

MARYLAND'S BEST KEPT SECRET CLOSE BUT FAR ENOUGH AWAY

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

COMFORTABLE ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REVITALIZED DOWNTOWNS

GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

GROWING SCHOOL POPULATION

## FOUR SEASONS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

THRIVING WORKFORCE

ELIMINATE WIND TURBINES & RIDGELINE PROTECTION

LAKE

## OUTDOORS RECREATION

HISTORIC FRIENDLY

CLEAN

BEAUTIFUL

PRIDE

## GREAT SCHOOLS

DESTINATION

## BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE

## RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS

## LESS STATE REGULATIONS

WILD

## TOURISM SAFE

WALKABLE DOWNTOWNS

MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING

FAMILY

SCENIC

## AGRICULTURE

AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION

YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES

ELDERLY HOUSING

GREAT ROADS

NO TRAFFIC

COUNTRY



**Vision Statement Voting**  
Garrett County Visioning Open House  
18-May-18

	Votes	Percentage	Comments
Vision One	1	7%	N/A
Vision Two	0	0%	N/A
Vision Three	1	7%	N/A
Vision Four	2	14%	N/A
			Partnering with other counties to share assets and wealth
Vision Five	10	71%	

## Vision 1:

The people of Garrett County will lead the region and the State of Maryland in working together to encourage a vibrant and prosperous quality of life for people of all ages. We will serve as an example of responsible and sustainable use of land and natural resources. With this as our foundation, we will create a climate that promotes economic diversity and emphasizes education while celebrating our agricultural character, outdoor lifestyle and scenic beauty.

**Vision 2:**

**Ensure the quality of life of all Garrett County citizens by learning from the past and planning for the future through natural resource management, economic development, and a vibrant tourism industry.**

### Vision 3:

Envision a community where Garrett County residents attain higher educational and economic goals; enjoy a quality of life marked by safety and security, environmental protection, quality business and residential development, and a variety of tourism, recreational and cultural opportunities; and satisfaction with the value and quality of government services.

#### Vision 4:

Garrett County will be a place where family and community are valued, where you can live, work and play with neighbors and visitors alike.

Garrett County will be safe for all; young and old; welcoming and gracious to each visitor; while promoting a healthy, vibrant community focused on a high quality of life through dedicated parks, trails and outdoor recreational opportunities.

Leadership in our community will strive to act with integrity, honesty, teamwork, and a commitment to public service. Community leaders will work with educators and businesses to develop a work force that has significant knowledge, skills, and training. Employment opportunities will be improved by providing enhanced county services, infrastructure, educational offerings, and community facilities.

Garrett County will emphasize growth that is near our town centers, while preserving our agricultural rural character and abundant open spaces, water, and other natural resources.

## Vision 5:

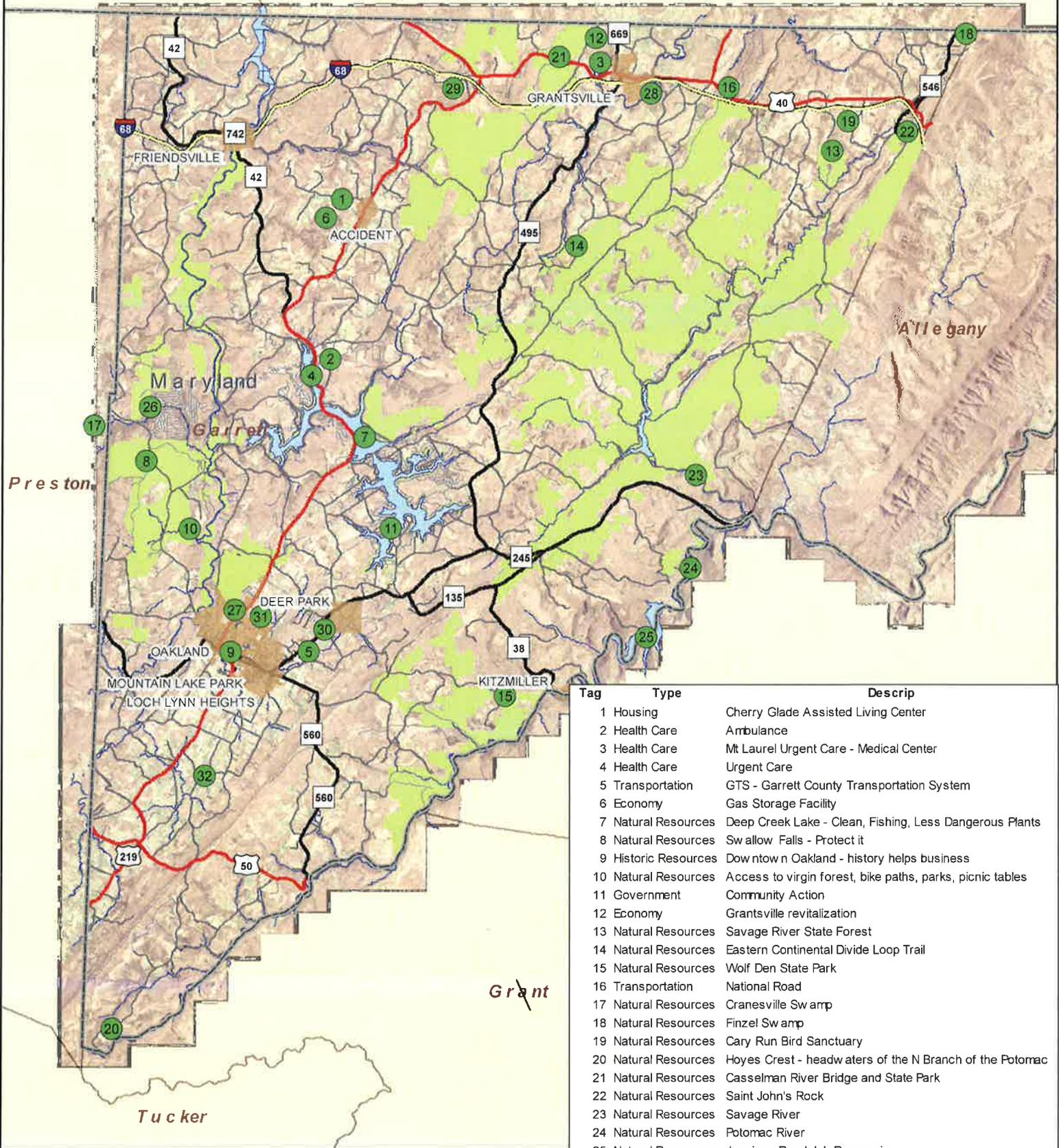
Garrett County will enhance the quality of life enjoyed by its residents by preserving the County's rural character and natural beauty and by guiding growth and development. Garrett County will achieve this vision by:

- Conserving farmland
- Providing a framework for diverse housing needs
- Planning for infrastructure that meets the future needs of residents and businesses
- Supporting the business community
- Encouraging tourism
- Creating employment opportunities for its citizens
- Providing quality schools
- Continuing to support quality outdoor recreational areas and conservation of natural resources, and
- Providing a safe, welcoming, involved community for everyone.

Fayette

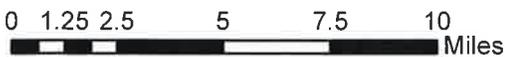
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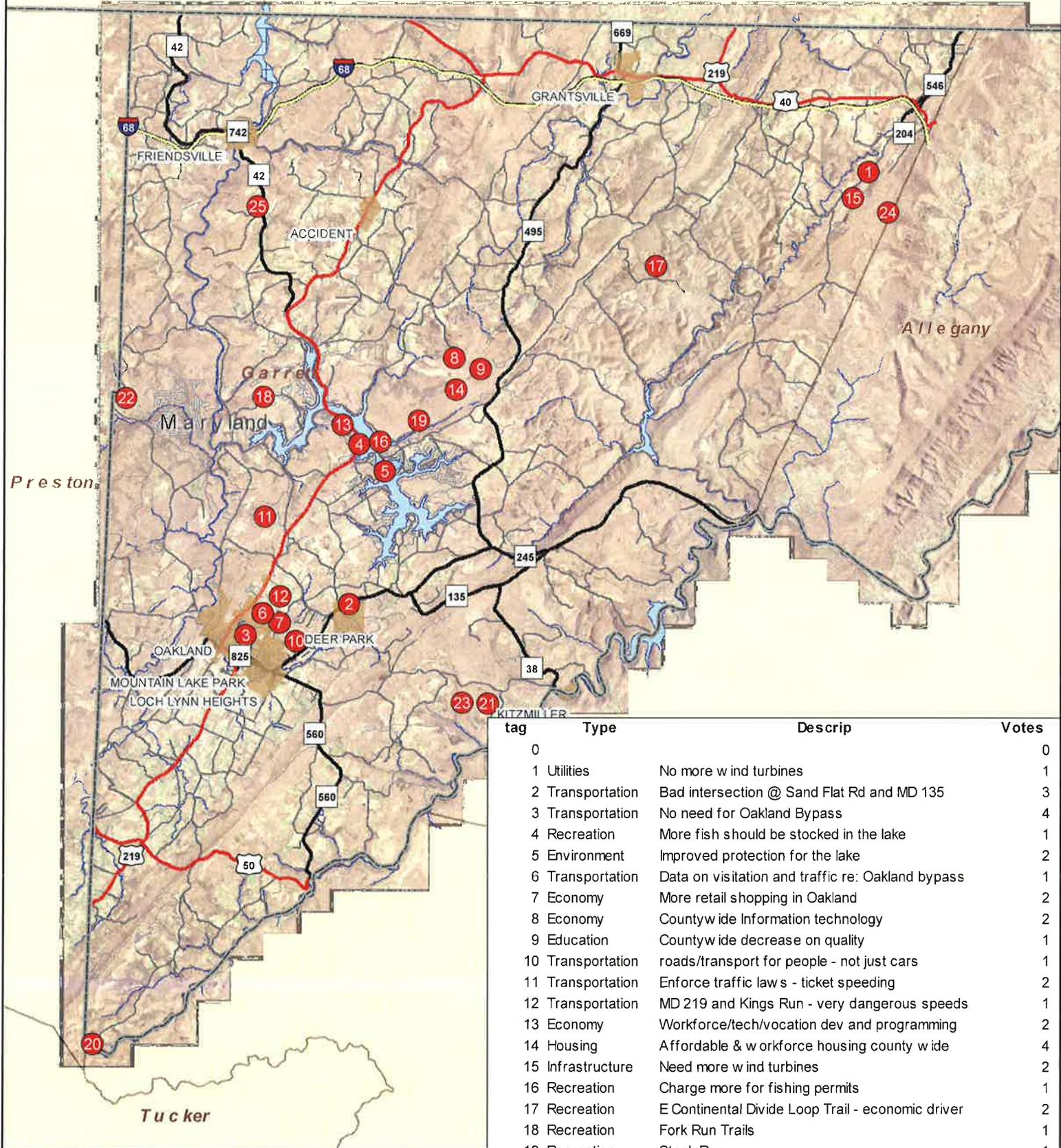
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Tag	Type	Descrip
1	Housing	Cherry Glade Assisted Living Center
2	Health Care	Ambulance
3	Health Care	Mt Laurel Urgent Care - Medical Center
4	Health Care	Urgent Care
5	Transportation	GTS - Garrett County Transportation System
6	Economy	Gas Storage Facility
7	Natural Resources	Deep Creek Lake - Clean, Fishing, Less Dangerous Plants
8	Natural Resources	Swallow Falls - Protect it
9	Historic Resources	Downtown Oakland - history helps business
10	Natural Resources	Access to virgin forest, bike paths, parks, picnic tables
11	Government	Community Action
12	Economy	Grantsville revitalization
13	Natural Resources	Savage River State Forest
14	Natural Resources	Eastern Continental Divide Loop Trail
15	Natural Resources	Wolf Den State Park
16	Transportation	National Road
17	Natural Resources	Cranesville Sw amp
18	Natural Resources	Finzel Sw amp
19	Natural Resources	Cary Run Bird Sanctuary
20	Natural Resources	Hoyes Crest - headwaters of the N Branch of the Potomac
21	Natural Resources	Casselman River Bridge and State Park
22	Natural Resources	Saint John's Rock
23	Natural Resources	Savage River
24	Natural Resources	Potomac River
25	Natural Resources	Jennings Randolph Reservoir
26	Natural Resources	Hiking & General Beauty
27	Government	Digital Community Planning Tool @ Health Dept
28	Economy	Industrial Park @ Grantsville
29	Economy	Industrial Park @ Kaisers Ridge
30	Economy	Industrial Park @ Oakland
31	Economy	Mountain Fresh Pavilion - Farmers Market
32	Economy	Organic Farms with organic zoning

# Assets to Preserve





tag	Type	Descrip	Votes
0			0
1	Utilities	No more wind turbines	1
2	Transportation	Bad intersection @ Sand Flat Rd and MD 135	3
3	Transportation	No need for Oakland Bypass	4
4	Recreation	More fish should be stocked in the lake	1
5	Environment	Improved protection for the lake	2
6	Transportation	Data on visitation and traffic re: Oakland bypass	1
7	Economy	More retail shopping in Oakland	2
8	Economy	Countywide Information technology	2
9	Education	Countywide decrease on quality	1
10	Transportation	roads/transport for people - not just cars	1
11	Transportation	Enforce traffic laws - ticket speeding	2
12	Transportation	MD 219 and Kings Run - very dangerous speeds	1
13	Economy	Workforce/tech/vocation dev and programming	2
14	Housing	Affordable & workforce housing county wide	4
15	Infrastructure	Need more wind turbines	2
16	Recreation	Charge more for fishing permits	1
17	Recreation	E Continental Divide Loop Trail - economic driver	2
18	Recreation	Fork Run Trails	1
19	Recreation	Stack Run	1
20	Recreation	Hoyes Crest - Start of N branch of Potomac	1
21	Recreation	Wolf Den State Park - Opp for development	1
22	Recreation	Cranesville Swamp	1
23	Government	Need DNR held accountable to residents	1
24	Recreation	St John Rock Trail - Built for ATVs, unused	1
25	Recreation	Kendall Trail - Beginning of the Yough	1

# Issues & Opportunities

