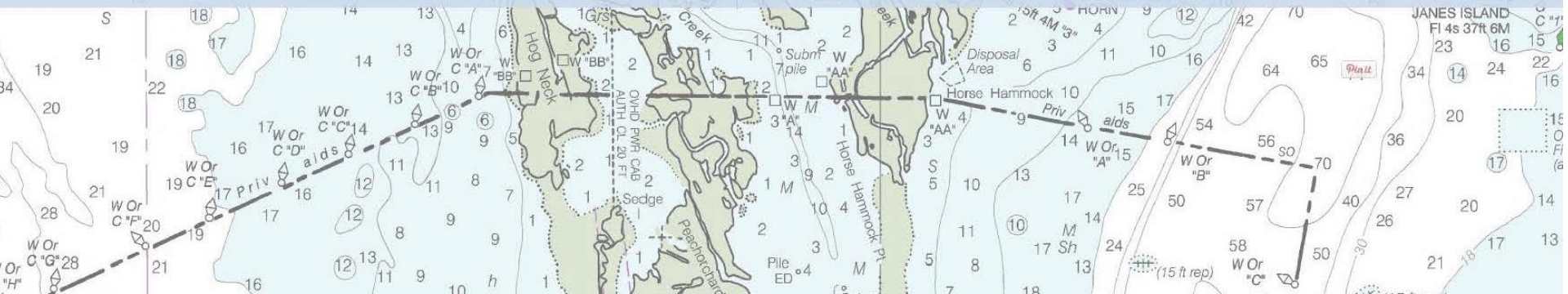


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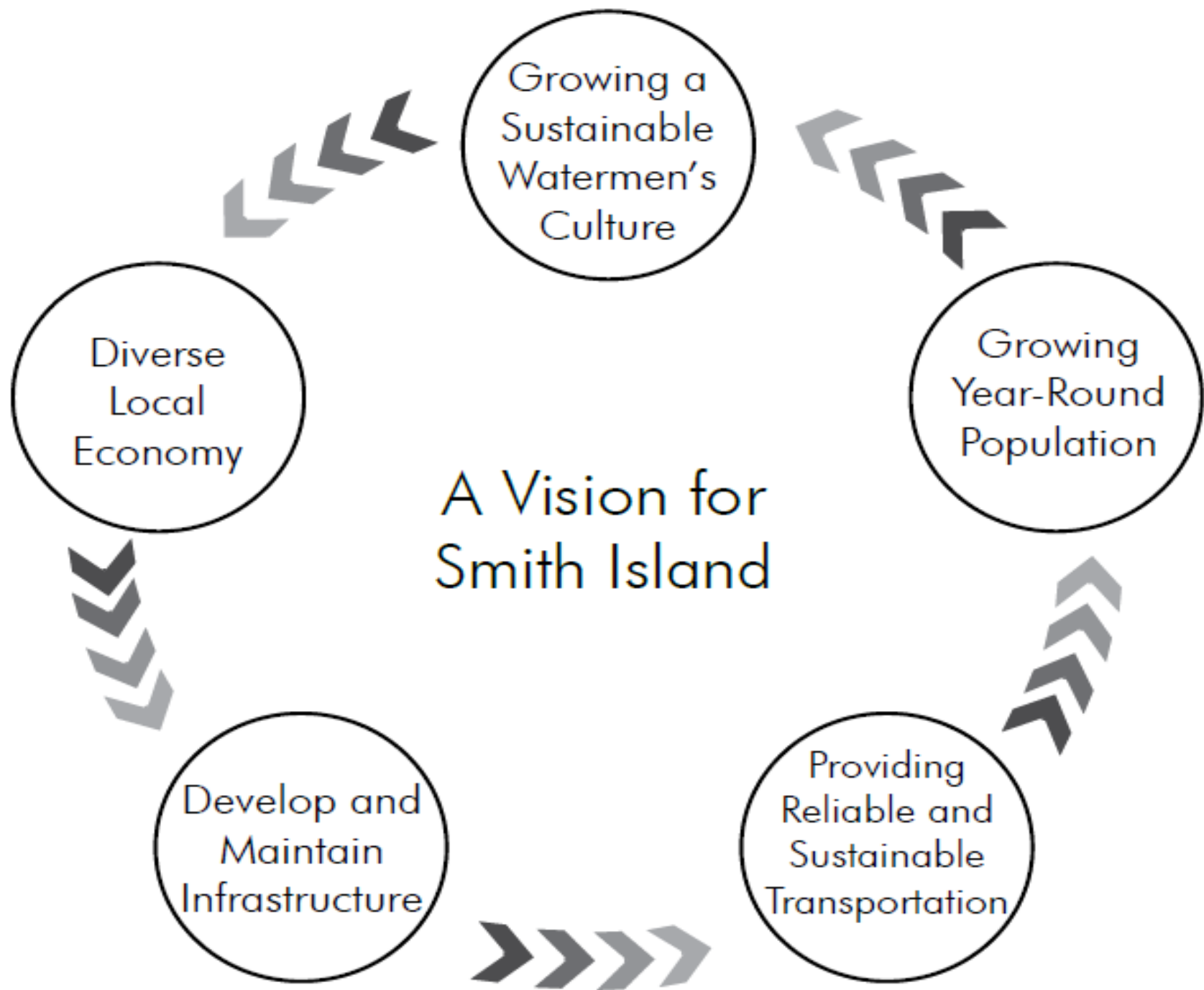
A Vision for how Smith Island will look, feel, and thrive in coming decades



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- Expand opportunities for **new watermen** to enter the trade.
- Increase opportunities for **current watermen** to supplement and diversify their income.
- Address the needs of **waterman families** including improving job opportunities for spouses and teenagers.

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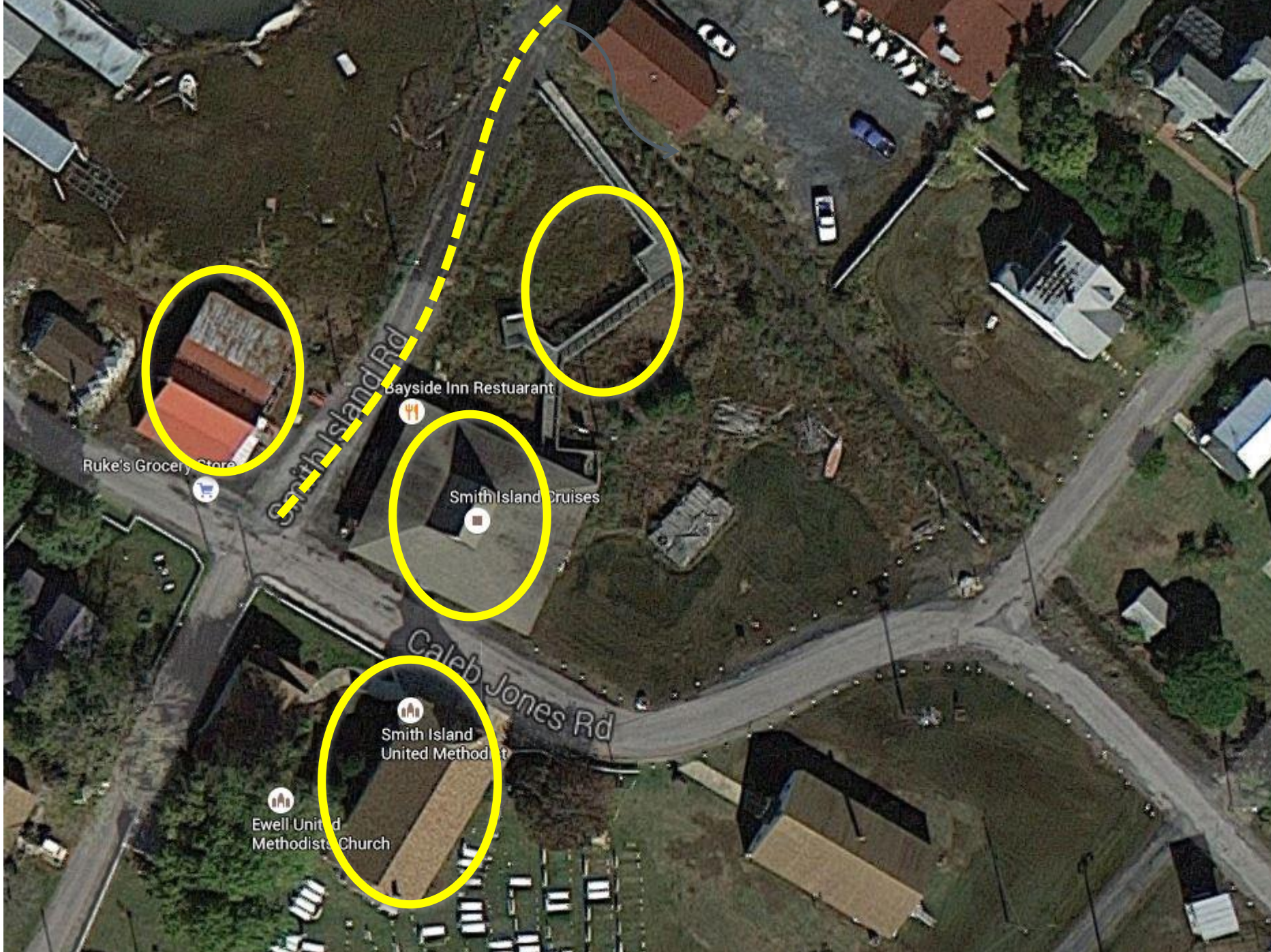
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- Help tourists **access** Smith Island's tourism opportunities.
- Increase **services or amenities** that support or “wrap around” the tourist experience on Smith Island.
- Create **the best first impression** of Smith Island for visitors.
- Provide more, easily accessible tourist opportunities that **play to the Island's physical and cultural strengths**.



Ruke's Grocery Store

Bayside Inn Restuarant

Smith Island Cruises

Smith Island United Methodist

Ewell United Methodist Church

Smith Island Rd

Caleb Jones Rd



Expanded Deck

Meadow Basin

SMITH ROAD

GALES JONES ROAD

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Goal #3: Resilient Infrastructure





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- Establish a direct line of communication with State level officials, politicians, and the US Army Corps of Engineers to advocate for necessary funding and **construction of the Rhodes Point jetty.**
- **Develop a wastewater solution** for the Island that meets goals for service, environmental protection, and resilience to natural hazards.
- **Enhance stormwater management** to use more attractive and effective Best Management Practices.



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TODAY!



TOMORROW?





Goal #4: Reliable Transportation





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- Explore options to provide **additional service to and from Crisfield** while mitigating the risks and added expense borne by the ferry captains.
- Introduce policies to make ferry service scheduling and costs **more standardized, dependable, and transparent.**
- Explore ways to make expanded ferry service **financially sustainable.**
- Develop a better understanding of **residents' and visitors' needs to get around on the Island** and address the impediments.

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Goal #5: Growing the Population



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Before



After





Goal #5: Growing the Population

- Make Smith Island's **uniqueness and charm** a strong selling point for newcomers.
- Make **the experience of buying a home** and moving to Smith Island understandable and easy to navigate.
- Address the problem of **vacant housing**.

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Implementation...



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