The Annapolis Eco Tour offers visitors to Annapolis a unique environmental and historic experience as you pedal around Annapolis on a bicycle, checking out a wide assortment of environmental best management practices and learning about one of America's most historic colonial-era cities.

We will start our trip in front of City Hall, at 160 Duke of Gloucester Street, at 9AM.

There is usually parking available in the Hillman Parking Garage located directly behind City Hall.

The 14-mile ride is tailored for people of varying abilities, with stops about every five minutes, so that riders can catch their breath. Riders should, however, have some recent experience riding a bicycle in an urban setting.

Mr. Parker Jones from Capital Bicycle will participate in the ride so that he can fix anyone’s bike if they get a flat or a breakdown along the way. Mr. Jones can also rent bikes & helmets to those who do not own their own bikes, or have no way to transport their bike to Annapolis. Contact the tour leader if you need to rent any equipment.

The beauty of this ride is that allows one to see virtually every type of environmental project under the sun in one fun day of cycling around Annapolis. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the technical and funding aspects of each project. And for those of you who like history, the tour will be chock full of interesting cultural and historic tidbits about Annapolis.

Everyone who has done this tour so far has said it was the best environmental tour they have ever done.

Along the way, you will get to look at and learn about the many different urban initiatives undertaken by the City of Annapolis, as you leisurely ride along the Colonial Annapolis Maritime Trail, an officially designated segment of the East Coast Greenway Trail, running from Manteo to Florida. Trip highlights include:

A. A large mixed-use development of the old hospital property in the heart of the Historic District;
B. A volunteer-run Bayscapes garden and ecology center at a county school facility on College Creek in the midst of a historic African-american community;
C. A unique partnership at the Navy stadium where walking trails, removal of impervious surfaces, rain gardens, and extensive reforestation have recently taken root;
D. A cooperative tree planting demonstration project with Baltimore Gas Electric along the Poplar Trail;
E. A large green roof built atop one of the city's new landmark buildings at Westgate Circle;
F. A sensory garden at a county-run facility for the disabled;
G. A lunch stop at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts;
H. A cooperative tree planting demonstration project with NDE at the region's first "urban" living classroom at Back Creek Nature Park;
I. Invasive's removal of phragmites and other non-native vegetation;
J. An urban conservation easement obtained by the Annapolis Conservancy Board;
K. The Chesapeake Gateway to local waterways and Thomas Point Lighthouse at the Annapolis Maritime Museum;
L. A wide range of community GreenScape projects;
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~ Tours require a minimum of 5 people and a maximum of 15
~ Helmets are required
~ All participants will be asked to sign a liability waiver before starting the trip