

Summary of Elements from Watershed Visioning Exercise

(North Mill-Dutch Gap Watershed Planning Meeting June 3, 2010)

Common themes emerging from exercise:

Water quality, fish/wildlife numbers improve (most popular)

Development-related themes including keeping rural & “small town” aesthetics & agricultural land uses; compact/clustered new development; conservation & low-impact development techniques including the preservation of farmland & environmental open space; use of the high-tech/state-of-the-art & creation of employment centers

Open space planning, acquisition, & expansion (develop Open Space plan, more open space, abundant & accessible open space throughout watershed)

Trails, bike paths, & non-motorized watercraft access points; alternative modes of transportation/mass transit available

Local governments approve **land use/comprehensive plans**, “smart growth” initiatives

Sustainable communities (recycling programs, alternative sources of energy)

Flood damage reduction