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Calvert County Planning & Zoning Deputy Director Mary Beth Cook Graduates Leadership Maryland

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Dec. 18, 2019 – Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning Deputy Director Mary Beth Cook recently completed the Leadership Maryland Program, a professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community leaders.

Cook is one of 50 Maryland business and community leaders chosen for Leadership Maryland's 27th class – the Class of 2019 – who completed the eight-month, hands-on learning program focused on the state's most vital social, economic and environmental issues.

“As this year's Leadership Maryland cohort completes its program, their journey as a graduate of our state's finest organization of professionals begins,” said Leadership Maryland Board Chairman Dr. Memo F. Diriker. “Over the past eight months they have learned about our state, the critical issues it faces and, above all, themselves. On behalf of the Board, I congratulate each of them for completing this defining milestone and I look forward to seeing them apply these lessons to accomplish great things for our state.”

Cook has worked for Calvert County Government for almost 27 years. The first 15 years were with the Department of Public Works as a Project Engineer and the last 12 years as the Deputy Director and Zoning Officer for Planning & Zoning. Her duties include providing

Zoning Interpretation of the Calvert County Zoning Ordinance, text and map amendments to the ordinance, and supervision of the Code Enforcement Division, permit review planners, historic and rural preservation planners, and the Office of Inspections & Permits.

“My twenty-plus years in public service have provided me the privilege of understanding how the work that we do impacts the lives of county citizens,” said Cook. “My most important task is leading others in my organization to understand that as well.”

Cook is also a 2017 graduate of Leadership Southern Maryland.

The Leadership Maryland participants attended a two-day opening retreat in April followed by five intense two-day sessions in various locations across the state focusing on Maryland’s economic development, education, health and human services, criminal justice, the environment and multiculturalism/diversity. These sessions were followed by a one-day closing retreat in November and a graduation celebration on Dec. 10, 2019.

Leadership Maryland is open to senior-level executives with significant achievements in either their careers and/or their communities. For more information about Leadership Maryland, please visit www.LeadershipMD.org, call 410-841-2101 or email Info@LeadershipMD.org.

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