

I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RENEWAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

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City of Annapolis

Name of Renewal Applicant:

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I. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY – General Information

A. Sustainable Community Boundary and Description

(1) Are you requesting any changes to your Sustainable Community boundary? Describe why or why not?

Yes, due to additional sector studies, there are more areas eligible for inclusion in the Sustainable Community boundary. In our most recent sector study, we recommend certain areas along the Forest Drive corridor and in Eastport to receive more mixed use development in the future to better support pedestrian, bicycle and transit enhancements. These areas have been added, as has Census Tract 706401 Block Group 2. This block group has been added because of its apparent need for more affordable housing to relieve some of the severe rent burden on many minority rental households and the crowding occurring. According to the most recent American Community Survey, roughly three-quarters of rental households pay more than 35% of their household income on rental payments including a quarter paying more than half of their income. Of the estimated 2,750 residents in this block group, nearly three-quarters are a minority. It is likely that the large average rental household size of more than 3 persons is connected to these two demographic characteristics.

(2) Include the following in as an attachment (if requesting a modification to your current boundary):

- a. PDF or JPEG of modified Sustainable Communities boundary map,
- b. GIS shapefiles of modified Sustainable Community boundary (mapped to the parcel boundary),

(3) Approximate number of acres of entire SC Area: 2,404

(4) Existing federal, state or local designations:

- Main Street Maple Street
- National Register Historic District Local Historic District Arts & Entertainment District
- State Enterprise Zone Special Taxing District BRAC State Designated TOD
- Other(s):

(5) Describe the SC Area’s current demographic trends (with respect to age, race, household size, household income, educational attainment, number of housing units, or other relevant factors). How have demographics changed in the last five years?

Consistent with a national trend, the number of City residents who are elderly (65 years and older) is anticipated to double in the next 30 years (2050). This trend will bring greater focus on community issues such as support for aging in place, access to health care services, more walking paths as well as care for a rising number of poor elderly residents. It will also increase employment opportunities within the health care sector that benefit low-skill wage workers. In 2009, the Comprehensive Plan reported that the City’s average household size was 2.30 people per household and that City households would continue to shrink. That trend has since reversed and in 2015 the average household size had risen to 2.41. This new trend is creating population and worker growth that is not tied to new home construction.

B. Organizational Structure, Experience and Public Input:

- (1) Describe any changes to the Applicant's organizational structure. Specifically, how has membership of the Sustainable Communities Workgroup changed in the last five years? Who are/were the leaders, and how will/did the Workgroup advisor or staff manage implementation of the SC Area Plan?

The City's managerial and departmental structure is largely the same from five years ago with a couple exceptions. First, the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs has split into two groups with environmental programs becoming the standalone Office of Environmental Policy. The Licenses and Permits Division has been absorbed by the Department of Planning and Zoning. The Department of Planning and Zoning (P&Z) also established a new Economic Development Division after the Annapolis Economic Development Corporation was eliminated. The Sustainable Communities Workgroup consists of the Comprehensive Planning Division, serving in an advisory role, the Community Development Division, the Economic Development Division, the Office of Environmental Policy, the Public Works Department, and the Transportation Department.

- (2) What have been the strengths and challenges of the capacity of the Sustainable Communities Workgroup with respect to implementation of the SC Plan?

The strengths of the capacity of the workgroup are that we are all City staff and know and work well together. We interact frequently and share our strategies and initiatives. However, because we are a small staff, we get pulled in many directions. Therefore, a weakness of the workgroup is that it is not formalized in a way that would help the group prioritize implementation of the Sustainable Communities plan.

- (3) How did residents and other stakeholders in the community provide input to the Sustainable Communities Action Plan update? On which existing local plans (comprehensive plans, economic development plans, sector plans, etc.) is the Sustainable Communities Action Plan based?

The residents and other stakeholders in community provided input by sending emails and phone calls based on reading the draft update, which was posted on-line. The Action Plan is based on the Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study, the Economic Development Strategic Action Plan, the Consolidated Plan, and the 2018 Fiscal Year Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Final.

- (4) Would you like any technical assistance from State agencies to help expand the capacity of your SC Workgroup or implement your SC plan? Please describe with which revitalization strategies you would like assistance.

In 2002, the City of Annapolis developed the Clay Street Community Legacy Plan, which had four overarching goals:

1. Improve the housing conditions and increase homeownership
2. Recreate and revitalize the commercial and community core
3. Improve public safety, facilities and infrastructure
4. Strengthen community leadership

The City has been successful in meeting goals 1, 3, and 4, however, recreating and revitalizing the commercial and community core has been challenging. The City would like technical assistance with this revitalization strategy.

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PART I: QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

Purpose:

The purpose of this assessment is to capture significant projects/ improvements that have been completed since the approval of your local government's Sustainable Communities designation.

In relation to the goals stated in your local government's Sustainable Community Action Plan, **please highlight at least three major accomplishments from the last five years**, including how you achieved them. When writing your narrative, consider the questions below and refer to the six elements discussed in the General Information section of this document (page iv) – Environment, Economy, Transportation, Housing, Quality of Life, and Land Use/Local Planning.

- 1) **Outcome:** Which outcomes identified in your Sustainable Community plan were you able to achieve?
- 2) **Projects:** Which projects did you implement in order to achieve the outcome? Also indicate when you started and completed these projects.
- 3) **Partners:** With whom (i.e. state agencies, local stakeholders) did you partner to complete projects?
- 4) **Impact:** What kind of measurable impact did the achieved outcome have on your community? Are there other intangible benefits?
- 5) **Pictures:** Please also include pictures that depict your accomplishments.

[EXAMPLE] Descriptive Narrative: Please list the most significant accomplishments that apply

Example – Accomplishment 1

Outcome: Improved stormwater management

Projects:

Project 1: Stormwater Retrofit Plan – In October 2014, the Town Council approved the Town's stormwater retrofit plan which outlines various strategies and capital budget expenditures over the next five years. Strategies include reducing the amount of impervious surface in the community and improving stormwater management. One of the plan recommendations is to pass an ordinance that assesses an environmental protection fee on municipal permits.

Project 2: Green Streets – The Town added green elements to approximately 600 linear feet of roadway that had been experiencing severe flooding. Specifically, bioswales were constructed and trees were planted.

Partners:

Chesapeake Bay Trust – provided technical assistance

MD DHCD – provided financial assistance in form of a Community Legacy grant (totaling \$50,000).

Impact: The implementation of the projects had a significant impact on the community by improving stormwater runoff. The streets with the newly constructed bioswales no longer experience flooding.

Descriptive Narrative: Please list the most significant accomplishments that apply.

Accomplishment 1:

Outcome: Improved stormwater management while meeting the State's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit requirements.

Projects: The Stormwater Management Inventory and Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) was finalized in October 2016 and will support the City in meeting the requirements of the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) Phase II NPDES MS4 permit and the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) goals. This plan helps the City to define and then treat 20 percent of the unmanaged impervious area. As part of the development of this plan, total Nitrogen (TN), total Phosphorus (TP), and total suspended solids (TSS) loads were quantified for the existing conditions specific to the City of Annapolis MS4 area. The pollutant loads were calculated using an Environmental Protection Agency-approved web-based tool called "The Chesapeake Bay Facility Assessment Scenario Tool" (BayFAST). These loads provide a reference point for tracking City progress toward meeting the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

Potential locations for new and retrofit best management practices (BMPs) were identified via desktop analysis, followed by a field investigation to evaluate restoration strategies. The proposed restoration strategies were ranked using quantitative prioritization criteria, and the City selected 16 high priority restoration strategies for conceptual design. Conceptual designs were developed for the high priority projects and include a description of the recommended strategy, design considerations, a feasibility assessment, pollutant removal, and planning level cost estimates. The concept designs were ranked using a quantitative ranking criteria to assist the City in prioritizing the projects. A list of potential alternative urban BMPs approved by MDE is also provided for the City to consider as part of future pollutant reduction efforts.

The City has completed one of the 16 high priority projects listed in the City's WIP. The project listed in the City's WIP as BMP_21 (Ambridge Community Stormwater Pond Retrofit) was chosen, submitted for grant dollars and received funding from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This project was completed in May 2018.

The City has partnered with several non-profit organizations and aided with the permit review, construction inspection, and long term maintenance of stream restoration projects that are over 1.75 miles in length. The City is also working on grants for several other stream restoration projects in various watersheds.

Partners: Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Ambridge Community Homeowners Association, Spa Creek Conservancy, South River Federation, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and Back Creek Conservancy

Impact: The implementation of the WIP will have significant impact on the community by improving water quality of stormwater runoff within the City of Annapolis. The first project to come out of the City's WIP will specifically help to improve water quality of stormwater running in to Back Creek, one of the watersheds within city limits. The stream restoration projects completed are providing nutrient reduction reaching the bay, specifically TN, TP, and TSS.

Accomplishment 2:

Outcome: Recognized actions to protect and enhance the well-being of current and future generations as it pertains to climate change.

Projects: Signing of Resolution (R-22-17) to honor and uphold the commitments to the goals enshrined in the United Nations Paris Climate Agreement as they apply to the City of Annapolis

The signing of this resolution shows that the City of Annapolis desires to protect and enhance the quality of life for all those who live, work, learn and play in our community, as well as for our children and grandchildren. There is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change and the recognition that human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, is an important driver of climate change. Climate change has been widely recognized by government, business and academic leaders as a worldwide threat with the potential to harm our economy, safety, public health, and quality of life. Members of our community and others are already feeling the effects of climate change through increased temperatures, more extreme weather events, and other disruptions that affect our residents, economy, and way of life. Climate change affects all residents and businesses, but communities that already face socioeconomic and health inequities will be most severely impacted, including youth, elders, and low-income communities. This resolution means the City of Annapolis is taking steps to increase energy efficiency and resilience that can attract jobs and economic development opportunities to our community and increase our long-term economic competitiveness. The City of Annapolis remains committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and proactively taking action to adapt to climate impacts.

The City of Annapolis adopted a Sustainable Annapolis Community Action Plan (2010); Emergency Operations Plan (2011) including a Flood Response Plan; and a Hazard Mitigation Plan (2018), outlining steps the City has committed to taking to achieve our climate-related goals. The City has already taken a variety of important actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance quality of life in our community that include constructing the Annapolis Renewable Energy Park; entering into a performance based contract to reduce energy use by City-owned building; developing a Watershed Improvement Plan; and adopting higher floodplain management standards. The City is in the process of implementing a Cultural Resource Hazard Mitigation Plan that will help the City both mitigate and adapt to climate change.

The Weather It Together effort is an additional planning initiative established in 2013. Experts in multiple fields joined to define and identify adaptation measures to mitigate the impacts of sea level rise on the City, especially on its historic properties. With the multi-disciplinary team assembled and supporting partners in place, beginning in 2015, the initiative identified actions that were community based, action-oriented, data driven, business focused, forward looking and place based to steer the Cultural Resources Hazard Mitigation Plan process. The menu of actions and initiatives recommended in the plan has and will become the City's strategic plan for mitigating and adapting to flooding events, recurrent and extreme. Although the plan has yet to be formally finalized, the City has already begun the process of implementing stormwater and flood mitigation design, and non-structural historic building adaptation.

Partners: The City of Annapolis is joined in taking action on climate change by a global coalition of cities, state and national government and community and private sector leaders.

Impact: Recognize the importance and potential of actions to protect and enhance the well-being of current and future generations as have hundreds of mayors representing millions of American have re-affirmed their cities' commitments to climate action.

Accomplishment 3:

Outcome: Increased reliance on renewable energy sources

Projects: Renewable Energy Park

The solar project uses more than 50,000 panels to convert sunlight into electricity on approximately 80 acres of the closed and capped Annapolis landfill. The City of Annapolis owns the landfill where the Annapolis Renewable Energy Park is located, and Annapolis Solar Park LLC now holds a long-term lease on the property. The City earns revenue by leasing the landfill to Annapolis Solar Park, saves money by purchasing some of the electricity at a rate less than what the City was paying and put local businesses to work on the construction of the project. More than 100 green jobs were created or will be created in the City over the next 20 years as a result of this partnership.

The City of Annapolis developed the Annapolis Renewable Energy Park project using EPA guidelines. The City received support for proposal evaluation and other advisory support from Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Environmental Services, Maryland Clean Energy Center, and private subject matter experts in renewable energy technologies.

In July of 2017, the City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, and Anne Arundel County Board of Education signed the power purchase agreements for the solar energy, which will be used to power City, County and school buildings and operations. Annapolis Solar Park LLC will be installing a solar system of 18 MW DC. Of this total production capacity, Anne Arundel County is purchasing 50%, the City of Annapolis is purchasing 33%, and the Anne Arundel County Board of Education is purchasing the remaining 17%. This project is the largest solar project exclusively installed on a closed landfill in the United States, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Partners: Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Environmental Services, Maryland Clean Energy Center, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and Anne Arundel County Government

Impact: Financial and environmental benefits to the City over the next 20 years with advancement of energy efficiency for all local government-owned buildings.

Accomplishment 4:

Outcome: Expanded housing choices – rental and homeownership-for people of a range of incomes

Projects:

Project 1: Major rehabilitation of Timothy House and Timothy Gardens, now Bowman Place and Homes at Monument. Homes for America completed the rehabilitation of Timothy House (61 units) and Timothy Gardens (20 units), two Project Based Section 8 developments, which were in very poor condition. The project was funded with Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and other funding from the state. This project completed the rehabilitation of last of the City’s private subsidized affordable housing.

Project 2: Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit Program (MPDU): The last seven for sale MPDU properties were sold. These properties included one single family home at Griscom Square, two condominiums in Sailors Quay and 3 townhomes in Boucher Place.

Project 3: Bowman Commons: Bowman Commons will be a six unit rental property for low income veterans. The project is financed by Strategic Demolition and CDA Partnership Rental Housing funds. The project is being developed by Bowman Community Development Corporation, a Clay Street neighborhood CDC and was included in the Clay Street Community Legacy Plan. The City expects the project to be completed spring 2019.

Project 4: City of Annapolis Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program: Through the City of Annapolis Housing Rehabilitation Program, eligible Annapolis homeowners may apply for forgiveness loans to make improvements to their homes. The assistance is home improvement performed by a licensed contractor—no monetary loans are involved. Eligibility is based upon annual household income and family size. In addition, the property in question must be the resident's sole and principal residence. Typical repairs include roof replacement; plumbing and electrical upgrades; furnace replacement; and kitchen and bathroom remodeling. In the past 5 years, the City has rehabilitated 27 homes.

Project 5: Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake Acquisition/Rehabilitation Program: The City and Habitat completed one townhome.

Partners: John Pilli-Gate One Builders, Bashers and Edgemore, P & K Builders, Homes for America, Bowman Community Development Corporation, Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA)

Impact: These projects have expanded housing choices for individuals and families that are low and moderate income (80% MHI) and middle income (100% MHI) as well as the disabled and has helped rehabilitate substandard rental housing and owner occupied housing and increased homeownership opportunities.

Accomplishment 5: Worked Collaboratively to Establish a City of Annapolis Economic Development Division to Grow and Promote a Vibrant City Economy

Outcome: Developed a business-friendly culture, both internally and externally, that fosters entrepreneurship and encourages an increase in the number and diversity of businesses that establish, maintain and expand in all communities in the City. The following objectives guided the programs and activities:

- Build cooperative relationships with governmental agencies to smooth the way for business development
- Provide technical, site selection, and market analysis assistance to businesses
- Work to expand workforce development opportunities
- Market Annapolis to investors and consumers
- Keep businesses up-to-date regarding economic and political developments
- Recognize the significant contributions of resident businesses
- Assist businesses in accessing capital
- Help businesses achieve their objectives

Projects:

Project 1: Established an Economic Development Strategic Action Plan and an economic development steering committee – a monthly Business Leader’s Meeting to assist in defining public policies and programs required to accomplish the City’s economic development goals. The group is made up of the Executive Directors and/or Board Chairs of all of the City’s business organizations, as well as several Aldermen and Mayor’s Office Representatives. The group participants also disseminate important information regarding economic and political developments to their members citywide.

Project 2: In addition to providing one-on-one technical, site selection, and market analysis assistance to businesses to help them achieve success, the City also coordinates and hosts numerous economic summits, targeted-industry roundtables, special events, seminars, and conferences as deemed appropriate for the City’s economic development landscape, including: a Maritime Industry Summit to provide resources to one of the City’s primary industries, Speed Lending events to connect businesses with lenders, Hispanic Business Workshops and Roundtable discussions (in Spanish) for a large and rapidly growing segment of the City’s population, Weather-it-Together Conference to bring experts together from around the world to share information as the City grapples with sea-level rise, especially in its valuable historic district, Entrepreneurs and Innovators programs to encourage high-growth companies to startup and stay in Annapolis, and targeted Hiring Events that connect underserved populations with services to prepare them for job security and to connect with available jobs

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Project 3. Created as the primary economic development collateral, a centralized, robust, easy-to-navigate, user-friendly, attractive and professional website for internal and external economic development support and marketing. It promotes Annapolis in a manner that helps business targets to self-select needed support tools and resources, encourages local City and County residents to utilize amenities on a regular basis, and conveys a strong positive image to regional, national and international business targets, investors, residents and visitors.

Partners: Downtown Annapolis Partnership, Annapolis Arts District and other arts organizations, Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation, Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, and other local business associations, Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation, U.S. Small Business Association, Maryland Small Business Development Centers, SCORE, Anne Arundel Community College, Maryland Department of Commerce, U.S. Naval Academy, and many more.

Impact: Citywide commercial vacancy rate dropped from 7.4% to 4.6% (2013 – 2017); Low vacancy rate – dropped from 7.4% to 4.6% (from 2013-2017); Low unemployment rate (currently 2.9%); 6 vibrant commercial districts with 3,436 businesses, of which the leading industries were Public Administration, Accommodation and Food Services, Retail, and Health Care and Social Services; 595 businesses opened and/or expanded in Annapolis (2013-2017)

Descriptive Narrative: Please use this section to describe any major outcomes or projects from your last Sustainable Communities Action Plan that have NOT been accomplished and why.

Outcome: Extension and Widening of the Poplar Trail Shared Use Path

Narrative: The Poplar Trail Shared Use Path is the most utilized bike route in the City. It is ideal even for the casual rider with its straight and flat paved pathway that traverses through residential neighborhoods along the old B&A rail line away from any roadways. Its potential is unmet, however, as it is an island of bike infrastructure. Only comfortable, more experienced riders will continue onward from its eastern terminus at Taylor Avenue into downtown or its western terminus at Admiral Drive toward Parole and regional transit connections. The trail, at six-feet wide, is narrower than a typical shared use path. If it were to support greater functionality than a local recreational route, its usability would expand, necessitating the need to bring it up to standard. The City does not have enough funds in the budget to enhance or extend the trail, so the Department of Planning and Zoning has applied through MDOT's Bikeways program unsuccessfully specifically to widen it to 10 feet and extend it westward to the edge of the City limits. There, the County has plans to fill in the final missing piece in the network.

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Outcome: Implementation of a Complete Streets Approach to Transportation Planning

Narrative: The City has begun shifting its mindset in incorporating the needs and desires of bicyclists and pedestrians into the City's planning and budgeting for a multimodal network, but has yet to successfully implement fully a Complete Streets approach. The City made a Complete Streets approach an official strategy in the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. There have been few opportunities since then, however, to have developers responsible for a new street implement the Complete Street approach. Most developments in the City are small, infill developments. It is not economically feasible for the City to fully implement Complete Streets absent a major development project. Additionally, many of the main streets in town are state roads, and the City has no jurisdiction over these streets. There is a development in the pipeline where the developer will be adding new roads, and he will be required to build a Complete Street.

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PART II: COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

Purpose:

The purpose of the comprehensive assessment is to capture indicators of accomplishments in each Sustainable Community. Indicators should reflect the five year time period since the adoption of the Sustainable Communities Action Plan. Thus, the following questions focus on the common outcomes that were identified in the various Sustainable Community Action Plans approved by the State. The assessment will be grouped in the sections of Environment, Economy, Transportation, Housing, Quality of Life, and Land Use.

Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge.

Check “**YES**” if applicable to your community. If you answer “**YES**” please quantify the accomplishment (i.e. Q: Has there been an increase in the number of businesses in your Main Street/commercial district? A: YES 4 new businesses have opened in the past five years). If necessary, please also provide a short description of the accomplishment.

Please check “**NO**” if the question item did not have any impact on your community. If you answer “**NO**” please briefly summarize what kept you from achieving your plan’s desired outcomes.

Check “**N/A**”, if the question item does not apply to your Sustainable Community.

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ENVIRONMENT	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
<p>1. Has there been an improvement in water quality?</p>	X			<p>Progress has been made and Chesapeake Bay water quality has improved. While the region did meet goals for two targeted pollutants, phosphorus and sediment, it achieved only 30 percent of the goal for nitrogen, which has long been the most difficult to control and is the most harmful pollutant in much of the Bay (<i>Bay Journal, October 15, 2018</i>).</p> <p>The City of Annapolis does not conduct water quality monitoring, but with the City of Annapolis' Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP), partnerships with local watershed groups, enforcing erosion and sediment controls, and requiring stormwater management for all grading permits water quality is being improved.</p>
<p>2. Has the amount of impervious surface in your Community been reduced? (Amount in SF)</p>		X		<p>The City of Annapolis has established a baseline (the City's WIP) that develops the City's restoration plans and provides a schedule for best management practices (BMP) implementation and tracks impervious area treatment and pollutant reduction targets. Currently, the City has a contract for an outside company to assist with meeting the City's WIP goals to treat 20% of existing impervious areas throughout the City. The City also requires stormwater management for any project that requires a grading permit. If a project is deemed a redevelopment project, a project where the existing impervious area is greater than 40% impervious, state law requires either impervious area to be removed or stormwater management be implemented to treat the existing impervious area.</p>
<p>3. Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your park and/ or recreational green space?</p>	X			<p>The Bay Village conservation easement was created in 2016 as part of the Bay Village assisted living facility development. It contains 3.01 acres.</p> <p>Shiley Park was dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony during spring GreenScape 2016. More than 50 people joined City representatives as the community welcomed the first street-end park to become established in 10 years. Held on Saturday, April 23, 2016, the event included local individuals recognizing Shiley Park (near Giddings Avenue) in West Annapolis: Alderman Fred Paone of Ward Two presented the proclamation, former Mayor Ellen Moyer thanked the community for 25 years of GreenScape dedication and a volunteer talked about Shiley Park and the local volunteers.</p>

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<p>4. Did the Sustainable Community implement any recycling or waste reduction programs?</p>	<p>X</p>			<p>The City of Annapolis already offers free recycling containers provided to City refuse customers in 18, 32 or 64-gallon size. Containers can be picked up from the City with current I.D. and a copy of water bills for verification. The City has since added E-cycling (electronics recycling). Normally, when these items are placed at the curb they are sent to a landfill for disposal. The City of Annapolis encourages residents to bring these items to our Public Works Services Facility so they may be recycled. Items that are collected are either refurbished or dismantled for parts and further processed to reclaim base materials. City of Annapolis residents and businesses may deliver these items at drop-off locations for e-cycling free of charge.</p>
<p>5. Do all residents have access to healthy food options (i.e. fresh food grocery stores, farmers markets etc.) within the Sustainable Community?</p>	<p>X</p>			<p>Groundworks Farm is a diversified year round community supported agriculture (CSA) Farm. They grow the majority of their offerings on their small family farm and source from other small local producers to bring the best diversity of local sustainable produce the area has to offer. Groundworks offers produce, egg, meat, chicken, cheese and whole farm shares at a year-round pick-up location in Annapolis MD at Vin 909 Wine Cafe on Thursdays from 3-6pm. The Summer Farm Shares start the first week in June and run through mid-November (22 weeks). Veggie Shares, and Pastured Egg Shares are picked up weekly for 22 weeks. Pastured Chicken, pastured meat, and local farmstead cheese shares are picked up monthly.</p> <p>Also, the Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market schedule begins with year-round, weekly Sunday markets, adds weekly Saturday markets approximately beginning in April and Tuesday markets approximately beginning in May of each year.</p> <p>The Farmer's Market Nutrition Program accepts checks from the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program and Senior Farmers' Market Nutritional Program (FMNP). Checks are accepted at both the Tuesday and Saturday markets by vendors who participate in the program. The WIC Program provides supplemental foods, health care referrals and nutrition education at no cost to low-income pregnant and breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding post-partum women, and to infants and children up to 5 years of age, who are found to be at nutritional risk.</p>
<p>OTHER:</p>				

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ECONOMY	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has there been an increase in the number of new businesses in your Main Street/ Commercial District?			X	While there is some healthy churn of new businesses, the total number remains relatively stable, as the available space is limited (little room for new development, only redevelopment)
2. Did the Municipality/ Sustainable Community area receive any designations that support local economic development?	X			1. Continued the Main Street Program 2. Renewed the Arts & Entertainment District for 10 more years
3. Has there been an increase in foot traffic in the Main Street/commercial district?			X	
4. Have the number of commercial vacancies decreased?	X			Citywide commercial vacancy rate dropped from 7.4% to 4.6% from EOY 2012 - 2017
5. Has there been an increase in local jobs within the Sustainable Community for its residents?	X			The City's job growth rate remains steady at about 2% growth per annum from 2013-2017
OTHER:				

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TRANSPORTATION	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has the amount of bike trails/paths increased? How many linear feet do the trails cover?	X			The City has added 3,348 linear feet of bike lanes in the last five years.
2. Have there been improvements to the public transit infrastructure?		X		There have been budget cuts in the Transportation Department.
3. Has there been an increase in sidewalks? (Amount in linear feet)	X			There has been an increase of 1,618 linear feet of new sidewalk.
4. Have there been any roadway improvements that support "Complete" or "Green" streets?		X		The City has made policy recommendations for a Complete Streets strategy with green street design standards incorporated into the strategy, but as of yet has been unable to fully implement those recommendations. The Department of Public Works has, over the last five years installed several green roadways.
5. Has traffic congestion along major roads decreased? (Amount in percent)				The traffic has decreased or held steady along many major roadways located within the City. Specifically, Forest Drive, with a new adaptive control traffic signal system installed and maintained by the County beginning in 2016, has experienced a 10 – 15% improvement in its traffic efficiency, by the County's estimations.
OTHER:				

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HOUSING	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Have any residential facades been improved?			X	
2. Has the home ownership rate increased?	X			While the rate of rental occupancy has increased at a faster rate than the owner occupancy rate, there is estimated to be 40 more owner-occupied units compared with 5 years ago. Also, seven new affordable owner-occupied units were added to the affordable housing inventory in Eastport.
3. Has there been an increase in the number of housing units in the Sustainable Community area? What number and/or percent are affordable?	X			There have been 117 new housing units constructed over the past five years inside the approved Sustainable Community area. There have been an additional 20 constructed in areas we propose to add to our Sustainable Community area. Seven new affordable owner-occupied units were added to the affordable housing inventory in Eastport.
4. Has there been demolition of blighted properties?			X	
5. Has the residential vacancy rate decreased?	X			The percentage of vacant housing units has estimated to have gradually decreased in the last 5 years from 11.0% in 2012 to 9.7% in 2016.
OTHER:				

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QUALITY OF LIFE	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Has there been a decrease in crime rate?	X			The annual amount of total violent and property crimes has decreased from an average of 1,377 incidents from 2008- 2012 to 1,175 incidents per year from 2013 – 2017. Last year saw the 2 nd fewest incidents of crime since 1975 with 1,152 total.
2. Have there been improvements and/ or additions to your public spaces (i.e. museums, community centers, public plazas)?	X			There have been upgrades made to several parks in the City including Chambers Park and Kingsport Park, and a new street-end park was dedicated at Shiley Street. Whitmore Park was also upgraded with assistance from Anne Arundel County. The City partnered with the Annapolis Maritime Museum to allow expanded educational facilities at Ellen O. Moyer Nature Park at Back Creek. The City's historic Market House at City Dock has been fully renovated under new management after undergoing several unsuccessful recent incarnations.
3. Has there been an increase in public art/ arts & entertainment programs/venues (i.e. murals, movie theatre, music events)?	X			The City's Art in Public Places Commission has been working to raise the visibility of public art, but has also received funding to plan for and provide public art. In 2016, they received a grant to create an art wall that initiated the first "Art in the Park." Of the now 30 murals located across the City, a dozen of them have been painted in the last two years. This year, the City was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the state for an arts and entertainment hub dubbed the Cannery that would contain artist incubation space. The City's Arts District has been renewed for another 10 years after MSAC's last impact analysis of arts and entertainment districts determined that it had a successful economic impact on the City.
4. How many historic properties were renovated/improved?	X			1,124 historic properties were renovated or improved in the past five years.
5. Are there any residential health and wellness opportunities in place (i.e. athletic facilities, recreational indoor/ outdoor courses or groups)?	X			Membership at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center is free for all City employees and discounted for all City residents. The Stanton Community Center hosts free drop-in recreational activities. The Department of Recreation and Parks recently received a grant from the National Fitness Campaign to install an outdoor fitness court along the Poplar multi-use trail.
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LAND USE/ LOCAL PLANNING	YES	NO	N/A	If YES, specify in quantifiable units and compare values from the last five years If NO, why not? What kept you from achieving your plan's desired outcomes?
1. Have there been any infill developments?	X			There have been seven infill commercial, office and mixed use developments constructed over the past five years in the Sustainable Community area, of the twelve total in the City.
2. Has there been an increase in the amount of preserved/protected land?	X			The Bay Village conservation easement was created in 2016 as part of the Bay Village assisted living facility development. It contains 3.01 acres.
3. Have there been any developments hindered by growth constraints?		X		We have not exceeded our current thresholds for growth constraints, however recent legislation implemented a no net loss of forest and mature trees that increases forest conservation requirements. There is also pending legislation that would lower the utilization ratio for when schools are closed to additional capacity.
4. Have there been any zoning or any policy changes that have fostered growth in your Sustainable Community?		X		Growth, even in our sustainable communities areas, has been a topic of contention.
5. Have there been any significant improvements to the municipal infrastructure within the Sustainable Community (i.e. street lighting, water/sewer lines)?	X			The City re-hauled and renovated its water treatment plant.
OTHER:				

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COMPETITIVE FUNDING: Use the rows below to list competed funds sought for sustainability or revitalization projects since receiving Sustainable Communities designation.	Source (federal, state, foundation, etc.)	Amount Received	If no funding was received, what technical or other assistance from the state would help with future applications?	Other Notes
Community Legacy (CL): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowman Community Development Corporation • Light House Shelter - Bistro 	DHCD	\$100,000 \$200,000		
Strategic Demolition Fund (SDF): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newtowne Twenty • 	DHCD	\$300,000		
Community Safety & Enhancement Program:	MDOT			
Maryland Bikeways Program:	MDOT		Application preparation assistance	
Sidewalk Retrofit Program:	MDOT			

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<p>Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund:</p>	<p>MDE</p>			
<p>Other Funding Programs: <i>examples are U.S. HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), or grants from USDA, EPA, Appalachian Regional Commission, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Heritage Areas Association, Preservation Maryland, Safe Routes to School, Maryland Rural Development Corporation, Maryland Energy Administration, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, etc.</i></p> <p>*Please add more rows if necessary</p>				
<p>Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction Grant</p>	<p>Maryland DNR</p>	<p>\$175,000</p>		
<p>MDE - Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration (MWQFA) - Water Quality Improvement Projects Involving Point Sources (Wastewater) and Nonpoint Sources</p>	<p>MDE</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>Per MDE, they suggest the City of Annapolis submits an inventory of stormwater Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) projects for funding. This inventory of projects must include a realistic plan of action of what the City intends to accomplish within 12 to 18 months.</p> <p>Currently, the City has negotiated a contract for an outside company to assist with meeting the City's WIP goals to treat 20% of impervious areas. The City will be able to put together a realistic plan of action with the assistance of the chosen outside contractor.</p>	

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Maryland Smart Energy Communities Grant Program	Maryland Energy Administration	\$55,000		Currently waiting for contract from granting source.
Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland State Agency Watershed Assistance Grant Program	Maryland DNR	\$0		Funding lost because of a technicality.
Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction Grant	Maryland DNR	\$0		Funding lost because of land ownership issues.

COMPETITIVE FUNDING: Are there any types of projects/needs for which your Sustainable Community needs funding; however, there isn't a funding source?
n/a

Sustainable Community Action Plan

Name of Sustainable Community

Submitted by City of Annapolis

Date: December 15, 2018

Environment

(Environmental strengths and weaknesses can include but are not limited to quality of land, water, air, watersheds, tree canopy, risk of sea level rise, carbon footprint, energy conservation, access to local foods, green infrastructure, stormwater infrastructure/management, parks, trails and recreation, recycling, water and sewer capacity, etc)

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of water: Strength—As the City’s Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) is implemented, the water quality will improve allowing more residents and visitors to use the waterways recreationally. • Watersheds: Strength—the City has fostered working relationships with local non-profit groups that focus on the health of our watersheds. Together the City has and will continue to work with these groups on various restoration projects. • Tree canopy: Strength—the current tree canopy of the City is at approximately 45%. The City’s goal is to reach a 50% tree canopy. • Risk of sea level rise: Strength—the City has updated its Hazard Mitigation Plan as of 2018, which covers the development of a community profile and hazard identification and profiles for coastal hazards, flood, winter storms, and other natural disasters. • Carbon footprint: Strength—the City’s carbon footprint will be diminished, in part, by purchasing renewable energy from the newly constructed Annapolis Energy Park. The City has also entered into a performance-based contract to reduce energy use by City-owned buildings. Energy efficiency updates have been made to all City-owned buildings where changes could be made. • Stormwater management: Strength—the City has a series of projects that will assist the City in treating 20% of impervious areas in addition to the requirement of stormwater management for all grading permits and working with non-profit groups on stream restoration projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of water: Weakness—there is uncertainty as to how to financially meet the goals of the City’s Watershed Improvement Plan. • Tree canopy: Weakness—the City contains very few areas where tree canopy can be increased. Development continues throughout the City and with it are challenges of retaining the current tree canopy and finding areas to replant trees that are removed due to development. • Risk of sea level rise: Weakness—there is uncertainty as to how to financially meet the goals of the Cultural Resource Hazard Mitigation Plan • Carbon footprint: Weakness—the City of Annapolis should invest in public outreach and education in order to include city residents so they might make choices that decreases their individual carbon footprints. • Stormwater management: Weakness—there is uncertainty as to how to financially meet the goals of the City’s Watershed Improvement Plan.

<p><u>Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures</u></p> <p>Based on the strengths and weaknesses identify the strengths on which you would like to build and the challenges you would like to address. What outcomes are you trying to achieve? Where/ in what area do you want those changes to happen? →</p> <p>Progress Measure: Identify how you will know that you have achieved your outcome.</p>	<p><u>Strategies and Action Items</u></p> <p>Identify strategies that will help your community to achieve each identified outcome to the left. If applicable, break down each strategy into specific action items that outline different steps of the strategy. Specify how you are planning to achieve the desired outcomes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">→</p>	<p><u>Implementation Partners</u></p> <p>Which community stakeholders need to be involved to realize each action step and strategy? Name specific public and/or private sector partners.</p>
<p>Outcome 1: Treat 20% of impervious areas by 2025</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increase the number of projects completed in the City’s WIP.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Perform the list of projects in the City’s WIP with the assistance of an outside company. The City has negotiated a contract with a company that will work specifically on projects listed in the City’s WIP, as well as on additional projects not listed.</p> <p>Strategy B: Require additional stormwater treatment than the minimum already required. The City Council is working to pass an ordinance outlining the requirements of additional stormwater treatment for redevelopment and new development.</p>	<p>The City needs community buy-in, which can be helped with maintaining current working relationships with local non-profit organizations. It also will need to apply for additional grants to assist with the costs of attaining this goal. The City will continue to work with MDE, DNR; and the Chesapeake Bay Trust.</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Reduce flood risk from and adapt to sea level rise, storm surge and intense rainfall events</p> <p>Progress Measures: Retrofitted repetitive loss properties, flood damage reduction, drainage improvement, infrastructure installment</p>	<p>Strategy A: Complete the implementation Cultural Resource Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is in final format. The City’s Office of Environmental Policy (OEP) will implement the plan.</p> <p>Strategy B: Carry out the recommendations of the Cultural Resource Hazard Mitigation Plan such as natural and structural adaptation measures, a City flood adaptation and risk management initiative, and a flood disaster recovery and response plan among others.</p> <p>Strategy C: Carry out the flood mitigation strategies and actions of the City’s Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018 Update such as joining the Community Rating System, drainage improvements, public outreach, measures for critical facilities, etc.</p>	<p>The Office of Environmental Policy, Department of Transportation, the Office of Emergency Management, the Fire Department, the Department of Planning and Zoning, the Police Department, the Department of Public Works, Information Technology office (MIT), State government, U.S. Naval Academy, FEMA</p>

Economy

(Economic strengths and weaknesses can include but are not limited to regional accessibility, business attraction/retention, health of the business district and commercial vacancies, workforce/employment and economic drivers, local policies/regulations, marketing, tourism, cultural and historic assets)

<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic location between the Severn and South Rivers, robust history and historic character, cultural amenities, the State capital of Maryland, and home of the U.S. Naval Academy • Served by 24 airports within 50 miles, rail within 9 miles and interstate access 2 miles away • Low Vacancy Rate – dropped from 7.4% to 4.6% from (2013 - 2017) • Low unemployment rate (currently 2.9%) • Vibrant commercial districts with 3,436 businesses, of which the leading industries were Public Administration, Accommodation and Food Services, Retail, and Health Care and Social Services • 595 businesses opened and/or expanded in Annapolis (2013-2017) • Strong incomes and local homeownership • Highly educated population (52.49% have a college degree) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City is generally built out • Business size in the City of Annapolis is heavily weighted to small businesses (<2,500 SF each and 58.96% with only 1-4 Employees) • Limited manufacturing/industrial zones in the City of Annapolis • Federal and State properties do not pay taxes to the City • Housing prices in Annapolis are relatively high • Climate change and sea level rise are increasingly affecting City properties • Limited parking and transit options • 10.9% of the population continues to live in poverty

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures →	Strategies and Action Items →	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Foster a vibrant City economy that provides sustainable opportunity to a diverse population</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increased Annapolis-business-related media mentions; Decreased poverty and crime rates; Increased annual new firm creation; Increase in ratio of commercial-to-residential property tax revenue; Successful construction progress and completion of new project; Low commercial vacancy rate; Low unemployment rate</p>	<p>Strategy A: Continue to develop a business-friendly culture that fosters entrepreneurship and encourages an increase in the number and diversity of businesses that establish, maintain and expand in all communities in the City</p> <p>Strategy B: Foster economic diversity to reduce the City’s vulnerability to a single business sector</p> <p>Strategy C: Support efforts to increase minority entrepreneurship and the entry of minority populations into business and the workforce</p> <p>Strategy D: Continue to enhance the City’s Economic Development Webpages to support and promote the City’s primary industries</p> <p>Strategy E: Support the development and implementation of a department-level strategy to address a rise in sea level and to mitigate other hazards in order to preserve the vitality of the City</p>	<p>Downtown Annapolis Partnership, Annapolis Arts District, Maryland Hall, Maryland Theater for the Performing Arts, Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation, Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, and other local business associations, Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation, U.S. Small Business Association, Maryland Small Business Development Centers, Maryland Department of Commerce, U.S. Naval Academy, Latino Economic Development Center, public schools, Anne Arundel Community College and other higher education institutions, nonprofits, and other regional transportation organizations</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Enrich the Creative and Green Economies</p> <p>Progress Measures: Increased number of qualified target industry leads; Increased hotel occupancy; Less traffic congestion; Increased job growth in target industry sectors</p>	<p>Strategy A: Foster unique and innovative culture, heritage, arts, entertainment, recreation and technology businesses</p> <p>Strategy B: Raise awareness, participation, and support for Annapolis’ cultural amenities</p> <p>Strategy C: Foster the development of new and emerging industries, especially those that are clean and green, in order to diversify the local economy and support the City’s green goals</p> <p>Strategy D: Reduce Dependency on the automobile</p>	<p>Downtown Annapolis Partnership, Annapolis Arts District, Maryland Hall, Maryland Theater for the Performing Arts, Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation, Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, and other local business associations, Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation, U.S. Small Business Association, Maryland Small Business Development Centers, Maryland Department of Commerce, U.S. Naval Academy, Latino Economic Development Center, public schools, Anne Arundel Community College and other higher education institutions, nonprofits, and other regional transportation organizations</p>

Transportation

(Transportation strengths and weaknesses can include access to transit corridors, pedestrian safety and accessibility/sidewalks, alternative modes of transportation, such as bikeways and trails, public transit, such as bus and rail, carpooling, proximity to transportation centers, parking, road conditions)

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity to two major cities – Baltimore and Washington D.C. – enables greater regional cooperation over transit particularly commuter options. • Annapolis is a member of the Baltimore region’s metropolitan planning organization, the BMC, who has authority over the region’s transportation issues. • Strong enthusiasm among local organizations and resident groups for bicycle mobility and safety. • The entire baroque-layout downtown is very walkable and served by several transit options including a free circulator and State shuttle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many City roads are under the jurisdiction of the State or County leaving the City with an uphill battle to implement some of its desired roadway improvements. • Narrow streets throughout, especially in the Historic Downtown, forcing creativity in enabling safe bicycle mobility. • Geographically, Annapolis is a peninsula meaning it is constrained in its ability to improve roadway connectivity and redundancy (only a handful of routes in and out of the City). This often leads to gridlock during traffic incidents and emergencies. • Parts of the City serve as a commuter corridor, a large portion of residents travelling to and from employment destinations as well as shopping outside of the City (Washington D.C. for employment and Parole for shopping).

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	→ Strategies and Action Items →	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Reduction in local congestion throughout the road network</p> <p>Progress Measures: Decrease vehicle miles travelled (VMT) for new development in the City.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Amend Transportation Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) and Traffic Impact Analysis Guidelines</p> <p>Strategy B: Support expanded use of technology to reduce the number of daily trips in private vehicles, better manage congestion in a coordinated manner via intelligent transportation systems, and expand the refined traffic model city-wide to inform future land use decisions</p> <p>Strategy C: Establish redundancy in the network by implementing street network connections and improving other local street grids</p>	<p>Department of Planning and Zoning, Transportation, Public Works, IT, Baltimore Metropolitan Council, Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation, Office of Planning and Zoning, State Highway Administration</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Encourage a shift to alternative modes of transportation</p> <p>Progress Measures: Amount of increase in linear footage for pedestrian and bicycle paths.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Prioritize investments in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements to achieve a network of continuous bike and multiuse routes</p> <p>Strategy B: Increase transit quality and accessibility by encouraging transit-oriented infill, cooperating with the County on an intermodal transit center, expanding commuter transit, and improving City bus service through economical and efficient service, routing and span-of-service info, and event management</p> <p>Strategy C: Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety with safe walking routes to schools and other community destinations, connections in closed streets and cul-de-sacs, filled in sidewalk gaps, and traffic calming measures.</p>	<p>Department of Planning and Zoning, Transportation, Public Works, Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation, Bicycle Advocates for Annapolis and Anne Arundel County (BikeAAA), MTA, Bike Maryland, Central Maryland Transportation Alliance, National Complete Streets Coalition</p>

Housing

(Housing strengths and weaknesses can include affordability, homeownership vs rental, housing stock diversity, housing condition and value, housing programs, foreclosures, residential vacancies, property values, home sale values)

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordability – 42% of Multifamily rental developments are subsidized • Housing condition and value • Housing Programs available to low and moderate income residents • No neighborhoods impacted by a significant number of foreclosures • Residential vacancies are low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Housing Units in poor condition • Property values very high • Lack of housing stock diversity by income

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Improved housing conditions in public housing</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of public housing units improved</p>	<p>Strategy A: Convert Public Housing to public private partnerships</p> <p>Strategy B: Convert Public Housing into project based Section 8</p> <p>Strategy C: Coordinate with the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA) and their redevelopment plans for their properties to ensure they conform to broader Sustainable Community goals</p>	<p>Housing Authority and Private nonprofit and for profit affordable housing developers, State Government</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Increase availability of Affordable housing</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of units available for households with incomes less than 100% of median family income; Number of rental and for sale MPDU units</p>	<p>Strategy A: Support new construction of Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects.</p> <p>Strategy B: Improve the effectiveness of the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit Program (MPDU)</p> <p>Strategy C: Accessory Dwelling Units</p>	<p>State Government, Private nonprofit and for profit affordable housing developers</p>

Quality of Life

(Strengths and weaknesses can include crime, socio-economic demographics, educational opportunities, museums, libraries, historic and cultural assets, civic amenities, faith-based organizations, economic health of households, sense of place, etc)

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has been recognized for its active community and emphasis on fitness with its Healthy Lifestyle initiative. • Burgeoning Arts community with local artists, galleries and venues hosting events and festivals throughout the year to high turnouts. • Lively collection of civic groups and organizations, and many residents take advantage of the variety of civic opportunities. • The culture around the water permeates throughout the City with nationally recognized water-based activities, attractions and businesses. • The rich history has announced Annapolis as a renowned tourist destination with numerous cultural assets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some under-invested areas of the City are a shadow of downtown, experiencing more crime, fewer amenities, and less employment opportunities. • Annapolis has an aging population and has had some difficulty in retaining younger generations. • Attributing to the large tourism industry, certain activities and amenities cater more toward visitors than residents.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	→ Strategies and Action Items →	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Residents with equal access to diverse and vibrant array of arts, cultural, heritage, and entertainment opportunities</p> <p>Progress Measures: Future economic impact of Arts District including jobs, wages, tax revenue</p>	<p>Strategy A: Work with local cultural, heritage and arts organizations as well as other community groups to advance public art, local cultural activities, and events, and encourage participation/representation from underserved communities</p> <p>Strategy B: Better promote and involve the cultural, heritage and arts communities broadly and in previously unrepresented areas of City activity and functioning</p>	<p>Downtown Annapolis Partnership, Annapolis Arts District, Maryland Hall, Maryland Theater for the Performing Arts, Annapolis Arts Alliance, Art in Public Places Commission</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Residents have optimal ability to maintain and improve physical and mental wellbeing</p> <p>Progress Measures: Crime and poverty rates, membership at recreational facilities, drug use and overdose statistics specifically opioids.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Serve as a model for public safety in terms of access to quality emergency and non-emergency health care, rescue services, substance abuse services, gun and other weapon safety, targeting those neighborhoods with the highest need</p> <p>Strategy B: Increase access to quality parks and green space and enhance opportunities for recreational and other physical activities at all ability levels, particularly in underserved neighborhoods</p> <p>Strategy C: Improve healthy food access, affordability and quality through urban and community gardens, farmers' markets, CSAs and Co-ops, school nutrition and gardening programs, small groceries and convenience stores</p>	<p>Recreation and Parks, Public Works, Police Department, Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, HACA, Anne Arundel County Department of Health, Dept. of Social Services, National League of Cities</p>

Local Planning and Land Use

(Strengths and weaknesses in the local planning and land use subject area include but are not limited to zoning, land use, policies, taxes and fees, historical patterns of development, lot sizes and shapes, etc)

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An abundance of historic properties influenced by colonial design and every style since that has given Annapolis its unique and enduring character. • A mix of vibrant neighborhoods with locally serving businesses • Wealth of amenities and destinations comparable to larger mid-sized cities while maintaining the feel of a small city • Traditional development in parts of the City have become more desirable as people prefer more low-scale urban places with variety of uses all in close proximity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The excessive number of zoning classifications applied across the City can complicate specific regulations from place to place. • As a peninsula, land is limited, and much of the land in the City is already built up leaving the majority of future growth to occur through infill development and redevelopment. • Since Annapolis is a capital city, it has an above average amount of institutional property, particularly State-owned, and property owned by the Naval Academy, that do not contribute to property tax revenue. • Waterfront areas of the City like in Downtown and Eastport are subject to heightened restrictions under the State’s Critical Area designations.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Distinct, attractive and cohesive identity across all Annapolis neighborhoods</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of new and updated zoning ordinances that encourage mixed use development</p>	<p>Strategy A: Preserve and rehabilitate the City’s cultural and historic resources in the Historic District and elsewhere</p> <p>Strategy B: Beautification through community clean-up efforts to increase aesthetic quality and sense of ownership/place, partnerships with local groups and organizations for representative art and branding, and improved pedestrian and vacant spaces.</p> <p>Strategy C: Street design standards</p>	<p>Department of Planning and Zoning, Historic Preservation Commission, Historic Annapolis, Preservation Maryland, Maryland Historical Trust, Recreation and Parks, Office of Environmental Policy, Public Works, Transportation</p>
<p>Outcome 2: More mixed use development that supports multimodality</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of new mixed-use developments.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Community character supporting infill development and redevelopment in underperforming areas into low-scale mixed-use</p> <p>Strategy B: Comprehensive zoning rework including text/design guidelines with more emphasis on form and function</p> <p>Strategy C: Better efficient and optimized plan review process</p>	<p>Department of Planning and Zoning, Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning</p>

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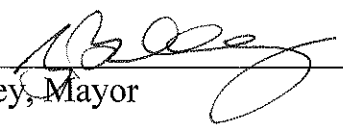
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SIGNATURE LETTER

On behalf of the *City of Annapolis*, I hereby approve the application for renewal of the Sustainable Communities designation for the *City of Annapolis*. I understand that the Disclosure Authorization and Certification from the original Sustainable Communities application continues to apply to the applicant local government, and as such the applicant agrees that not attaching an objection constitutes consent to the information being made available to the public, and a waiver of any rights the applicant may have regarding this information under Maryland's Access to Public Records Act, State Government Article, Section 10-611 et seq. of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

I also confirm that I am named or a former holder of my current title is named as an authorized official for the Sustainable Communities designation for my local government in the Local Government Authorization submitted with the original application.



Gavin Buckley, Mayor

Date