

**Economic Development Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2008**

The following members were in attendance at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Economic Development Subcommittee:

Sarah Colenda, Chairperson  
Robert Hodge  
Gary Stewart  
Ken Wiggins  
Randy Hutton  
John Bunnell

The following guests were also in attendance:

Vernon Thompson, Director of Economic Development  
Roy Clough, Economic Development  
Tony DiGocamo, Planning and Zoning

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM.

The majority of the meeting was devoted to a presentation by Vernon Thompson concerning the state of economic development efforts in Cecil County. The committee had forwarded Vernon various questions to be addressed during the presentation, as well as him discussing general issues related to economic development. He addressed the committee using a presentation he put together. The presentation will be forwarded electronically to all the committee members separately.

Vernon suggested that we might consider having David Black, the County's GIS coordinator, and Eric Sennstrom, the County's Director of Planning and Zoning attend our next meeting to discuss in more detail available resources related to economic development throughout the County. David has since been invited and will be attending the next meeting. David has a Master's in Planning and works closely with both Vernon and Eric in keeping stock of available land and resources throughout the County. Vernon also suggested that both David and Eric could address the so called growth corridor in the County.

From Vernon's presentation, it appears that a big emphasis in future economic development, and thus our efforts relative to formulating the comprehensive plan, should be geared around the Elkton area. There appear to be many companies on the horizon looking at relocating out of Delaware, and Elkton is ideal for these relocations as it still close to the companies' employee base.

According to Vernon, we do not have a designated growth corridor. The notion of the growth corridor is just a given area that everyone is aware of but nothing is specifically defined. This should be reviewed more with David and Eric and may need to be addressed explicitly in this comprehensive plan update.

Another topic discussed at the meeting related to mineral extraction areas, especially relative to which ones are still active, and which will be moving into the category of “available land” in the near future. A map was reviewed of these areas and as noted in previous meetings, the areas to be available in the near future have to be reviewed relative to what they are to become next. A lengthy discussion ensued on what possible options and alternatives were available for using this land in the future.

There was much discussion about meeting times and places, as there appears to be confusion. The meeting schedule going forward was established as follows:

June 10th	4:30 PM	New County Administrative Building, Rising Sun Room
August 19th	4:30 PM	New County Administrative Building, Rising Sun Room
October 21st	4:30 PM	New County Administrative Building, Rising Sun Room

Sarah handed out a copy of the various pages from the Comprehensive Plan relative to Economic Development Plan and asked that everyone review these section prior to our next meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 in the County Administrative Building, Rising Sun Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:  
Brian Bolender