



September 22, 2015

Potential Steering Committee Members:

The City of St. Marys is embarking on a community visioning and masterplanning project, which is intended to establish the direction for our City over the next 10 to 20 years. This is an extremely important project as it will bring together much of the recent planning work, from the Joint Land Use Study to the Downtown Masterplan, into one, cohesive, citywide Master Plan. Input from local boards and authorities that are addressing specific issues within the community will also be included. The Master Plan will address topics such as demographic changes, economic development, housing, transportation, historic and natural resources, community facilities and infrastructure, and resiliency.

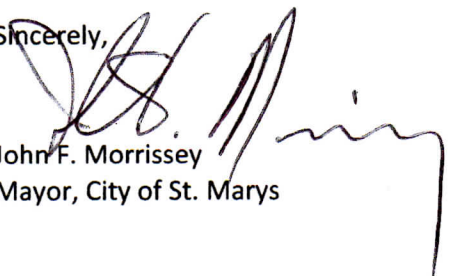
In order to ensure that this Master Plan presents a true reflection of our community, we need your involvement. It is the intention of City Council that this plan be "community-authored," and that the citizens of St. Marys provide direction to City staff and consultants on the planning process as well as the goals and strategies needed to achieve the citizens' vision for St. Marys. In order to achieve this level of community engagement, the City Council will be appointing 9 citizen members to the Master Plan Steering Committee (MPSC).

The primary purpose of the MPSC will be to deliberate, make decisions, provide strategic direction, and ultimately to be an "advocate" for the Master Plan initiatives. Some of the activities that the MPSC will undertake include, but are not limited to: visioning exercises, SWOT analysis (identification of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats,) presentations from subject matter experts, development of a public participation plan, setting the agenda for public meetings, land use analysis and planning, zoning ordinance update recommendations, GIS database development, etc. Members of the MPSC will be asked to go out into their communities to advocate for involvement in the planning process.

In order to provide the necessary input and to ensure that there is continuity within the MPSC, it is essential that future members of the MPSC commit to attending a monthly meeting through the 18-month duration of the masterplanning process. Meetings will be held at 6 PM on the first Thursday of every month, beginning in November of 2015. If you cannot commit to this schedule, there will be plenty of other opportunities for you to provide public input into the Master Planning process.

If you are interested in applying to be a member of this important committee, please fill out the attached form and return to the City Clerk's Office, 418 Osborne Street, St. Marys, Georgia 31558, before October 14th. If you have any questions regarding this opportunity or the City of St. Marys Master Plan, please contact Jeff Adams, St. Marys Community Development Director at [Jeff.Adams@stmarysga.gov](mailto:Jeff.Adams@stmarysga.gov) or (912) 510-4035.

Sincerely,

  
John F. Morrissey  
Mayor, City of St. Marys



CITY OF ST. MARYS  
Master Plan Steering Committee Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Although Steering Committee members will be interested in a vision for the whole community, please rank your top three areas of interest (from "1"/highest to "3"):

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| _____ Civic, Government & Community             | _____ Transportation, Roads & Tourism         |
| _____ Health, Care & Welfare                    | _____ Recreation, Parks & Fitness             |
| _____ Education, Child Care & Youth             | _____ Food, Water & Agriculture               |
| _____ Arts, Preservation & Culture              | _____ Industry, Development & Workforce       |
| _____ Business, Finance & Economy               | _____ Retirement, Aging & Senior Services     |
| _____ Resilience, Emergency Response & Planning | _____ Activities, Entertainment & Programming |

Describe your current qualifications for the position including education, skills, abilities, and work experience:

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Describe why you are interested in serving on this committee:

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Describe any prior or current business and/or personal relationships which might present a conflict of interest in potential representation of the City on this committee:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please submit application to City Clerk's Office, 418 Osborne Street, St. Marys, Georgia 31558

If you are not selected for serving on the Master Plan Steering Committee, please indicate your interest in:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Serving on a Stakeholder Committee  
\_\_\_\_\_ Providing input via a Focus Group or Stakeholder Interview