

1. How would you outline the region we are in on a map?
 - Delmarva Peninsula/Island
 - Variation in needs
 - Lower Shore

2. What assets does this region have?
 - Water
 - Wildlife
 - Agricultural economy
 - Seafood and chicken
 - Talent!
 - A lot of local knowledge
 - Historic architecture
 - Culture

3. What unique challenges or barriers does this region face?
 - Poverty
 - Climate change
 - Sea level rise
 - Political stepchild of big cities
 - Working across political and racial lines
 - Lack of technology (eg. broadband)
 - Lack of well-paying jobs
 - Sprawl
 - Lower density development of the area is historically incompatible with higher density

4. Are there any regional planning or development efforts or programs currently underway in the region?
 - Salisbury-Wicomico Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Transportation Focused)
 - i. Tracey Gordy (MDP) is the vice chair
 - ii. \$500 K for planning
 - iii. Request for Proposals from organizations now available

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5. What partnerships or processes have you noticed lead to success? Any organizations or other leaders that provide support and resources? These can be unique to this region or more universal.
 - Tri-County Councils, Mid Shore Council
 - Wicomico Environmental Trust
 - Regional Universities

6. What are some emerging issues or opportunities that could best be addressed regionally? How could the state or a state organization like the MPCA help?
 - Jurisdictions in the region need help with staffing and capacity for planning efforts
 - i. A Neighborhood Design Center model, but for the Shore, would be very helpful
 - Expand and enhance partnerships with universities such as Salisbury
 - The third bay bridge crossing is a big unknown that will be an issue/opportunity