



RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY HIGHLIGHTS

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ CLEAN ENERGY

Incorporating Resilience into Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS): UPDATE: After receiving the “go-ahead” from the federal government (DOE) in early June, the Resilience Authority (RA) is moving forward with the administration of this grant funded project. The RA is working with our grant partners to establish roles and responsibilities in *producing a model resilience based BEPS code*. Director Jakubiak will assign a member of DPZ’s staff to participate in this project. The City is considering the use of all or part of the \$200,000 allocated to the COA for a consultant to assist with this project, including providing technical expertise, data gathering and attending meetings in creating a BEPS code for Annapolis. The first work group meetings will convene at the end of July.

Project Summary: Grant funding was secured through the Department of Energy (DOE) for technical assistance in drafting and implementing a Building Energy & Resilience Performance Standard (BERPS) model code. Existing Building Performance Standards (BPS) are designed to reduce the greenhouse gas footprint of the existing building stock, but only apply to larger 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 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 street lighting:** The City has received confirmation from the US Department of Energy that its Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) funds (\$76,480) are available, and may be

used for LED lights and EV chargers. The conversions will be made on Main Street and West Street (acorn fixtures).

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 their 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 - UPDATE: The City is partnering with DPW to provide Tanko Lighting a main street fixture to find an appropriate LED retrofit. These retrofits would reduce the cost of replacement, as well as energy and maintenance. These retrofits will be supported from Department of Energy EECBG funds. R&S has engaged DPZ Historic Preservation on the lighting requirements for downtown.

b) Ownership of City Street Lights - UPDATE: Funding has been provided and is activated for FY26 to contract with an outdoor street light efficiency consultant, Tanko Lighting. The cost of the study is \$14,500, and the estimated savings from changing our infrastructure ownership and maintenance is \$6,400,000 over 20 years. A PO is being processed to begin work July 2025.

GreenHouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Climate Action Plan – UPDATE: R&S has gathered accurate data from key Annapolis staff and relevant institutions. Data collection is still ongoing, particularly the trips taken on important roadways in Annapolis. It is crucial to the Annapolis GHG Inventory and Climate Action Plan that Annapolis data not be based on state or national averages, as its community and infrastructure are highly unique.

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 will need to be split into two phases: 1) the data inventory and reduction measures (currently encumbered) and 2) the pollution reduction plan/climate action plan (funded by FY26 proposed budget as contractor services).

Community Solar - UPDATE: - R&S is reviewing a formal proposal and contract provided by Solar for All, which estimates that the City will save \$66,000 annually by simply enrolling with the Community Solar

programs. Over a 20 year period, the City can save \$1.3 million in energy expenses and reduce 51,071 metric tons of CO2 emissions which is equivalent to what 16,318 acres of forest can absorb or the equivalent of removing 11,012 gasoline powered vehicles from roads. R&S is exploring services offered by other contractors to ensure the City realizes the most benefit from such a project. Solar for All is working with the Maryland Energy Administration to contract with local jurisdictions and businesses. Estimates from other solar installers are expected in early May.

There is no cost to the City to participate in a community solar program and the City will realize energy savings on its BGE utility bill. R&S will review a no-obligation application to hold power for the City from one of the two new solar sites being developed in Maryland, which are projected to be active by summer 2026.

ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT

Demonstration Program to Build Green Roofs on City Bus Shelters: ***UPDATE:** On July 10, the project will commence with a kick-off meeting between DOT, Central Services and R&S to identify tasks and next steps.* Once created, the maintenance of these green roofs may be tacked on to an existing DPW RFP for maintenance of existing City green roofs (Police Headquarters, Pip Moyer Recreation Center, and Public Works Maintenance Facility). This project is included with ecological enhancement, but it also provides air and water quality and decreased temperature benefits.

In late March, R&S toured bus shelters with DOT and DPW to identify bus shelters with potential to serve as the five shelters for installation of green roofs. Shelters with flat roofs were identified on Forest Drive, Hilltop Lane, and West Street.

Pollinator Habitat at the Solar Park - UPDATE: Larry Weaner Landscape Associates (LWLA) and R&S staff are working with DPW on addressing concerns regarding root growth of certain plants included in the design. Monitoring for emissions at the site by DPW will be ongoing but the main MDE requirements will cease this fall upon a satisfactory submission to MDE. No signage or activity to prepare or plant the site will occur until MDE sign off on the site is obtained. 100% design for the pollinator park to Annapolis staff in late May. All parties have reviewed the details and have agreed to an implementation timeline. Changes to the maintenance of the solar park are still under discussion, as well as the total adoption of all the pollinator plants recommended. Current cost estimates from LWLA for implementation have the project within Annapolis' CIP funds.

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.

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 re-approach Novis Renewable regarding its financial participation in the project.

Plastic Bag Ban - *UPDATE: Compliance is excellent with no citations issued to date. Several warnings were issued during the first few months after the ban was in effect.* An informational web page was created on the City web site. Flyers and mailers were distributed to grocery stores, convenience stores, and restaurants. The City ordered 2900 reusable bags and WNAV donated 600 reusable bags for the City to distribute. The City is distributing bags through community centers during food drives, at local churches, and other local community service organizations. Bins with bags are located on transit buses (all routes). Fliers were distributed to retailers to aid with posting requirements; most retailers were found to have already posted the ban notices. The County health department will aid the City by providing education to Annapolis retailers during their regular inspections.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES/CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Electric Street Cars/Trolley - **UPDATE:** The project proposal continues to be updated as the Work Group explores options for types of street cars, battery power and power sources, and routes. The next step is to meet with the Maryland Secretaries of Transportation and Planning for their input to ascertain State support.

Project Summary: Alderman Savidge has proposed the re-establishment of an electric street car system for Annapolis. A potential first route could connect City Dock to Main Street to West Street to Parole Center and eventually connect to AAMC and the Annapolis Mall area. The Denker Foundation has provided research into trolley/street car systems across the country and has been partnering with City staff (DOT, R&S, DPZ), Ald. Savidge and the RA to further develop a proposal.

The RA/City/AA County are partnering around 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 City provided \$100,000 in its FY26 budget for a feasibility study along the West Street corridor. 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 conference 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 Electric Ferry Pilot Project: This project is paused pending a review of FTA funded grants. The City is ready to award a contract to a naval design/build firm from the six firms interviewed in December and early January. 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: Funding for this project was paused in late February pending grant program review by the federal government. This pause also covered the FTA grant to the County to acquire electric ferries (described below). The Ferguson Group believes that these pauses for government review of spending can only be in effect for 30 days; however, the City does not have further information from FTA at this time.

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 electric ferries, landing site improvements and charging infrastructure.

Anne Arundel County Electric Ferry Project: On September 16, 2024, the FTA awarded a Passenger Ferry Grant to Anne Arundel County. This grant supports ferry systems in urbanized areas and can be used for vessels, terminals and infrastructure. The County grant of \$3.895 million will be used to purchase vessels for new ferry service between Annapolis, Baltimore, and Matapeake Park (a public park where the former Chesapeake Bay ferry landing is located on Kent Island, Queen Anne's County). Existing terminals will be utilized.

NOTE: *The City Dock landing site will likely be shared with the future Anne Arundel County ferry and the potential regional Chesapeake Bay ferry.* Last fall, the County DOT met with the Harbormaster's Office regarding landing and storage sites in the City for the County ferry. Future coordination efforts with

Regional Chesapeake Bay Ferry Project- The consortium of jurisdictions and the VAAAC are interviewing naval design/build firms as an information gathering exercise to inform the development of the RFP for the Chesapeake Bay ferry. The City Harbormaster staff and R&S are included in the interview process. The next step will be to design a system and design and build ferries. Annapolis is the hub for three of the identified ferry routes.

STORMWATER RESTORATION PROJECTS AND FEES

Residential Stormwater Credit Program - NEW: R&S met with the DPW Stormwater team to discuss advertising the residential (and commercial) stormwater credit programs, which are enabled in the City Municipal Code. These credits provide a 50% reduction in the stormwater fee; practices include rain barrels, rain gardens, green roofs, pervious pavers, etc.

Improvements to the stormwater website are being made and DPW would prefer to maintain a central hub – R&S will assist in development and direct traffic from its page to DPW's in order to boost engagement.

R&S intends to use its upcoming expanded outreach capacity to encourage adoption of this opportunity, which will dually serve as MS4 Minimum Control Measure (MCM) credit.

Annapolis Maritime Resilience Initiative (AMRI) - UPDATE: *A stakeholder coordination meeting was held June 23, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center., which included City staff, local non-profit organizations, and staff USNA and the University of Maryland.* The RA shared updates, solicited feedback, and discussed next steps for further refining ten projects selected for further development/. Public meetings were held February 4 at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center, March 24 at the Boatyard Bar and Grill and April 8 during an Eastport Civic Association meeting. Future meetings will be scheduled as the project develops.

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 and prioritize critical resilience building infrastructure 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 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 River Watershed Resilience Project - UPDATE: Negotiations by the Resilience Authority with state agencies resulted in funding of \$2M for the first of five years of the project and identified 9 projects to begin in the Year One. Several of these projects are located within City limits and include stormwater management practices in a large, commercial parking lot, in a residential development, and in a park; a stream restoration project; community outreach; the development of a finance plan with the state management team; and oyster reef construction potentially off of the City's shoreline. Some project details were requested by DNR and MDE before the projects are final. The state plans to issue a public announcement later this month.

Project Summary: On March 6, 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 by the State over a five-year period. However, a much higher level of funding is expected after the Resilience Authority negotiates the level of funding and the projects selected (\$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.

Hawkins Cove – UPDATE: Applications for MDE and Army Corps of Engineers permits were submitted in June based on 30 percent design plans. On June 11, the Maryland Board of Public Works approved a \$700,000 DNR Green Space Equity (GSE) award for the Truxtun Green Network Connector, a project to formalize the trail between Hawkins Cove and Primrose Rd (Phase 1), then connecting to the Truxtun Park Spa Creek north trailhead (Phase 2).

Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration Grants/Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) - UPDATE: Grants were awarded in early June, including the first grant in the program’s history supporting a City/County jointly funded project to address stormwater and erosion impacting both jurisdictions. The design for a stream restoration at Waterworks Park will address the significant flow of stormwater entering the park, including pollutants flowing from nearby County communities.

City of Annapolis projects (\$553,603):

Severn River Association: \$178,000 for a living shoreline at the Wardour community to reduce erosion and increase the community’s resilience.

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay: \$50,000 for two stormwater best management practices at the Annapolis Overlook community to reduce flooding and improve habitat.

Kingsport Community Association: \$35,000 for a living shoreline at the Kingsport community to stabilize their shoreline, reduce erosion, and treat stormwater runoff prior to entering Crab Creek.

Arundel Rivers Association: \$212,618 for a wet pond retrofit and a step pool conveyance system at the Harness Creek Overlook community to improve water quality, create new habitat, and reduce erosion.

Severn River Association: \$77,985 for two stormwater best management practices along Genessee Street that will reduce pollution and serve as an environmental educational opportunity.

Jointly funded project (City of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County)

Arundel Rivers Federation: \$136,871 for a stream restoration at Annapolis Waterworks Park that will increase floodplain connectivity, reduce erosion, and decrease pollution entering the waterway.

Project summary: This grant program funds stormwater control and restoration projects on private property. The program is available to homeowners, communities, faith-based organizations, schools, and non-profit organizations. Watershed assessments, planning, maintenance, and construction

projects will be considered. A CBT/City webinar for potential applicants was held in November and may be found on the CBT website.

MD Resilience Action Planning - UPDATE: R&S met with the Environmental Finance Center on July 8 for our first technical assistance meeting. UMD gathered information responsive to its “Ready for Resilience assessment tool” to analyze Annapolis government policies, practices, and plans to develop an understanding of what resilience efforts Annapolis has completed, and what has yet to be done. R&S will continue work with UMD and UMD’s partner, Straughan Environmental consultants, to develop the scope and boundaries of the flood assessment and nature-based solution recommendations, and highlight important community assets and priority issues.

Project Summary: UMD's Environmental Finance Center invited Annapolis to participate in a 4-month coastal resilience seminar series, with 7 other coastal jurisdictions (January - mid-May). Following the seminar, the Project Advisory Group will provide direct technical assistance to each jurisdiction to develop a Resilience Work Plan prioritizing nature-based projects. Jackie Guild and Dylan 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.

With this technical assistance and the results of the City’s greenhouse gas inventory update, R&S will develop a Comprehensive Climate Resilience Plan.

OTHER PROJECTS

Smart Lighting Pilot Program - UPDATE: R&S has received word from US Ignite that the City of Annapolis has been selected to move through to the next round of applicants for a smart lighting technology pilot project. R&S has collaborated with DGS and ADOT to conceptualize a 6-month “Brightening Smart Communities with Innovation” project to cover Historic Downtown Annapolis and Eastport. This technology will provide a public Wi-Fi pilot to expand the capabilities of transportation options, accessibility, and public safety in town.

Electric Leaf Blower Financial Assistance Program - UPDATE: R&S along with the Office of Law is reviewing a contract with CBT and the team is finalizing costs for the Electric Leaf Blower Financial Assistance Program. The negotiation of the administrative fee and several other terms of the agreement has further delayed the implementation of this program. \$105,000 is available with FY26 funds for a

residential and commercial rebate program. Mailers are scheduled to be sent out this summer to 6000+ residents and landscapers to notify them of the upcoming rebate application portal.

Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT): Chesapeake and Climate Change Corps Program - R&S has interviewed several candidates of the CBT Climate Corps Programs; this is a program that pairs young aspiring climate professionals with host organizations. Climate Corps members are paid by CBT and given experience by the host organization. The matching process will occur between June and August, and the City may be granted a Corps member for one if CBT determines the match is beneficial.

Task Force to Study Houseboats, Floating Homes and Commercial Marine Vessels- UPDATE: The Task Force has held four meetings (last meeting held July 9) and completed its report and recommendations by early July (ahead of schedule). City staff are requested to provide comments on the draft report by the end of July so that the final report may be submitted to City Council. The Task Force's second progress report was submitted on July 9 and will be posted to the Task Force webpage on the City's website. A work session to present the report by the Task Force Chairs will be scheduled for September. A City webpage for the Task Force was created where public comments were received on the work of the Task Force and where the draft report, agendas and a membership list are located. (<https://www.annapolis.gov/2305/Task-Force-to-Study-Marine-Vessels>).

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. Membership includes watershed organizations and requires reporting of environmental impacts of the identified vessels. With the assistance of City Council members and the Mayor, staff compiled a list of potential task force participants for the Mayor's consideration. **NOTE:** A report is due by the Task Force in mid-April and a final report by mid-July. The Task Force must disband within three months of the final report.

Updates to Conservation Easements: R&S has expanded the scope of work for a consultant, McCrone, who is assisting with the research to complete documentation of City easements, including unlisted easements which are referred to in other planning documents. For easements which are described but not mapped, the firm will also 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 intent to create easements.

Project Summary: The Annapolis Conservancy Board (ACB) and the Maryland Reentry Resource Center (MDRRC) have become concerned about the status and access to properties encumbered by city conservation easements. Working with MDRRC's Chesapeake Climate and Conservation Corps intern, a comprehensive list of issues of City easements was created based on the list of easements he Deputy City Manager for R&S, the Director of Transportation, the County Officer, and Councilwoman Lisa Rodvein) on the City's website. This information was provided to the Conservancy Board for further action in updating the information connected to easements such as deeds, plats, and GIS mapping. OOL has created a right of entry agreement for all City easements in order for MDRRC to gain access to all City managed easements.

Municipal Investment Fund -UPDATE: A \$250,000 grant was granted in late June to the Resilience Authority, with the support of R&S, to explore the creation of a municipal investment fund. The grant supports creative financing training, feasibility studies, consulting, networking events, and other market-building activities to create the necessary localized social capital for increased green energy investment in Annapolis.

Project Summary: The Municipal Investment Fund (MIF) is a partnership between the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and the Coalition for Green Capital (CGC), presents a critical opportunity for the Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County to expand its financing ability by developing a funding framework to advance clean energy initiatives. In June 2025, a second phase of funding will be available for \$2 million in pre-development investments.

The fund targets communities seeking to create public-private partnerships for clean energy projects, offering resources to create funding mechanisms and relationships with the private sector to help reduce local energy costs, create jobs, and accelerate environmental sustainability efforts. To date, the Resilience Authority has depended on grant funding and this grant opportunity aligns with the Resilience Authority's objective to secure private funds for its projects. This grant could help the Resilience Authority achieve this objective by accessing funding expertise to transform the region's energy infrastructure and climate adaptation strategies.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Research is being conducted concerning EV fleet and landscaping requirements in other Maryland local jurisdictions and by the State of Maryland, including laws, policies, and incentive

programs. On July 9, the fleet manager provided an updated inventory of City electric and alternative fuel vehicles and information on vehicle replacement.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Status: AWARDED - MEA: Resilient Maryland: The City (R&S and DPZ) was awarded \$12,000 to hire a consultant for a resilience hub feasibility study at the CNI Harbor House/ Eastport Terrace neighborhood.

Status: AWARDED - DNR: Greenspace Equity Program application: The City (R&S, DPZ, DPW application) was awarded approximately \$400,000 from DNR to fund the design and construction of an improved trail connection between Hawkins Cove and Truxtun Park, which will particularly benefit the surrounding underserved communities.

Status: AWARDED - DoE: Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant: The City (R&S) received approximately \$76,480 for EV charging infrastructure at City facilities. Funding has been confirmed and is free to be expensed, despite the challenges from the 47th Presidential Administration.

Status: AWARDED - Application: MEA - MSEC: R&S was awarded approximately \$67,000 from MEA for street light conversion of 260 city owned lights through the MSEC rebate program. The application includes leveraging BGE smart energy saver's rebates for equipment. These funds can also be used for solar installations, EV infrastructure, and energy efficiency infrastructure in buildings.

Status: AWARDED - Maryland Energy Administration (MEA): Resilient Maryland application: The City (R&S) was awarded \$12,000 to procure consulting services to produce a feasibility study for a resilience hub with a microgrid at the CNI Harbour House/ Eastport Terrace redevelopment.

Status: SUBMITTED - Maryland Energy Administration (MEA): Solar Technical Assistance application: R&S submitted an application to MEA for assistance to evaluate the potential for solar installation at several City facilities, including Knighton Garage, Gotts Garage, DPW Maintenance building (39 Hudson set), 25 Shaw St., Pip Moyer Recreation Center parking lot, Pip Moyer Recreation Center rooftop, Eastport Fire Station rooftop, and other locations.

Status: SUBMITTED - Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT): Chesapeake and Climate Change Corps Program application: Submitted application for a Climate Corps member who may provide assistance to City staff

for grant tracking, environmental research and engagement, assistance with projects and plans. Corps members are paid by CBT. *Decisions are announced in mid-March.*

Status: IN DEVELOPMENT - MEA - Community Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Grant Program: The City is reviewing application requirements to apply for a Maryland EV infrastructure grant.

Status: IN DEVELOPMENT - ICLEI/ Coalition for Green Capital: The City has been invited by ICLEI to apply for up to \$500,000 in technical assistance for energy projects. More information will be available after upcoming informational meetings.

PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS

St. Martin's, Meadow Engagement - NEW: Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake engaged R&S and DPW to review their stormwater installations and find support on certain issues, including maintenance. The Church seeks to establish a meadow on the property, and R&S will engage the church school students on meadow establishment during an event this fall.

Eurasia Russian student delegation visit to Annapolis - NEW: On July 16, a delegation of Russian college and graduate students will be visiting Annapolis for a presentation on resilience building programs and policies/legislation. The Mayor will welcome the group and make a presentation on City Dock, followed by an R&S led tour of City Dock. The Eurasia Foundation is funding these students to visit the U.S. and learn about U.S. programs and policy making around environmental sustainability. These students are studying resilience building and/or public administration.

World Ocean's Day Beach Cleanup, Carr's Beach: R&S partnered with the local high school chapter (Annapolis H.S.) Surfrider to support the Maritime Museum and Carr's Beach Cleanup on Saturday June 7. World Ocean's Day is promoted by the UN to encourage the protection of all waters across the world. Participants included City and County leaders and the Annapolis High School Surfrider chapter.

Reusable Bag Distribution: 2,400+ reusable bags have been distributed to the community through food pantries, churches, HACA events, community centers, and on City transit buses. More bag distributions are planned at City events.

Save Our Trees, Annapolis High School Event: The City of Annapolis R&S team provided citations to recognize the efforts of Annapolis High School to assist Save Our Trees at Quiet Waters Park in achieving an impressive restoration of the tree canopy benefiting the local ecosystem.

CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION

Climate Deception Lawsuit: City of Annapolis vs. B.P. et al:- On June 3, petitions for review were submitted to the Supreme Court of Maryland by the City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, and the City of Baltimore. The three jurisdictions are appealing the dismissal **of their lawsuits by the lower courts**. The Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County ruled that the claims 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.

STAFFING

Environmental Programs Manager I - UPDATE: HIRED!!! Ashleigh Diaz, a resident of Glen Burnie, comes to the City with significant sustainability experience and is particularly experienced in community engagement and education. The similarity in her current responsibilities as the Sustainability Manager with the City of Bowie will allow her to step right into her role with the City without significant supervision. In addition to program management and policy development, Ashleigh will focus on grant applications, research to support programs, policies, and legislation, and community engagement and education.

R&S Internship - NEW: The R&S team has selected an Annapolis Intern Program participant to work with us on various R&S projects until August 8, 2025. Jennifer Gomez is currently working on research concerning EV fleet requirements of other Maryland jurisdictions. Jennifer is a native of Anne Arundel County and is a rising sophomore at Boston College interested in environmental and sustainability policy and, possibly, pursuing a career in environmental law.