

# GARRETT COUNTY HERITAGE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN



## ONLINE DISCUSSION INSTRUCTIONS

**PROJECT SUMMARY:** Peter Johnston & Associates (PJA) and Thomas Point Associates (TPA) are preparing a “Heritage Area Management Plan” for Garrett County, Maryland. The project is being funded by the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce and the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA). The purpose of the project is to adopt a useful plan that enhances heritage preservation, tourism, and compatible economic development initiatives in the County. Following Plan adoption, Garrett will seek State “Certification” for the Heritage Area. To achieve State certification, County and municipal jurisdictions are required to adopt the Heritage Management Plan, once complete, and provide reference in their respective comprehensive plans.

**ONLINE DISCUSSION:** The online discussion is designed to solicit direct “feedback” for the heritage planning process. This feedback is critical to produce a successful plan that provides for broad representation and acceptance.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:** We would like to acquire detailed information to assist in the heritage planning process but also would like participants to articulate their perceptions, needs, and desires based on the following topics: 1) heritage significance, resources, and preservation; 2) economic development and tourism; and 3) land use, growth management, and inter-jurisdictional coordination.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** On the *Garrett County Heritage Area Management Plan* “Homepage,” a link is provided with “Sample Questions” that will assist you in formatting your comments. These questions are designed to assess initial strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for the proposed heritage area in relation to preservation, tourism, and economic development. Questions are generic and are intended to serve as a guide only. Once you have reviewed these questions, feel free to click on the “Submit Comments” link to respond.

**Thank You for the Assistance**