

inventory

OVERVIEW

This chapter consists of what urban planners typically call an "inventory and analysis" or a "needs assessment". Its purpose is to identify all of the major growth patterns, trends and interrelationships that influence use of the Biloxi waterfront. It is the initial research upon which the master plan's long-range concepts and development strategy are based.

Many of the facts presented within, when viewed individually, seem irrelevant. But when viewed collectively, these facts can identify the dynamic forces that will shape the future waterfront.

The "inventory" chapter attempts to depict these resources, trends and statistics in a comprehensive fashion and thus catalogs the information needed to make rational decisions about waterfront enhancement and protection.

Inventory information is presented according to the following categories:

Geography - areas of concern, natural resources and land use

Heritage - historic and cultural influences

Demographics - population, economy and related indicators

Opportunities - development potentials and constraints

The "bottom line" for the following analysis is this: given all relevant development trends, forecasts and available resources, what realistic opportunities lie ahead for planned development of the Biloxi waterfront? The "inventory" chapter attempts to answer this question.



inventory (in'ven-tôr'ē) n. Broadly, an evaluation or survey.