

The City of Cape May is currently pursuing Plan Endorsement and desires your input in planning for Cape May's future.

Plan Endorsement is a voluntary process developed by the State Planning Commission to provide technical assistance and coordination of the State for municipalities to meet the goals of the State Planning Act and State Development and Redevelopment Plan. The purpose of the Plan Endorsement process is to increase the degree of consistency among municipal, county, regional and state agency plans with each other and with the State Plan and expand upon the principles of the Municipal Land Use Law to aid towns plan for a sustainable future.

As part of the Plan Endorsement process, Cape May will utilize Community Visioning which is a participatory process that engages local residents, business persons and other interested stakeholders in developing a consensus on what they want their community to be, identify where their community seems to be heading and what has to be done to correct any undesired trends to achieve the desired common vision. The Community Visioning process is to be conducted to develop a community vision with a twenty year planning horizon. The vision shall provide for sustainable growth, recognize fiscal constraints, housing needs and protection of natural, historical and community resources.

To develop this community vision, Cape May, with the aid of the NJ Office for Planning Advocacy, will hold a series of interactive discussions with residents and other community stakeholders to identify the community's purpose, core values, and vision of the future which will be utilized to determine the community goals and action plan. Cape May has appointed a municipal Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee (PEAC) to facilitate this process.

On behalf of the PEAC, you and other representatives, group members, and other interested parties are hereby cordially invited to the community visioning meetings at the Cape May City Hall Auditorium at the dates and times below. Kindly notify members of your respective groups, commissions, etc and post this invite in a conspicuous place. The City of Cape May is encouraging broad participation and would like your help in noticing and inviting all interested persons.

VISIONING MEETING DATES:

May 12, 2011	Public Visioning Meeting 1 – 7pm
May 19, 2011	Public Visioning Meeting 2 – 10am
June 9, 2011	Public Visioning Meeting 3 – 7pm

The City recognizes that it is sometimes difficult to attend some or all of these meetings and has prepared a Community Visioning Survey that is attached. Feel free to make copies and distribute them to anyone interested in commenting. Please submit these surveys to Craig Hurless, Polistina Associates, 6684 Washington Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234; Fax 609-646-2950; Email c.hurless@comcast.net, or Mary Rothwell, City of Cape May Construction Office, 643 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ 08204; Fax: 609-884-3355; Email zoning@capemaycity.com; by June 1, 2011.