

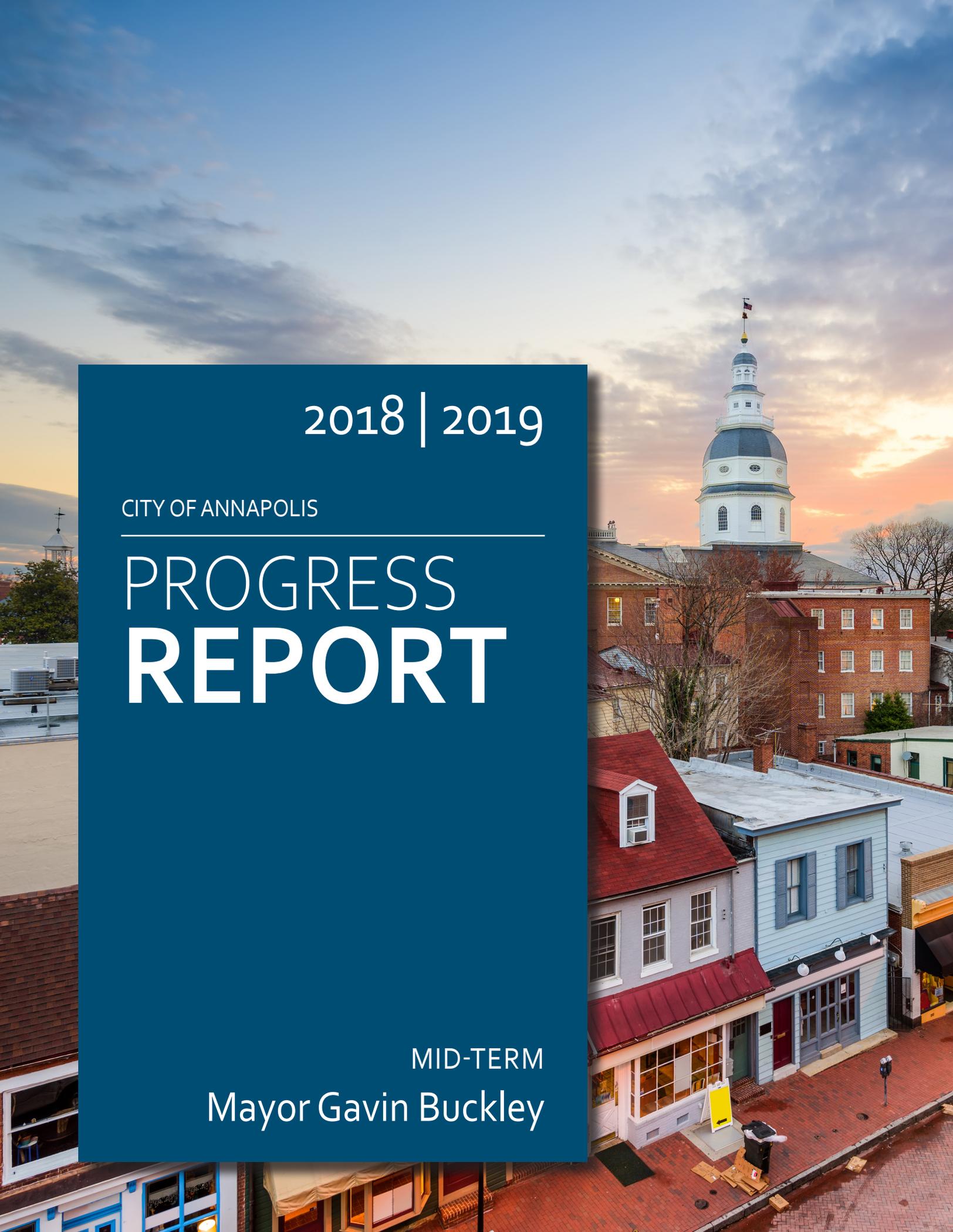
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CITY OF ANNAPOLIS

PROGRESS REPORT

MID-TERM

Mayor Gavin Buckley





■ MAYOR'S MESSAGE

When I ran for office in 2017, we set forth a number of pledges on the campaign trail. As we took the reins of government, we discovered more needs, which we included in a transition report. As my team has listened to stakeholders in all eight wards, we have encountered even more ideas and initiatives to improve quality of life issues that define City life. These next pages showcase where we are with these initiatives.

In this space, I'd like to tell you a little about the things we will be working toward in the next two years. It is my nature to try new things. I am happy that many of the projects we wanted to see are either underway or nearing completion:

- At Truxtun Park, we will have a new pool with winding slides, an Olympic-sized pool and a separate, zero entry pool, plus tennis and pickleball courts opening Summer 2020.
- Hillman Garage will be torn down and rebuilt.
- The new Anne Arundel County Library will open on West Street.
- Businesses are expanding in the City and new ones moving in, including two new restaurants on either end of Main Street, in spaces that have long been vacant.
- Increased treatment of stormwater.
- Market House is now a money maker.
- A new Department of Public Works building.
- Short-, mid- and long-term solutions to flooding at City Dock, including a rebuild that will be financed in ways that could be a model for municipalities facing infrastructure challenges related to climate change and resiliency.

And more! I am excited for where the City is going. I hope you'll join me for the journey.

Cheers,

Gavin Buckley, Mayor

FINANCE

- The City began fully funding its pension obligations in Fiscal Year 2019 for the first time in a decade.
- The Finance Director now certifies the availability of funds and sufficient appropriations before any department can award a contract.
- The City now monitors budget to actual expenditures throughout the year and seeks appropriations when necessary.
- The Finance Department now compiles the budget using budget software rather than relying on complex spreadsheets subject to data entry error.
- The City has improved its debt and liability profile, as noted by the bond rating agencies in November 2019.
- The City has established an internal service fund for employee health insurance that is separate from workers' compensation and other insurance liabilities, enhancing accountability and transparency.
- The City has determined it is cost effective to lease police vehicles and fire apparatus, ensuring the latest safety technology features for our public safety departments.
- Proposed budgets now include sufficient detail to allow for meaningful analysis by elected officials and the public.
- The capital budget now outlines the scope of each project, the timing and funding sources, the current status, and the amounts spent and encumbered.
- Take-home vehicles have been eliminated for all but public safety employees.
- The City adopted purchasing regulations to ensure the expenditure of taxpayer dollars is equitable and transparent.
- The deficit fund balance in the Health Insurance and Self Insurance Funds have been eliminated, and the liabilities due from the Enterprise Funds to the General Fund have been reduced by \$5 million.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Creation of the “Bedfinder” App

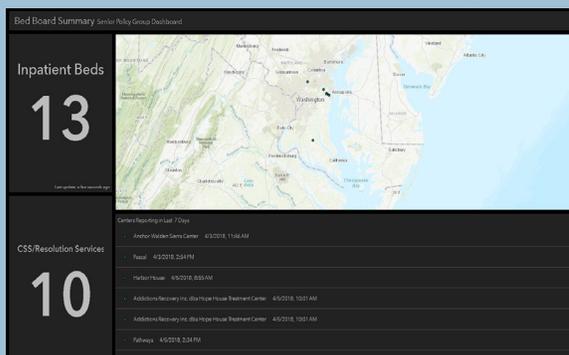
Shawn Wampler is the City’s Geographic Information Systems (GIS coordinator). In conversations with Office of Emergency Management Director **Kevin Simmons**, she learned that the City and Anne Arundel County

In response, Shawn developed software that works on desktop, tablet or mobile phone. It is an app that provides real-time information on the availability of treatment beds in not only Anne Arundel County, but the region.

Department of Health needed a way to track the availability of beds for residents who wanted to get into a substance abuse treatment program.

The program is so good that the state is looking to adopt it for use across all counties in Maryland.

Simmons said that when a resident arrives at a City police or fire “Safe Station” and wants to get treatment, it is important to connect people to the availability of beds.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Annapolis Police Department

The Annapolis Police Department welcomed a new chief in the summer of 2019. Chief Ed Jackson was selected after a nationwide search. Jackson’s area of specialty in law enforcement has a focus on community policing.

One of the goals for APD moving forward is to continue building trust with residents. This includes community engagement and outreach events with an emphasis on positive police and community interactions.

In 2019, APD attended 279 Community meetings and participated in 872 community service events, including Character Counts, Homework Clubs, Cocoa with a Cop, Kids Club, Summer Camps, National Night Out, Bookbag giveaways, Thanksgiving and Christmas events.



Chief Jackson

Annapolis Fire Department

In 2019, the longtime chief of the Annapolis Fire Department, Chief David Stokes, retired. At that time, Deputy Chief Doug Remaley was tapped to take over the department as Chief.



Chief Remaley

Remaley has worked to improve safety issues for fire department personnel. This includes additional turnout gear so that firefighters

can have time to clean and dry their own gear between incidents.

Remaley has also focused on health care issues, adding physicals for AFD personnel to ensure health and medical issues that may be related to service are caught early enough for treatment.

Remaley has also worked to enhance the aging fleet owned by the Annapolis Fire Department. The chart below indicates new acquisitions.

2 Ladder Trucks	1 Pumper	1 Rescue Squad	2 Medic Units
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Office of Emergency Management

In 2019, the Annapolis Office of Emergency Management (OEM) became a stand-alone department within the City of Annapolis.



Director Simmons

OEM received \$1,181,580 in grant funds this year, which benefits public safety projects and services across the City. Emergency Management conducted its largest training exercise ever

on December 11, bringing together first responders, volunteers, and an array of agencies to maximize readiness to the threat of active assailants.

OEM has been recognized for efforts in the substance use disorder community. Emergency Management is poised to continue its groundbreaking work involving disaster and special event coordination, emergency planning, the overnight warming center to help keep the public safe.

ONE Annapolis Initiatives

Annapolis offers something special, remarkable, historic, and stunning around every corner — a hidden creek or a perfect hilltop view of the water or a marker of our City's unparalleled combination of cultures, cuisines, creeds, and ethnicities.

As Mayor, I have the privilege of seeing and celebrating it all each and every day; it's part of my job description. It's my task, too, to share it with everyone who visits us, travels here, and most of all, calls Annapolis home. Here are a few of our favorite memories, moments, and monuments in this capital city on the Bay.

One Annapolis Programs

One Block at a Time
Youth Pop-Up Camps
Community Engagement Sessions
Safe Summer/End of School
Back to School
Safe Spring Break
Basketball Camp

Quality of Life

- Naptown Anti-Dope Movement/Opioid Prevention
- Expungement Clinics
- Safe Cities Summit on Gun Violence Prevention
- HEART Summit on Opioid/Harm Reduction
- Fair Housing
- NARCAN Trainings



Hispanic Outreach

- Flowers Festival
- Day of the Dead
- Spanish translation of City brochures, notices and documents
- Adult Literacy Classes
- After School Programs
- Language proficiency

African American Outreach

African Diaspora Activities
Clay Street Revitalization
Smith Price Homecoming
Masonic Lodge
Redevelopment
Community Incubator

Neighborhood/Civic Engagement

Census 2020
New/Improved Crosswalks
Public Safety Community Walks
Police Chief Speaker Series
Community Clean-Ups



Entrepreneurship/Economic Development

- African American Business Luncheons
- Hispanic Business Breakfasts
- FISH Tank Workforce Development
- Mercado Hilltop
- Job Fairs & Strategic Partnerships

TRANSPORTATION

- In 2019, Annapolis Transportation completed its five-year Transit Development Plan, which is used to analyze the need for transit in a defined area, evaluate the services provided and develop strategies to match the service to the identified transit needs.
- ADOT implemented a Kindergarten through 12th grade free bus fare program and transported 3,867 students since the introduction of the program.
- Annapolis has been working through fleet vehicle replacement and has replaced five city buses since 2018. The new vehicles are smaller, medium-duty cutaway vehicles and are more fuel efficient. The replacement plan will continue through 2022.
- The City is working to rebrand the downtown Circulator bus service that provides free transport from City garages.
- The City replaced the Oil Water Filtration system. The original system was long overdue for replacement.
- The City is working with Annapolis Parking to replace single space meters with multi-space meter kiosks and mobile parking applications. The single space meters have reached the end of their useful life and are being phased out in favor of newer, more reliable technology. Multi-space meters can accept coins, bills, credit and debit cards, smart cards and cellphone payments. They can also hold more currency than single meters, resulting in less frequent collections. They also provide accurate and detailed financial reports and statistics, which will help with City planning.
- The City is working toward more widespread use of mobile parking apps that are growing in popularity and virtually eliminate the need for capital

TRANSIT SOLUTIONS

Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure

Creating safe alternatives to cars is a Smart City initiative that benefits all residents (especially the people in cars!).

SHARROWS: With a \$20,000 grant from the Downtown Annapolis Partnership, the Department of Public Works was able to mark downtown roads with “sharrows” or road paintings that indicate that cars and bicycles should share the roadway. These enhance safety for both bicyclists and drivers.

WEE: The City is sharing an \$80,000 grant from the State of Maryland to create a plan for the West-East Extension of the Poplar Trail.

BIKE SHARES: The Mayor negotiated with PACE to bring bike shares to locations in downtown and along Hilltop Lane.

WATERWORKS PARK: In a 600-acre park on City Property off Defense Highway, volunteers cut miles and miles of trails for pedestrians and cyclists. These trails are open and free to use!

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY AWARD:

Received Bronze designation from the League of American Bicyclists in recognition of the City and Anne Arundel County efforts to encourage bicycle in the community.



RESILIENT ANNAPOLIS

- Convened City Dock Action Committee to create conceptual plan to rebuild City Dock to mitigate for flooding and create greenspace
- Convened Resiliency Work Group
- Drafting a City of Annapolis Resilience Strategy
- Applying for FEMA Community Rating for reduced flood insurance
- Reducing impervious surfaces

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

Energy Efficiency

- Installed LED bulbs in street lamps
- Installed energy efficient systems in city buildings
- Installed EV charger
- Exploring alternative fuel vehicles for city fleet

Trees and Bees!

- Increased urban tree canopy
- Tree City USA designation (26th year in a row)
- Won Sustainable Maryland Award
- Bee City USA recertification

Climate Change

- Completed Urban Land Institute TAP study
- Developing flood mitigation zones
- Update Greenhouse Gas inventory and goals
- Reduced carbon footprint with Solar Park at Waterworks Park

Enhancing Community

- Preserve habitat areas and wildlife corridors
- Creating a multi-modal “Greenway” to reduce automobile usage
- Improved Integrated Pest Management Policy
- Enhanced recycling compliance
- Passed No Net Loss

Waterways

- Increased treatment of stormwater
- Passed citywide Styrofoam ban
- Conducted campaign limiting single use plastics
- Applied to MDE and EPA for No Discharge Zone
- Funded stream restoration projects

PLANNING & ZONING

The Planning and Zoning Department encompasses long-term planning, inspections and permits, historic preservation, development review, community development, and economic development initiatives. Below is a sampling of our work.

LONG-TERM PLANNING

Continued implementation of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan and began development of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan:

CITY DOCK: Work to enhance the public realm of City Dock by completing the Cultural Landscape Report and working with the City Dock Action Committee.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Supported development of affordable and workforce housing with zoning text amendments for Moderately Priced Dwelling Units and Accessory Dwelling Units.

INSPECTIONS & PERMITS

Monitored ongoing construction of 141 West Street, Annapolis Regional Library, Annapolis Towns at Neal Farm, Annapolis Yacht Club, Bay Village Assisted Living, Enclave on Spa, Primrose Hill, Tyler Heights Elementary, and Sailors Quay.

Hired an inspector to work on inspections of Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis units and continue licensing of residential and commercial real estate offerings in the City.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Passed the Maryland Historical Trust evaluation in October 2019 to meet required standards as a Certified Local Government.

On track to review 300 Historic Preservation applications in 2019

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Reviewed and approved several major projects including 285 West Street, South Annapolis Yacht Centre, 107 Forbes Street, and 1750 Forest Drive.

Reviewed 60 zoning certificates, 19 Port Wardens Applications, 33 Buffer Management Plans, 7 Variances, 8 subdivisions, and 20 Residential Neighborhood Conservation Review Applications.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Administered \$500K in funding to 22 organizations that provide housing and services to low- and moderate-income residents.

Developed strategies to address fair housing. Funded improvements at Stanton Center.

Helped Habitat for Humanity with the 26th property rehabilitation in the City.

HELPING BUSINESSES

Economic Development

In 2019, **Stephen Rice** to become the Economic Development Manager. Rice reports that expanding business permits in the City have increased more than 400 percent over 2018 while the City's commercial vacancy rate is 5.6 percent (compared to a national rate of 12.5 percent). Each month, the City keeps track of new businesses, expanded and relocated businesses and jobs brought to the City.



#LOVEANNAPOLIS

#SHOPANNAPOLIS: For the 2019 holiday season, the Office of Economic Development launched a campaign to encourage residents and visitors to shop locally during the holidays and winter months.



2019 BY-THE-NUMBERS

New Businesses Opened/New Owners:	42
Expanded or Relocated Businesses:	43
Jobs Brought to the City:	640

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Created and installed a flood mitigation solution using pumps and backflow prevents in the storm drains on the Dock Street side of City Dock. This solution has been successful in reducing tidal water intrusions for businesses along Dock Street. Working on a similar solution to help mitigate ongoing nuisance flooding along the Compromise Street side of City Dock.
- Broke ground on a \$4 million replacement of the Kenneth R. Dunn Municipal Pool at Truxtun Park.
- Began Truxtun Park tennis and pickleball court refurbishment.
- Won the Maryland Green Building Award for the City's new LEED certified water treatment plant on Defense Highway.
- Downtown Bike Sharrow/Share the Road project is underway with the help of grant funding from the Downtown Annapolis Partnership.
- Pedestrian and crosswalk installations along:
 - Hilltop Lane at Farragut Court
 - Hilltop at Spa Creek Trail
 - Sixth Street
 - Chesapeake Avenue
- Installed flooding notification signs on routes to downtown.
- Worked with Anne Arundel County to improve traffic flow and safety at the Forest Drive-Hilltop Lane Intersection by installing new road markings, signage and updating traffic signalization.
- Secure fare box system installed at the Transportation Facility.
- Installed connections for sprinkler lines on Main Street.
- Completed painting and installation of a new heating and cooling system at Stanton Center with grant funding.
- Installed a new roof at Taylor Avenue Fire Station.
- Eastport Fire Station improvements included new roof and windows, dedicated gear storage area, gym facilities, new male and female firefighter bathrooms, additional bathrooms for public use associated with public meeting area, and stormwater improvements.

BY-THE-NUMBERS

6.34

Miles of Asphalt Streets
Resurfaced

4,818

Potholes Repaired

28,409

Square Feet of Concrete
Sidewalk Restored

1,617

Water Meters Replaced

6,945

Feet (1.31 miles) of Water Mains
Constructed

21,000

(4 miles) of Sewer Mains Lined

737

Storm Drain Inlets Cleaned

22,095

Linear Feet (4.2 miles) of
Storm Drain Pipes Cleaned

28,778

Linear Feet (5.45 miles)
of Red Curb Painted

2.4 Billion

Gallons of Water Produced
(with no water quality issues)

RECREATION & PARKS



Recreation and Parks operates the “Pip” Moyer Recreation Center, Stanton Center, Truxtun Park Pool, ballfields and tennis courts, and other sports fields and parks around the City. The City of Annapolis Harbormaster is also a part of Recreation and Parks.

YOUTH PROGRAMS: After more than 20 years with no change in programming of before- and after-school programs, staff decided in 2019 that an overhaul was in order. One of the goals was to tackle conflict between neighborhoods. Previously, all summer camps were ages 6 to 12 and housed at a student’s neighborhood school. Now, each camp is an age camp: Eastport Elementary serves ages 4 to 6, Mills-Parole ages 7 to 9, Georgetown East ages 10 to 12, and Stanton Community Center ages 13 to 15.

In addition, the City had not previously had an opportunity for those above age 12, which can be a challenging time for youth. To enhance safety of students and caregivers, we added free transportation to the “Pip” Moyer Recreation Center for the new after school REACH program.

SUMMER CAMP: 2019 was the first year all camps were licensed by the State of Maryland. Camps ran for 10 weeks in the summer from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. More than 8,000 summer meals were served.

Children Served	294	159	557	233
Program	Camp Annapolis	Community Enrichment	Specialty & Pop-Up Camps	End of Summer Party at Truxtun Pool

ART in PUBLIC PLACES

An Example of Great Volunteer Participation

Engaged City residents play a vital role in helping City of Annapolis government function. Volunteers participate as members of more than two dozen boards and commissions. One such commission is Art in Public Places (AIPPC).

In total, AIPPC hosted 178 events in the City, including the weekly Summer Concert series at City Dock, Salsa and Tango dance nights at both City Dock at Pip Moyer Recreation Center, and movie nights at Truxtun Park. AIPPC provided support to the Chambers Park concert series.

In October, the commission arranged for the installation and dedication of the Brumidi statue at entry to the Annapolis Arts District.

AIPPC published a book of public art locations and descriptions around the City, including murals, monuments, sculptures, art galleries, museums and “artifacts & curiosities.”

AIPPC assisted with art pop-ups, community art projects in all wards and with business and neighborhood associations and more!

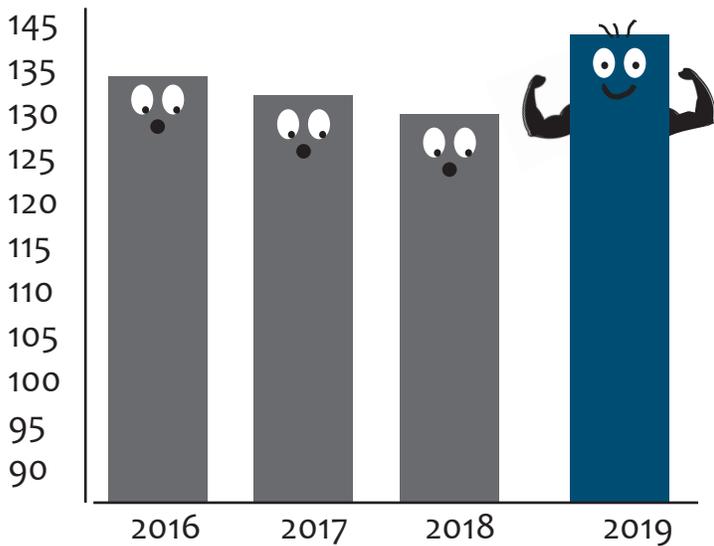


CITY EVENTS

The City permits hundreds of events each year. Every event requires cross-departmental coordination between the event sponsors and Police, Fire, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Public Works, Recreation and Parks, Office of Law, parking and others.

Each permitted event is added to the City’s online calendar. Road closures are announced in media advisories and through social media. After event cleanup is monitored by City staff.

A Tally of Permitted City Events



Annual Events & Festivals

- Maryland Avenue Spring and Fall Festivals
- West Annapolis events – Oktoberfest, Winterfest, Miracle on Annapolis Street
- Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony
- First Sunday Arts Festivals
- Market Space Festivals
- AIPPC Events, including concerts, tango, salsa
- Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade
- Flag Raising for Maryland Day
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- Film Festival
- Flowers Festival
- Wounded Warrior Ride
- Croquet Match
- Bike to Work Day
- Pride Parade and Festival
- Sailors Triathlon
- Electric Vehicles Showcase
- Paint Annapolis
- Corvettes on the Bay
- Race Across America
- City of Annapolis 4th of July Parade
- Elks Annual Pre-Labor Day Parade
- Kunte Kinte Heritage Festival
- Day of the Dead
- Tug of War
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Grand Illumination
- Midnight Madness
- Chocolate Binge Festival
- Lights Parade
- Military Bowl Parade
- Menorah Lighting
- City of Annapolis New Year’s Eve Celebration

HELPING RESIDENTS

Constituent Services

- 2018 & 2019 -

Boards and Commissions

44
New Appointments

41
Re-appointments

- 2019 -

Constituent Calls

412
Cases Opened

166
Resolved

191
Referred

55
Open

- 2019 -

Community Meetings

- Germantown-Homewood
- Eastport Neighborhood Association
- Truxtun Heights
- Greater Parole Community Association

In the Buckley Administration:

What we've done:

- Aligned City finances and budgeting processes
- Hired new chiefs of Police and Fire
- Created a department-level Office of Emergency Management
- Built relationships with residents in all wards
- Enhanced the City fleet
- Created new pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
- Funded stream restoration projects, banned Styrofoam and integrated pest management for better environmental outcomes
- Streamlined the permit process and strengthened economic development initiatives
- Found a short-term, mid-term and long-term solutions to flooding at City Dock
- Broke ground on the new Truxtun Park Pool
- Added new camps, enrichment programs, recreation opportunities and art installations
- Started design work on the Poplar Trail extension

What's next:

- New Truxtun Park Pool (opening summer 2020!)
- New tennis and pickleball courts
- New restaurant buildouts at the top and bottom of Main Street
- New Department of Public Works building
- New City Dock plan
- New Hillman Garage
- New resilience project to help with flooding
- New community policing models and initiatives
- New sprinkler hookups in the Historic District
- New substance abuse initiatives
- New workforce development programs
- Partner with the County on the new Annapolis Library on West Street
- Work with the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis to rebuild Newtowne Twenty and Morris Blum Senior Apartments
- And more!

Our Thanks to the Residents of the City of Annapolis!



Mayor Gavin Buckley

January 2020

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