

APPENDIX E – COMMUNITY VISION MEETING NOTES

The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee hosted a community visioning meeting on September 29, 2003 after the distribution of the survey. Preliminary results from the survey were made available and participants helped to craft the vision statement for Eastport:

Eastport, an Island Community Living, Working and Growing Together.

Working in small groups participants also ranked their most favorite or special places in Eastport. This effort yielded Map 2 – Treasures of Eastport and provided direction to the policies and implementation measures distributed throughout the plan.

The large group also provided answers in an open forum to several questions about their vision for Eastport. These are reproduced here and a list of participants at the community Vision meeting is provided at the end of this section.

What you love about Eastport:

- Downtown
- Sense of community
- People
- “Eastport’s Time Has Come”
- Home
- Walking downtown
- Open hearts
- Open minds
- Pier, watch people fish
- Access to private land
- Encouraging tradition of access to land-public & private
- Charm, views, friendliness
- Not a danger: becoming Bar Harbor
- Wealth/abundance of energy of all types
- BEAUTIFUL city
- Intimacy; risks possible
- Talent (emerges)
- Arts community
- “Hooked” on Eastport
- Magical beauty of landscape and people
- Energy is palpable
- Natural beauty
- Water
- Charm, cute yes, but we need more for business development

Why are you here tonight?

- To represent Eastport for pride
- Listen to what people have to say
- Happy to be a part of the process
- Want to be a neighbor-resident
- Don’t want an “Antique Town”
- Curious about Eastport’s future
- Pay attention to tourism opportunities
- Would like to see town cleaned up
- Protect investment in community
- Because I love the value of a vision
- Find out what people want
- I want to know where I fit and where we are going
- Want to be sure historical heritage is preserved
- Interested in what is going on
- Here to represent the city’s business interests
- Fundamental changes occurring
- Marine development needs and residential development demands
- Interested in how Eastport is developing
- Interested in seeing more shops
- To protect property values

Your connection to Eastport:

- CDBG Advisory
- CPC Committee
- City Council
- Cemetery Committee
- Downtown Community Development Advisory Committee
- Eastport for Pride
- Budget Committee
- ZBA
- Code Enforcement/Building/Plumbing
- Downtown business owner
- Visitor-now owner
- Retirement
- Business owner
- Congregational Church
- Health Center
- Value of a vision
- Americorps
- Ecumenical group
- Stage East
- Born here/away/back
- Because interested in the future

The perfect Eastport is/has:

- Diversified
- More self-sufficient (economically, socially, culturally)
- Has more historic districts
- More quality jobs
- Singularly unique
- Authentic
- Intellectually & creatively stimulating
- Drug free
- Young families
- An active harbor (ships, water taxis, ferries)
- An active marina (gas/restrooms)
- Small cruise ships
- Well promoted airport
- A working harbor
- Political clout
- All economic levels
- Water access-useable, walkable, public space
- Potable water (new source)
- High standards of education at all levels
- Well cared for senior citizens
- Some form/appropriate form of public transportation
- Telecommunications –broad band access
- Recreation-4 seasons-all ages
- Rail/harbor link
- Protected sea views
- Preserved heritage (built environment)
- 2nd route into town
- movie theatre
- family entertainment
- Snow removal on sidewalks
- Restricted commercial development on Route 190
- Signs directing visitors to our features
- An entrepreneurial center
- A variety of residential and commercial development
- Tasteful T-shirts
- Sufficient space to allow commercial activity to support the port and other economic activities
- Financial incentives for historic preservation
- A variety of housing options
- Mixed uses (residential/commercial/retail) in neighborhoods besides downtown
- Knows its goals, limits, optimum size (defined by jobs that support the next generation)
- Reasonable growth: seasonal & year-round/income/wages/housing that grows synchronously
- Efficient use of infrastructure
- No traffic and parking problems
- Gathering places
- Continues the good planning of past efforts.

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