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Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc. Reports Progress on Cambridge Harbor Project

Cambridge, MD – Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc. (CWDI) continues to move the Cambridge Harbor project forward, with several exciting developments following recent meetings, planning sessions, and board actions.

On August 27, CWDI held a Partner Meeting with city and county representatives. Some local leaders asked CWDI to take another look at the proposed housing density for the site. CWDI shared that they are open to those conversations, which will become even more meaningful once developer proposals start to come in.

Just a week later, on September 4, CWDI met with Maryland’s Secretary of Housing and Community Development, Jake Day. He encouraged the team to apply for State Revitalization Program Grants that fit well with the Harbor project. The State has made it clear that it remains committed to Cambridge Harbor.

CWDI is also finalizing an agreement with a hotel partner, expected to be signed next month. This agreement will officially “activate” the site, allowing the financing of infrastructure improvements to move ahead. If signed, construction of the hotel is planned to begin in December 2026, after the hotelier completes design work, In secures permits, and finishes due diligence. Once open, the hotel will play a key role in attracting other developers to the site.

In the meantime, CWDI and the City Planning department are finishing a zoning overlay for Cambridge Harbor. It is expected to be ready for review at the end of October and will go before the City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission after public input sessions.

Other progress includes:

- The CWDI Board approved a Request for Proposal for a commercial broker at its September 11 meeting. The RFP will now go out to the marketplace, where there is already interest.



- The search for CWDI's new Chief Administrative Officer is underway. Several strong applications have been received, and interviews are being held. This staff member will help improve communication with the public.
- CWDI, along with city and county leaders, is preparing a letter of support to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for a proposed fishing pier that could stretch up to 2,500 feet. The pier would give anglers access to deeper-water and become a special draw for visitors. To keep the pier open for everyone, tie-ups for boats will not be allowed.

Board members have also talked about requests for information from the community. "We respond as quickly as we can, keeping in mind that this is a volunteer position," said CWDI President Angie Hengst. "When we hire our Chief Administrative Officer, they will be able to take on answering the public's questions."

The next CWDI Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 16 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council meeting room at 305 Gay Street in Cambridge. Meetings are open to the public and are also livestreamed at Townhallstreams.com.

About CWDI

CWDI is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit development corporation and public-private partnership made up the State of Maryland, Dorchester County and the City of Cambridge. Each partner appoints members to CWDI's seven-member all volunteer Board of Directors. CWDI is charged with developing the Cambridge waterfront through a community-first approach consistent with the community's long-term vision.

For more information about CWDI or Cambridge Harbor, use the QR code to link to www.cambridgeharbor.org

