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To the Citizens of Harpers Ferry:

**Harpers Ferry Vision Statement: Celebrate the Past, Savor the Present, Steward the Future** was the result of a consensus building exercise conducted by the Harper's Ferry Vision Steering Committee and Town Planning Consultant David M. Beniamino, AICP. The substance of this Vision Statement was created by the people of Harpers Ferry in our effort to define and convey our collective aspirations about the Town for the purpose of facilitating future discussions and decisions about the future of Harpers Ferry. The Vision Statement incorporates the ideas and thoughtful conversation of many of your fellow neighbors, business owners and elected and appointed officials. A Steering Committee made up of some of those same individuals participated in two community input meetings and countless other organizational and strategy meetings over a period of one year to put this vision together. This vision is you – who you are, what you believe, and where you want to be tomorrow.

Not everyone will agree with every item involved with the Vision Statement. However, the Vision Statement provides an exciting point of departure and an important tool to assist the Town of Harper's Ferry in the future. It hopes to bring the community together to focus on your common strengths and shared vision of tomorrow.

This Vision Statement would not be possible without the many people who participated in the process through attending meetings, providing support, encouragement, and contributions along the way. I want to thank everyone who has participated in this process and encourage all to read and review the final product. Success will be neither easy nor quiet and implementation will take years of commitment, persistence and dedication to improve your community. On behalf of the Town of Harpers Ferry, my thanks are extended to all who participated in the visioning process.

Sincerely,

David M. Beniamino, AICP

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