## **ATTENTION!**

Historic Eastville

## WE ARE IN DANGER

OF LOSING EVERYTHING WE LOVE ABOUT OUR TOWN
OUR QUIET QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE COMMUNITY CHARACTER
MANY CONTINUE TO WORK SO HARD
TO PROTECT PRESERVE and PROMOTE!

## PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES THREATEN ALL OF THIS!

As our former Planning Commissioner explains: 'the Northampton County Board of Supervisors (BOS) has rewritten the County's Zoning Ordinance behind closed doors with NO public input or involvement.'

Furthermore the proposed changes will, if we allow them to be voted into law, affect every resident and every zoning district on the lower Eastern Shore. Among the most affected by the rezoning will be residents of our incorporated towns.

1) The county proposes to eliminate <u>TOWN EDGE DISTRICT</u> zoning. Under the current Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinance these districts are very important: the towns are the logical choice to attract growth as they can provide services such as fire, police, sewer, water and other utilities. The current Town Edge District zones envision a cooperative effort between the town and the county when new growth is fostered on the edge of towns by <u>requiring developers to offset the costs to a town as it expands the services necessary to accommodate the new business</u>. Under the proposed ordinance <u>Eastville will have virtually NO</u>

<u>SAY</u> on what happens just outside her borders. This could have a devastating effect on every resident: you could be forced to pick up the entire cost of increased services to support new commercial and industrial development on the edge of town.

2) The county proposes to re-zone lands that now are Town Edge District to 'AGRICULTURE' status which may sound harmless until you learn what uses the county would allow adjacent to Eastville without consideration for your water supply:

\* Waste Incinerators \* Biodiesel Oil Refineries

\* Large Scale Chicken Houses (20,000 birds) [odors!]

\* Manure Storage \* Mining \* Prisons \* Shooting Ranges

\* Migrant Labor Camps \* and other invasive uses

many 'by right' - so you won't know what's happening on the edge of
town until you hear the bulldozers!!

Tuesday December 9th at 6 pm please join us for the countywide rally

Occupy the Old Courthouse

The purpose of this gathering is to show the BOS that we want them to withdraw their proposed zoning ordinance and to ask them to include citizens in any future revisions to our current zoning ordinance. It will be a peaceful demonstration of solidarity.

Thank you in advance.

Following the gathering, we can move into the Courthouse for the BOS meeting, scheduled for 7:00 PM.

For FURTHER INFORMATION see other local flyers. To learn HOW YOU CAN HELP US HELP YOU! or IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE KEPT UPDATED ON THE NEXT STEPS, PLEASE CALL 442-7889 or EMAIL ENVIRODUF@AOL.COM