



Rub Elbows With The Political Elite While Luxuriating At Your Easton, Maryland Vacation Home

This gorgeous waterfront property just sold for \$700,000.

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All vacation homes should be waterfront properties. Sorry, not sorry. While Hawaii, Florida, California and other coastal states may pop to the top of your mind for prime second home spots, a hidden gem for vacation real estate lies in Easton, Maryland. Located on the eastern shore across the Bay Bridge from state capital Annapolis, Easton is home to fewer than 17,000 residents—but the historic town is an open secret to those familiar with the Washington, D.C. area. According to Forbes, Donald Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney each own waterfront estates just outside of Easton along with many other members of the country’s “politico-corporate elite.” It’s not uncommon to run into an ambassador back from a stint abroad or overhear a conversation between a USAID worker and her spouse about her next assignment after the holidays. “Donald Rumsfeld celebrated the publication of his new book in our restaurant years ago,” Alice Lloyd, co-owner of the local Bartlett Pear Inn, told Forbes. “Dick Cheney ate a

hanger steak with fries and béarnaise while enjoying a peaceful date with his lovely wife not too long ago. Countless other local politicians have dined with us over the years. That’s just how it is here.” In addition to Hamptons-level celebrity sightings and 600 miles of relaxing Chesapeake Bay waterfront views, Easton is known for its low property taxes and an increasingly notable [farm-to-table](#) dining scene. The town is just a few hours from Philadelphia, New York and New Jersey and near three major airports—two in D.C. and one in Baltimore. Or, if you’re feeling specific, [Easton actually has its own airport](#). As an example, [this gorgeous Chapel Cove waterfront property](#) located at 27390 Powhatan Avenue was sold just last month for \$700,000. For lovers of waterfront views who find oceanic beaches a tad over-the-top, this home provides all the natural beauty without the speedos. Situated on 4.3 acres of land, the property offers tranquil panoramic views and just enough seclusion to get a good night’s rest. It has an overall country flair while still being a quick hop from art galleries and an ever-evolving cultural adventure in town. The home is 3,734 square feet with four bedrooms and three full baths. It also includes an in-law wing consisting of a bedroom, living room, office, den and plenty of storage—and a private entrance, so visitors can sneak in undisturbed after a late night partying with the freshmen class of congressional representatives. Shhh! The main level of the home features hardwood floors, including in the master bedroom, which has its own attached master bath. The formal living and dining rooms boast large windows and streams of natural light for happy days and beautiful moonlit nights. The large kitchen features vaulted ceilings, and the waterfront sunroom is steps away from an inviting patio. The second-floor bedroom provides a fun escape for an only child—and even includes its own private balcony overlooking the water. The three-bay garage offers tons of storage space, as does the additional waterside shed. The home includes a pier on the shoreline for swimming and boating with ease onto the Miles River. The Chapel Cove home is minutes to the towns of Easton and St. Michaels, so there can be plenty to do on a rainy day. Before it was sold, Zillow’s listing included the note, “Sold ‘as is’—Bring Your Vision!” so we can guess the new owners will spend their first vacation season working hard. Feeling inspired? If you’re now looking for a fixer-upper of your own in Easton, you’re in luck: There are [plenty of folks](#) in the D.C. area who have publicized their experiences as handymen.