

MUNICIPAL REPORT

Carroll 2030 Task Force

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Participants

- Mayor Jim McCarron, Taneytown
- Marge Wolf, Westminster
- Elected Officials of the eight municipalities

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Process

- Mayor & Councils of 8 municipalities asked to identify top 6 priorities
- These results compiled into one set of priorities
- All municipal officials discuss at MML Carroll County Chapter meeting
- Top 6 priorities noted by MML Chapter membership

Top 6 Priorities

- Unfunded mandates
- Infrastructure for increasing population
- Increase in crime
- Decreased community engagement
- New industries
- Fire/EMS – declining involvement of volunteers/training requirements

Other Trends to Consider

- Cost of energy
- Demand for recreational facilities in line with surrounding counties
- Limited tax base to support unfunded mandates
- Traffic congestion
- Ability for towns to combine work forces or infrastructures (political issue to overcome)

Other Trends to Consider

- Utilize rail transportation for two reasons: to reduce truck traffic on major highways and retrofit for mass transit possibilities
- Develop business friendly attitude/actions
- Develop a plan for access to adequate water resources
- Development/repair and funding of infrastructure

Other Trends to Consider

- Protect the rural character of Carroll County
- Bigger impact through social media
- Increasing poor population County-wide

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Our Cluster

- Willing to participate
- Dynamic discussions
- Lots of ideas
- Easy to achieve consensus

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