

Comprehensive Maritime Review
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Staff Report

The rich history and traditions of the City's maritime industry are integral to the City's quality of life, character and economy, and the industry must be fostered in order to remain a dominant factor in the quality of life in Annapolis.

The prosperity of Annapolis' maritime economy is dependent on achieving a vital and resilient economic environment that embraces globalization and the fierce competition that it creates.

The goal is to conduct a comprehensive economic and zoning review of all maritime zones that will provide data and recommendations that will enhance the health of the Annapolis maritime industry to become an even more vibrant and integral component of the overall historic fabric and economic engine of the City of Annapolis.

First, an overall review of local, regional and national market trends and economic impacts to maritime business communities are necessary to best understand what the future holds for the industry. The economic portion of the study will also offer data that will help to preserve the view-sheds and public access to the waterfront in a manner that continues to foster a viable maritime economic model.

From that data and analysis, recommendations will be made for the City's Maritime Zoning and business attraction/retention programs to ensure that the industry's competitiveness is maximized and it remains financially viable within the Chesapeake Bay region.

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