

# Commissioners Goals & Objectives

1. Economic Development
2. Institutional Governance & Policy
3. Environment
4. Education
5. Quality of Life

# Presentation Schedule

\*dates are tentative and subject to change

| Date          | Goal                                 |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| January 26    | 1) Economic Development              |
| February 23   | 2) Institutional Governance & Policy |
| March 23      | 3) Environment                       |
| April 27      | 4) Education                         |
| <b>May 25</b> | <b>5) Quality of Life</b>            |
| June 22       | 1) Economic Development              |
| July 27       | 2) Institutional Governance & Policy |
| August        | Break                                |
| September 28  | 3) Environment                       |
| October 26    | 4) Education                         |
| November 30   | 5) Quality of Life                   |
| December      | Break                                |



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## Goal 5: Quality of Life

Lead Presenter: Emergency Services

Supporting: Community Services | Economic Development  
Planning & Growth Management | Recreation, Parks & Tourism

# Public Safety

Collaboration with  
Sheriff's Office, Fire & EMS



# Public Safety Collaboration - CCSO



- ▶ Communications:
  - ▶ Working on an MOU to define relationship for Communications including NextGen 9-1-1
  - ▶ Establish a formal policy for utilization of the Mobile Command & Communications
- ▶ Emergency Management:
  - ▶ Operational
  - ▶ Homeland Security Grant
- ▶ EMS:
  - ▶ Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) Training
  - ▶ Update to the MOU for Special Teams including TEMS, HazMat, & EMS Stand by.

## Public Safety

# Collaboration - Fire & EMS

- ▶ Strategic Plan Implementation Progress
  - ▶ 7 Focus Groups
  - ▶ 104 Recommendations
  - ▶ Each Focus group will submit a proposed plan to implement by July 1, 2022
- ▶ Collaboration & Teamwork
  - ▶ Bi-weekly Town Halls for all Career & Volunteers
  - ▶ Weekly DES & Volunteer Leadership meetings
  - ▶ Station Chiefs & Capt/Chief meetings monthly
  - ▶ Development of the countywide EMS MOU
    - ▶ MOA for Ambulance Billing est. 2022-23





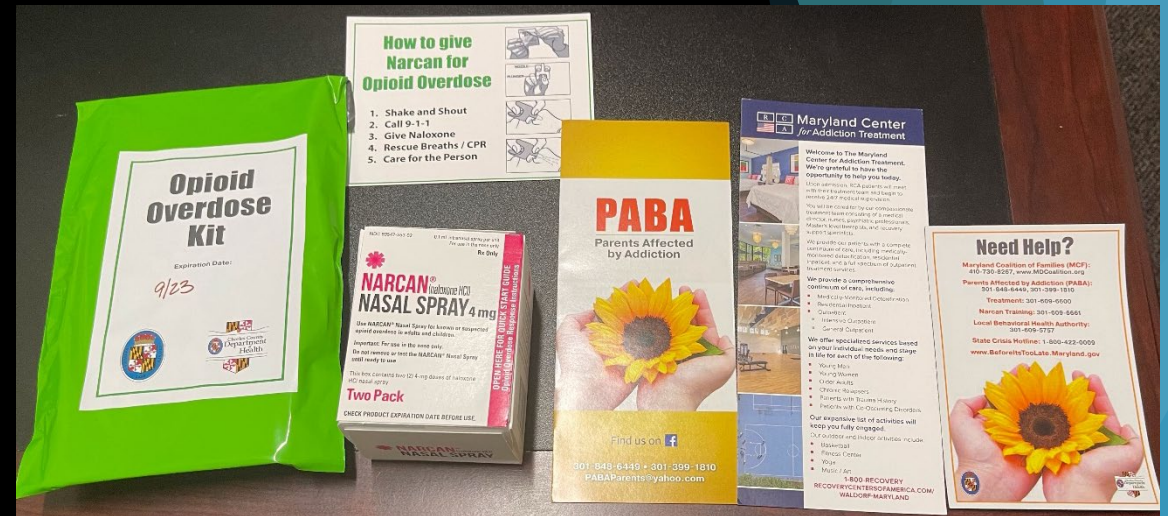
# Healthcare

Opioid Prevention, Treatment & Enforcement



# Healthcare Opioid Prevention, Treatment & Enforcement

- ▶ Coordinate, host, and record minutes for:
  - ▶ Opioid Intervention Team (OIT) - Bi-monthly meetings
  - ▶ Opioid Senior Policy Group (SPG) - Quarterly meetings
- ▶ Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC) grants
- ▶ EMS participates in:
  - ▶ Opioid Fatality Review Team (OFRT) - Bi-monthly meetings
  - ▶ Narcan kit distribution
  - ▶ Narcan kits in all County maintained AEDs
  - ▶ Sharing of overdose data with other jurisdictions through FirstWatch software app.
  - ▶ High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program





# Recreation & Entertainment

- ❖ Recreation
- ❖ Parks & Amenities
- ❖ Entertainment, Stadium, and Festivals
- ❖ Agritourism

# Recreation & Entertainment

## Recreation

- ▶ Return to Play Guidelines
  - ▶ Developed with the Health Department and Charles County Public Schools
  - ▶ Planning for Summer 2021 – Summer camps, operation of all swimming pools, indoor sports, and reopening of Community Centers
- ▶ Continued development and implementation of new recreation programs, leisure activities, and sports leagues
- ▶ RecAssist
  - ▶ Continued promotion of program which offers financial assistance and RecPASS memberships to individuals and families in need
- ▶ Mobile Recreation Vehicle
  - ▶ Designed and completed procurement steps
  - ▶ To be purchased and put into service in FY22

# Recreation & Entertainment Parks & Amenities

- ▶ Project Open Space Acquisitions
  - ▶ Waldorf Parking Lot for the Waldorf Senior & Recreation Center
  - ▶ Mason Springs property
  - ▶ Popes Creek Waterfront Phase II
- ▶ Project Open Space Developments
  - ▶ White Plains Golf Course and Regional Park
  - ▶ Gilbert Run Regional Park
  - ▶ Chapel Point Park (Maryland Department of Natural Resources Partnership)

# Recreation & Entertainment

## Parks & Amenities

- ▶ Project Open Space Developments (Continued)
  - ▶ Turkey Hill Dog Park
  - ▶ Laurel Springs Regional Park
  - ▶ Popes Creek Trail/Waterfront Phase I
  - ▶ Port Tobacco River Park
  - ▶ Waldorf Park
  - ▶ Maxwell Hall Historic House

# Recreation & Entertainment

## Parks & Amenities



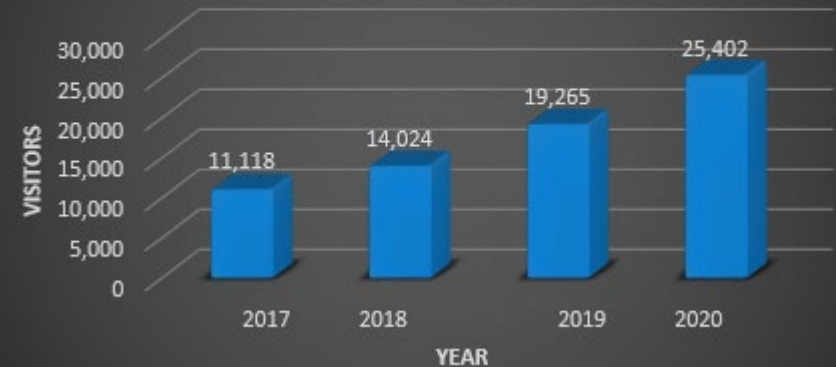
- ▶ **Playground Revitalization Program**
  - ▶ Gilbert Run Park
  - ▶ Laurel Springs Regional Park
  - ▶ Ruth B. Swann Park
  - ▶ Bensville Park
- ▶ **New Parks Projects**
  - ▶ Indian Head Rail Trail - seal coating
  - ▶ Bensville Park - installation of outdoor basketball court
  - ▶ White Plains Golf Course - cart path improvements
  - ▶ White Plains Regional Park - replacement of foot bridge leading to football field
  - ▶ Painting outside of Maxwell Hall Historic House
  - ▶ Turkey Hill Dog Park/Disc Golf Course - drainage improvements

# Recreation & Entertainment

## State Park & Waterway Recreation

- ▶ **Mallows Bay Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary**
  - ▶ Advisory Council formed held first virtual meeting December 2020
  - ▶ State and local Tourism organizations participated in focus group
- ▶ **2020 Outdoor Recreation Trends**

**Mallows Bay Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary**



**State Park Visitation**



## Recreation & Entertainment

# Entertainment, Stadium, Events, & Festivals

- ▶ Regency Furniture Stadium
  - ▶ Alignment of marketing initiatives
  - ▶ Event sponsorship (i.e. Labor Day Fireworks) and promotional support of events
  - ▶ Celebrity / hometown heroes video series collaboration
- ▶ Events / Festivals
  - ▶ Continue sponsorship of community events and promotion of visitor focused special events
  - ▶ Encourage local partnerships and execute “buy local” marketing campaigns
  - ▶ Community Grant Program (for local 501(c)(3) organizations
  - ▶ Maryland Tourism Office Public Relation Collaborations (FOX 5 DC)



## Recreation & Entertainment

# Agritourism

- ▶ Staff supported Rural Planning and Zoning Task Force (RPZTF) and Agritourism subcommittee.
- ▶ Collaborated with PGM and Rural Planning and Zoning Task Force to develop, propose, and support a Zoning Text Amendment to strengthen definitions and clarify regulations for agriculture-related uses and tourism. (ZTA #20-156)
- ▶ Worked with staff to develop and propose a Zoning Text Amendment for on- and off-farm “Craft Beverage” production. (Bill No. 2018-04)
  - ▶ Have since welcomed Charles County’s first brewery, on-farm winery, and additional licensed distillery
- ▶ Promote/market agriculture-based ventures through EDD channels to parallel “Explore Charles County” outlets
- ▶ Staff participates in the Regional Innovation Collaborative’s Quality of Life work group

# Affordable / Workforce Housing

- ❖ Housing Authority Committee
- ❖ Equitable Housing

# Housing Authority Committee

- ▶ Brought \$950,000 in new housing resources into Charles County in 2020 via Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), aimed at providing emergency rental assistance to prevent evictions among residents affected by COVID-19
- ▶ Newly awarded nearly \$5.9 million in ERAP federal grant funds to provide, in collaboration with local community non-profit agencies:
  - ▶ Housing Stability Services (i.e., legal services, tenant rights, case management)
  - ▶ Utility/energy assistance, including arrearages
  - ▶ Emergency Rental Assistance to prevent eviction for failure to pay
  - ▶ Large-scale rental restitution for property management and multi-unit landlords
- ▶ Awarded \$800,000 in CDBG for the County's 1<sup>st</sup> Resiliency Authority project, aimed at remediating climate-related nuisance flooding for the Westdale Drive community of homes.
- ▶ Began initial dialogue for a “Displacement Task Force” in Charles County

## Affordable / Workforce Housing

# Equitable Housing

- ▶ Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program is the primary method by which housing affordability can be extended into any neighborhood or sector of the community, by linking affordability with tenant choice
  - ▶ Opened the waitlist in July 2020 for the first time since 2012
  - ▶ Anticipate re-opening the waitlist again in late-2021, to extend housing affordability to an additional cohort of applicants
- ▶ Other programs that support equitable access to safe, quality housing:
  - ▶ Settlement Expense Loan Program (SELP)
  - ▶ Special Loans Program (SLP)
  - ▶ USDA Rural Housing Preservation program
  - ▶ HCV to Homeownership
  - ▶ Foster Youth to Independence Program (FYI)
  - ▶ Supplemental Assistance for Facilities to Assist the Homeless vouchers (SAFAH)

## Affordable / Workforce Housing

# Equitable Housing - PGM

- ▶ Goal: Promote housing options that provide for diverse, quality and affordable housing choices
  - ▶ Create a Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) Program
    - ▶ Current provisions (Section 297.240 - 297.243) are voluntary and need revisions based on the 2018 CPAT APA Housing Study
    - ▶ Assessment of current housing stock
    - ▶ Research other jurisdictions
    - ▶ Considerations:
      - ▶ Mandatory MPDU inclusion (min % or # of affordable units) for new housing projects over 20 units
      - ▶ Increase the current voluntary minimum percentage (12% or 15% dependent upon zone)
      - ▶ Allow density bonuses or tax abatement for the provision of MPDUs beyond mandatory levels
      - ▶ Applicability to units both for sale or for rent
      - ▶ Ensure affordable and market-rate units are mixed

## Affordable / Workforce Housing

# Equitable Housing - PGM

- ▶ Remove barriers from and promote greater housing diversity
  - ▶ Townhouse text amendment before BoCC last week
  - ▶ Possible text amendment to remove the minimum square footage requirement for single family dwellings
  - ▶ Possible ZTA or inclusion in zoning code update to incorporate density changes and additional allowable uses
- ▶ Expand use of accessory dwelling units for single family and townhomes
  - ▶ Review Building Codes and Zoning Code and make amendments if necessary
- ▶ School Allocation Policy:
  - ▶ New School Allocation Policy (Dec 2020) has an affordable housing component (25% affordable/workforce housing) and has already increased interest



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