



# Calvert County NEWS

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### **Mark Willis Named Director of Department of Community Planning & Building**

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – May 19, 2016** – The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is pleased to announce the promotion of Mark Willis to the position of Calvert County Department of Community Planning & Building (CPB) director. Willis replaces Thomas Barnett, who resigned from the position last month.

Willis has worked for Calvert County Government for 16 years. Hired to establish and supervise the Fleet Maintenance Division in the county's Department of Public Works, he moved through the ranks to his last position as Public Works Deputy Director of Enterprise Fund Operations where he oversaw all of the county's water, sewer, solid waste and recycling services.

Willis earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Florida. He is a retired Marine Corps ground combat logistics and maintenance officer and graduated with honors from the Army War College. He is also a 2014 graduate of Leadership Maryland. A Calvert County native, he proudly boasts that, like his wife and children, he is a graduate of Calvert High School. Willis is committed to the community having served as a volunteer for the Calvert County Historical Society, the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM), American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the Calvert County Citizens Green Team and the Annual Tea Party for the Ladies Club of JPPM.

"I'm thrilled to move in to this next phase of my career," he said. "I am joining a very talented corps of people in CPB and look forward to working with them to realign our county's current plans with the vision and goals of the citizens of Calvert County and the Board of County Commissioners."

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Willis said one of his immediate goals is to update and streamline many of the CPB processes to better serve the citizens of Calvert County. “Customer service and a professional presence is the foundation to obtaining the relationship necessary to truly serve the citizens,” he added. “We’re certainly not going to do things ‘the old way’ simply for the sake of doing it that way.”

CPB coordinates planning activities within Calvert County Government, including those of the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals and other boards and commissions. The department consists of: planning and development review, zoning, permitting and citizen relations, long-range planning, inspections & permits, and appeals, variances and exceptions. The department administers the zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations and the building code. It provides information and guidance to the community and to the Board of County Commissioners concerning growth and development in Calvert County with goals to maintain or improve the quality of life for county residents

For more information about CPB, please call 410-535-2348 or 301-855-1243 or visit online at [www.co.cal.md.us/CPB](http://www.co.cal.md.us/CPB). Like Calvert County Government on Facebook.

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