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Picture above Left to Right are:
Standing: County Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
County Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
County Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
County Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
County Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell

Sincerely,
Francis Jack Russell, President
Kenneth R. Dement, District 1
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GREETINGS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS...

Thank you for reading the 2007 State of the County Report! Our job is to ensure that St. Mary’s County Government is financially sound and managed efficiently. We are proud to report that the men and women who staff St. Mary’s County Government are working hard to meet your needs.

Our rich heritage, combined with a hearty high-tech economy and viable productive agricultural base, is widely admired. St. Mary’s County remains a special place to live, work and raise a family.

We are charged with delivering cost effective services to the residents of our community and continue to focus our budget on education and public safety. We are especially proud of the many citizens who volunteer their time to serve their community. We want to continue to hear from you. Thank you for choosing the finest county as your home.

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Ten acres of farmland purchased by the County in the Mattapany neighborhood will be developed into a new neighborhood with 42 homes. The new neighborhood will be called Gateways, a 5-story residential ownership condominium community with 1½ homes comprised of one, two, and three bedrooms, rental assistance provided to over 1400 families, and revitalization of key neighborhoods.

The 3.2 mile Hughesville Bypass opened this summer. While located in Charles County, this transportation project was a regional priority and relieves congestion for residents throughout Southern Maryland. The $56 million project will ease congestion and improve safety for motorists. The four-lane highway breaks a long-time traffic bottleneck that exists on MD 5 in the town of Hughesville. The project resulted from the strong partnership between the federal government and the State, county, and municipal leaders.

Safety and congestion issues on county roadways are continually monitored. Construction on the widening of Chancellors Run Road is expected to begin in 2008.

New Technologies
New Mobile Data Terminals were installed in all Sheriff’s cars this year. These high tech systems are becoming standard equipment on law enforcement vehicles and are already helping our law enforcement officers respond to crimes. The Sheriff’s Office also received a new Mobile Command Center.

The staff at the County’s Emergency Operations Center worked around the clock to meet citizens’ needs for emergency response. They managed over 250,000 calls last year and directed fires, EMS, and Sheriff’s resources to citizens in need.

Community
The Wicomico Shoals Golf Course Clubhouse is being renovated and expanded. The facility will have expanded square foot-

age under roof on the ground level and the golf shop, food and beverage operations will be relocated upstairs near the existing banquet room. The lower level of the building will be renovated to accommodate golf carts and storage.

Progress is underway on the 28-mile County bike and hiking trail known as the Three Notch Trail. When completed, it will run from Hughesville in Charles County to Lexington Park. The trail is a non motorized pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian trail. The first phase of the Three Notch Trail opened in June 2006 from New Market to the Northern Senior Center in Charles County.

The B逗masto point the way forward to a bright future for the residents of St. Mary’s County, Maryland. The sailors on the original sailing ship, The Dove, embarked on their voyage filled with hope and expectations. The recreated Dove, seen on cover, and at Historic St. Mary’s City, reminds our community that our history is to be cherished and our future is to be embraced.

Of Note…..

These pages illustrate only a few items of interest undertaken this year by your local government. For more information on county government’s services, log on to www.stmarysmd.com. Your elected commissioners are committed to providing needed services and program in an efficient manner. Their commitment to this principle resulted in an upgrade to the county’s bond market rating in December. Standard and Poor’s raised its rating on St. Mary’s County bonds.

Partnerships
A WoW! Program was begun by the St. Mary’s County Public Libraries. Words on Wheels (WoW) provides library services to child care providers. The van started rolling in March 2007. The Artwork was designed by a local business (Hilltop Graphics).

The ground was flying in August 2007 as the county commissioners joined the staff of SmartRanx at its groundbreaking ceremony. SmartRanx is building an office campus in the Industrial Park to keep pace with its growth as a global solutions provider. Photo courtesy of SmartRanx and be completed by 2010. Public informational meetings are underway to discuss the extension of Pegg Road, a critical inter-county connector, the widening of State Highway Rte. 5 and the widening of State Highway Rte. 4. New traffic lights have been added on Rte. 4 at FDR Blvd and at the intersection of Rte. 5 and Rte. 4.

St. Mary’s County Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell and Pze River Commanding Officer Capt. Glen Ives sign the cooperative agreement to limit encroachment on the station. Behind them are (l-r) Del. John Wood, Del. Anthony O’Donnell, St. Mary’s County Commissioners Larry Jarboe, Dan Riley; Calvert County Commissioner Wilson Parran; St. Mary’s County Commissioners Keny Dement and Tom Mattingly; NAVFAC Commander Vice Adm. David Frake; NAVFAC Vice Commander Rear Adm. Steven Enewold; U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer; NAVFAC Commander Rear Adm. Steven Eastburg; U.S. Senator Benjamin Cardin; Del. John Bohanok, and Maryland Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown. Photo by Rick Thompson