

MEDIA RELEASE

Notice: St. Marys Kicks Off its One St. Marys Visioning and Master Plan Initiative



The City of St. Marys is reaching out to its citizens to help create a unifying Vision and a Master Plan for the future of the City. This Master Plan will incorporate the recommendations of the Downtown Renaissance Plan, and will be a blueprint for City Staff, elected officials, civic organizations, business owners, developers, and residents to guide future development.

The most successful Master Plan is one that gets a wide variety of citizens involved in the decision making process. The City intends to accomplish this goal by providing various avenues for citizens to provide input. Public participation will improve the quality of the Master Plan by identifying shared values and common goals. Through surveys, interviews, focus groups, a youth art contest, social media and public workshops the One St. Marys Initiative hopes to build One Vision for the future of St. Marys.

The City Council has appointed a committee of interested citizens to participate on a Master Plan Steering Committee (MPSC), to ensure the Master Plan addresses the issues and concerns of the citizens of St. Marys, gains community-wide support, and is ultimately implemented. The MPSC is responsible for making the community engagement process as inclusive and representative as possible.

The City of St. Marys MPSC would like to announce the following One St. Marys public involvement opportunities and encourage members of the community to come out and participate in one or more of these activities:

One St. Marys Public Involvement Opportunities

One St. Marys Master Plan Booth at the Mardi Gras Festival

Saturday, February 6, 2016, 9:00AM - 5:30PM

Downtown St. Marys

Activities: Join us at our booth and meet members of the MPSC, City Staff and Consultant Team; take the Community Survey; enter the Art Contest; and share your thoughts on the Master Plan.



Online Community Survey

Take the survey at www.onestmarys.com

Activity: The MPSC asks that residents, business owners and visitors take the Community. Answers will be used by the City Staff and the MPSC to develop a future vision as well as the goals and strategies necessary to achieve that

vision.

Master Plan Community Open House

Tuesday, March 8th, 1:00-3:00 PM

St. Marys Welcome Center, 400 Osborne Street

Activities: City Staff and the Consultant Team will be available to answer questions about the Master Plan and will provide a brief introduction to the Master Plan process.

Community Future Land Use Visioning Workshop

Tuesday, March 8th, 5:00-8:00 PM

Mary Lee Clark Elementary School, 318 Mickler Drive

-or-

Wednesday, March 9th, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Savannah Club, Winding River, 102 Meandering Way

-or-

Wednesday, March 9th, 5:00-8:00 PM

St Marys Elementary School, 600 Osborne Street

Activities: Participants will learn about future land use planning, view maps of St. Marys land use, zoning and environmental features, and will then apply this knowledge to a vision for future land use in St. Marys. This workshop is participatory and includes group activities.

Children's Art Contest

Deadline: Friday, April 1 at 4:00pm

Artwork may be submitted to St. Marys City Hall or Kings Bay Mail & More at 944 Kings Bay Rd.
Suite A, St. Marys, 31588

Activities: Elementary and middle school children are invited to submit artwork illustrating what they love about St. Marys or what they hope St. Marys will become in the future. Art work should be on 8-1/2" x 11" paper or card stock.

For more information, you are encouraged to visit the City's Master Plan Webpage at:

<http://www.onestmarys.com>

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