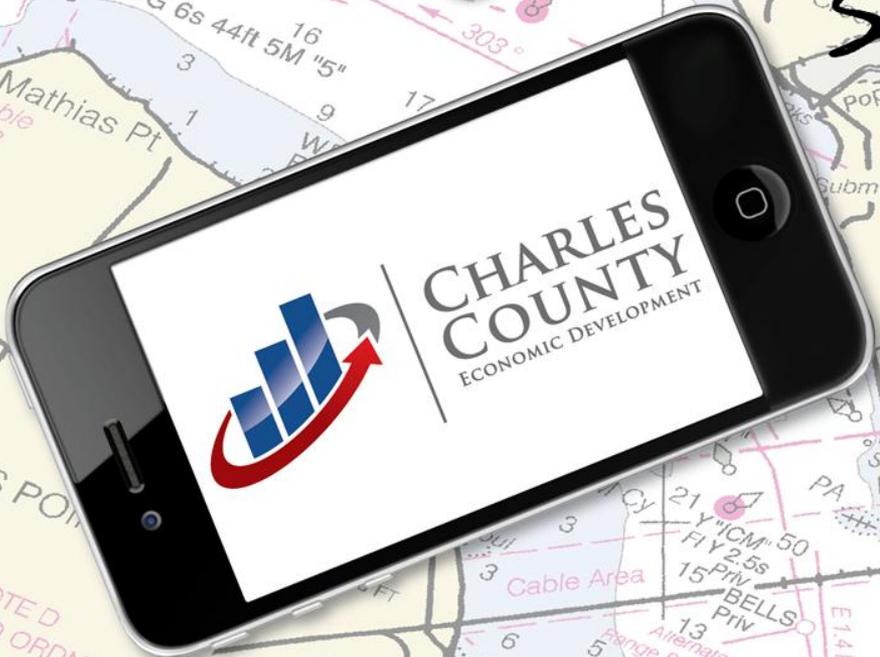


# Charles County's 2012 Economic Development Summit

# Charting Our Economic Future

*Setting a Course in a Time of Change*



# Building Success

- We value small business.
- We understand the needs of small business owners.
- We understand it can be tough for a small business to survive in a difficult economy.
- We care about making sure Charles County is a place where small business owners can be successful.



# Taking Action

- **Establishing programs to help small business owners.**
- **Hiring an ombudsman for the Dept. of Planning & Growth Management.**



# **Sign Ordinance**

- **Changing the county's sign ordinance.**
- **Addressing concerns expressed by business owners.**

# Small Local Business Enterprise Program

- Developed in response to identified needs.
- Creates opportunities for small businesses in Charles County to do business with county government.





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**Mission Statement** - The mission of Charles County Government is to provide our citizens the highest quality service possible in a timely, efficient and courteous manner. To achieve this goal, our government must be operated in an open and accessible atmosphere, be based on comprehensive long- and short-term planning and have an appropriate managerial organization tempered by fiscal responsibility. We support and encourage efforts to grow a diverse workplace.

**Vision Statement** - Charles County is a place where all people thrive and businesses grow and prosper; where the preservation of our heritage and environment is paramount; where government services to its citizens are provided at the highest level of excellence; and where the quality of life is the best in the nation.

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