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Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc. Shares Update on Cambridge Harbor Project

Cambridge, Md. – A small group of citizens gathered on July 31 for a community update with the Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc. (CWDI) board, where details of the long-term vision for Cambridge Harbor were presented.

Tim Crosby, chair of the CWDI Planning Committee, outlined the development's framework, which will feature four distinct zones:

- **Town Center** – a hub for activity and commerce
- **Walkable Neighborhoods** – designed for vibrant, livable communities
- **Maritime Trade** – honoring Cambridge's working waterfront traditions
- **Community Recreation** – providing space for leisure and family enjoyment

The first major project will be the construction of a boutique hotel, described by CWDI as an essential anchor for Cambridge Harbor. Discussions are underway with a prospective hotelier, with hopes of finalizing an agreement by the end of this year. If design work begins in January, the hotel could open in early 2029.

As development progresses, CWDI aims to attract partners for additional development along Watermen's Way, envisioned as the commercial core of Cambridge Harbor. Plans include commercial spaces on the ground floor with residential units above. In addition, single-family townhomes will be built along Byrn Street to complement the existing neighborhood.

A 1,000-foot family fishing pier will serve as a centerpiece of the waterfront. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recognized the need to replace the now-condemned Bill Burton fishing pier with a new one. DNR expressed interest in having the new pier located somewhere off the CWDI property, and so CWDI has incorporated the pier into the design plans. CWDI will work with DNR throughout the design process, but DNR would be the builders and owners of the pier. It will provide a signature recreational feature for residents and visitors alike.

The CWDI board also addressed community concerns regarding a potential new YMCA facility at Cambridge Harbor. Board members clarified that no such discussions are taking place, though the YMCA—like any developer—would be welcome to respond to the upcoming offering memorandum (to be issue via a commercial broker) in the first quarter of 2026 .

While progress may feel gradual, CWDI President Angie Hengst reminded attendees that the board is composed of volunteers and asked the public for patience as the vision for Cambridge Harbor takes shape.

The board consists of several committees that meet regularly. The planning committee, in particular, has established a great working relationship with the City's Planning Department and is meeting to review the proposed design guidelines and regulating plan.

Once the design guidelines and regulating plan are finalized, they will be presented to the City's Planning and Zoning Board for review and then finally to City Council for approval. CWDI encourages those interested to take part in this public process. Cambridge Harbor will be for everyone, and everyone has the opportunity to be involved.

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

