

## **II. Deale/Shady Side Area Plan Vision**

At the start of the process a Vision was developed by the Deale/Shady Side Small Area Planning Committee that reflects the thinking about the quality of life and how the citizens of the area will want to live and work in the future. The vision is one of preservation and enhancement of the natural resources; and of preservation and enhancement of the small-scale livability of the area. Its residents share a strong sense of place and a connection to the land and the Chesapeake Bay from which the area originally developed. There is a special desire to ensure that the area remains small-scale and protected from improper development especially on environmentally sensitive areas.

The main themes of conservation, protection and restoration best depict the public sentiment expressed at the forums and through questionnaires. The plan that has been developed is based on the desire to maintain the hometown rural quality that is indicative of an area that was borne from the Chesapeake Bay. Boats, seafood, and maritime industries coupled with a moderate amount of tourism and a slow, deliberate lifestyle and small-scale development are the main goals.

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### ***The Vision:***

***Our recommendations are intended to protect and enhance the livability and diversity of our residential communities, the integrity and character of our villages and farms, and the small scale "Hometown" nature of our local businesses.***

***We recognize that our planning area's history and maritime economy are inextricably linked to a healthy Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. The preservation and restoration of wetlands, wildlife habitat, water quality and all natural resources are of primary importance.***

***We agree that residents of our planning area have a valid expectation of roads and public facilities fully adequate to the needs of their communities, and schools equal to those of any part of the County. We believe that the ultimate measure of the success of this planning effort will be the conservation, for future generations, of the unique geographical, cultural and historical heritage of the peninsular area which includes the villages of Galesville, Deale and Shady Side, West River and Churchton.***