

## RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 2026

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ CLEAN ENERGY

#### **Maryland Energy Administration Local Government Modernization Program (L-GEM) Grant**

**Application - NEW:** R&S has partnered with the Resilience Authority, DPW, and the County to submit an application to MEA for several funding initiatives. These range from rooftop solar implementation (Pip Moyer Recreation Center and Gotts Garage), lighting inventory audits and upgrades, BEPS compliance, and HVAC improvements (Stanton Center).

**Maryland Energy Administration Solar Technical Assistance - NEW:** R&S will be receiving solar technical assistance from MEA for several sites throughout the City, which will be used to support future funding requests for implementation.

**Incorporating Resilience into Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) - UPDATE:** In early October, 2025, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) canceled the grant to the Resilience Authority to work with the City and grant partners to develop a resilience based building code for buildings under 30,000 square feet (aimed mostly at residential buildings). The Resilience Authority timely filed an appeal of the termination decision pursuant to the informal appeal process. The process does not specify a time period for DOE to reply to appeals. After learning of impending DOE funding cancellations, the project's technical support partners, Northeast Technical Partners and ClearlyEnergy, worked as quickly as possible towards drafting model code language for a Building Energy & Resilience Performance Standard (BERPS). DOE released grant funds as reimbursement for work performed through October 1, 2025. The City allocated its grant funding of \$200,000 to Council Fire for consulting services, particularly with respect to community engagement and education. In total, DOE canceled 223 grants totaling \$7.5 billion.

**Project Summary:** Grant funding was secured through DOE for technical assistance in drafting and implementing a model code. Existing Building Performance Standards (BPS) are designed to reduce the greenhouse gas footprint of the existing building stock, but only apply to large buildings, not smaller buildings and residential buildings most prone to damage from natural disasters. This project seeks to address these policy shortcomings by designing and implementing BERPS for smaller buildings with an

emphasis on jurisdictions with significant climate risk. This project will not require the City to revise its code but will provide a framework and technical assistance to guide revisions to the City Code.

(Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation (RECI)). \$200,000 of the grant funds are dedicated to Annapolis.

### **LED Street Lights**

a) **Funds for LED streetlighting:** The City received confirmation from DOE that its Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) funds (\$76,480) are available (i.e., not canceled), and may be used for the purchase and installation of LED lights and EV chargers.

The City has formally agreed to the conditions of a grant from The Maryland Energy Administration in the amount of \$67,250 for conversion of 73 street lights to LEDs in place of the current inefficient fixtures, as well as upgrading an energy intensive HVAC unit. Work will begin once the grant accounts are approved by City Council and created within Munis for staff to use. Conversions will be made along Forest Drive.

b) **LED Retrofit technology (historic district lights) - UPDATE:** The City has identified an LED retrofit for downtown fixtures which would cost \$575 per light. These retrofits would reduce the cost of maintenance and energy. These retrofits are supported by the DOE Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EECBG) Block grant funds. R&S has engaged DPZ Historic Preservation on the lighting requirements for downtown. Two retrofits will be installed soon to test the characteristics and ease of installation.

c) **LED retrofit technology (cobra head street lights) - UPDATE:** BGE is nearing completion of conversion of approximately 70 fixtures to LED, and is processing invoices. Upon receipt of a final invoice, the City will submit to MEA for reimbursement. The City has processed work orders through BGE to change out more than 70 street lights throughout the City. These lights are City-owned and BGE-maintained, and are in the “cobra head” style. Most of these will be converted from 400W High Pressure Sodium to 100W LED, funded entirely by MEA and DOE.

d) **Ownership of City Street Lights - UPDATE:** Strategies for acquiring streetlights have been explored with DPW, including financing and lease-to-own models.. DPW is the department responsible for streetlight maintenance, and DPW has met with Tanko, the company that performed the City's street light study. The study identified significant savings that the City can realize by purchasing non-city owned street lights and maintaining all City street lights. Currently, a portion of the street lights are

owned and maintained by BGE, some are owned by the City and maintained by BGE, and the remainder are owned and maintained by the City.

**GreenHouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Climate Action Plan – UPDATE:** The R&S team has continued to engage the public with KERAMIDA, INC., through public townhalls, webinars, online forms, and poster boards at facilities. Strategies for implementation have been explored through several stakeholder/expert meetings.. Consultant, KERAMIDA, Inc. has run an initial analysis and provided a full report of the GHG inventory, nearing final approval and posting on the City website..

Project Summary: 2008 inventories (based on 2006 data) will be updated in one comprehensive document for (1) City facilities emissions and for (2) community emissions. Accompanying this inventory will be (3) a greenhouse gas/ pollution reduction action plan to reach the goals set in the 2040 comprehensive plan, *2040 Annapolis Ahead*. Based on the estimated cost of Phase II, this project was split into two phases: 1) the data inventory and reduction measures and 2) the pollution reduction plan/climate action plan. The project was funded in the FY26 budget.

**Community Solar - UPDATE:** - R&S has entered into an agreement with SunCentral LLC to subscribe to community solar for power to City facilities. Based on the City's past BGE bills, it is estimated that solar-based energy credit will yield annual savings to the City between \$66,000 and \$127,000. Over a 20 year period, the City could save between \$1,300,000 and \$1,900,000 in energy expenses and reduce 51,071 metric tons of CO2 emissions. This pollution reduction is equivalent to the absorption of CO2 by 16,318 acres of forest or the equivalent of removing 11,012 gasoline powered vehicles from roads. There is no cost to the City to participate in a community solar program. The agreement covers a period of 10 years and may be terminated by either party with 180 days written notice.

## **ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT**

**Demonstration Program to Build Green Roofs on City Bus Shelters:-** Central Services received a bid from Riverbend Nursery, the selected vendor for maintenance of existing green roofs on City facilities (police headquarters, Pip Moyer Recreation Center, and DPW maintenance facility). An update from Central Service on project implementation is pending.

Project Description: This is a pilot project to demonstrate the benefits of green roofs on bus shelters. It includes five bus shelters. This project is intended to provide ecological enhancement through improved air and water quality, stormwater absorption, and decreased temperature benefits.

**Pollinator Habitat at the Solar Park** - Site preparation and planting will not begin until MDE signs off on the monitoring requirements Fall 2026. The design, plant selection list, and implementation timeline are complete.

Project Summary: The proposed design covers 18.5 acres, mostly outside of the fence line. Limits on plantable areas are impacted by steep slopes (outside the fence line), existing stormwater BMPs, and the height of the solar arrays. The work is being reviewed and coordinated with DPW regarding design around stormwater practices, mowing schedules, and emissions sampling schedules per MDE requirements.

The City's contractor, Larry Weaner Landscape Associates (LWLA), is experienced in working on native meadows in Maryland and is experienced in installing meadows above soil caps. The firm has estimated implementation costs of about \$6000 per acre, which enables the City roughly 35 acres per the budget provisions in the Capital Improvement Program. The site may be planted in phases over multiple years. Current funding is sufficient for design and implementation of a significant area of usable planting space. Once a final design and project timeline is developed, the City will reapproach Novis Renewables, the solar facility operator, regarding potential its financial participation in the project.

## **ELECTRIC VEHICLES/CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Electric Street Cars/Trolley** - **UPDATE**: After input from the City and other project partners, the Resilience Authority is finalizing an RFP for an electric trolley feasibility study for a route to run from City Dock, up Main Street, and down West Street connecting to Parole. The feasibility study will capture options beyond transit beyond street cars and the associated economic, development, and community enhancement opportunities.

Project Summary: The Resilience Authority, the City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Visitors Center of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, and the Denker Foundation (the Annapolis Sustainable Development Coalition) are partnering on a feasibility study to explore the development of a trolley route(s) to enhance clean, attractive, and equitable transit that provides opportunities for economic development and low/moderate income housing. The Maryland Department of Transportation supports the feasibility study. The City provided \$100,000 in its FY26 budget for a feasibility study. The County provided \$50,000 in its FY26 budget towards this project. The Denker Foundation will provide additional funding towards this study. Information gathered from the Community Streetcar Coalition Summit, in

July 2025, demonstrated that not only are streetcars an excellent, clean, and quiet transit option, but that they can serve as an effective economic development, community development, and low to moderate income housing development tool..

**City Ferry Pilot Project - UPDATE:** A revised RFP based on a hybrid electric-diesel system will be released by the City as soon as approved by the Maryland Transit Administration. Approvals were delayed by the federal government shutdown when MTA consultations with the Federal Transit Administration halted. The FTA approved the City's request for a change of propulsion in the third quarter of 2025 and the new grant agreement (revised to reflect a hybrid system) was executed by the Department of Labor in late September. This change was necessitated by the FTA's February 2025 reconsideration of all of its awards to ensure alignment with the current federal administration priorities. An option to request a change in population was offered by FTA in August. The Notice of Intent to Award must be approved by the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) before the successful bidder may be informed and the Notice may be published. The RFP for the landing sites has been submitted to MTA for review and approval before the RFP may be published. NOTE: Just before a contract was awarded to a vessel design/build firm, funding for this project was paused in late February pending grant program review by the federal government.

**Project Summary:** The pilot project will run a ferry/or ferries across Spa Creek, with weekend service (Friday – Sunday) and then will expand to other locations and an expanded schedule depending on ridership and other user feedback. This project is funded for the design/build of up to two hybrid diesel-electric ferries, landing site improvements and charging infrastructure. Anne Arundel County also requested a grant agreement change from all electric to a hybrid diesel-electric system. The Regional Chesapeake Bay Ferry project has not submitted for ferry design and construction funding and therefore was not subject to any pause in grant funding.

**City Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Project** - the City is partnering with the Resilience Authority and Anne Arundel County to install charging infrastructure at the Annapolis Police Department, as part of a larger effort to electrify the AA County fleet. Two level II dual port chargers and one level III DCFC have been identified as needed at APD to serve the six command staff vehicles. We are starting with one location, to ensure smooth transition of vehicles and to create a strategy for EVSE and vehicle acquisition one facility at a time, or at additional sites as possible. This is the start of the process of electrifying the fleet wherever possible. The City is exploring a detailed fleet assessment

providing timelines for replacement, replacement vehicles options, maintenance costs, energy and emissions savings, etc. The program, hosted by MD Energy Savers and funded by BGE, provides the analysis for \$2500 (reimbursable). R&S and Central Services will work together to launch this project by mid-February. The process to evaluate the City's application and provide the analysis is estimated at four months and should be concluded by June 2026.

**Project Summary:** Utilizing EECBG grant funds from the DOE, the City will begin implementing EVSE (EV infrastructure for future charging purposes) at facilities to aid in the City fleet transition to electric vehicles. Having reliable charging infrastructure helps set the stage for the vehicle transition and decreases unease regarding charging availability (otherwise known as Range Anxiety).

## **STORMWATER RESTORATION PROJECTS AND FEES**

**Annapolis Maritime Resilience Initiative (AMRI)** - 10 top priority projects were identified and prioritized and are moving towards 10 percent design as per funding requirements; however, funds may be sufficient to design to 30%. Also, back flow preventers are planned for street ends in the core area of Eastport. It is being considered whether back flow preventers will be installed at all Eastport street ends. Vulnerable areas and priorities were determined after gathering information during two public meetings, stakeholder meetings, and field analyses.

**Project Summary:** The AMRI initiative is funded by a NFWF grant of \$820K for feasibility assessment, including public engagement, and design. The project will identify, prioritize, and begin design for critical resilience building nature-based projects for the Back Creek watershed, focusing on Eastport, to address sea level rise, flooding, and shoreline and streamline erosion. Currently, the project is in the community outreach and engagement stage to gain understanding from the community where they experience flood vulnerabilities. The Resilience Authority is leading the project in partnership with the City and with communications support by Council Fire.

**Eastport Flood Mitigation Project** - The City identified back flow preventers at street ends as an effective stormwater control measure. See above in the AMRI discussion.

**Project Summary:** The City has a FEMA grant of \$300k to identify and design short-term flood mitigation measures (e.g. installation of a pump at the end of Bay Shore Avenue and a back flow preventer at the end of 2nd street). The City also has \$120K through the Army Corps of Engineers to model the

stormwater system in Eastport and provide recommendations for improvements. The Eastport Flood Mitigation project is being developed in tandem with the closely associated AMRI.

## **RESILIENCE BUILDING/HABITAT & ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION - GRAY and GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Severn Whole Watershed Partnership - UPDATE:** The Partnership is prioritizing projects to submit to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Department of the Environment for funding for years two through five of the five year grant. Based on Year 1 funding, the Partnership is building its proposal on the Year 1 funding level of \$2,250,000 in the areas of outreach and engagement , planning and design, implementation, and maintenance. The Partnership is monitoring state budget discussions that will begin in January 2026.

Year 1 projects were agreed to in early September by the state management team (Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Department of Agriculture, the Critical Area Commission, the Maryland Department of Planning, and the Maryland Department of Emergency Management.) Most of the \$2M of Year 1 water quality and ecological improvement projects are within City limits. An additional \$250,000 is designated for project maintenance.

**Project Summary:** On March 6, 2025, DNR announced that the Severn River Watershed Project was selected as one of the five projects for funding through the Maryland Whole Watershed Act grant program. At least \$2M in funding and technical assistance will be provided annually by the State over a five-year period. \$250,000 in water quality monitoring funding is also provided. The Resilience Authority negotiates the level of funding and the projects selected for funding with the state partnership. (\$43M in projects were identified in the application). The Severn River project was selected for the category of “predominantly suburban area.” The grants cover work for restoring waterways, uplifting communities, and enhancing wildlife habitats. Local stakeholder organizations are part of the partnership with the City, County, and Resilience Authority. The project is a comprehensive, watershed-scale approach to ecosystem restoration that includes infrastructure improvements and community-driven planning. The application was submitted by the City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, and the Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. NOTE: These are state funds authorized by the Maryland Whole Watershed Act of 2024; therefore, they are not at risk of defunding.

**Hawkins Cove** - The last public outreach meeting was held in October 2025 on revised design plans. R&S staff assisted DPW with the design and production of public outreach materials. Applications for MDE and Army Corps of Engineers permits were submitted in June based on 30 percent design plans. Also in June, the Maryland Board of Public Works approved a \$700,000 DNR Green Space Equity (GSE) award for the Truxton Green Network Connector, a project to formalize the trail between Hawkins Cove and Primrose Rd (Phase 1), then connecting to the Truxton Park Spa Creek north trailhead (Phase 2).

**MD Resilience Action Planning** - DPW stormwater engineers provided project information and stormwater mitigation needs to the consultant, Straughan Environmental to complete the “Ready for Resilience” analysis step of the project. The consultants continue to examine City policies, practices, and plans to develop nature-based solution recommendations and identify community assets and priority areas.

**Project Summary:** UMD's Environmental Finance Center invited Annapolis to participate in a 4-month coastal resilience seminar series, with 7 other coastal jurisdictions. Following resilience-building education seminars, the Project Advisory Group began technical assistance to each jurisdiction to develop a Resilience Work Plan prioritizing nature-based projects. Jackie Guild and Dyland Laconich are the staff representatives for Annapolis, Cathy Welker represents the Environmental Commission, Rob Savidge is the elected representative, and Breaking Boundaries, LLC (Randy Rowell) is the local disadvantaged communities representative.

## **OTHER PROJECTS**

**CBT Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps** - The City of Annapolis R&S team will participate as a one-year host site for the CBT Climate Corps program which provides experience to young climate professionals. Interviews begin in the spring. Corps members begin work in August 2026.

**Smart Lighting Pilot Program - UPDATE:** R&S has ultimately decided that the offerings of USIGNITE are not consistent with the capabilities and needs of the City after collaborating with MIT, Central Services and DOT. The proposed technology would provide a public Wi-Fi pilot to expand the capabilities of transportation options, accessibility, and public safety in town.

**Electric Leaf Blower Enforcement - NEW:** The Department of Planning & Zoning (DPZ) is offering overtime to inspectors who provide leaf blower enforcement through patrols and citations on weekends.

A job description for a temporary (3 months), part-time, leaf blower inspector has been prepared for review and advertising by the Department of Human Resources. This employee will work on weekdays during regular DPZ hours.

**Electric Leaf Blower Financial Assistance Program - UPDATE:** As of December 19, 2025 the City has spent \$32,057.13 on rebates and administrative fees with the Chesapeake Bay Trust to process 163 rebates for the leaf blower program. On October 1, the City's electric leaf blower rebate program went live. Approximately 5,900 rebate information mailers were sent to residents and commercial lawn care/landscaping businesses. The City has entered into a one-year (renewable) agreement with the Chesapeake Bay Trust to administer and report upon the City's electric leaf blower rebate program.

Project Summary: \$105,000 is available with FY26 funds for a residential and commercial rebate program for residents and commercial landscape/lawn care companies to transition assistance in meeting the City's legislation banning the use of gas powered leaf blowers. The annual residential rebate is \$100 and the commercial rebate is \$1500.

**Task Force to Study Houseboats, Floating Homes and Commercial Marine Vessels- UPDATE:** The Task Force report was formally accepted by the City Council in October 2025. The report is available on the City website. Overall, the Task Force recommended against City Code changes that would allow more housebarges in City waters but found that further consideration is needed of the current 50 slip threshold before a marina may apply for a permit.

Project Summary: In January, R-46-24 Houseboats, Floating Homes and Other Commercial Marine Vessels created a task force to study the impacts, including environmental impacts, on the City of houseboats and other commercial marine vessels. The Task Force included watershed organizations, marina owners, the maritime industry, liveaboards, waterfront communities, and other residents of other areas of the City. Working with staff, the Task Force gathered information and engaged the public for feedback on its efforts and information gathered.

**Conservation Easements research - UPDATE:** R&S is working with City contractor, McCrone Engineering on data verification and visual representation of confirmed and suspected easement boundaries. McCrone is also completing documentation of City easements, including unlisted easements which are referred to in planning documents. For easements which are described but not mapped, the firm will provide a map of the area. McCrone is specialized in surveying, engineering, and land records, and has

previously contracted with the City for this type of work. Further input from DPZ has been provided from their review of Planning Commission meetings regarding intention to create easements.

**Project Summary:** The Annapolis Board (ACB) wishes to verify and document completely properties encumbered by city conservation easements within City limits. This project will rectify City records, assist the Conservation Board in maintenance of easement properties and identification of properties to be acquired for conservation, and avoid liability and legal questions concerning encumbered properties.

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

**Bioblitz, September 2025** - R&S partnered with the Department of Recreation and Parks in hosting the City's second bioblitz via the iNaturalist app to engage residents in identifying and photographing species of wildlife to promote awareness of local biodiversity.

**October is Energy Awareness/Efficiency Month** - Social media posts were prepared and given to the City PIO to educate residents about October Energy Efficiency month and simple residential energy savings measures. Energy efficiency upgrades save money, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and often increase home safety. For example, sealing doors and windows, changing old lightbulbs to LEDs, and lowering hot water heater base temperature to 120 degrees Fahrenheit can improve the overall safety and comfort of a home.

**E-newsletter** - R&S has launched a virtual e-newsletter to be produced every other month to inform the public about City activities and efforts concerning the natural environment and resilience building. The first edition (November 2025) highlighted the gas leaf blower ban, the free street tree program, the revised City Sustainable MD Certified application, and seasonal sustainability tips. The January edition focused on winter green tips, continued advertisements and information on the electric leaf blower rebate program and gas-powered leaf blower ban, provided information on CBT grants, and an update on the CAP process. The next edition will go out on March 2, followed by a special Earth Month edition. PLEASE NOTE: R&S is changing the format of this e-newsletter, utilizing a larger platform (Mail Chimp) for a more interactive experience, (e.g. table of contents with clickable links, more content blocks, more space for images, polls, etc.). Currently, the posted editions can be found on the [Resilience & Sustainability webpage](#), and to sign up you can email Ashleigh Diaz [adiaz@annapolis.gov](mailto:adiaz@annapolis.gov). (January edition attached at the end of this document for reference, 4 pages)

**Outreach/social media** - R&S staff created graphics and outreach material regarding environmentally friendly holiday shopping and wrapping, recycling/composting live Christmas trees, winter home maintenance tips, and “overwintering” your garden. Some examples were attached to the January 2 e-newsletter mailing. R&S will continue to put out information during the winter months leading up to Earth Month (April) focusing on pollinators and general sustainability outreach.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION**

**Climate Deception Lawsuit: *City of Annapolis vs. B.P. et al*:** **UPDATE:** On October 6, the Supreme Court of Maryland heard oral arguments by the City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, and the City of Baltimore. The court’s decision is expected at any time. The three jurisdictions are jointly appealing the dismissal of their lawsuits by lower courts that ruled that the claims by the Cities and the County could not be brought under state law.

**Case summary:** This is a lawsuit brought by the City of Annapolis against fossil fuel companies and their trade association, the American Petroleum Institute, seeking damages and other relief based on the companies’ alleged concealment of information and deceptive marketing practices concerning their products’ contributions to climate change and climate change impacts.

(e-newsletter example starts on next page)



## SUSTAINABLE ANNAPOLIS

*Welcome to 2026!*

**There are tons of ways to go green over the winter months:**

- Leave your gardens to “overwinter” and wait until early spring to prune. This provides shelter for critters who need some TLC during the colder months
- Replace lightbulbs with **LEDs** and appliances with **Energy Star** rated appliances
- The tried and true: turn off the lights and don’t let the water run. This includes holiday lights and those hot winter showers! Be mindful
- Consider going solar or replacing HVAC with **heat pumps**. The off-season is a great time to do research and see if it will work for you
- Properly dispose of **live Christmas trees at curbside pickup**. They will be taken to be composted
- Plant trees in early spring. [Here are a few options!](#)
- Keep heat setting one degree cooler than you might prefer. For example, heat will kick on at 67 degrees, instead of 68. This saves energy & money while still keeping the home comfortable
- Use natural lighting during the day, and close blinds/curtains to keep cool air out of unoccupied rooms

### CBT Grants

(Flyers on p.4)

-The Anne Arundel County Watershed & Forestry Restoration Grant IS OPEN until FEB 27!

-**NEW: Stormwater Facility Maintenance Support Program.** One-time opportunity for property owners with best management practices (BMPs) in the City's BMP Inventory, needing maintenance assistance. Support is a cost share model with access to pre-approved maintenance contractors.

### Good News

Many shark species are functionally extinct, endangered, or threatened. But protection agreements were passed, including an international trade ban on oceanic whitecap sharks, manta and devil rays & whale sharks, and zero export quotas for wedgefish and giant guitarfish.



Interested in participating in the food waste drop off site?  
[Sign up today!](#)



## SUSTAINABLE ANNAPOLIS



The City banned gas-powered leaf blowers as of January 2025 and recently implemented a rebate program to help residents and businesses come into compliance while going green and lowering noise pollution. Electric leaf blowers are up to 90% quieter and do not produce any direct emissions.

On November 7, 2025 City staff were invited to the Home Depot on Riva Road to promote the Electric Leaf Blower Rebate Program. Thank you to Home Depot, Alderman Schandelmeier, former Alderman Pindell-Charles, and the reps from Milwaukee and Ryobi.

**Annapolis Environmental Commission** has 4 vacancies.  
The next meeting is January 28, 2026, virtually.  
Email staff liaison [adiaz@annapolis.gov](mailto:adiaz@annapolis.gov)

### Reading/Resources

-[A good article on Climate Change and its current impacts](#)

-[Germany tries solar to balance and protect grapes for wine](#)

### Electric Blower Rebates Available

Visit the website today [to learn more](#) & [apply](#) for a rebate! Up to \$100 for residents & up to \$1500 for landscapers



**Next e-newsletter:  
March 2, 2026**

# Climate Action Plan (CAP)

The City is developing a Climate Action Plan (CAP), in partnership with consultant KERAMIDA, to accelerate progress toward local climate goals and advance a healthier, more resilient community, while aligning with the Climate Solutions Now Act (CSNA 2022) and other City-adopted plans. A draft plan will be available for public comment in April of 2026.

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The graphic features the City of Annapolis seal on the left, followed by the text "ANNAPOLES CLIMATE ACTION PLAN" in large, bold, white letters. Below this, a section titled "PURPOSE & GOALS" is listed with a bulleted list of six items. To the right of the text is a photograph of Annapolis, showing a sunset over the city's historic buildings and the water.

**PURPOSE & GOALS**

- Engage residents, businesses, and community organizations in an inclusive and collaborative planning process that encourages participation across neighborhoods.
- Share information on local climate challenges and opportunities, and gather community input on priorities, barriers, and locally driven solutions.
- Ensure the CAP reflects community values and lived experiences through transparent, ongoing communication.
- Identify community co-benefits of climate action, including improved public health, economic opportunity, equity, and overall quality of life.
- Establish an actionable Climate Action Plan with clear roles, tools, and timelines to facilitate implementation.



Four icons are shown: a trash bin with a leaf, a tree, a building, and a car.

## To date, we have completed:

- Community and Municipal Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory.
- Four sector-based Working Groups, comprising City staff and local subject-matter experts, convened for 10 sessions.
- In-person Community Townhall in November to gather community input on climate solutions and priorities.
- A webinar hosted in December to support virtual community engagement.
- Ongoing public comment period through December via an online form and the [CAP webpage](#). **TAKE THE SURVEY HERE AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!**

# Apply Now!





**Chesapeake Bay Trust**  
Empowering people. Restoring nature.





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## Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration and Forestry

**WHAT THIS PROGRAM FUNDS**

The Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration and Forestry Grant Program is designed to provide funds for projects that support the reduction of pollutants flowing into local waterways, implement cost-effective reforestation and greening efforts, and increase protected forested land.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

Non-profit organizations, land Trusts, land conservancies, community/homeowners' associations, faith-based organizations, and more located in Anne Arundel and Annapolis



**apply NOW**

**FUNDING TRACKS**

- 1 Watershed Planning (City of Annapolis only)
- 2 Watershed Design
- 3 Watershed Restoration Implementation
- 4 Permanent Protection of Forested Lands
- 5 Afforestation/Reforestation on Protected or Unprotected, Uneased Land
- 6 Forestry and Watershed Restoration

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This program provides a one-time maintenance opportunity for property owners with best management practices (BMPs) in the City's BMP Inventory in need of maintenance assistance. Maintenance of BMPs is the responsibility of the property owner, but the City recognizes there are barriers to maintaining BMPs. This program supports the surveying and verifying of existing BMPs not in the City's BMP Inventory. Support will be in the form of a cost share model with access to pre-approved maintenance contractors.

**Contractor selection & program opening is forthcoming!**



**City of Annapolis**  
**Stormwater Facility Maintenance Support Program**

**Coming Soon!**

This program will provide a one-time maintenance opportunity for property owners with best management practices (BMPs) in the City's BMP Inventory in need of maintenance assistance. This program will also support the verification of existing BMPs not in the City's BMP Inventory. Support will be in the form of a cost share model.

**Learn More:** <https://cbtrust.org/grants/city-of-annapolis-stormwater-maintenance-support/>