

AREA IDENTITY AND RURAL  
CHARACTER PRESERVATION

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## *SPECIAL AND UNIQUE PLACES*

- *GOING BACK IN TIME*
- *AMBIANCE*
- *NATURAL BEAUTY*
- *TIMELESS*
- *UNSPOILED*
- *BUCOLIC*
- *GREEN*



Bath is a place virtually untouched by time. Life goes on here much as it did 200 years ago. Farming remains a mainstay of life, and “taking the waters” is still a favorite pastime of Bath County’s visitors.

## **HOW TO KEEP A PLACE SPECIAL AND UNIQUE**

- ....ANALYZE POTENTIAL AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ESPECIALLY IN AGRICULTURALLY ZONED AREAS AND REQUIRE REZONING FOR DEVELOPMENT
- ....FOLLOW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND UPDATE FREQUENTLY AND ACCORDINGLY AND BE SPECIFIC
- ....RE-EVALUATE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND LAND USE REGULATIONS AND AMEND AS NEEDED
- ....SEEK OUT VESTED STAKEHOLDERS TO CREATE A COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TEAM AVAILABLE AS NEEDED
- ....CREATE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTED THROUGH A WRITTEN WORK (BUSINESS) PLAN
- ....REVIVE THE COMMUNITY (HOUSING STOCK, BLIGHT ABATEMENT)
- ....WORK TO INSTILL PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP IN COMMUNITY FROM GRASSROOTS UP

## **EVEN DEVELOPED AREAS HAVE IDENTITY AND RURAL CHARACTER PRESERVATION AND SERVE AS MODELS FOR BETTER DEVELOPMENT**



## **LESSONS LEARNED**

- ....IF DEVELOPMENT IS QUESTIONED BY ANYONE EVEN THE NAYSAYERS OR NIMBYS, LISTEN AND CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO PRESERVE COMMUNITY IDENTITY AND CHARACTER
- ....DO THE HOMEWORK AND NOT TAKE A DEVELOPER'S WORD AS WHAT ACTUALLY OR WILL HAPPEN ON THE LAND AND TO THE COMMUNITY
- ....USE A TEAM OF LEADERS TO ASSIST AND PROVIDE COMMUNITY STABILITY AND OVERSIGHT
- ....FOLLOW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND ONLY BE FLEXIBLE TO A CERTAIN EXTENT
- ....ALWAYS BE THINKING, EVALUATING AND ANALYZING TO PROTECT COMMUNITY IDENTITY AND CHARACTER
- ....ALWAYS ASK THE TOUGH QUESTIONS OF ALL INVOLVED