



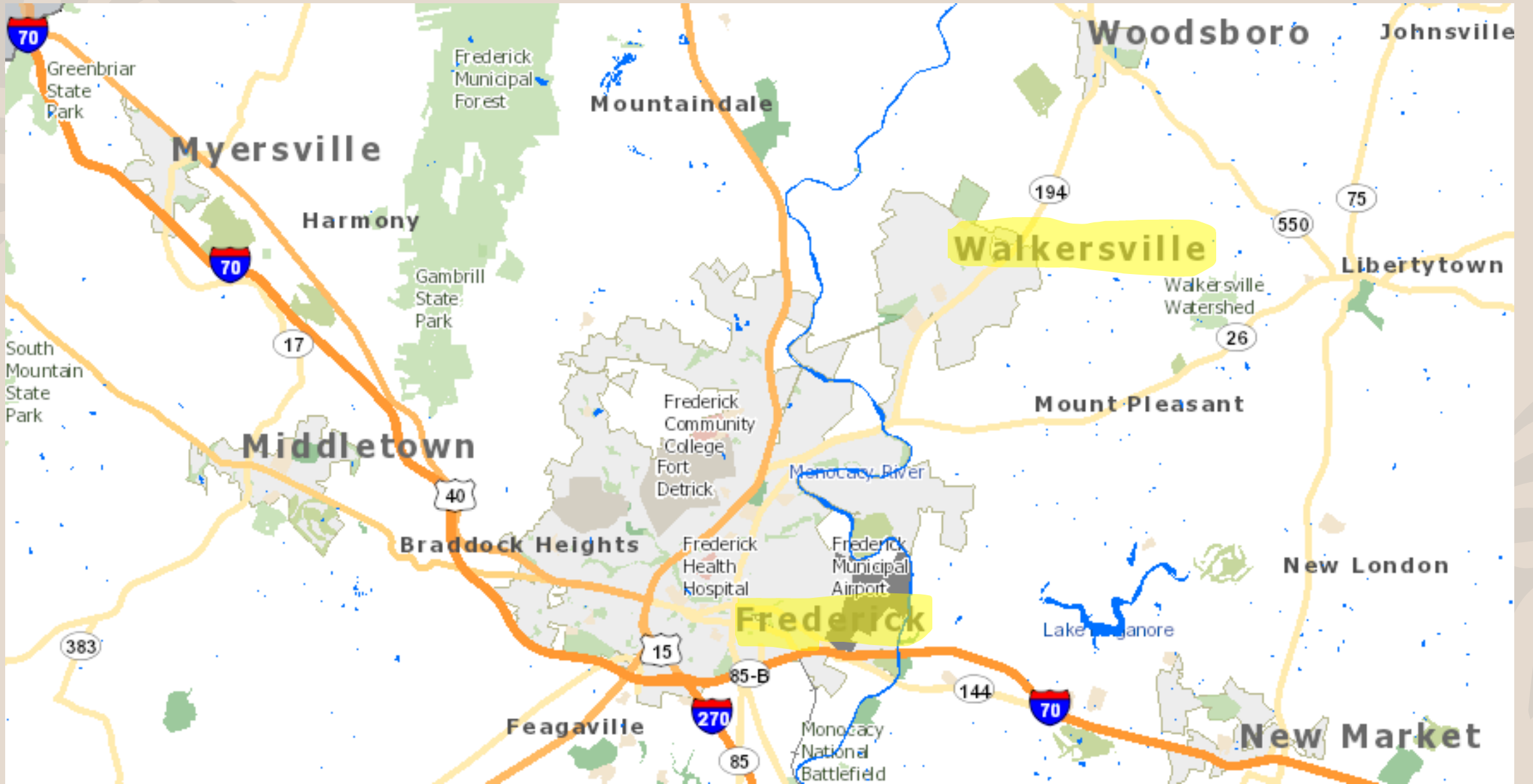
The Role of Land Preservation in Developing an Agricultural Buffer Around the Town of Walkersville, MD

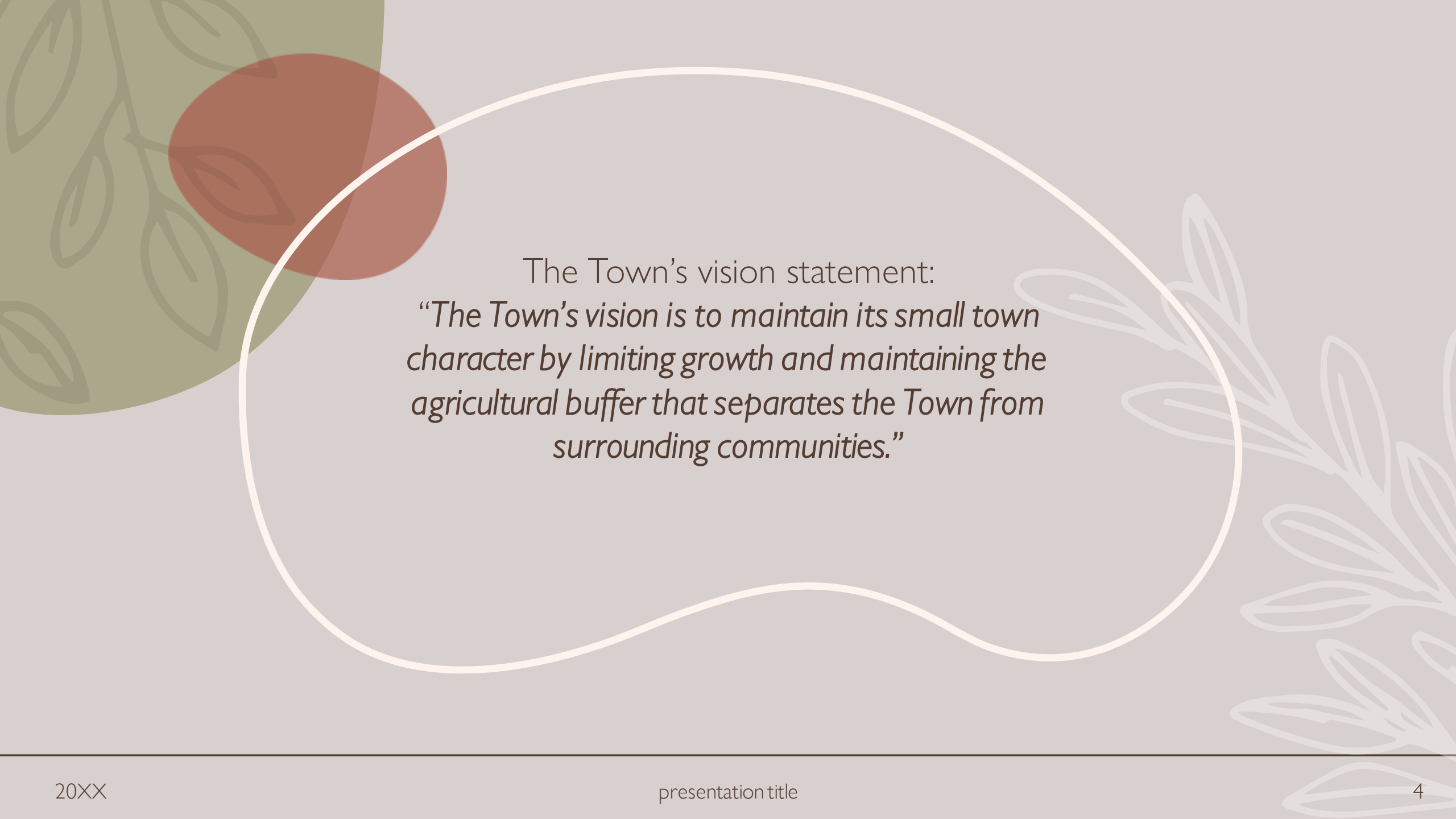
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Facts about Walkersville

- Very close to Frederick City – as close as 300 feet (the width of the Monocacy River)
- Located in the Frederick valley—prime farmland, but also prime land for development
- The Monocacy River is the only physical feature separating the two municipalities
- Development of the City has moved toward the Town over the last 25 years
- Town has a desire to remain separate and distinct





The Town's vision statement:
“The Town’s vision is to maintain its small town character by limiting growth and maintaining the agricultural buffer that separates the Town from surrounding communities.”

1997 TOWN COMP PLAN
Town shifted its focus away from rapid residential growth toward slower growth and preserving farmland

1979
The Town annexed 1,900 acres, for the purpose of controlling development and added an Agricultural zoning district

1980 – PRESENT
MALPF and Frederick County Installment Purchase Program are the key to and establishing and preserving a municipal buffer

2010 FREDERICK COUNTY PLAN
Priority preservation area around Walkersville established

2010 TOWN COMP PLAN
Vision of *AGRICULTURAL BUFFER* articulated

