

Chapter 2 Goals & Objectives

The following goals and objectives build on the Vision of Millington as it is articulated in this Comprehensive Plan. Goals are broad and represent clearer statements of the Town’s Vision. Goals also are statements of the policy direction for Millington and the overarching guidelines for choosing tasks to achieve effective implementation. Objectives are specific steps required to achieve goals. Implementation strategies are the measurable tasks as actions, which are developed to achieve objectives.

Land Use

GOAL: Retain the unique character of Millington even as growth occurs.

- Objective #1: Encourage compatible growth and reinvestment in existing properties.
- Objective #2: Protect existing residential neighborhoods from incompatible uses
- Objective #3: Preserve significant historic structures and maintain the historic character and cultural heritage of Millington.
- Objective #4: Encourage and facilitate infill and redevelopment within the Town to accommodate future population.
- Objective #5: Ensure that public lands are used in a manner that best serve the needs of the population.

Growth Management

GOAL: Ensure development is consistent with the overall growth goals and objectives of the 2008 Millington Comprehensive Plan.

- Objective #1: Ensure that new growth is consistent with the State’s eight visions, as described in the Planning Act and “Smart Growth” principles.
- Objective #2: Promote controlled and compact development patterns that reflect good design practices, make efficient use of available land, and locate development convenient to facilities, services, and amenities to defray future impact costs.

- Objective #3: Establish a rational Town growth plan and address associated impacts on facilities, services, and infrastructure.
- Objective #4: Analyze the impacts of new growth and development on Town services, facilities, and infrastructure.
- Objective #5: Address potential impacts of growth and development in the Town’s 5-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and annual capital budgets.
- Objective #6: Improve inter-jurisdictional coordination and cooperation with Kent County and Queen Anne’s Counties.
- Objective #7: Update Town development regulations to implement recommendations of this Plan.
- Objective #8: Adopt standards and guidelines that reflect the Town’s expectations concerning development and development design.

Community Facilities

GOAL: Provide adequate public facilities and services to ensure the health, safety and welfare of Town residents.

- Objective #1: Ensure that all current and future residences and businesses have adequate public services and facilities necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare to promote an attractive environment in which to live and work.
- Objective #2: Plan for the appropriate expansion of the Town’s water and wastewater systems.

Water Resources

GOAL: Maintain and protect an adequate and safe water supply to serve current and future residents of Millington.

- Objective #1: Maintain and protect an adequate water supply to serve the residents of Millington and collaborate with Kent and Queen Anne’s counties to serve current and future populations through 2030.
- Objective #2: Take steps to restore and protect water quality and contribute toward meeting water quality regulatory requirements in rivers and streams in the Upper Chester River

Watershed. This will require addressing current water quality impacts as well as future impacts from land development and population growth.

- Objective #3: Protect the habitat value of rivers and streams.
- Objective #4: Work with Kent and Queen Anne’s Counties and the Town of Sudlersville to develop watershed planning and management guidelines that relate land use and development to their impacts on water resources.
- Objective #5: Work with Kent and Queen Anne’s counties to develop a plan for addressing the needs of property owners with failing septic systems who live near Millington.
- Objective #6: Develop Town-wide water conservation methods and policies and encourage innovative technologies for stormwater management such as bio-roofs, rain gardens, rain barrels, and street-side buffer areas for home and business owners.

Resource Conservation

GOAL: Preserve and protect the natural resources and features of Millington and its surrounding environs to ensure a balance between development and the need to protect indigenous resources and/or features.

- Objective #1: Require development design be done in a manner that will preserve significant natural features and other resources.
- Objective #2: Encourage energy conservation, “green building” design, and low-impact development that follows LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) guidelines.
- Objective #3: Work with Kent County and the State of Maryland to develop appropriate strategies for the enhancement and protection of green infrastructure and the Town’s greenbelt.
- Objective #4: Promote environmental stewardship.
- Objective #5: Minimize adverse impacts on water quality.
- Objective #6: Conserve fish, wildlife, and plant habitats.
- Objective #7: No net loss of wetlands, forests, and stream buffers.

Transportation

GOAL: Ensure the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.

- Objective #1: Integrate land use and the street and highway networks to provide for the logical continuation and improvement of existing streets and highways in proper coordination with the State, County, and municipal facilities in existence.
- Objective #2: Minimize the adverse effects of vehicular traffic on local residential streets.
- Objective #3: Maximize the capacity, safety, and efficiency of the existing street and highway system.
- Objective #4: Improve pedestrian safety by providing safe routes for pedestrians and non-motorized transport.

Housing

GOAL: Safe, decent, and affordable housing for Town residents.

- Objective #1: Encourage investment in existing housing where needed to improve quality.
- Objective #2: Encourage and facilitate replacement of substandard dwelling units with units meeting current building and housing code standards.
- Objective #3: provide for stronger enforcement of building and housing code standards for existing rental and other units.

Community Design

GOAL: Community design based on sound place-making principles.

- Objective #1: Articulate community design aspirations through design guidelines.
- Objective #2: Find a balance in community design, environmental protection and resource conservation which results in a superior outcome.

- Objective #3: Encourage a community wide rehabilitation effort to upgrade the structural condition of all buildings and to remove derelict structures.

Heritage Preservation

GOAL: Preserve and promote Millington's heritage resources.

- Objective #1: Encourage the appropriate preservation of historical, cultural, archeological, natural, and scenic resources and designate special status for the most important landmark historic structures and sites
- Objective #2: Improve the inventory of historic sites, structures, and heritage attractions.
- Objective #3: Encourage and support heritage preservation through mapping, planning, and regulatory mechanisms.
- Objective #4: Coordinate strategies to achieve mutual County/Town heritage preservation goals and objectives.
- Objective #5: Encourage industries that support heritage preservation and promote heritage tourism initiatives to improve the economic climate of the downtown.
- Objective #6: Encourage the adaptive reuse of historic properties including the integration of historically sensitive modern construction materials that achieve energy efficiency.