Council which I have enclosed below the revised Town Zoning Map.

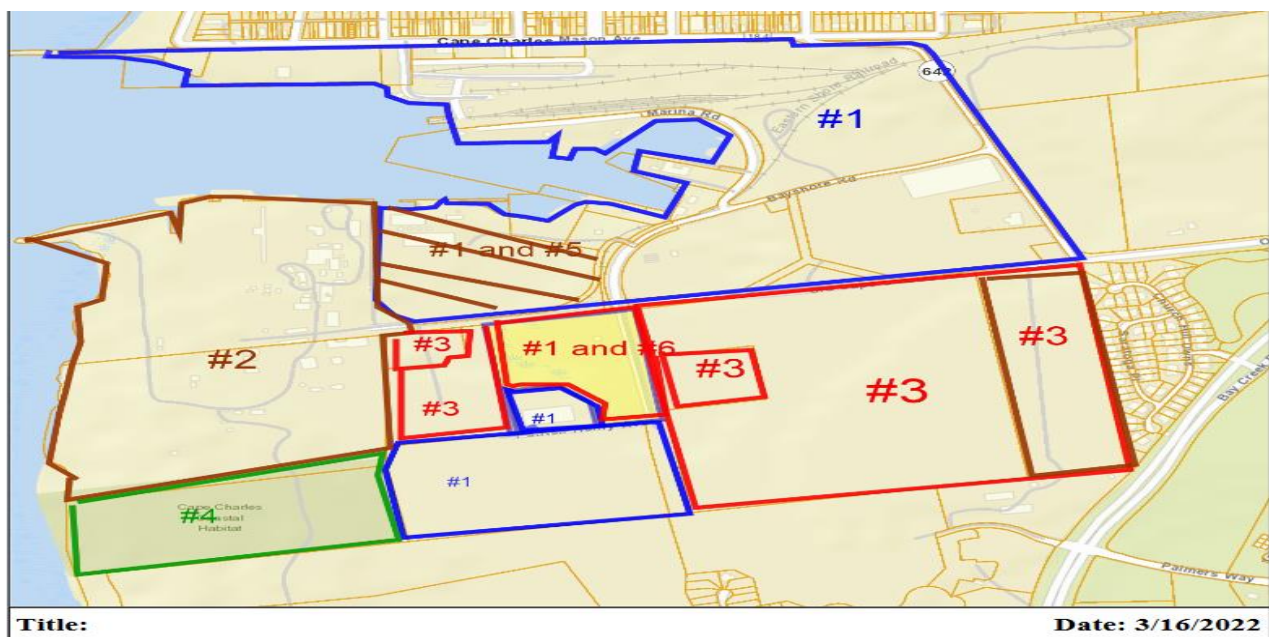
CURRENT ZONING MAP OF THE HARBOR AREA

LEGEND:

Blue Outline – Harbor District
Brown Outline – Industrial M-2
Red Outline – General Business
Industrial -Harbor-1 (GBI-H1)
Green Outline – Open Space

NOTES – Rezoning Map Amendment Votes:

#1 – 6/2/2008 Adopted Town Zoning Map – shown as Harbor Zoning
 #2 – 4/8/2010 ZMA Adopted from STIP to Industrial M-2
 #3 – 4/8/2010 ZMA Adopted from PD-STIP to GBI-H1
 #4 – 4/8/2010 ZMA Adopted from PD-STIP to Open Space
 #5 – 8/18/2016 ZMA Adopted from Harbor to Industrial M-2
 #6 – 8/19/2021 ZMA Adopted from Harbor to GBI- H1



The zoning map amendments were advanced relative to increased economic activity: 1) Coastal Pre-Cast purchasing the Bayshore Concrete property and expanded business opportunities, including the possibility of supplying & assembling and storage of components for off-shore wind turbines; and 2) Establishment of the Cape Charles Yacht Center and associated boat dockage, visitation, repairs, maintenance and storage. On the north side of the harbor, there has been a resumption of seafood unloading for commercial distribution and sale.

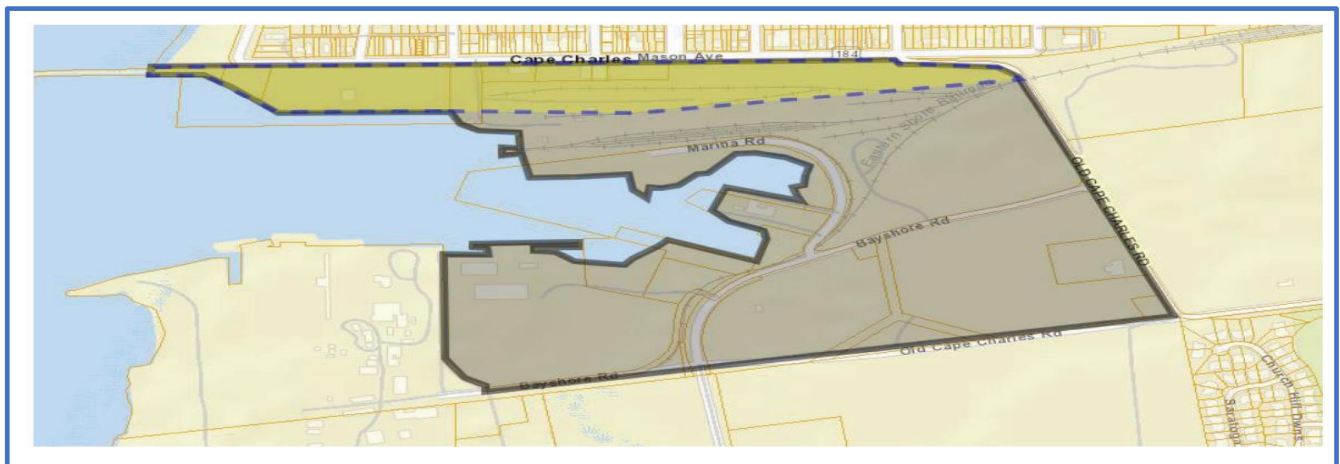
Additionally, the railroad has formerly ceased operations and ownership status of the underlying land is currently impeding the potential redevelopment of this property which we anticipate will be resolved in the near future, so it is imperative that the Town has adequately Planning and Land Use documents to ensure that this area of the town is developed within our established vision for the harbor area.

An Eastern Shore Rail to Trail Foundation has been formed through the Accomack Northampton Transportation District Commission and the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission is actively working with the communities of the Eastern Shore, including Cape Charles, to apply for state transportation funding to being implementation of the rails-to-trail segment components.

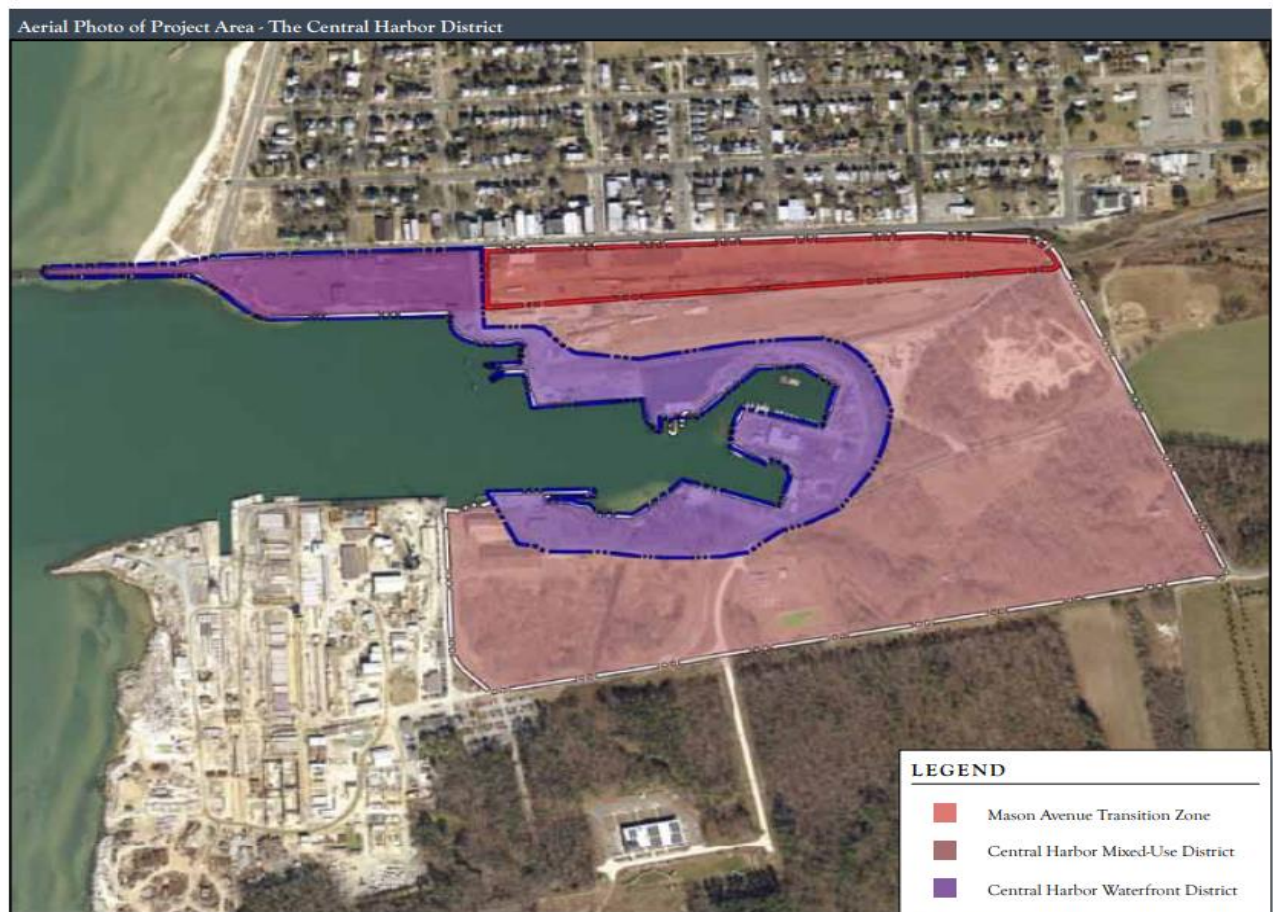
Other concept plans shared with the Town for possible development in the harbor area include a hotel with restaurant and outdoor pavilion as entertainment venue.

CURRENT HARBOR OVERLAY MAP

11/21/2019 Town Council Vote amending the Historic Harbor Overlay District Map included this map as part of the agenda packet – there was no legend provided

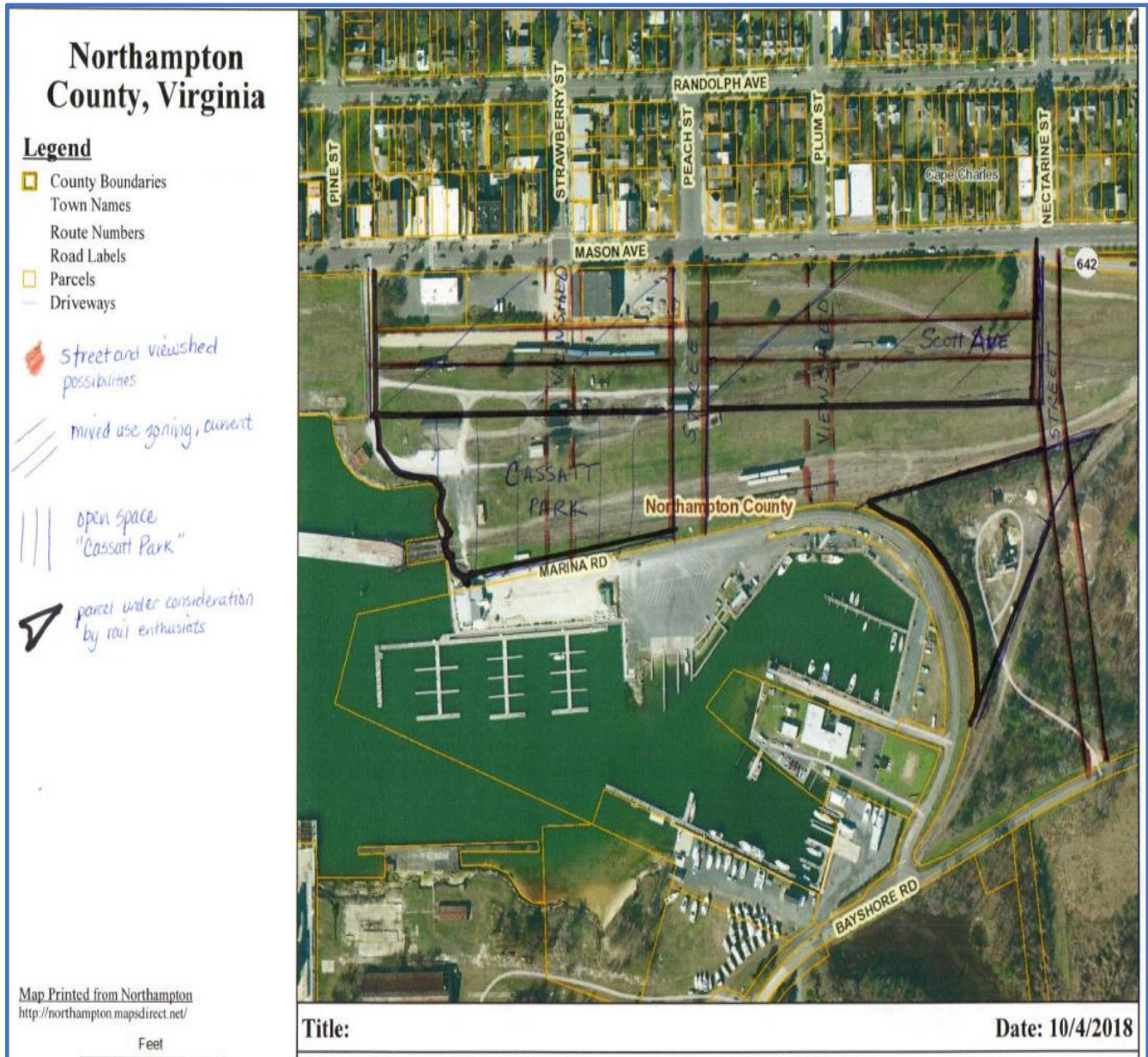


11/21/2019 Town Council Meeting – Planning Commission staff report referenced a map from page 7 of the Harbor Area Designs Standard document dated 9/9/2010 which may be of interest to the group for this discussion



OTHER MAPS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST

Councilman Paul Grossman and former Councilwoman Cela Burge developed a concept document to further illustrate some of the concepts from the various Planning documents and Design Guidelines, including community trails, re-use considerations for railroad property as part of Rails to Trails, street viewshed concepts, etc., which is provided below.



Similar conceptual layouts were also included in the Harbor Area Conceptual Master Plan & Design Guidelines on page 15 through 19 which can be accessed through this link: document1463053057090513.pdf (municipalcms.com).

II. CURRENT COMP EXCERPTS RE: HARBOR AREA

Included as an attachment to this document are the sections of the current Comprehensive Plan that concern the harbor area. As you will see, these start with the framework concepts of the document:

- 1) LAND USE defining Harbor Mixed Use and Planned Unit Development which is a zoning consideration that could be utilized to implement the vision for the harbor area
- 2) EMPLOYMENT Sector as it is considered in relation to each of the Land Use Types
- 3) FUTURE LAND USE CONSIDERATIONS
- 4) ECONOMIC VITALITY
- 5) AMENITIES
- 6) IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES
- 7) FUTURE LAND USE MAP

III. TOWN SURVEY DATA from FALL 2021

The two questions that relate to the Harbor Area are attached to this document with the full detailed responses included from the survey respondents.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 – Current Comp Plan Excerpts re: Harbor Area
- 2 – TOCC Fall Survey Economic Diversity Results
- 3 – TOCC Fall Survey Basketball Data

CURRENT COMP PLAN EXCERPTS RE: HARBOR

LAND USE FRAMEWORK

III.2.1.2 Harbor Mixed Use (Harbor)

The Harbor Mixed Use designation was established to encourage a vibrant working waterfront area that has a strong economic benefit to the town with compatible new industry and employment, and with strong public and recreational value, public gathering places, access to the water, placed for people to conduct business and to live, meet, relax, encounter nature, and learn of Cape Charles' working maritime and rail heritage and its strong historic traditions. This category is characterized by retail, recreational, cultural, marine-related businesses, food service and restaurants, office and institutional uses, educational, civic and entertainment uses on the street level, with residential uses on upper floors. Any new development shall provide and encourage public access to the water's edge and emphasize the pedestrian environment throughout the harbor. Pedestrian activity is of the highest priority, so buildings would be located close to the street and sidewalks are wide and feature street furnishings, lighting, and other amenities. The south side of Mason Avenue shall provide a visually inviting connection to the harbor for all modes of transportation.

The **Cape Charles Harbor Area Conceptual Master Plan and Design Guidelines** serve as an overall guide to the future development and redevelopment of this area. Any change in the zoning classification in this area should result in this area becoming Harbor Mixed Use. The town intends to pursue a connection between Mason Avenue and the Harbor and increase parking in the area as redevelopment occurs and land use shift.

III.2.1.5 Planned Unit Development

The Planned Unit Development (PUD) designation should be compatible with others in the town and immediate surroundings, with commercial uses concentrated in the areas shown as Commercial PUD on the Future Land Use Map, and with uses in general mixed to encourage walkable communities. The PUD category designates a mix of uses that can include residential, specialty commercial, commercial, and general business/industrial. The intention of this category is to promote creative and imaginative development designs for residential and commercial uses by allowing greater flexibility than is generally possible. It is also intended to promote more efficient use of the land while encouraging variety, convenience, the development of recreational areas and open spaces, and creates an integrated land use development with common landscaping, architectural and design elements. The Historic District's traditional grid plan for local roads is typically not found in the PUD.

EMPLOYMENT AREAS

III.3 Employment Areas

The Future Land Use Map includes a designation of several Employment Area categories:

- Harbor
- Industrial

- General Business/Light Industrial H-1
- Industrial District M-2
- Main Street Mixed Use

III.3.1 Harbor

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III.3.2 Industrial

The industrial designation permits certain industries, which may detract from residential desirability, and will not be permitted to locate in any area adjacent to a residential area. This category should contribute to the existing maritime and industrial nature of Cape Charles and may consist of buildings used for manufacturing and warehousing. All properties adjacent to the harbor have an alternative future land use of Harbor Mixed Use designation.

III.3.3 Industrial District M-2

The Industrial District M-2 designation provides for mixed industrial and employment land uses which encourage the revitalization of the local industrial economy and the historic Port of Cape 16 Charles and Northampton County, create family-wage employment and training opportunities for local residents, serve as a model for advancing the traditional settlement patterns of the Eastern Shore's towns and employment centers, and encourage cost-effective approaches to resource conservation, wise use of renewable resources, and ecologically based industrial development.

III.3.4 General Business/Light Industrial H-1 District

The General Business/Light Industrial H-1 designation allows for a planned mixed industrial and employment park with a comprehensive development plan which encourages the revitalization of the local industrial economy and historic Port of Cape Charles and Northampton County; creates family-wage employment and training opportunities for local residents; serves as a model for advancing the traditional settlement patterns of the Eastern Shore's towns and employment centers; and incorporate comprehensive, cost-

effective approaches to resource conservation, wise use of renewable resources, and ecologically based industrial development in all aspects of design and development of the project.

III.3.5 Main Street Mixed Use District

The purpose of this designation is to recognize the unique juxtaposition of the existing residential structures within the central business district and the future needs of Cape Charles commercial districts. See Section III.2.1.1 above for description.

III.5 Land Use Category and Uses Summary

CATEGORY	USES
Main Street Mixed Use (Commercial Residential)	Land uses in this category includes a mix of activity-generating uses on the first floor storefront space that can include commercial, retail, office, with residential uses located above the first floor.
Harbor Mixed Use (Harbor)	Land uses in this category should be mixed, including resort and tourism-related retail, waterfront industrial and employment, associated residences, and accessory uses and should support the existing harbor and railroad uses.
Traditional Residential Mixed Use (R1, R2, R3)	Land uses in these categories includes a mix of residential single family, single family patio, and duplex dwelling units.
Low Density Residential (RE)	Land uses in this designation should consist primarily of single family dwelling in low-density residential areas intended to have a gross density of between 1-5 acres per unit, and to be clustered to protect significant areas of open space. Development proposals that seek higher density ranges in order to utilize desired clustering methods and preserve open space should also be considered.
Planned Unit Development (PUD)	Land uses in this category promote creative and imaginative development designs for residential and commercial uses by allowing greater flexibility than is possible under the restrictions of conventional regulations. It is intended to promote more efficient use of the land while encouraging variety and convenience for the development and/or recreational areas and open spaces within the project.
Industrial (GB, M-1)	Land uses in this category permits certain industries, which may detract from the residential desirability, and

	will not be permitted to locate in any area adjacent to a residential area.
Industrial District (M-2)	Land use in this category provides for mixed industrial and employment land uses which encourage the revitalization of the local industrial economy and historic Port of Cape Charles.
General Business/Light Industrial H-1	Land use in this category provides for a planned mixed industrial and employment park with a comprehensive development plan which encourages the revitalization of the local industrial economy and historic port of Cape Charles.
Railroad	Land use in this category is identified as railroad and future Harbor Mixed Use designation. The open space designated to handle harbor dredge spoils should only be held for that use.

III.6 Future Use Approach

III.6.3 Future Land Use Recommendations – Long Term or Strategic

In addition to the recommendations listed above, these recommendations are targeted for implementation beyond the five year time frame.

- The Railroad designation is intended to acknowledge the railroad owned properties as important historic and economic resources within the Town of Cape Charles. All properties adjacent to the harbor have an alternative future land use of Harbor Mixed Use designation and their redevelopment should be guided by the Cape Charles Harbor Area Conceptual Master Plan and Design Guidelines.
- Bayshore Concrete Products is an important economic anchor for both the town and the county. The plant is in the process of expanding and capital improvements. All properties adjacent to the harbor have an alternative future land use of Harbor Mixed Use designation.
- The property currently owned by the government and used as a United States Coast Guard Station Cape Charles facility performs a necessary and important safety and security function for the entire area. All properties adjacent to the harbor have an alternative future land use of Harbor Mixed Use designation.

Section III-A – Quality and Diverse Neighborhoods

Overall Policies for development of Neighborhoods

(10.) Extend the concept of the historic grid network to new development.

Applies to Neighborhoods: ➤ Residential	Description:
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➤ Mixed Use ➤ Business & Industry Note: The historic grid network of the street system is a valuable asset for the Town and provides ample connections between residential and commercial uses for both the automobile and the pedestrian. Designing roads that serve new development in a system of interconnected blocks as a “grid” will improve overall network connectivity, promote greater accessibility for both traffic and emergency access, and foster compatibility of streetscape design for the whole town.	• The historic grid system works well in the core of the town and should be extended into new development including street width, turning radii and diagonal parking • Extend Fig Street with an at-grade crossing over the Railroad property to Old Cape Charles Road • Protect the view sheds • Maintain the “hump” as an alternate emergency vehicle route
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III-A.5.2 New Developments

Maritime and Mixed-Use Developments on the Harbor

The underdeveloped land, private and public, around the Cape Charles Harbor has been approved for development. Land uses in this category should be mixed, including resort and tourism-related retail, waterfront industrial and employment, associated residences, and accessory uses should support the existing harbor and railroad. These developments are:

- Cape Charles Yacht Center
- Town Harbor

Section III-B – Economic Vitality

III-B.5.3 Goal: Facilitate Business Start-Up, Expansions and Relocations

Despite the attractiveness of Cape Charles’ location in a regional context, the town must aggressively seek out partnerships with existing businesses, educational institutions, telecommunications providers, regional economic development groups, among others and pursue economic development opportunities, capitalizing to the extent possible on existing strengths. In December 2013, Bayshore Concrete Products successfully applied and was approved for the Cape Charles Technology Zone Incentive which gives a tax benefit for a maximum of five years. The plant is in the process of expanding and capital improvements of \$4 million are planned.

The town has the potential to grow over the coming years and the hospitality industry, including conference and convention center facilities, should be part of that growth. This industry brings visitors to Cape Charles and requires a cadre of well-trained workers to support

that growth. These visitors will require restaurants and other businesses to support them and the demand for quality support staff will be strong. Living accommodations within a reasonable distance area needed, making the Town Edge important in future land development.

While the town continues its focus on conducting business in a friendly efficient and effective manner, it should also continue to emphasize an “easy to do business with” attitude in dealings with both businesses and citizens alike.

Strategy:

- Capitalize on the existing and planned maritime industry cluster. 28
- Promote the dredging of the harbor from the current 18 feet to 35 feet to support economic development in the Harbor Mixed Use District.
- Pursue a study to determine markets for the Cape Charles Harbor.
- Attract new and/or additional major maritime, high technology, hospitality and small conference center business uses to Cape Charles.
- Foster small business development and home-based businesses.
- Promote tax incentives such as:
 - Enterprise Zone or Free (Foreign) Trade Zone
 - Town Commercial Rehabilitation
 - Northampton County Commercial and Residential Rehabilitation
 - Assessment/Tax Freeze
 - Technology Zone
 - Tourism Zone
 - Historical Tax Credits
 - HUB Zone
- Partner with educational institutions and appropriate organizations to research training and economic development opportunities.
- Promote Cape Charles Harbor as an ideal port of call

Section III-D Amenities

III-D.1 Cape Charles Harbor

Cape Charles Harbor is unique and vital to the future of the town. It currently serves the Bay Coast Railroad, Bay Shore Concrete, United States Coast Guard, Cape Charles Yacht Center, Mid-Atlantic Maritime Academy, industrial port and warehousing facilities, commercial fishermen and recreational boaters. The harbor has been upgraded with the installation of new docks, fuel tanks, floating docks, walkway, bathhouse and a restaurant. New development has been proposed on private parcels around the harbor as well. In response to increased usage and interest in the harbor, in 2007, Town Council approved the Harbor Historical District, the Harbor Zone, the Harbor Master Plan and Design Guidelines, and the Cape Charles Harbor Redevelopment Plan. To encourage sustainable marketability and growth of the harbor, the town will:

- Develop and implement a plan with Bay Coast Railroad for public crossings at Fig Street and at the waterfront.
- Fully implement the plan for construction of breakwaters to allow for greater protection of the harbor for use by all types of boaters.
- Support the Harbor Redevelopment Plan to increase funding for new facilities and greater dockage as well as dockside spaces for retail and recreation.
- Work with private developers to encourage employment opportunities for residents.
- Coordinate plans with the various stakeholders around the harbor to connect the proposed multi modal trail with the Historic District.
- Implement the Cape Charles Harbor Area Conceptual Master Plan and Design Guidelines to ensure cohesive and appropriate development around the harbor.
- Create a public recreational meeting area at the harbor for use by all fishermen, boaters, Cape Charles citizens and visitors.
- Encourage Virginia Clean Marina Standards at all marinas and maintain the Clean Marina at the harbor.

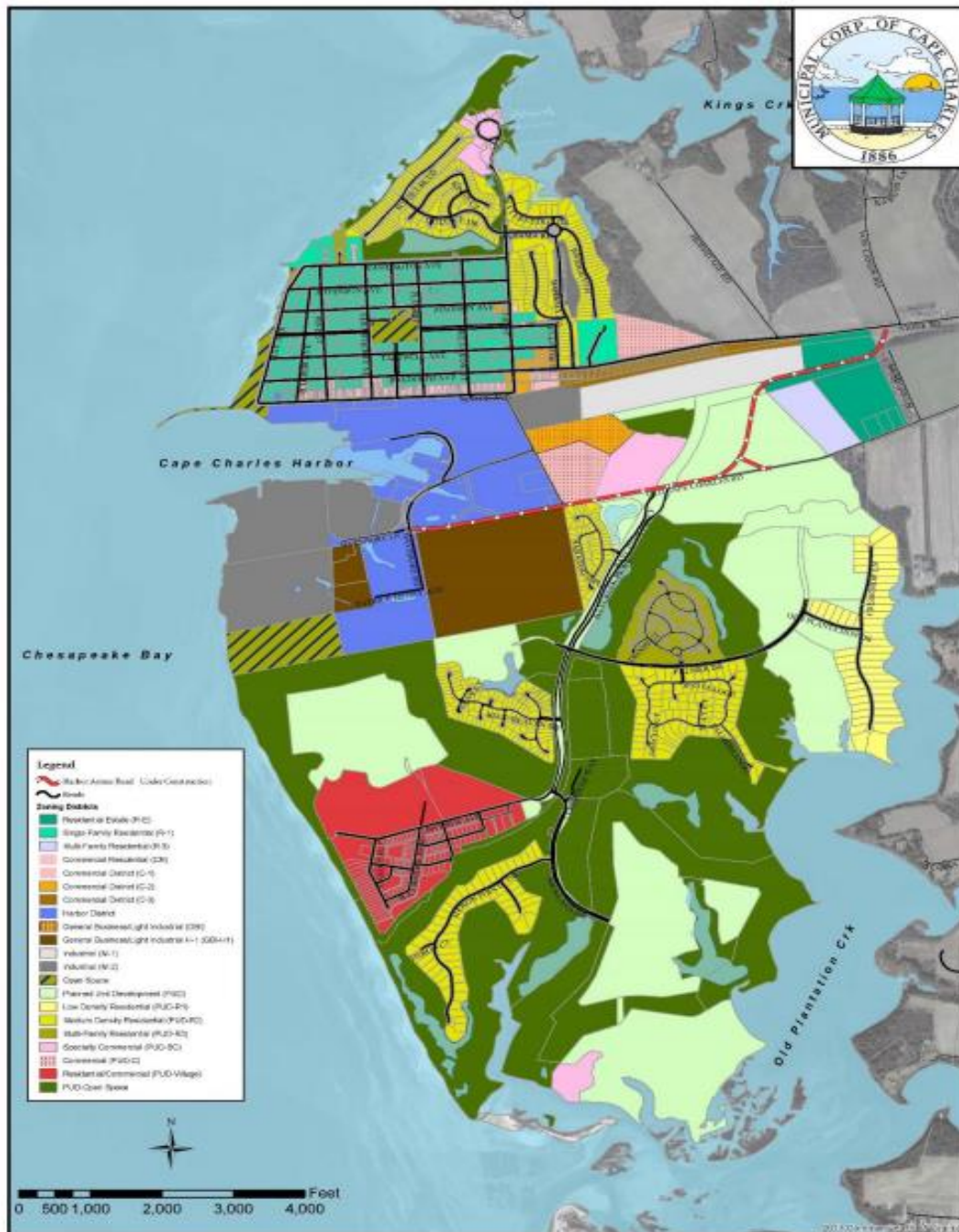
Section IV – Implementation

IV.2 Harbor Conceptual Master Plan

- Inventory historic site in the harbor area and encourage rehabilitation
- Commemorate historic sites such as the Meteor Site
- Establish an Architecture Plan for the harbor • Encourage rail development for commuter and scenic routes
- At-grade railroad crossing should be encouraged where feasible
- Integrate a pedestrian network from town to harbor
- Develop additional docking facilities at the harbor
- Keep parking areas green by using means such as pervious material
- New parking structures, if used, should be compatible with adjacent structures
- Incorporate traffic calming features to slow traffic in the Historic Core
- Maintain the harbor as a multi-modal transportation hub
- Minimize dependence on private auto transportation
- Preservation and restoration of the Rosenwald School
- Enhance jetty maintenance
- Create a public recreation meeting area
- Raise the level of the channel jetty to above mean high water

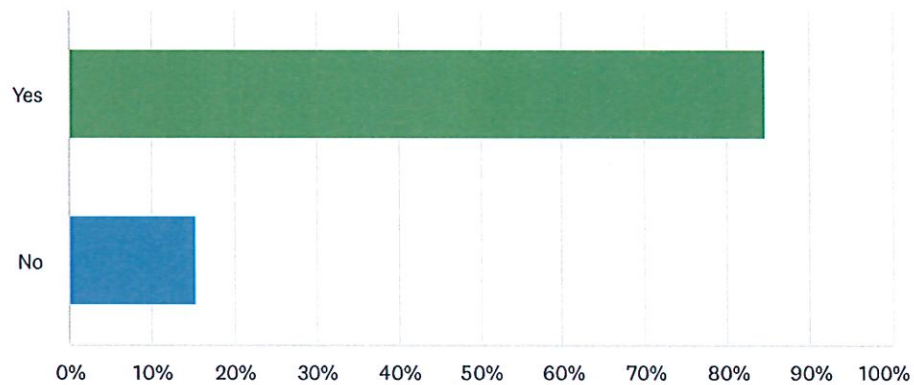
VI.2 Land Use ~~Zoning District~~ Map

Town of Cape Charles ~~Zoning~~ Map



Q9 The Town Council believes that Cape Charles should strive to have a healthy mix of economic sectors, which include tourism related businesses, commercial/service-oriented businesses, manufacturing/light industrial type of businesses, and other businesses associated with a working harbor. The Council further believes that tourism and a small-town character can successfully coexist with a working harbor and manufacturing/light industrial activity as long as these activities are thoughtfully located and regulated to minimize conflicts. As such, zoning will be updated to reflect that in general, tourism/commercial activity is best suited in areas north of the harbor and manufacturing/light industrial activity is best suited in areas south of the harbor. Do you agree with the Council's view regarding economic diversity?

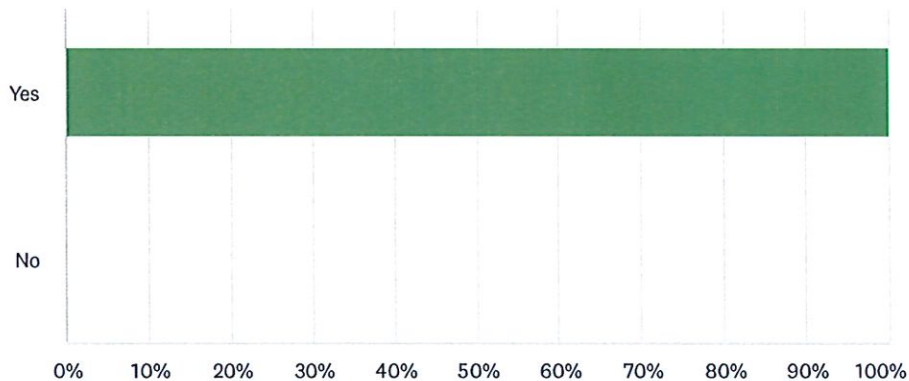
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84.58%	373
No	15.42%	68
TOTAL		441

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Answered: 373 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		100.00%	373
No		0.00%	0
TOTAL			373

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	If it wasn't for industry and manufacturing this town would not be here. Please continue your support.	12/30/2021 10:28 AM
2	The approach makes a lot of sense	12/30/2021 10:26 AM
3	As long as tourism doesn't take over the town. It is impossible for those of us who live here to get a dinner reservation in the summer. Many of us just hide. Not sure how it can be done, but is there a way to control the number of homes that are vacation rentals? They are now trying to market the rentals during the Winter months!!!!	12/30/2021 10:22 AM
4	--Yes, understanding that visibility/viewshed/noise impact of manufacturing/light industrial south of the harbor will always be a consideration. --As to the idea of a working harbor, we see	12/30/2021 10:20 AM

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how something like the clam operation on the north side of the harbor impacts the potential for diversity of economic sectors. A careful review of what is allowable in the Harbor Zoning is important. --Note that the beach should not be neglected as part of maintaining economic diversity. This includes adequate sand on the beach and multiple entryways along Bay Avenue.

5	Being new, I wish a map had accompanied this question so I would have a better vision of what areas north of the harbor and south of the harbor are. I do support a healthy mix of economic sectors....provided the plans for development are transparent and allow for community input and questions.	12/30/2021 10:20 AM
6	But, please do not over tax tourism. In my view hotel or vacation rentals taxes are unfair. They are voted by locals and the taxpayers out of town can't vote. Among others this country was founded on no taxation without representation. I'm not against taxes, taxes are the price for our civilization. But I'm against tax misuse and tax benefits for special interest.	12/30/2021 10:19 AM
7	Comments made suggesting limiting the commercial component to only any business related to tourism is not realistic nor desirable from a diversity point of view. However, zoning ordinance needs to be updated to weed out those businesses that we feel are unrealistic (e.g., coal yards and heliport in M-1 district, Recycling drop-off collection centers and Utility installations in M-2 as examples).	12/30/2021 10:18 AM
8	The key being that "these activities are thoughtfully located and regulated to minimize conflicts."	12/30/2021 10:18 AM
9	However, there is major concern for the industrial area directly behind the New Quarter area of Bay Creek. Noise, odors, storage and hovering large equipment along with unattractive industrial buildings would ruin property value and would be a huge disturbance to this section of the Cape Charles community. We have major concerns about the use of this area.	12/30/2021 10:14 AM
10	Provided it doesn't take away from the appearance of the harbor	12/30/2021 10:13 AM
11	I agree that tourism and a small town character can coexist with a working harbor and manufacturing/light industrial activity. I believe there should be regulations for both parties as long as it doesn't choke the businesses to where they can't grow and provide jobs. We need both but one can't choke the growth of the other. I don't think the location of the clamming operation takes away from the character of what we want cape charles to be, actually this is part of our culture on the shore and should be out there for others to observe and be educated in this area. I have observed tourists being interested in the operation works. Probably having never encountered this type of business. It is just one more thing to add to the uniqueness of out town, plus it gives jobs.	12/29/2021 3:57 PM
12	I believe that economic diversity is essential for the town's future. But, when there is an appearance that the interests of investors rather than townspeople are being served, then resentment and opposition increase.	12/29/2021 3:55 PM
13	The town has to be very careful that the industries are compatible with the tourists and the historic character. Restaurants on the water are very compatible as is the boat maintenance business and the fishermen who use the harbor. Please let us know which businesses you are considering so the the community can have a voice. Not all industry is compatible.	12/29/2021 3:49 PM
14	Though tourism (specifically rental properties) may need to be controlled at some point (e.g. Onancock ideas).	12/29/2021 3:49 PM
15	Although I said yes, the statement "as long as these activities are thoughtfully located and regulated to minimize conflicts" makes me wonder what this really means. I agree that light industry should be located south of the harbor, but it should also be closely monitored to make sure there are no ordinances broken or negative environmental impacts resulting from irresponsible operations. BTW, I am still waiting to find out how the town is going to handle the unauthorized clear cutting done by PreCast last summer.	12/29/2021 3:48 PM
16	As long as green space , industrial related noise and pollution regulations are strictly enforced.	12/29/2021 3:31 PM
17	It would be nice to have a small market (groceries) in town that accommodated not only the residents but also the transient visitors. I imagine a market would be particularly convenient to visitors arriving by boat who may be looking to replenish supplies.	12/29/2021 3:30 PM
18	The manufacturing and light industry are critical for employment in the area, helping build the tax base, attracting more services and improving the schools. The trick is keeping the	12/29/2021 3:24 PM

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balance..... As the town hopefully expands into the old railroad property, managing that development will be critical.

19	However, need to stop industrial scale operations, like current clam off-loading and develop guidelines to limit industrial noise. Guidelines and hours of operations on north side.	12/29/2021 3:20 PM
20	Even though tourism is a large part of our economy we need to remember that residents on the shore need year round employment.	12/29/2021 3:19 PM
21	Beware short term rentals- I know I live in Va beach	12/29/2021 2:19 PM
22	But oppose more manufacturing/industrial south of harbor	12/20/2021 11:36 AM
23	We need all the businesses we can get that pay good money. Coastal precast pays good money. We need more like that.	12/20/2021 11:29 AM
24	I agree with the councils view regarding economic diversity. I am against expansion of the concrete industrial area. The noise pollution alone is a degradation to the charm of CC. You can hear it all the way to Cherrystone on many days. We also must preserve our green areas and walkways near the industrial area and near the Baycreek neighborhoods.	12/20/2021 11:04 AM
25	As long as the light industrial is operating under normal and acceptable hours (i.e. not 3am)	12/17/2021 5:59 PM
26	But Never should have given up harbor	12/17/2021 11:48 AM
27	Light industrial on the property south of the harbor and west of Precast would be a great use of this property (wind mill propellers??)	12/17/2021 11:05 AM
28	Jobs are at the heart of a small town.	12/17/2021 9:59 AM
29	In regard to the harbor and tourism, yes. But remember that economic diversity also includes allowing families of lower socioeconomic status to enjoy what our "small town" has to offer.	12/17/2021 6:49 AM
30	Economic diversity is the best plan for the town's long range well being !	12/17/2021 1:55 AM
31	Yes, not just within Cape Charles town limits, but in general, on the southern part of the peninsula on the Eastern Shore, there is not enough affordable housing. We should work together as a community to look to expand and support economic diversity.	12/16/2021 6:25 PM
32	While I agree, if there is no affordable housing, where will the employees live and spend their paychecks.	12/16/2021 4:35 PM
33	It would be interesting to consider the rail yard property and how that would then steer purchase and development.	12/16/2021 3:23 PM
34	Seems to be working so far...	12/16/2021 2:50 PM
35	But Never should have given up harbor	12/16/2021 12:24 PM
36	I consider the clamming operation on the north side of the harbor more than light industrial.	12/16/2021 11:50 AM
37	However, I have been in Cape Charles since 1984 and there was a working harbor on the north side and it was fine, but multiple 18 wheelers idling all night, stench from the clams, noise from people clanging metal crates and people hollering at 1, 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning is unacceptable and not good for tourism.	12/16/2021 10:10 AM
38	I think that there should also include language to show an intent and purpose to expand business offerings to be year-round businesses, especially in the food-service industry.	12/16/2021 9:49 AM
39	Important to have a mix of jobs for all.	12/16/2021 9:22 AM
40	However, this is a very fine balance as one would not want the commercial endeavors to conflict with the tourism industry, especially in making the area less attractive and noisy.	12/15/2021 10:03 PM
41	I wish it had a yes and no answer, I believe in economic diversity but have little faith in the same industry that thrived while the town crawled and now we think that's going to change or it's going to threaten the industries that did actually resuscitate the town?	12/14/2021 11:00 PM
42	The deep water port is an incredible asset that in no way maximizes its potential currently. See savannah GA for what it could become...but better	12/14/2021 6:24 PM
43	In general this makes sense. However you do have housing south of the harbor so its would	12/14/2021 4:45 PM

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make sense to ensure that landscape buffers be included to help shield activities and beautify facilities.

44	I agree to an extent. I don't agree of rezoning south of the harbor for light industrial when it interferes with nature and the wetlands. I also wonder what damage the cement plant is doing to the bay at their location. Do we have reports of their environmental impact?	12/14/2021 4:04 PM
45	My hope is that the hunger for business does not have additional negative impacts on our mom and pop businesses by drawing larger chain stores.	12/13/2021 9:38 PM
46	If these activities are thoughtfully located and regulated to minimize conflicts	12/13/2021 3:14 PM
47	More in favor of mfg/light industrial uses to draw more full time residents	12/13/2021 11:30 AM
48	We should see what the town could do to assist in the reconstruction of the Rosenwald School, should the board of the 501c3 working on this effort want assistance. The town could continue to apply pressure and increase pressure on the owners of "casually maintained properties". They need to "love it (fix it up — at least the exterior) or list it. Three that quickly come to mind are two on Randolph and one in the 600 block of Monroe.	12/13/2021 11:04 AM
49	The sight of vacant shops on Mason Ave is daunting. We seem to need more practical businesses- i.e.a bike shop, family restaurants, hardware store, garden store.	12/13/2021 10:04 AM
50	I really don't want Cape Charles to be a retirement community and I think having diversity of jobs available will attract families to live here keeping our town vibrant	12/13/2021 9:57 AM
51	I'm fine with the concrete factory, I applaud it in fact. I am NOT ok with the commercial activity in the field across from the Northampton Hotel. For God's sake, who allowed that??? The trucks spew exhaust that I can smell at my house at 109 Monroe. The noise too, I didn't mind the sound of the concrete factory but I do mind the idling of 4 or 5 or 6 gigantic trucks. Again, someone is going to get killed with those trucks coming through town. Really awful. That is prime waterfront property, ideal for anything but a truck parking lot!!! I had heard that Eyre Baldwin has a stake in the business, or something, sorry, 3rd hand info here, but do think it is high time he stop being allowed to run the table in this town. He does not have to LIVE here and SMELL the exhaust. If I were a property owner on Mason across from that mess, I would be very upset indeed.	12/12/2021 2:17 PM
52	I agree, but let's do it right, without the business interests dragging us by the nose. Coastal Precast is not being a good neighbor, and neither is Eyre Baldwin. Council needs to hold them accountable, but unfortunately has shown no inclination to do so.	12/9/2021 4:14 PM
53	Also support the concrete plant	12/9/2021 12:13 PM
54	I agree but for example, the level of noise that is being created on Mason Avenue, across from the old hotel by the new seafood business, is not acceptable. We need to be able to set a noise limit or time limit on the noise created. I have talked with people who live at that end of town who are very disturbed by the noise level this creates. So if we are going to mix commercial and residential we need to be more respectful to the residents who are needed here to make the town work. The people who are most disturbed are the full time residents. This is an example of the problem with losing more full time people to people who live away and collect the rental income. We can not afford to run off the people who are full time here.	12/8/2021 7:28 PM
55	I agree with economic diversity but not at the cost of harming the tourism or service oriented businesses- restaurants and shops. How can a industrial or working harbor exist where it is now — across the street from a boutique hotel, rental cottages, small businesses? this makes no sense as it now exists. Stick to the Community Strategic Plan and move it.	12/8/2021 3:50 PM
56	However, a strong noise ordinance should be enforced and buffers required.	12/7/2021 5:19 PM
57	Yes with a ?... AS LONG AS COUNCIL FOLLOWS THROUGH WITH THE APPROPRIATE ZONING AND THEN ENFORCEMENT, WHEN/WHERE AND WITH WHOM, WHEN NEEDED!!!	12/6/2021 4:13 PM
58	I completely agree with the economic diversity that is so important to the eastern shore, but feel that the impact of manufacturing/light industrial type of businesses on the historic district and beach should be considered. For example, while I recognize the importance of the concrete plant, it is an eyesore to the town and creates sound pollution. Both issues could be resolved or improved with some creativity.	12/3/2021 9:04 PM

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59	I have no problem if businesses want to move to town, it sounds like the problems that comes with a small town with thriving tourism are being thought about. I do fear bringing in people that are not from the area and want to bring their "this is how it's done where we're from" attitude and ways. We don't need to change the town to appease people that don't appreciate what is already here. Also, I live in Charlottesville, a gentrified town. Lower income people can't afford to live here because they can't pay the high taxes and high rent that college kids parents can pay. I don't want to see Cape Charles do the same because it seems most towns only worry about affordable housing once they have displaced the ones that can't afford it. Maybe it's by design and unfortunately it seems to be already be happening.	12/3/2021 6:33 PM
60	I just hope all are thought through thoroughly and we consider all outcomes on these decisions. It would be difficult to go back if we ended up with an undesired outcome.	12/3/2021 11:34 AM
61	The town has experienced a large turnover in properties the past 5-7 years, and I doubt that many of the new owners have a good understanding or appreciation of the town's historical dependence on the harbor and industry.	12/3/2021 11:27 AM
62	Other than we would not consider the clam operation works with this vision	12/3/2021 11:26 AM
63	Yes, yes and yes!!! Diversification is key	12/3/2021 11:24 AM
64	I feel most would agree with this statement if positioned correctly. Recent council meetings have shown a lack of trust for council members and their ability to make impartial decisions. Generally, a better communication system with the population would go a long way. The council cannot expect residents to tune in to council meetings for several hours at a time to stay in the know.	12/1/2021 9:17 AM
65	Need to add health or senior care to the mix	12/1/2021 7:03 AM
66	I dunno why people hate the cement plant so much when it's been there longer than most residents of the town. lol	12/1/2021 3:38 AM
67	I beleive a mix of economic and tourism will be good for the town. I also feel the town should be selective in what businesses are allowed in town. There is a great mix of tourism shops currently but very few lifestyle type options. Trying to encourage food or market type shops would be helpful to the town and keep people in town more than having to run out to food lion all the time. Just a thought.	11/30/2021 10:19 AM
68	The Town needs to do more to ensure that the concrete plant is a good neighbor. I still hear their trucks beeping loudly, and for extended periods of time. I also read that they illegally clear-cutted trees. They should be forced to plant 3 trees for every one they felled. Also, what on earth is up with the clamming operation on the north side of the Harbor?! That operation seems to run counter to the Town's view. It is an utter eyesore and embarrassment.	11/29/2021 6:52 PM
69	If you want tourism to thrive alongside industrial, the noise pollution and ugly views of industrial must be minimized. We specifically did not purchase a home on Mason or Randolph due to the incessant beeping from the concrete plant.	11/29/2021 3:19 PM
70	Tourism is great, but housing need is real for people working in town!!! Perhaps we should address that at some point, before it is too late?	11/29/2021 11:17 AM
71	The Bay Creek people that formed the group against the concrete plant have lost their mind. (My home is in Marina Village). Tourism must co-exist with a working waterfront.	11/29/2021 11:02 AM
72	The town is to small and can not handle the number of tourist in the summer time. The beach is tiny and 2 hour waiting time for a restaurant is insane. Because of the huge number of rental properties there are not enough fulltime families...without the families the businesses do not have enough employees.	11/29/2021 10:06 AM
73	This statement belies the actions of Council to rezone based on special interests of a select few.	11/28/2021 12:01 PM
74	I am happy to have a working harbor but there should be some regulation as to the hours of work. Sometimes the cement plant and the clam ships/trucks are going early in the morning or very late t night. There is also much dust and dirt. It was also very disheartening when the cement plant expanded south stripping much natural habitat. I no longer enjoy walking the trail with the plant being so visible and loud.	11/28/2021 10:36 AM
75	Utilities may hinder the recruitment of advanced manufacturing. Need more housing to provide	11/27/2021 5:06 PM

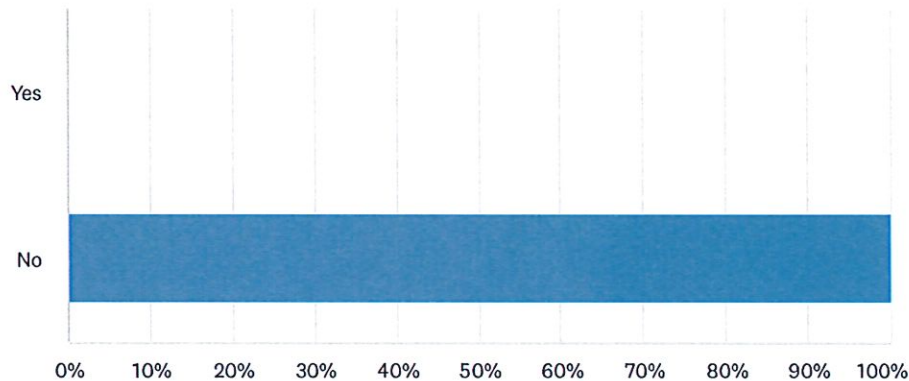
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workforce or look into a community college/ workforce center to cater to businesses the town would like to attract. The town or county needs an economic development director to steer both county and town in recruiting business expansion.

76	Go CAPE CHARLES CITY!	11/25/2021 8:17 PM
77	But I believe in flexibility. Not a strict adherence to a North / South divide.	11/24/2021 11:32 PM
78	The non-tourism sectors of our economy are important and should be increased.	11/24/2021 12:10 PM
79	The council might have this intention, but they have not yet convinced the key stakeholders like CC Main Street and owners of businesses that cater to tourists about the importance in serving year-round working class residents. The antagonism demonstrated during the zoning discussion for the concrete plant is a tip-off that folks don't yet understand the importance of economic diversity. If we cater to the tourists, we will continue to lack residents who are willing to serve on the town's committees and contribute to building a sustainable, year-round community.	11/24/2021 7:43 AM
80	I think the town officials do a great job considering both working vibrancy and laid back beauty.	11/23/2021 7:51 PM

Q9 The Town Council believes that Cape Charles should strive to have a healthy mix of economic sectors, which include tourism related businesses, commercial/service-oriented businesses, manufacturing/light industrial type of businesses, and other businesses associated with a working harbor. The Council further believes that tourism and a small-town character can successfully coexist with a working harbor and manufacturing/light industrial activity as long as these activities are thoughtfully located and regulated to minimize conflicts. As such, zoning will be updated to reflect that in general, tourism/commercial activity is best suited in areas north of the harbor and manufacturing/light industrial activity is best suited in areas south of the harbor. Do you agree with the Council's view regarding economic diversity?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Yes	0.00%	0
No	100.00%	68
TOTAL		68

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Updating zoning? The damage has been done	1/10/2022 11:12 AM
2	The lower income community that have lived in Cape Charles for years, can no longer afford to shop or live there. It has been taken over by those who are in a higher tax bracket so that regular folks can't afford it. I owned a home & ran a business there but sold out due to expenses. Can no longer pay a huge Cape Charles tax plus the Northampton County tax as well. It's impossible! The only reason that I go into town now is to pick up a prescription or walk on the solitude of the beach in which a place to park & solitude is non existent today, very sad .	12/30/2021 10:27 AM
3	Light industrial, yes, however they extend the word " conditional " use. This is an open end situation, they have already stepped beyond " conditional" use. The only persons who won on	12/30/2021 10:26 AM

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this Ayer Baldwin and the concert plant.

4	What Council says and reality, as far as the clamming operation, seem to be in conflict. The concrete plant seems to at least try to be a good neighbor, but the clamming seems determined to punish the town by running operations 24/7. Where is Northampton County in providing jobs and business? It seems that all of the jobs being created are the burden on Cape Charles, at the expense of the peace and quiet that drew people to the town. I cannot begin to imagine how the clamming has impacted the three houses and Northampton Inn on Mason Avenue. Does Council care about those businesses?	12/30/2021 10:24 AM
5	They approved changes to zoning without gaining any concessions (financial or general). There was no facts as to the accurate employment at the plant from Cape Charles or even Northampton County. In addition, this Clamming Operation "north" of the Harbor, defies the intent listed above to keep the Historic district protected from industrial activities.	12/30/2021 10:24 AM
6	Clam boats unloading all night long every 3 days in a commercial zone that is not in compliance. South side of harbor is not zoned industrial. I do not consider this light industrial with the noise and arc lighting.	12/30/2021 10:07 AM
7	Do not support manufacturing/light industrial type of business in Cape Charles	12/30/2021 9:52 AM
8	Manufacturing/light industrial activity	12/29/2021 3:59 PM
9	Need to consider the water usage and the small amount of space in the whole area. We don't need more traffic and the protection of the bay and its habitants/wildlife should be first.	12/29/2021 3:56 PM
10	Proposal needs to be more specific	12/29/2021 3:53 PM
11	Need more information on this matter	12/29/2021 3:48 PM
12	The town's main interest is the tourist! The town has chased away local fisherman by raisen docking fees and regulations. The town constancely battles the concrete plant. Its an eyesore and noisy for the tourist. Doesnt sound very friendly. And refuses to enforce golf cart laws. The town has lost its appeal. Who in their right mind wants to back in parking!!	12/29/2021 3:29 PM
13	Manufacturing/light industrial activity should in NO WAY effect the residential areas of Bay Creek.	12/29/2021 3:27 PM
14	You must curb tourism to maintain your base of full-time residents.	12/29/2021 3:26 PM
15	This town can be Cape May, NJ or Elizabeth, NJ but it can't be both.	12/29/2021 3:24 PM
16	The concrete plant and clam operations have ruined the area with little revenue or cape charles.	12/29/2021 3:15 PM
17	We do not agree the Councils view regarding economic diversity. To us, the definition of "light industry" would never include a huge concrete plant whose noise reaches MANY of the residential blocks day and night. The town has not effectively reached an agreement with the plant's managers about the noise or the particulate matter that drifts over the open waters of the harbor and bay, AND reaches the residential area. This is detrimental to the health of the residents and visitors. Fishing is a vital part of any working harbor but the current clamming operation with the rows of idling diesel tractor trailers causing air pollution, light pollution and noise pollution, all hours of the day and night, is NOT acceptable. It should be located on the South side of the harbor. It is detrimental to the town and our residents and visitors. Although this town was founded on the transportation industry over one hundred years ago, it is now experiencing a Renaissance due to the tourism industry. The Council needs to appreciate this and protect this trend/opportunity. A study of the history of similar towns will show that this is not uncommon to experience a change of focus. Chincoteague, for example, has historically had a poultry industry, a menhaden processing industry, a fishing industry, however it now relies predominantly on tourism...and it is a THRIVING municipal economy.	12/29/2021 3:06 PM
18	Only if is closely watched and regulated, which I don't believe is presently being done. The town council does not put the residents needs first. at times it appears the town is being run by a few wealthy people.	12/29/2021 3:05 PM
19	Depends on what commercial activity is defined as by the Council. If it includes harvesting oysters &/or clams from the harbor and loading them into trucks in the evenings and nights, then no! Evening and late night commercial businesses should not be permitted to operate in areas north of the harbor, especially if they are not "quiet and respectful of neighbors".	12/29/2021 3:04 PM

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20	Too vague.	12/29/2021 3:03 PM
21	The new wording for manufacturing/light industrial type of business is not acceptable. You should reverse it to what it was, especially not to allow outdoor manufacturing. Also it would be appropriate to add some proffer in order to maintain the appearance of the manufacturing properties the way they look now from the town: 50 feet trees barrier minimum; no buildings above the tree line. The town is generating most of its revenues from tourism. This is the area that the town should privilege and facilitate in terms of services and occupations: more entertainment; stores and maybe a hotel big enough to accommodate weekenders around the year and for special events such as golf tournaments at bay creek.	12/29/2021 3:01 PM
22	The towns best growth and development prospects are clearly related to tourism, which has created many businesses and driving home values.	12/29/2021 2:48 PM
23	It is relatively well documented that creating zones for specific types of economic activity stratifies the economic basis of the community. While the "north of harbor" and "south of harbor" idea fits with recent and current uses, there should be a mix of these economic areas in future planning for them to truly thrive and provide opportunities for all of the town's citizens. For example, the Hook at Harvey places in the middle of the industrial site for the yacht building works well. I am not suggesting we place industrial right in the middle of the commercial zone or residential zone, while I am suggesting that keeping only industrial development south of the harbor will not improve the view shed not increase a mixing of the needs of the town for economic diversity.	12/28/2021 10:08 PM
24	Left a question mark between both answers so didn't have a certain response	12/28/2021 9:35 PM
25	Although the demarcation of areas makes sense on the surface I would encourage the town council to maintain flexibility in allowing for future growth of all types on both sides of the harbor by adopting a variable zoning class. An example, permitting residential or commercial (or mixed use) on the south side of the harbor.	12/17/2021 4:04 PM
26	The concrete plant is an eyesore and it's growing footprint is concerning to the surrounding environment.	12/17/2021 11:44 AM
27	If you are truly a tourist beach town, no businesses manufacturing / light industrial activity should be visible from the tourist sector of the town. The town has a large parcel of land on Mason Ave. on the water, and very few know what it is being used for. The town cuts the grass for parking on 4th of July so I am assuming the town owns it. It has no sign to designate the business name and no explanation of public access. The public has no guidance if they are allowed on the new concrete dock area. Across on the South side, in no way can you call the newly expanded Rock Quarry, "Light Industrial Activity." Town needs to do all they can to showcase areas close to the water as tourist friendly. People spending money in town through taxes, rent, etc. should not be worried about what businesses are on prime waterfront real estate blocking their view.	12/16/2021 9:41 PM
28	Manufacturing/Light industrial activity should be further outside the historical town limits... Not south of the harbor. Remember, we need to preserve history and culture... And that includes preserving land, wildlife, forestry, and coastal habitats. Tourists do not need to have access to our light manufacturing development. I strongly advise NOT to develop south of the harbor, as the town will have actions that will most certainly conflict with the intentions of the plan.	12/16/2021 7:18 PM
29	It amazes me that the town would contract out the harbor in the first place and put local persons out of work?? Also seems to me that the working waterman is no longer really wanted at the harbor and if anyone has kept things going over the past 100 years it's the working waterman. Then the complaints about the cement plant - DUST AND NOISE - who are you kidding! What about employment and feeding one's family? That should be a top priority but sense there are very few actual residence in Cape Charles and most are vacation rentals for visitors - I guess the local families don't rank as high as the money renters are making that don't even actually live in the town. Diversity?? Who are you kidding - more like reversing diversity. Cape Charles has survived so many different changes thru the years and we who are local know what diversity means but we never said that word growing up because we lived it. Get a grip on your "high society" "dollars only matter" mind sets and let us get back to actually living life on the Eastern Shore as we know it - SIMPLE AND FREE!!	12/16/2021 2:31 PM
30	Pushing any time of business to the outskirts of town is a bad idea	12/16/2021 12:50 PM
31	I disagree that "light" industrial operations have any place in the future of Cape Charles. And planned further expansion of industrial operations south of the harbor threatens open space,	12/15/2021 7:36 PM

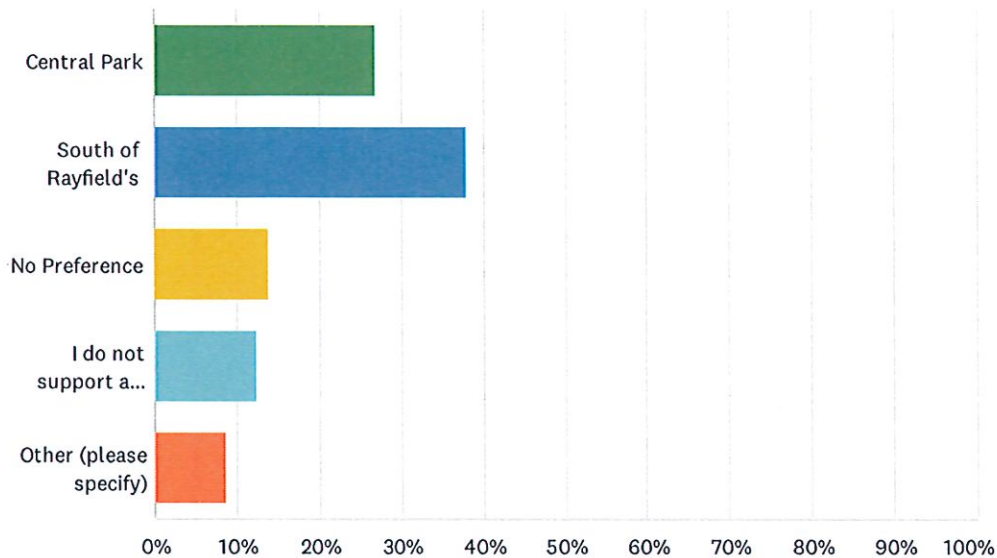
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noise pollution, is visually unappealing, and had the potential to leave long-term scars on the landscape right in the heart of Cape Charles. There is a huge amount of under-developed land throughout Northampton County, why does this development need to take place right here? I believe the Council is being extremely short-sighted in its approach to zoning south of the harbor. The jobs and revenue being provided are time limited. Once construction of the CBBT is complete, those benefits will be shut off, leaving the town with an albatross of expanded and abandoned industrial mess.

32	The council has not made this happen. The town decision makers are not acting appropriately and are allowing 1 individual to confront the industrial development of the town in spit of public outcry. It is shocking and needs to be stopped.	12/15/2021 8:45 AM
33	I don't honk manufacturing is beneficial to the town.	12/14/2021 4:44 PM
34	I would need to see the specific zoning changes to agree or disagree	12/14/2021 12:33 PM
35	The presence of industrial businesses within ear shot and sight of the commercial businesses is a tremendous detriment to the service oriented businesses. I can't count the amount of guests in our home who have asked, what is that eye soar across the harbor? and what is that pounding sound? It is a massive conflict and I believe all industrial businesses should be restricted that close to town.	12/14/2021 9:43 AM
36	Tractor Trailers and truck entrance on Mason are not acceptable	12/13/2021 3:05 PM
37	I was not on council at the time of this draft of the Comprehensive Plan. The town needs to work hard to identify and attract businesses that have a green footprint. 2021 has been a tough year for the harbor. The town was ripped apart as it considered re-zoning to permit the sale of a piece of property. The projected 'opportunity' did not occur, new jobs did not happen, and the towns people suffered as they battled to protect the natural resource. Many residents feel that their opinions do not matter.	12/12/2021 6:07 PM
38	I believe in and agree with a healthy mix of economic sectors, including all those listed; however, the success (and continued growth of the tourism and service sectors) depends on where and how all sectors are enabled to expand. The idea that the industrial sector can be just across the water of the harbor, let alone grow in that area, will continue to negatively impact the north side of the harbor. There's a large area of land practically unused east of the marina and coast guard; industrial growth in that direction would have minimal negative impact to the further growth and success of the town. Even keeping a small buffer south of the harbor and enabling growth only beyond that buffer would greatly impact the appeal of the harbor itself.	12/9/2021 9:30 AM
39	The industrial area south of the bay should not have been voted to expand.	12/8/2021 2:14 PM
40	No response	12/3/2021 1:10 PM
41	The small town feel and beach community are what makes Cape Charles special, makes people want to live here, and keeps visitors coming back. Manufacturing or harbor activity that produces too much pollution (dust, odors, noise, etc.) can make the beach and town inhospitable and impact the quality of life of in the Town. While having diversification of business types is a good thing, forcing them together when they are not complementary can lead to very negative results.	11/29/2021 12:52 PM
42	another missed opportunity for the town. develop the waterfront in a way that does not impact the environment and quality of life for all. A working harbor is much different than what has happened and the direction the town is going in.	11/26/2021 10:33 AM
43	I am not sure. Please provide a visual of this like a map to help us understand how and where activities would take place. Please do something to screen the concrete plant and to get rid of tractor trailers disrupting residents enjoyment of their homes and life in Cape Charles. On the flip side I heard the harbor is no longer friendly to watermen trying to fuel their vehicles. Where is the balance?	11/25/2021 5:52 PM

Q14 The town is exploring new recreational amenities including a basketball court. There is room for a half court in the southeast corner of Central Park. There is also potentially space available on property just south of Rayfield's Pharmacy that could be part of a multi-use recreation area. Of these locations, where would you prefer to see a basketball court?

Answered: 442 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
Central Park		26.92% 119
South of Rayfield's		38.01% 168
No Preference		13.80% 61
I do not support a basketball court		12.44% 55
Other (please specify)		8.82% 39
TOTAL		442

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Please don't ruin the look of our park with a basketball court. History in this town has proven nothing good happens on a basketball court.	12/30/2021 10:28 AM
2	South of Rayfield's would also be an option. I think it would be a great addition for the youth in the town	12/30/2021 10:26 AM
3	Not in Central Park. Think about it. Council members already referenced problems with the basketball court when it was by the old School: cursing, gun shots, trash, police having to be called. Do you really think that people who want to play basketball are going to respect a concert going on Central Park, or some other private event going on in Central Park? Do you	12/30/2021 10:24 AM

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think that families will want to use the proposed benches/tables/checkers/etc if right next to them, people are playing basketball? The basketball court by the old school went away for a reason, and there is good reason to believe that the same problems will return, if a basketball court is located in Central Park. If you are going to relocate the police/fire station, put the basketball courts there. It would provide something for the officers/volunteers to do when on duty, allowing them to build relationships with whoever else wants to play basketball. It also might go a long way towards keeping the behaviors under control. As a teacher, you can manage behaviors by walking around the classroom and positioning yourself close to kids who might otherwise be tempted to misbehave. The Town is working on walking trails within the town. Make this accessible by running sidewalks/golf cart path/etc to it. TM Hozey indicated the police force is already stretched thin. Having to answer calls to basketball misconduct in Central Park will stress out the police force. Cape Charles Baptist Church has already graciously made available a half court basketball court. The fact that some folks don't think this is good enough speaks to the behavior that they want to engage in on the court. Just asking for trouble if you put a basketball court in Central Park. The summer tournaments that some folks referenced were before our time, but seriously? In Central Park? If people want something like that, it would definitely have to go somewhere else. Having basketball tournaments in Central Park would mean no one else would be able to use the park during that time. And where would these people park? There's only one restroom in the park, and porta-potties don't smell that great in the summer.

4	--I do not support adding a half court at Central Park. There will be conflict with concerts, weddings and other Park activities. --Suggest co-locating a court with Town office relocation.	12/30/2021 10:20 AM
5	A basketball court SHOULD NOT be placed in a residential area such as the park location.	12/30/2021 10:18 AM
6	I have no preference of location, only that it is monitored for appropriate behavior of the players (no bullying...)	12/30/2021 10:15 AM
7	Who comes to Cape Charles to play basketball	12/30/2021 10:14 AM
8	Remove tennis courts and replace with basketball courts. Tennis courts get little to no use.	12/30/2021 9:52 AM
9	While a "sports complex south of Rayfield's might be the eventual location for a basketball court, until that comes to fruition, then I think Central Park is the appropriate place. However, I don't think that the basketball half-court should be located in the southeast corner of the park. I think it should be located near the tennis/pickle ball courts (even if it means relocating part of all of the children's playground). The lighting requirements and noise concerns of these activities suggest that they should be located together.	12/29/2021 3:55 PM
10	Not sure how the town will care for a recreation area, when they presently can't keep up with the park, playground and tennis courts we have now. the town is very understaffed.	12/29/2021 3:05 PM
11	Cape Charles does not have sufficient population, or the demand, to support a multi use recreation area or a basketball court. I do support those activities but we should not spend the town's money for construction, leases or maintenance on this. Northampton County should do it. On basketball specifically, those who play basketball tend to be late teen to adults in their 20's and they tend to play an aggressive and loud game. If there were to be a court built, it should not be in Central Park.	12/29/2021 3:03 PM
12	At residence or private property	12/20/2021 11:31 AM
13	I support the addition of a basketball court within town limits-location is not a factor	12/20/2021 11:26 AM
14	Both Locations	12/20/2021 10:30 AM
15	The town basketball court should be in an area where residents with "sensitive ears" won't be offended. Central Park is ideally situated but I could see the basketball court interfering with other events that are held in the park. The area near rayfields is probably the better choice for a multi-use recreation area. Glad to hear that the town is reconsidering a basketball court.	12/17/2021 4:04 PM
16	Joint venture with churches and Christian school etc , since we had\$200k deficit.	12/17/2021 11:48 AM
17	The Central Park location would be ideal... it does not need to be a "half court" however... it could be a 2/3 or 1/2 size.. NOT half court please... full court, only smaller than a regulation size.	12/17/2021 11:05 AM
18	Either place is good. What I don't support is a zip-line. That just seems of limited interest and counter-intuitive for our town.	12/17/2021 10:53 AM

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19	Both	12/17/2021 9:59 AM
20	I like the idea of a multi use recreation area, so that'd be my first choice. But the park would be fine, too. We need this!	12/17/2021 8:04 AM
21	If a court is implemented it should be part of a multi-use area south of Rayfields and not at the Park.	12/17/2021 1:55 AM
22	Both areas would give access to many more games!	12/16/2021 11:40 PM
23	Multi-use recreation area near Rayfield's would be amazing! I support that, as my first and as an alternative, at central park	12/16/2021 6:25 PM
24	Either as long as it gets done, it's long overdue, seems the Rayfield property may have more room for multi use and larger crowds to enjoy at the same time.	12/16/2021 3:23 PM
25	Either would be nice but I would think residents surrounding the park would prefer the noise elsewhere and south of Rayfields sounds like a nice alternative	12/16/2021 2:50 PM
26	Use the two lots behind the fire department, seems the the safest environment there	12/16/2021 12:50 PM
27	Joint venture with churches and Christian school etc , since we had\$200k deficit.	12/16/2021 12:24 PM
28	where ever it is, I think there should be security cameras on it.	12/16/2021 12:19 PM
29	If the rec facility was for local or residents then Would support however if it brought people from out of the area to use the facility then not a great use but that would be difficult to enforce	12/16/2021 8:35 AM
30	We support a court and believe it's a must have. We take our son to the church in town often to use their basketball hoop.	12/15/2021 10:07 PM
31	Depends on how far south. Needs lighting and easy accessibility. I also have it problems with it in the park if rules are set for timing, language etc...	12/15/2021 3:19 PM
32	Hard to say without knowing pros/cons and cost difference	12/14/2021 12:33 PM
33	Central Park or South or Rayfields would be great. I would love to have a basketball court in town!	12/14/2021 9:43 AM
34	use central park for a half court basket ball court, people play tennis and pickle ball there already, why not consider a satellite parking lot just south of rayfields?	12/12/2021 6:07 PM
35	I support the Central Park location. It's close to where the kids can walk to it safely. Having kids from Seabreeze walk to Rayfields is unreasonable.	12/9/2021 4:14 PM
36	I think a full basketball court would be better, and I really like the idea of a multi-use recreation area.	12/5/2021 12:35 PM
37	I don't care as long as there are funds available. If there is a deficit, which it sounds like it is according to the report, then not until the town is out of the red.	12/3/2021 6:33 PM
38	I just want to say I don't think it makes sense to pour a slab of concrete In the communities main green space. Isn't the church basketball court open to the public most days?	12/3/2021 11:34 AM
39	I think south of rayfields is the best option. there are less homes there and things like basketball games get loud and the general nature of the sport is loud (ball hitting pavement) which would be unfair to the houses immediately surrounding the park	11/29/2021 10:18 AM