

State of the Town-2016

Chesapeake City

Maryland



Hidden Treasure of the Chesapeake

MAYOR DEAN GERACIMOS

TOPICS

The Vision

Revitalization Plan and Updates

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THE VISION

for Chesapeake City

To preserve
and position Chesapeake City
as a premier place to
LIVE, WORK and VISIT.



**Chesapeake City's
REVITALIZATION PLAN**

SEVEN CHAPTERS

First presented to the public in August 2012



Our Plan maps out the direction we want to go and how we ultimately want Chesapeake City to look like in the future.

Our plan serves as a tool for the Town as well as for the many Federal, State and Local agencies that are our partners.

Having the Plan puts us in a better position for securing Grants.

As we implement our plan, our position becomes stronger.

The LANDSCAPE PLAN

GOAL

To spruce up the entrances to Town
on both the north and south sides
through the use of landscaping and signage,
which will define our Town's beauty, uniqueness,
and sense of community pride.

Chesapeake City's REVITALIZATION PLAN • CHAPTER 1

The LANDSCAPE PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

New plantings at the South Side Bridge Loop

North Side Entrance

Beautification Projects at the
Ben Cardin C&D Recreational Trail Trailhead



Chesapeake City's REVITALIZATION PLAN • CHAPTER 1

The LANDSCAPE PLAN



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Beck's Landing Boardwalk repainted

Floating Dock re-decking completed

North Side Dock repaired following ice floe damage from winter of 2015

The LANDSCAPE PLAN

IN THE WORKS

The islands and bump outs that were installed as part of the Biddle Street ADA compliant sidewalk project will be planted within the next few months.



It will be another cooperative project between the Town and the State Highway Administration.

Chesapeake City's REVITALIZATION PLAN • CHAPTER 1

The LANDSCAPE PLAN

IN THE WORKS

Bohemia Manor 9th Grade Class Projects at
 Ferry Slip Park, Beck's Landing and Town Hall
 April 7 & 8

BECK'S LANDING

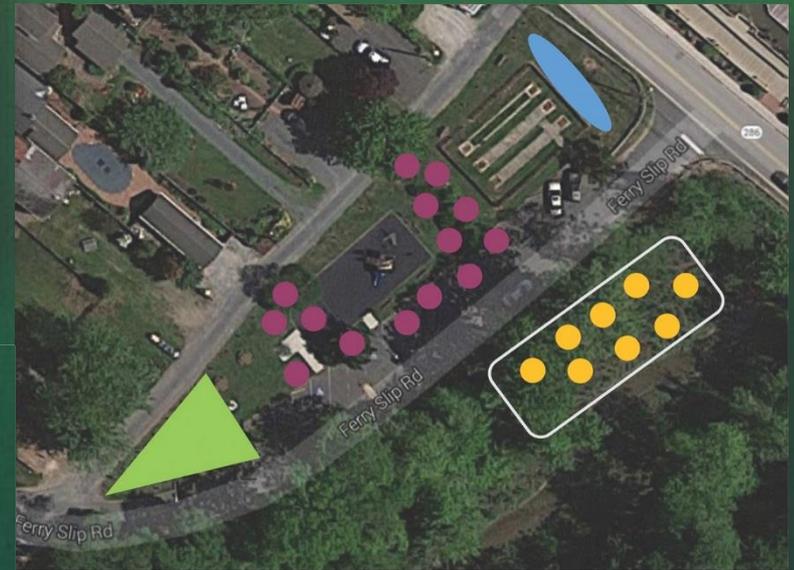


- Native Plants
- Rain Barrels
- Rain Garden
- Riparian Buffer



RAIN
 BARREL

FERRY SLIP PARK



- Riparian Buffer
- Rain Garden
- Butterfly Garden
- Native Plants
- Invasive Species Removal

The UTILITIES PLAN

GOAL

To bury telephone, cable, and electrical lines underground giving Chesapeake City a clean, historic look so that people will feel as if they have 'stepped back in time.'

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Existing Utility Pole and Overhead Wire Conditions

GEORGE STREET



SECOND STREET



The UTILITIES PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We passed an ordinance in 2014 requiring the utility companies to pay up to 50% of the cost to bury the utilities within the Historic District.

Town Staff and the Town Engineer met with the utility companies and it appears that burying the lines along the 100 & 200 Blocks of Bohemia Avenue as part of the Village Streetscape Project is possible, but will ultimately be contingent upon securing the grant funding for it.

The UTILITIES PLAN

THE FUTURE

Find funding.



Keep relationship building with the utility companies to get their buy-in and secure the funding through the Community Legacy Program and any other potential sources.

Chesapeake City's REVITALIZATION PLAN • CHAPTER 3

The INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

GOAL

Commit to steadily investing in fixing and maintaining Chesapeake City's infrastructure so the Town remains livable (healthy and affordable) for future generations.



The INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

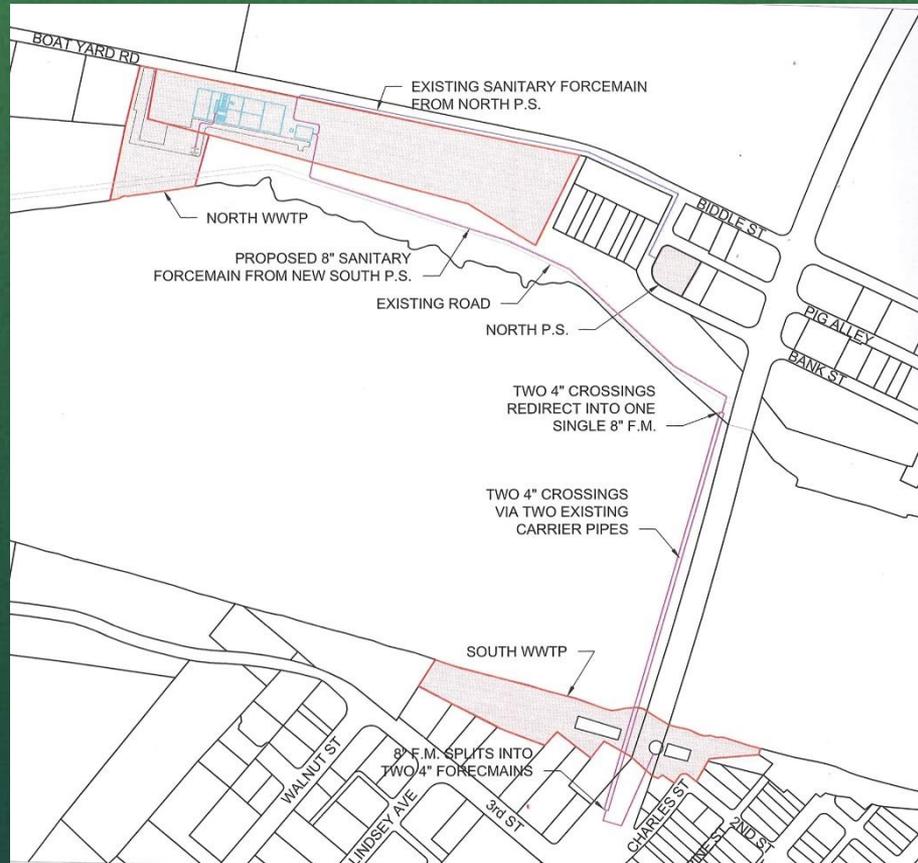
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Water Main Interconnection - *Completed 2013*
2. New Water Meters installed throughout Town - *Completed 2013*
3. North Water Tower removed – *Completed 2014*
4. Water & Sewer Extension to Bohemia Manor School Complex
– *Completed 2014*

The INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

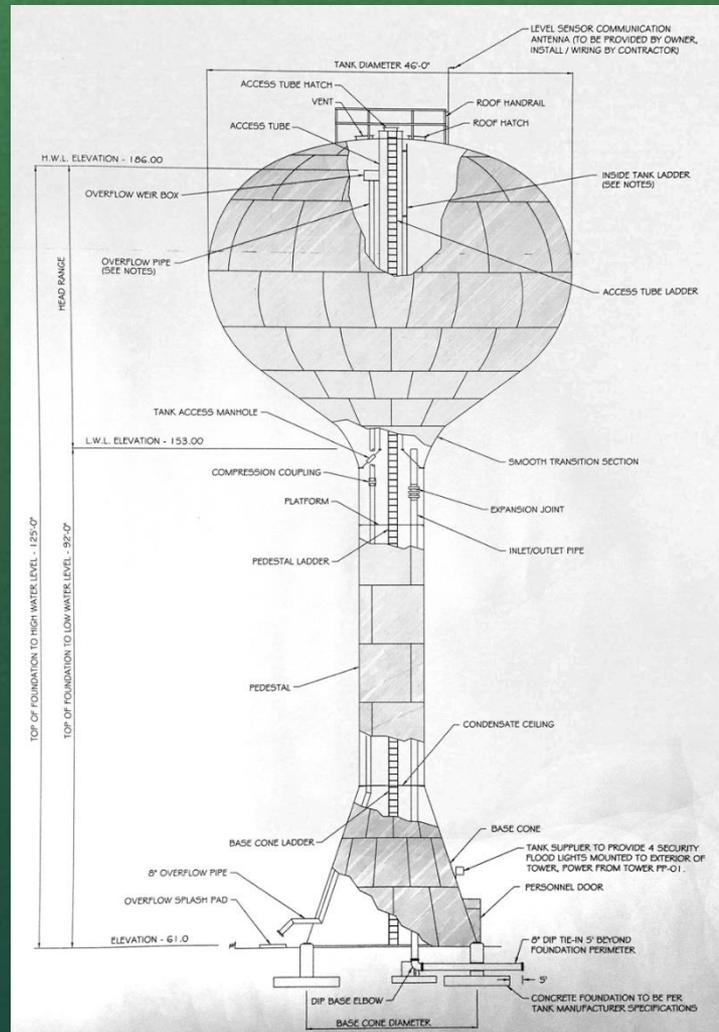
**New Waste Water Treatment Plant coming soon –
funding secured. Design in process. Construction to begin in 2017.**



The INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Water Storage Tank –
funding secured for
300,000 gallon
capacity tank.
Design in process.**



**Tank will be located
on the Bohemia Manor
School Complex property.
Construction to begin
this year.**

The INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

IN THE WORKS

Grant submitted to MDE in Jan. 2016 to fix I&I (Inflow & Infiltration into our sewer system) problems throughout the entire town.



The old and now disabled south water tower will be dismantled and removed as part of the new Water Storage Tank project.

Chesapeake City's REVITALIZATION PLAN • CHAPTER 4

The SIDEWALK PLAN

GOAL

To fix and enhance the sidewalks throughout Chesapeake City including bringing them up to ADA compliance and to create a signature look.

The SIDEWALK PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Biddle Street Project in 2014
2. Second Street Project in 2015.

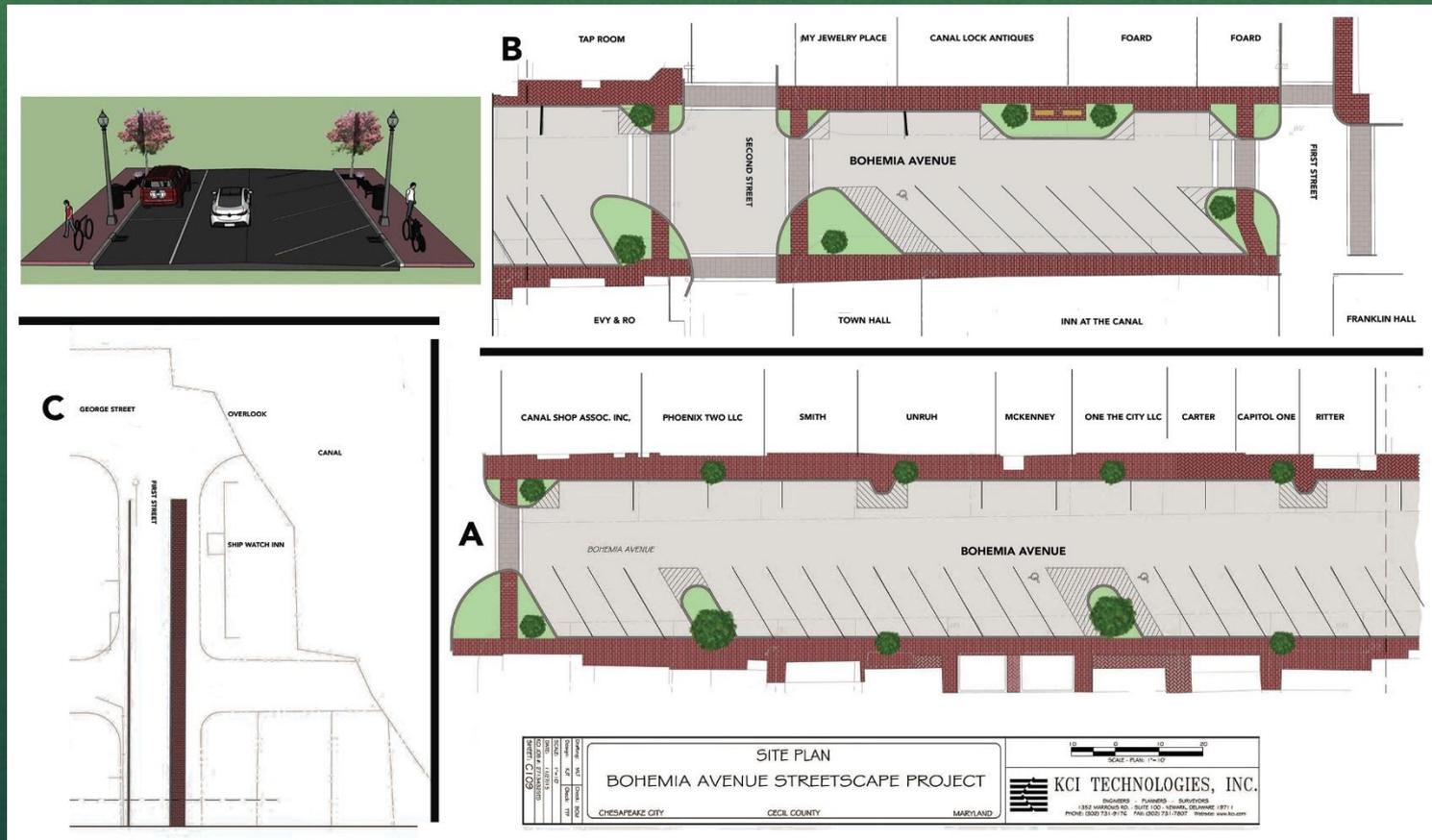


**SECOND STREET PROJECT COMPLETED
2015**

The SIDEWALK PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

3. Village Streetscape Project Design Completed (SEE BELOW)



The SIDEWALK PLAN

IN THE WORKS

GEORGE STREET SIDEWALKS – 8 ft. sidewalk will be constructed on the east side as part of the Bohemia Trail Project and will serve as a sidewalk & hiking/bicycling trail. Meanwhile, we will be pushing for SHA to utilize its Sidewalk Retrofit Program to install a 5 ft. wide *ADA compliant* sidewalk on the west side of the street.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – Design to begin soon for a sidewalk on the south side of Fourth Street connecting from the elementary school property to George Street plus extensions of the sidewalks on the school property.

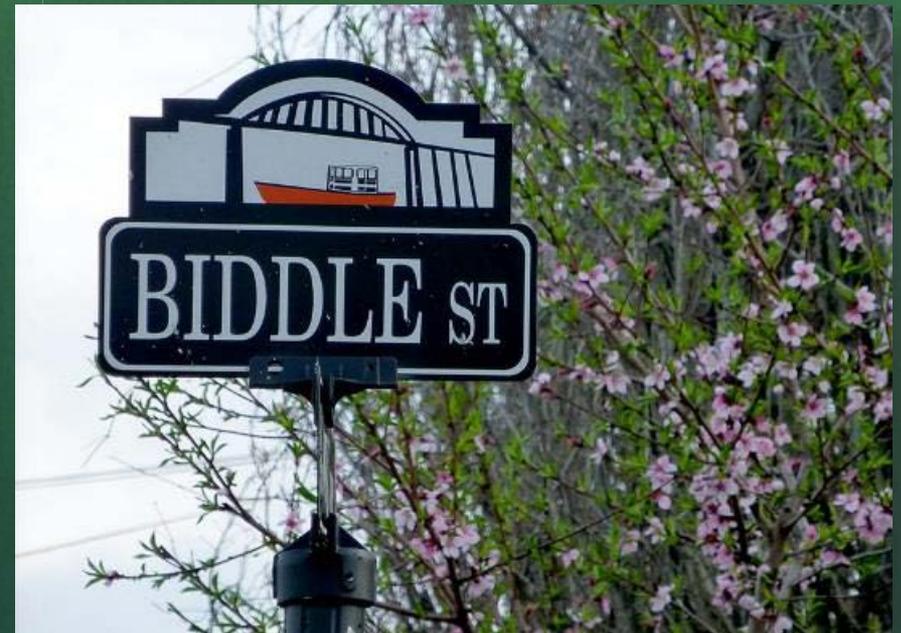
PHASING of the Village Streetscape Project

The SIGNAGE PLAN

GOAL

To replace all street signs, directional signs, and special posted signs with a signature look & to reduce the amount of signs.

Completed.



The SIGNAGE PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



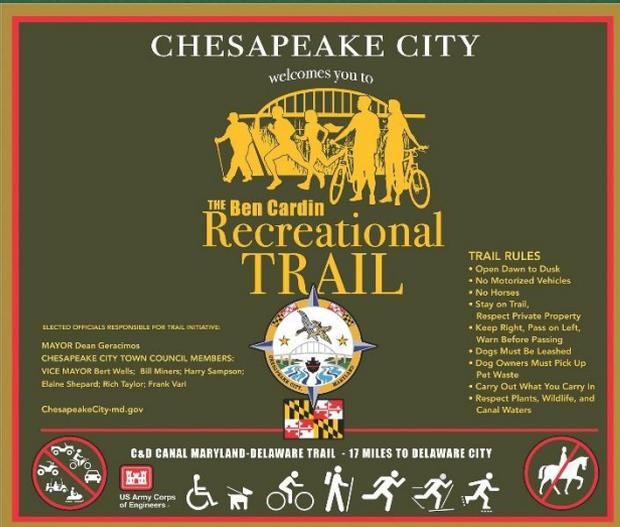
1. Developed and installed signage for Canal Trail

2. Created attractive, easily identifiable, directional signs for annual events.



TRAILHEAD

STATE LINE



The SHARED USE TRAIL PLAN

GOAL

To become a true trail destination town
by creating walking & bicycling trails
and linkages throughout Chesapeake City
for residents & visitors to enjoy.



Chesapeake City's REVITALIZATION PLAN • CHAPTER 6

The SHARED USE TRAIL PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



CANAL TRAIL WEST –
Completed October 2015



DEDICATION EVENT
Monday, October 5th 2015
with Maryland Senator
Ben Cardin
and Delaware Governor
Mike Castle

The SHARED USE TRAIL PLAN

Before

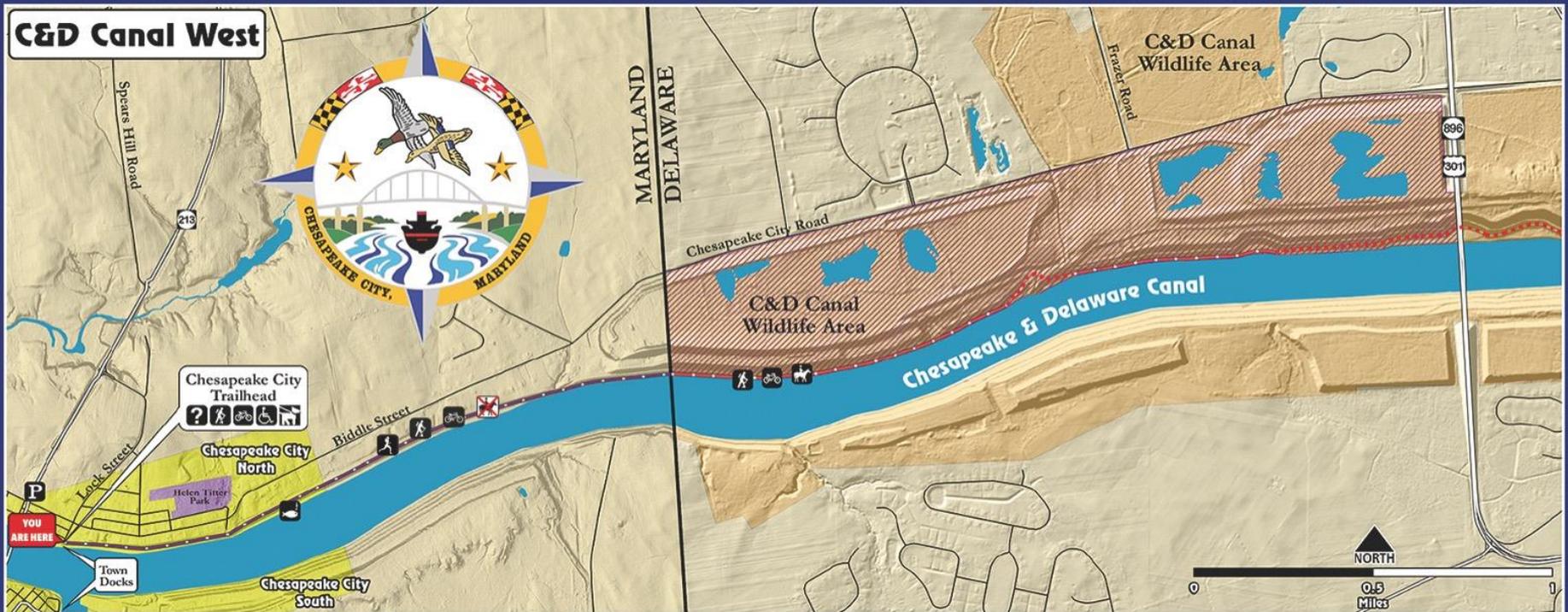


After



C & D CANAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL MAP

Delaware's section of the trail connecting Maryland into Delaware will be completed in July 2016, as will the entire Trail through to Delaware City.



The SHARED USE TRAIL PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Constructed parking lot at Bank Street Pump Station for trail users.



Also obtained approval from owner of Schaefer's for trail users to utilize Schaefer's overflow parking under the bridge north of Biddle Street.

The SHARED USE TRAIL PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENT



The completed trail gained
NATIONAL RECOGNITION
and promotion
on trail-user websites such as
www.trailink.com

TrailLink
by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

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My TrailLink Explore Engage

Ben Cardin C&D Canal Recreational Trail

Maryland ★★★★★
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Maryland's Ben Cardin C&D Canal Recreational Trail links to Delaware's Michael Castle Trail; both run along the north bank of the Chesapeake and Delaware (C&D) Canal and meet at the state line. The combined route takes travelers from the historical, quaint canal town of Chesapeake City to Delaware City.

The trailhead for the C&D Canal trail is located on the trail's western end at the base of Lock Street in North Chesapeake City. From there, the paved pathway runs along the waterfront for 1.8 miles to the Delaware border. The trail is named after U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, whose efforts made the trail a reality.

The C&D Canal was dug in the early 1800s and widened in the early 1900s. It is overseen by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Chesapeake City boasts charming boutiques and several exceptional restaurants. The city also provides a free ferry service from April through October to the south side of the community located on the opposite side of the canal. On this bank, you'll find a delightful and important museum about the canal.

Related Content

Chesapeake City
[dnrec.delaware.gov](#)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

TrailLink ID: 6564269

Trail Activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Trail end points: Lock Street (Chesapeake City) to Michael Castle Trail at the Delaware/Maryland state line

States: Maryland

Counties: Cecil

Length: 1.8 miles

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

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Parking and Trail Access

Take Route 40 (Pulaski Highway) to Maryland Route 213 southbound. It's approximately 6 miles to the entrance of North Chesapeake City. Do not cross the Route 213 bridge over the canal. Turn left into the entrance and follow Lock Street to Biddle Street. Follow the signs directing trail-goers to parking. The trailhead is located at Lock Street and the C&D Canal.

Reviews [Review This Trail](#)
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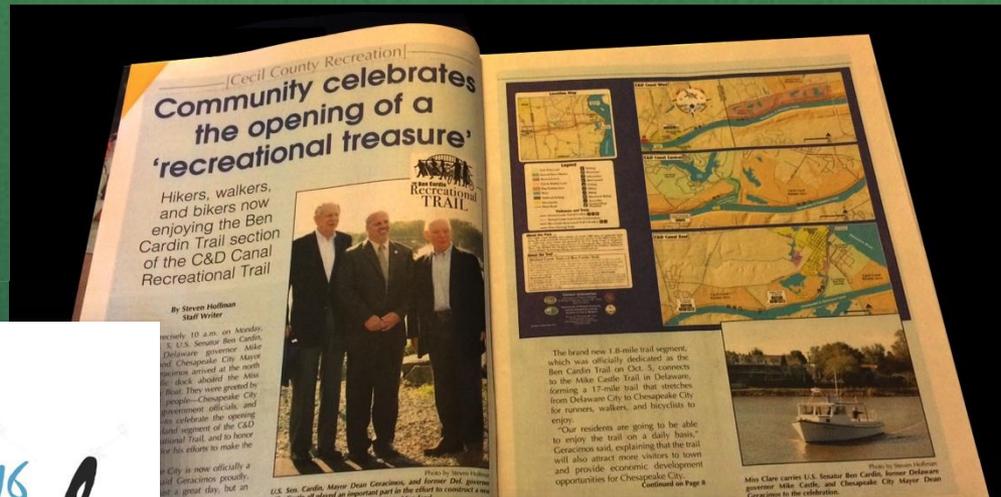
Download on the [App Store](#) [ANDROID APP ON Google play](#)

The SHARED USE TRAIL PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Trail Dedication Ceremony

Family cycling event for charity
September 24



5K Walk/Run
June 25

Tour de Canal
9/24/16

an annual family bicycling event and benefit
DEEP ROOTS INC. • THE PARIS FOUNDATION • GENERATION STATION
CHESAPEAKE CITY ECUMENICAL ASSOC.
C&D CANAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL • CHESAPEAKE CITY



The SHARED USE TRAIL PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Purchased Bridgepoint property in March 2016 for the Bohemia Trail – which will cross the property.

We will be selling a portion of the property to cover the purchase price of \$62,000 and will soon start the strategic planning process for the remainder of the property.

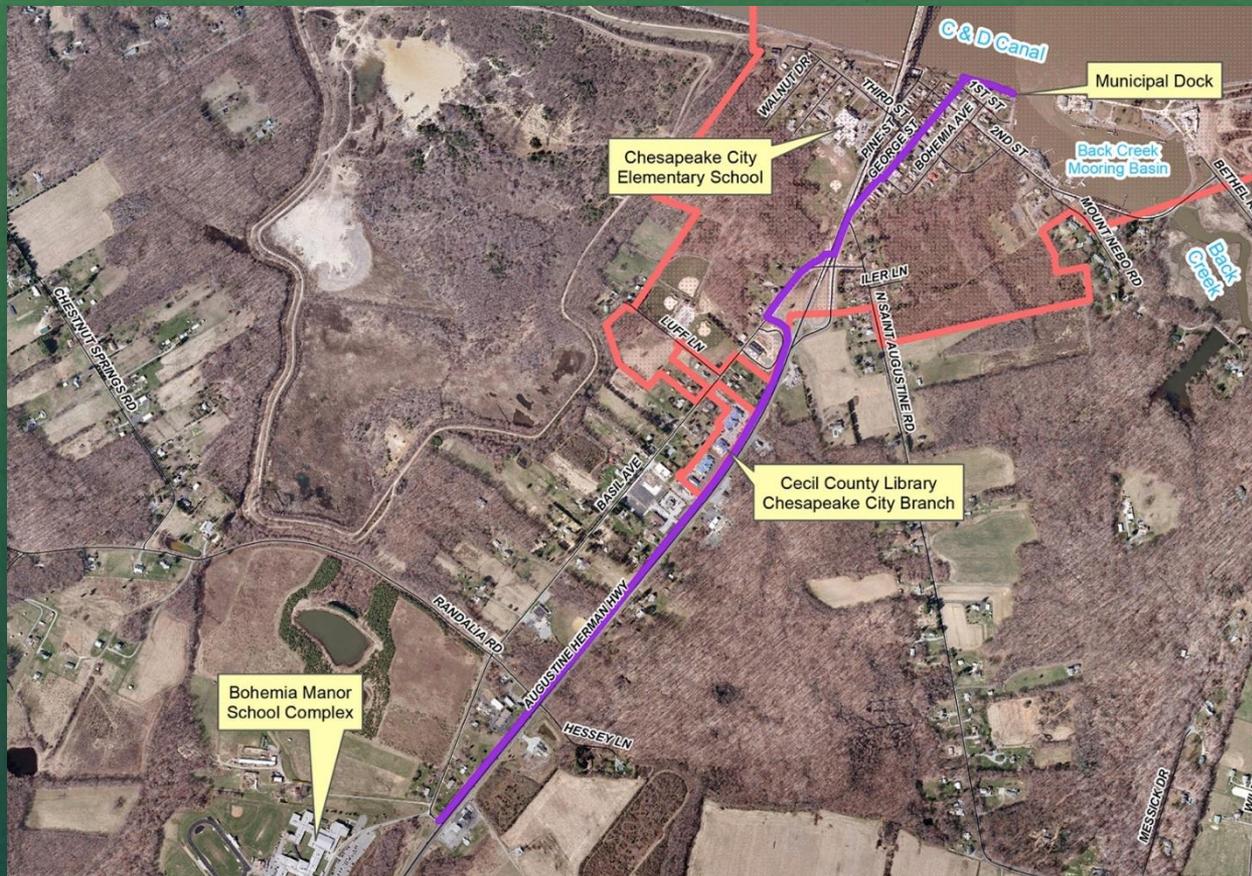
Ideas mentioned so far include trailhead parking, parking for overflow at Chesapeake City Little League, and a Visitors Center.

The SHARED USE TRAIL PLAN

IN THE WORKS

Bohemia Trail in final design stage

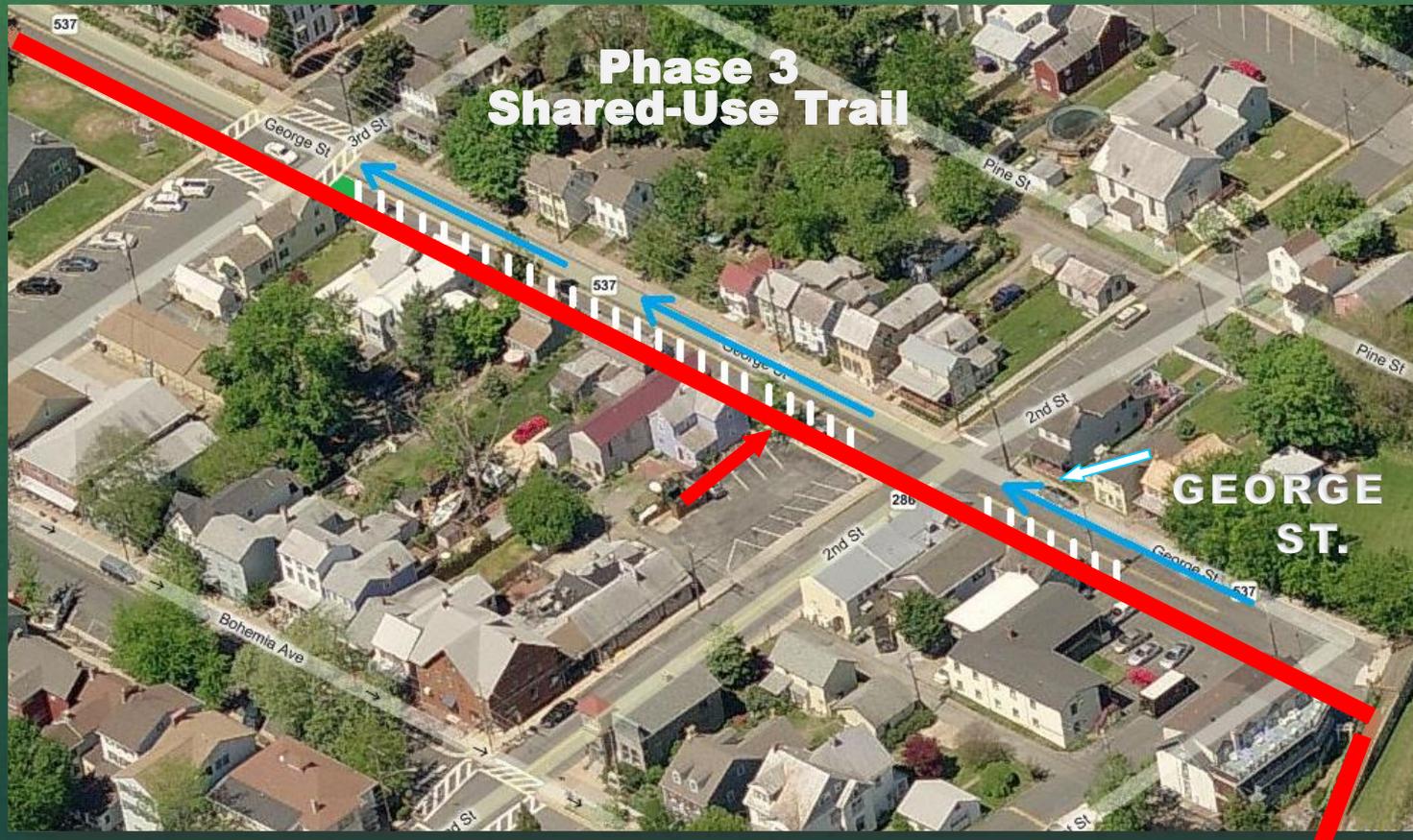
with construction expected to begin Fall 2016/Spring 2017



The SHARED USE TRAIL PLAN

THE FUTURE

George Street – Proposed ONE-WAY as part of the Bohemia Trail Project.



The SHARED USE TRAIL PLAN

THE FUTURE

Grant submitted in 2015 for a trailhead at Helen Titter Park – includes a permanent restroom facility, increased parking, and landscaping improvements – it is currently in the Governor's budget – hopefully it doesn't get cut!

Will be submitting a grant this year to construct a trail from Helen Titter Park along the north side of Lewis Street, across Biddle Street, and down the Town and Corps owned property (*abandoned section of Lewis Street*) to Canal Trail.



Chesapeake City's REVITALIZATION PLAN • CHAPTER 7

The ECONOMIC IMPACT PLAN

GOAL

Create & maintain a strategic economic plan that revitalizes the village business district and establishes special events and annual events to benefit both residents and visitors.

The ECONOMIC IMPACT PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Established the popular WinterFest of Lights in 2012.
FIFTH ANNUAL EVENT in 2016!



Chesapeake City's
4th Annual
WINTERFEST of Lights

Shop and Dine and Stay the Night See the Magic of Christmas Light Up the Canal

TURN ON THE LIGHTS

November 21
PET PARADE
Dress your pets and bring them to see Santa. Parade begins at Noon.
Blessing of the Animals
Dog Agility Demos.
410-920-7019

November 29
6 pm
LIONS CLUB CONCERT & TREE LIGHTING
Full Gardens

Throughout the Season!
Marvel at our bigger-than-life even MORE LIGHT DISPLAYS around town and along the water.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP
December 5, 12 & 19
3 pm to 6 pm
SEE SANTA in his workshop inside Historic Franklin Hall. Crafts for kids to do.

WOW
The Waterman's CRAB POT TREE!

SANTA BY CARRIAGE
After the Tree Lighting WELCOME SANTA when the mighty Clydesdales bring Mr. Claus to town. Watch for him coming down the hill into Fell Gardens.

CANDLELIGHT TOUR
December 12
6 pm to 9 pm
AN OLD-FASHIONED EVENING OF VULETIDE HOSPITALITY.
More Charming homes, this year. Enjoy Caroling, Unique displays, and Carriage rides. \$12 advance. \$13 on the 15th.
443-553-0071

VICTORIAN TEA
November 28, December 5, & December 12 & 19
1 pm
A CHRISTMAS TEA at The Blue Man Inn. \$22.50 incl. tax & gratuity. Catered by the chefs at Chesapeake Inn. 410-885-2781. CALL NOW! Space limited.

More CAROLING
December 5, 12, 19 Afternoons

More CARRIAGE RIDES
December 5 & 19
2 PM to 4 PM
Ride with the CLYDESDALES from Winkab Farm

MRS. CLAU'S MAILBOX
MEET MRS. CLAU at Mary's Palette. Children can shop here for gifts to give that cost less than \$5 - just for kids! Santa's Mailbox is here!

ICE SKATING RINK HOURS
Opening Day! November 21: Noon-7pm
FRIDAYS: 4pm-7pm SATURDAYS: 2pm-7pm SUNDAYS: 2pm-6pm
SPECIAL DAYS: Nov. 27: Noon-7pm • Nov. 28: 2pm-7pm
Nov. 29: 2pm-6pm • Dec. 12: 2pm-9pm
Dec. 21, 22, 28: Noon-7pm • Dec. 28: Noon-6pm
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY
Jan. 1: 2pm-7pm LAST DAY: January 17
SKATING LESSONS: Sundays Nov. 29 thru Dec. 27: 1pm-2pm
Student Recital: January 1 at 1pm
Enjoy our synthetic ice rink overlooking the Canal. Skate rentals are included in the \$7 ticket price. Rink is closed during inclement weather. 410-920-7019

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Chesapeake Inn
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Chesapeake City
Town of Chesapeake City
The Regent House
Local Businesses and residents
Chesapeake City Lions Club

www.ChesapeakeCity.com
410-885-5298



The ECONOMIC IMPACT PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Successfully promoted Chesapeake City to its target markets through free publicity, billboards, printed materials, and paid advertising.

October 23 & 24

GHOST WALK

Chesapeake City

6pm to 9pm

Time for green

Ches. City names couple as St. Patrick's Day Parade marshals

By DARA MICHRIE
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Marching bands from area high schools participate annually in Chesapeake City's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

BUCK WALKER PHOTO

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Prizes will also be awarded to the float or group with the "best Irish spirit," the "best dress group," and the "Twin Go Bree award." Pets wearing green also invited to march. They will be the only animals in the parade from Winkab Farm are on schedule.

Also on the parade route will be the 60-member Rising High School Band, a combined marching band composed of students from North East, Elkton and Bohemia Minor High Schools.

After the parade, the town's crawl features stops at four restaurants, where the Philadelphia Mummers' Druif String Band performs. The band will be at Chesapeake Inn Restaurant at 1:45 to 2:15 p.m., The Inn from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m., and The Yard House Restaurant from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. The last stop is Seifer's Restaurant on Canal from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call 410-492-7018 or visit cec.net.

410-8...

WELCOME to the C&D Canal Recreational Trail

17 miles of trail in Maryland and Delaware along the historic canal that connects the Chesapeake Bay and the Delaware Bay — a protected waterway carrying ships and yachts from all around the world.

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Explore Cecil

Middletown Life

Inside:
An essay about Cecil by Eric Gumbert
A questionnaire about the library's resources, national award
A place where you can...
...on the...
...County Press Publication

COMPLIMENTARY COPY

Step back in time - close to home

HISTORIC • ROMANTIC • FUN

Chesapeake City

Hidden Treasure of the Chesapeake

ON THE NORTH & SOUTH BANKS OF THE C & D CANAL

NOW OPEN WEEKENDS

SCHAEFERS CANAL HOUSE
CHESAPEAKE INN
BAYARD HOUSE

World-class restaurants. Famous Crab Cakes. Romantic dining & ship watching with drinks & Great food and town!

Come and stay awhile! Our charming Bed & Breakfast inns offer old-fashioned comforts and hospitality.

AWESOME SHIP WATCHING

INN AT THE CANAL
BLUE FLAX INN

Summer Sunday Concerts • July Fireworks • August Vintage Car Show

CONCERTS
UNIQUE HISTORICAL HOMES IN HISTORIC DOTTAGES
JULY 1st
PRIME 255

The ECONOMIC IMPACT PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

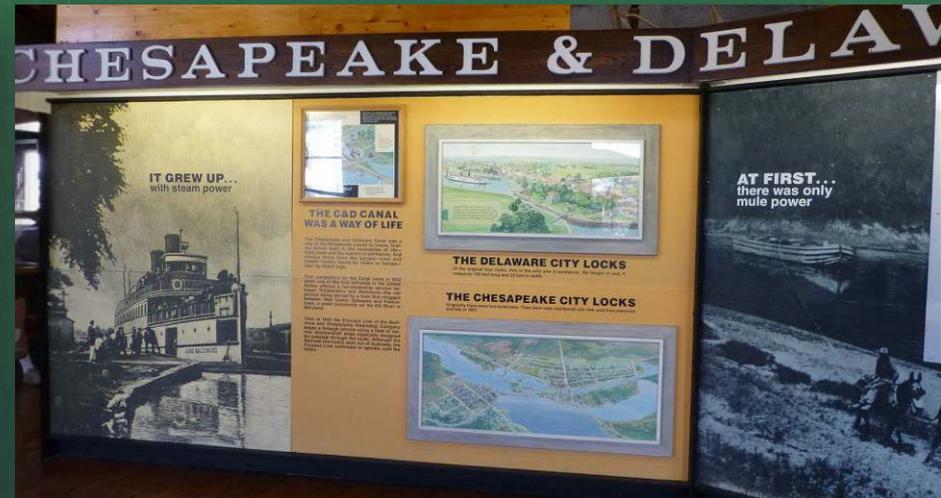
The C & D Canal Museum – A TOP TOURISM ATTRACTION NOW OPEN ON WEEKENDS
Opening on Saturdays and Sundays APRIL THRU OCTOBER.

This is a cooperative effort among the Town, the ACOE, Chesapeake Inn, The Bayard House, and Schaefers Restaurant and Canal Bar providing weekend staffing at the museum.

2015:
20 OPEN weekends
OVER 1,000 NEW
VISITORS IN 2015



2016:
30 OPEN weekends



The ECONOMIC IMPACT PLAN

NEW BUSINESS!

Welcome to Chesapeake City: Evy & Ro, A New Leaf, North East Chocolates Too, and Prime 225!

Prime 225



Evy & Ro

A New Leaf



North East
Chocolates Too
in Belle
Connell's
Emporium



THE FUTURE

Develop a plan to recruit more new businesses.

The ECONOMIC IMPACT Plan

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sustainable Community Designation obtained from the Maryland Dept. of Housing & Community Development in 2013, which opens the door to Community Legacy Grants and makes Chesapeake City a priority for grants administered by other State agencies.



The ECONOMIC IMPACT PLAN

IN THE WORKS

1. Creating a Tourism Committee is vital to attaining this goal.



2. Working with CECIL COUNTY TOURISM to increase our visibility in the national market by sharing National print advertising space.
3. Working with VISIT MARYLAND to increase online awareness to national tourism interests.

The ECONOMIC IMPACT PLAN

IN THE WORKS

Boating and boaters are a vital part of our tourism economy, however the current depth of the basin threatens access of many boats to our town docks and businesses.

To address this issue a grant was submitted in 2015 for funding to dredge the basin.

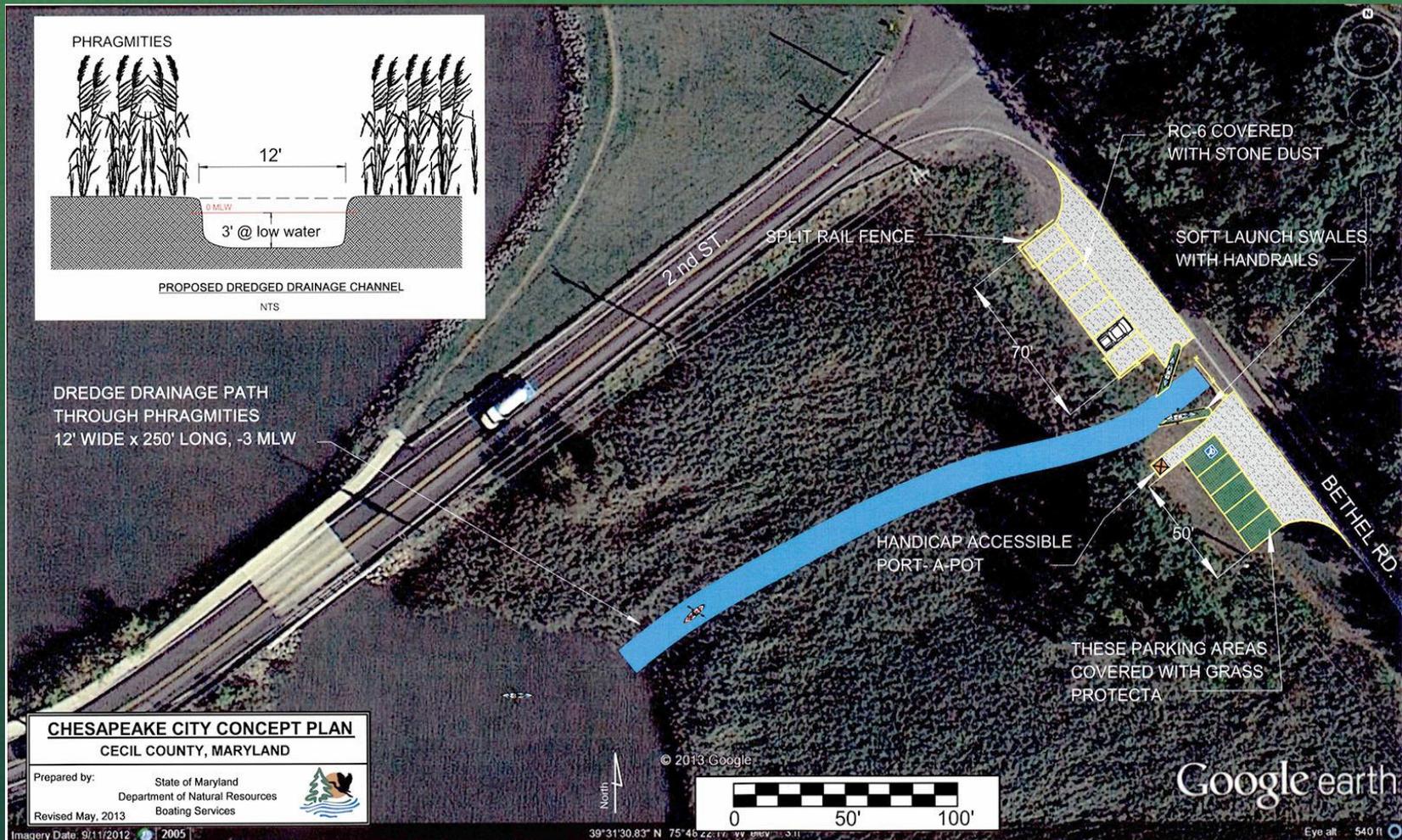
- Working with DNR, the Army Corps, and state and federal officials to try to make it happen this year.



The ECONOMIC IMPACT PLAN

IN THE WORKS

BACK CREEK • Proposed Kayak/Canoe/Paddle Board Launch



The ECONOMIC IMPACT PLAN

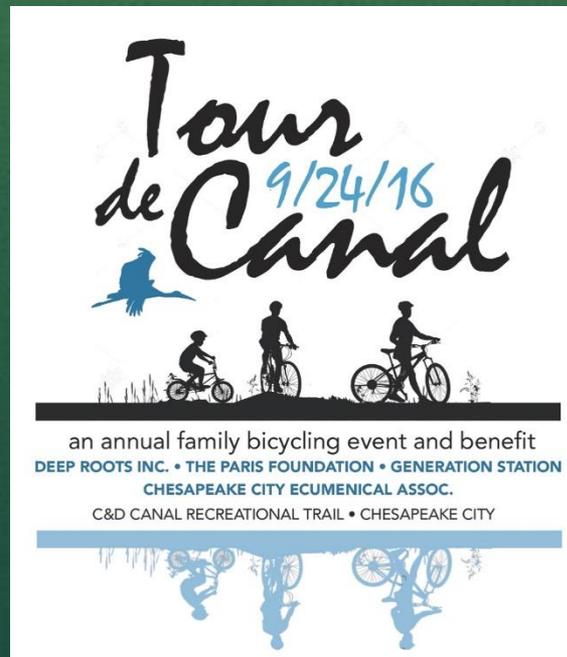
IN THE WORKS

Work with a private entity to facilitate a FERRY SERVICE to shuttle people & bicycles across the Canal.

Add An event to celebrate Healthy Lifestyles and Outdoor Activities focusing on The C&D Canal Recreational Trail

Coming
SEPTEMBER
24TH

MAJOR
TRAIL
EVENT
Benefitting
4 local charities.



The ECONOMIC IMPACT PLAN

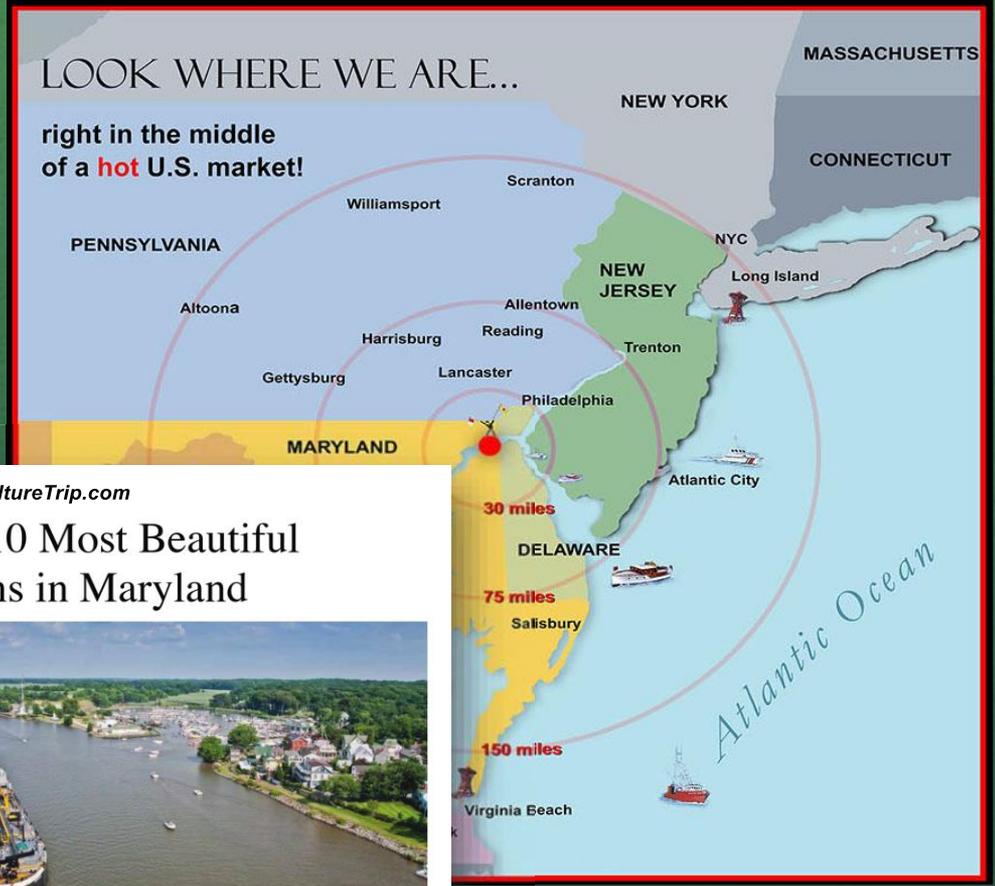
Chesapeake City is logistically close to most major mid-Atlantic markets but we are on the map as a waterfront Victorian town with a small town village ambiance.

IN THE WORKS

Working with Cecil County Tourism and the State of Maryland to further promote Chesapeake City not only as a top tourism destination but also as a great place to Invest in business and/or home ownership.



Cecil County
Tourism
SeeCecil.org



LOOK WHERE WE ARE...

right in the middle of a hot U.S. market!

from CultureTrip.com
The 10 Most Beautiful Towns in Maryland



Chesapeake City
A tiny little town located on the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, Chesapeake is an idyllic little section of Maryland filled with history and charm. The town lies right on the edge of the waterfront, and is bordered by trees and fields which turn a lush green or a beautifully burnished bronze and orange according to the season, filling the town with colour and warmth. Chesapeake itself is largely unspoiled too, having retained an incredible proportion of its 19th-century buildings and houses which have been converted into inns, restaurants and a local museum, perfect for experiencing the town's heritage and culture.

The ECONOMIC IMPACT PLAN

THE FUTURE

Developing a plan/strategy to establish Chesapeake City as a premiere Wedding Destination.



Developing a plan/strategy to establish Chesapeake City as a corporate retreat center.

THE VISION BECOMES REALITY

As you can see, many steps have already been accomplished but many more need to be taken in order to preserve the future of our unique town and to enhance the quality of life of our current and future residents as well as the quality of our visitors' experience.

Remember, the Revitalization Plan is a working document!

FINANCIAL STATUS

Chesapeake City continues to be in a strong financial position. We have been able to undertake many projects that have been made possible through the acquisition of grant monies.

The infusion of these outside funds has kept our general fund strong, while enabling the Town to move forward.

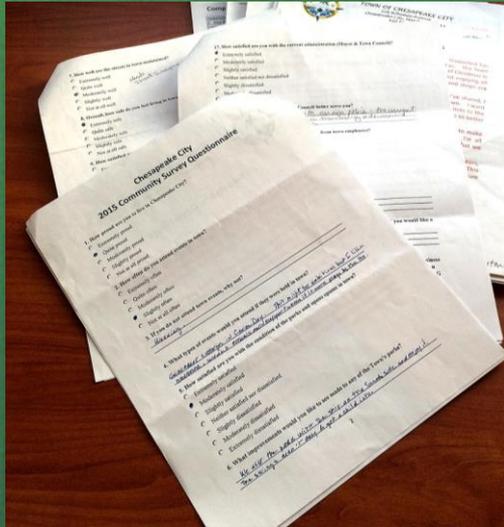
IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFO

GRANTS AWARDED and PROJECT CONTRIBUTORS

\$19,190,000.00

- \$2.06 million Federal Highway grant for Canal Trail
- \$1.35 million Transportation Alternative Program grant from SHA for Bohemia Trail
- \$750,000 from Cecil County for the Bohemia Manor Water & Sewer Extension Project
- \$856,000 from USDA for the Bohemia Manor Water & Sewer Extension Project
- \$53,700 from Safe Routes to School program grant from SHA for a project on Third & Fourth Streets and the Chesapeake City Elementary School property
- \$526,000 SHA Sidewalk Retrofit Program for Rehab of Sidewalks on Biddle Street
- \$312,000 SHA Sidewalk Retrofit Program for Rehab of Sidewalks on 2nd Street
- \$36,000 Bikeways Program grant from SHA to be used for design of Bohemia Trail
- \$1,400 Bikeways Program grant from SHA for the purchase of bicycle racks
- \$80,000 Community Legacy grant for street-scaping of the 100 & 200 blocks of Bohemia Ave. and First Street
- \$108,000 Community Parks & Playground grant from DNR for lights at Chesapeake City Community Park – Home of Chesapeake City Little League
- \$73,500 Waterway Improvement Fund grant from DNR for the re-decking of the 200' long floating Town dock
- \$30,000 SEARCH Planning Grant from USDA for Preliminary Environmental & Environmental Reports for the new WWTP
- \$300,000 from MDE for the new water meters
- \$800,000 from MDE for the Water Main Extension from the DE state line
- \$832,000 Grant from MDE for the new Water Storage Tank
- \$832,000 combined grant & low interest loan from USDA for the new Water Storage Tank
- \$9 million combined from MDE & USDA for the new Waste Water Treatment Plant – will be a combination of grants and low interest loans

COMMUNICATION WORKS



Please give us your email address and we'll let you know what's happening in town in a timely manner.



Make sure we have YOUR CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER for emergency notifications.

A comprehensive Newsletter, filled with things you need to know, comes to you every quarter along with your water bill.

COMMUNITY SURVEY.

We are pleased with the number of responses received since it was the 1st time that we've conducted a formal community survey. All of the respondents indicated that they are very proud to live here and that Chesapeake City's future is promising.

We received some great suggestions that we will work to implement and some concerns that we will address to the extent possible.

If you didn't complete a survey, it's not too late—we would still love to hear from you and we have the original survey at a table in the back of the room for you to complete & return this evening or you can take it home and return it to town hall at a later date.

WE REALLY DO WANT YOUR INPUT!

hello SPRING

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SPRING 2016

From the MAYOR

Please plan to attend "The State of the Town" presentation on Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30pm at Schaefer's Restaurant, in the Banquet Hall. We will present an informative session illustrating an update on the Revitalization Plan, provide an overview of the past year's accomplishments, and review plans for the coming year. Special thanks to Schaefer's for providing the town with this fantastic space. **DEAN GERACIMOS, Mayor**

TRUDY CARTER, Parks and Recreation, Ethics, Charter
Happy Spring!
A few things to look for in the near future:
Watershed Action Project: We were contacted by The Education Director of the Fair Hill Nature Center, Nora Wintermute, who is working with the Bohemia Manor 9th grade class to plan a project in Chesapeake City. They received a \$5000.00 grant, for each of the five high schools in Cecil County, to use on trees, plants, shovels, soil, tarps, etc., working toward improving the health of our watersheds. Sandra Edwards, Town Manager, and I met with them and toured both sides of town to determine appropriate sites for their project. The students chose Ferry Slip Park, Becks Landing and the property around Town Hall. Subsequently, Sandra and I walked the area with David Pardue, our maintenance engineer, who cleared the debris, shrubs and overgrown brush prior to the onset of the project. The students are excited to start planting trees, building a rain garden, and installing rain barrels. The project is scheduled to begin on April 7th/8th.

Pinwheels for Prevention: The Cecil County Health Department asked the town to participate in a national campaign "Pinwheels for Prevention" to raise awareness for child abuse. Cecil County joined the campaign just last year. Funding was allocated to place pinwheel gardens throughout Cecil County during April. We are excited for the town to participate. Look for the blue pinwheel gardens that will be planted on or about April 4th at the entrances on both the North and South sides of town. I look forward to hearing from you with any questions or concerns!

HARRY SAMPSON, Water & Sewer, Parking, Historic Commission
Water & Sewer: We continue moving forward with our plans to construct a new Waste Water Treatment facility to replace our two outdated ones. We are progressing toward the construction of a new water storage tank for 2016. Our valve inspection program is complete. We now are identifying and planning to replace any valves that do not operate correctly, to assure that we can isolate leaks without shutting large areas of the town.
Public Works: We weathered the winter with only one major snowstorm. Our snow removal was carried out efficiently by the team of David Pardue along with our contractor, Lecco Construction. Thank you to the residents of Chesapeake City who greatly cooperated with the snow removal activities. I have been reviewing the ongoing pot-hole patching and other various projects with Project Manager, Rob Bernstein.

PLAN AHEAD: The Independence Day Committee is considering hosting a **BOAT PARADE** on Saturday, July 2, after dark. Prizes will be awarded for decorated boats. **Interested?** Call Natalie Conroy 410-920-7018.

FIREWORKS CELEBRATION DATE:
Friday Night - July 1, 2016

SAVE THE DATE

TOWN COUNCIL TEAM MEMBERS

BILL MINERS(vice-mayor)

*Finance Commissioner, Docks, Newsletter, Special Projects,
Tourism, Representative to WILMAPCO*

TRUDY CARTER

Parks and Recreation, Charter, Code Enforcement, Ethics

TOMMY MORRIS

Public Safety Commissioner, assists with police force

HARRY SAMPSON

*Water & Sewer Commissioner, Roads Commissioner,
serves on the Historic Commission*

FRANK VARI

*serves on the Planning Commission,
oversees the Town's Recycling and 5K Race programs*

TOWN STAFF

Sandra Edwards – Town Manager/Grant Writer

Valerie Walls – Treasurer/Clerk

Mary Cooper – Water Sewer Billing Clerk & Receptionist

David Pardee – Maintenance Engineer

CONSULTANTS/CONTRACT EMPLOYEES:

Rob Bernstine – Project Manager (20 hrs./wk.)

Carla Miners – Director of Economic Development & Tourism
(12hrs./wk.)

GET INVOLVED!

Chesapeake City needs you!

We need you to come to
Council Meetings and Workshops.

We need you to serve on a committee.
The more residents that get involved
the better our town will be.

THINK ABOUT IT.

Help is needed for:

Tourism Committee, Events Committees
Parks and Recreation, Litter Pick Up,
WinterFest Committee, Easter Egg Hunt
And more!

PLEASE CALL TOWN HALL
TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
VOLUNTEERING



**WE
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IN CONCLUSION

Come to our monthly Council meetings and workshops,
inquire about serving on a town committee,
run for office, volunteer for special projects & events.

It has been a privilege to be your Mayor.
We have a great town and it's getting better all the time.
I would be honored to continue my service and help bring all of the projects
we have in the works to completion.

Thank you for your time this evening and as always,
please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, questions,
or concerns you may have.

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Yours truly,
Mayor Dean Geracimos