

On September 14, we have a *choice* for the future of Charles County!

**True Smart Growth**



**Business as usual**



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INFORMATION FOR  
CHARLES COUNTY



***DID YOU KNOW?***

Our local quality of life

depends on

our local elected officials!



**Do you ever wonder why...**

*Taxes keep going up?*

*Our forests keep coming down?*

*Farmland sprouts development?*

*Traffic congestion increases?*

*Children are schooled in trailers?*

*Mattawoman Creek is declining?*



***Because of inefficient & costly growth policies enacted by our Charles County Commissioners!***

**This year, we can choose candidates who will change Charles County for the better!**

**County Commissioner President:**

**Candice Quinn Kelly**



**County Commissioner:**

**Ken Robinson**

**Johnnie Degiorgi**

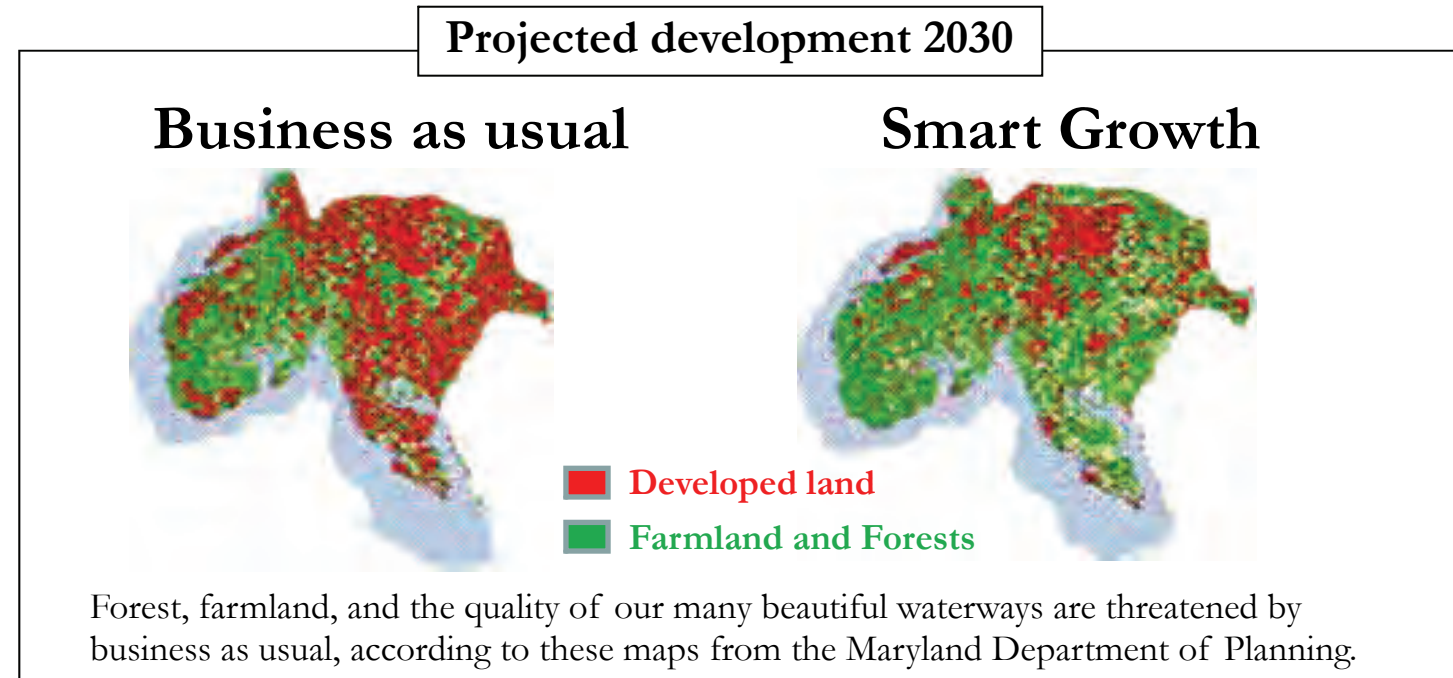
**Who can help at the state level?**

**These state delegates:**

**Peter Murphy**

**C.T. Wilson**

Unless we vote in better Charles County officials, business as usual will result in higher taxes, poorer services, fewer recreational opportunities, and polluted air & water.



The maps show that the County Commissioners now in office promote far flung development, known as “sprawl,” that will consume our county unless we change.  
*Why is sprawl development bad?*

- It is inefficient. Sprawl increases taxes because it costs the public more to service than it generates in tax revenue. Established neighborhoods lose out.  
Example: it would cost every Charles County household over \$1000 to extend the proposed Cross County Connector to Bryans Road. Taxpayers would be asked to subsidize development in rural areas instead of improving Waldorf.
- Sprawl costs in the extra facilities needed for fire, police, and emergency medical services. It increases response time as public safety workers must patrol far flung areas.
- Traffic congestion increases because large areas are zoned for development, and because present commissioners prioritize sprawl over rapid transit. Even worse, this sprawl-induced congestion will lead to decreased safety on local roads.

We need to change Charles County’s direction away from “business as usual.”  
**We need to vote for decision makers who understand the true meaning of Smarter Growth**



**The Sierra Club has endorsed:**

**Candice Kelly, Commissioner President**

**Ken Robinson, Commissioner**

**Johnnie Degiorgi, Commissioner**

**Peter Murphy, State Delegate**

**C.T. Wilson, State Delegate**



**Help elect Charles County Officials who:**

- Put citizens before powerful financial interests
- Believe in transparency of local government
- Will implement true Smart Growth policies

The current County Commissioners have a history of wasting taxpayer funds and prioritizing unneeded new highways over better priorities like education and rapid transit. *They promote sprawl development by:*

- ⊘ Proposing the Cross County Connector (A \$1,000 expense for each county household)
- ⊘ Promoting a three billion dollar Western Waldorf Bypass instead of upgrading Route 301.
- ⊘ Urbanizing our rural county with a “development district” *larger than Washington, D.C.*

**New leadership is needed to change the direction our county is headed.**

**VOTE SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**

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