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Harpers Ferry, West Virginia:

A Statement of Vision formulated by the citizens and business owners of the Town

The Town of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia is both circumscribed and defined by history and geography. For town residents and business owners, the natural splendor of the area and its poignant position in the history of our country are treasured assets. Melding these qualities, and the tourist-based economy they engender, with the needs and expectations of a 21<sup>st</sup> century community is a persistent challenge and an enduring vision.

We envision a Town that thrives as a unique and independent jurisdiction.

We envision a Town where responsive and accessible Town governance and an active and involved citizenry result in:

1. Preservation of the historic character and ambiance of a 19<sup>th</sup> century village and the safety of a small town;
2. Provision of services that address the expectations of 21<sup>st</sup> century inhabitants for:
  - \* public infrastructure that is thoughtfully planned and maintained, including sidewalks, trails, streets, parking, bicycle lanes, public utilities, public transportation, and communications;
  - \* partnerships among local businesses and organizations to develop a sustainable year-round economy; and
  - \* environmental stewardship that protects wildlife, tree canopy, and air and water quality;
3. Opportunities and attractive venues for diverse cultural, historical, and recreational events for residents and visitors throughout the year;
4. Cooperative ventures that acknowledge the unique relationships between and among the Town, the Corporation of Bolivar, the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.