



## City of St Marys Master Plan & Vision

### Interview Questions

*The City of St. Marys is reaching out to its citizens to create a unifying Vision and a Master Plan for the future of the City. This Master Plan will guide future development and be a blueprint for City staff, elected official, civic organizations, business owners and residents to achieve the future Vision.*

*In order to reach out to St. Marys' residents, the Master Plan Steering Committee is conducting a series of interviews to gather feedback from the public. We want to know what you love about St. Marys, and what you hope the City becomes over the next 10 – 20 years.*

#### 1. Background Information

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Name:

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Do you live in St. Marys?

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If yes, what neighborhood do you live in?

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If not, where do you live?

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Do you own a business or work in St. Marys?

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How long have you lived/worked in St. Marys?

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5. Do you think public tax dollars should be used to address these goals and issues, if yes, which? If not, why?

### Subject Specific Questions

6. In recent years, do you think the City has become a better place to live? Why or why not?

7. If you live in St. Mary's, what makes your neighborhood special? Is there anything you would recommend to improve your neighborhood?

8. In general do you feel that St. Marys is a safe place to live? If not, what could be done differently to improve public safety?

9. What type of housing do you live in, and do you own or rent? (i.e. single family home, apartment, condo, town home, duplex, group home.)

10. Did you have trouble finding the housing option you wanted at an acceptable price point? If not, please describe why.

11. Are your/your customers'/your employees' transportation needs being met? If not, why not?

12. Do you believe the City of St. Marys needs more public transportation options, and would you use that option if it existed?

13. What type of commercial development do we need more of or less of in St. Marys? Why?

14. What types of industrial development would you be comfortable with in St. Marys?

15. What does the City of St. Marys do well in terms of providing services (i.e. police, fire, sanitation, water, permitting, code enforcement, etc.)?

16. If you are dissatisfied with some areas of services, why do you feel this way and what changes could be made to improve service delivery?

17. What City facilities do you use most often (i.e. library, pools and parks)? Do you have any suggestions for improvements or additional facilities?

18. Do you feel, as a city, we are doing enough to protect the rivers, marshes and wetlands? If no, what else could we be doing?

19. Do you feel we are prepared for rising sea levels and other coastal hazards such as flooding and severe storms? If no, what else should we be doing?

20. Are we, as a City doing enough to protect historic resources? If no, what else should we be doing?

21. Do you feel the City should raise its development standards, such as adding architectural design standards, for new construction in the City? If yes, do you think these standards should apply only to commercial and industrial development or to residential development also?

22. What additional educational, entertainment and cultural opportunities would you like to have in the city?

23. Other thoughts or notes? Please include your name and the date of the interview.