

SUMMARY

DESIGNING a future for LADY'S ISLAND

A Community Guide to Growth Management



Five Principles for Future Growth on Lady's Island

- **Inspired Development:** Inspired, functional patterns of development within the developed areas of Lady's Island that support small businesses, new residents and community interaction.
- **Connected Transportation:** An integrated transportation network that includes bicycles, pedestrians and cars and allows for future public transit.
- **Character Enhancement:** Retention of the Island's character and support that advances a vibrant rural community with healthy farms, wetlands and waterways.
- **Sunlight & Predictability:** A fully transparent, predictable development process and plan for future growth that is collaborative across jurisdictional boundaries.
- **Community Involvement:** A concerned, educated and engaged citizenry that works toward solutions alongside experts and elected officials.

In response to increased development and the perception of uncertainty, stakeholders reacted. The *Designing a Future for Lady's Island* forum, attended by more than 400 people, taught us a lot. Community members agreed that Lady's Island has significant development potential. More importantly, residents want meaningful place-making across jurisdictions and are enthusiastic and eager to participate in planning the future of Lady's Island.

This guide is a beginning, not an end. We hope that this document serves as a starting point and guidance for leadership to take the next step to create a comprehensive vision and growth plan for Lady's Island. As plans lead to action, citizens will

continue to participate in the process. This work is not the singular responsibility of any one entity – public or private.

This guide will be a true success if residents, developers, professionals and elected officials incorporate these five principles in plans for future growth. We expect that governments will work more closely together, developers will work to the public benefit as well as their own, the public will continue to be engaged, and the result will be a Lady's Island we can point to with unique pride of place. The future of Lady's Island awaits.

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