

## **A Vision for the Future**

*This represents a vision of the future for Edgewater/Mayo, what it can be if the goals and recommendations of the plan are implemented.*

The Edgewater and Mayo area is comprised mainly of waterfront communities. Many of these communities are embraced by extensive greenspace in South Anne Arundel County. The area provides an overall impression of mixed use rural with controlled growth within the environmentally sensitive peninsulas. The Mayo Road Corridor between MD 2 and MD 214 is a local commercial and tourist center. Businesses entering the area introduce new commercial services and restaurants and support the growth of the local economy. Some visitors arrive in Edgewater to view the grounds of the National Historic landmark at the restored Colonial port town of London. Other tourists admire activities at the historic Lee Airport.

Residents of Edgewater/Mayo live in this area because of its proximity to the Chesapeake Bay. Access by the communities and the general public is provided by private and public piers and marinas. Local residents enjoy many natural features associated with proximity to the water and woodland areas. The local community and County manage collaborative programs designed to protect and preserve the delicate balance of life and health of the rivers and creeks. As a result, waterfowl, fish and wildlife are abundant. Active and passive parks provide recreation opportunities for local residents as well as places to view wildlife in a natural setting.

Residents appreciate the small town atmosphere of Edgewater/Mayo where residences have access to nearby walkways, bike trails and services along or near the revitalized Mayo Road commercial village area, where the post office, fire station, police station, senior center and library are located. Nearby is the Mayo public square where music can be heard during warmer weather and where families enjoy the comfort and beauty of the outdoor plantings and fountains. In other parts of the Edgewater/Mayo area, small village centers at Riva and Mayo provide easily accessible, limited convenience services to nearby residents.

The entryway into the area is by the picturesque MD 2 and 214 boulevards, both tree lined, pedestrian and bicycle friendly roads. Solomons Island Road (MD 2) and Mayo Road (MD 214) provide safe, uncongested travel along the Mayo peninsula for cars, bikes and pedestrians. Access into and out of neighborhoods and businesses is provided in a safe and convenient manner. Bike and walking paths are provided along MD 2 and MD 214 with linkages to award winning neighborhood parks, community open spaces and waterfront areas, providing safe, easy access for nearby residents.

Homes in the Edgewater/Mayo communities consist mostly of single family homes and come in a variety of types and price ranges, and a diverse population lives in the area. Public services and facilities are of a high standard. Edgewater and Mayo residents are proud of their quality schools including the Blue Ribbon Mayo Elementary School and South River High School. Communities are well served by emergency and public safety services.