



# HARFORD

COUNTY

*Maryland's New Center of Opportunity*

BARRY GLASSMAN, COUNTY EXECUTIVE



2017 PROGRESS REPORT



## *Fiscal Balance, Efficiency & Investing in Our Workforce*

- Record level investments in education & public safety without raising tax rates
- AAA bond rating retained; rating agencies cite “very strong management”
- \$24 million budgeted over three years to restore salary increases for teachers, law enforcement, and public employees providing vital services
- \$5.7 million in procurement savings over three years through smarter negotiations
- \$750K in new annual revenue by shifting recordation tax collection to existing county staff
- Implemented performance management and modernized training for all county employees

## *“Smartphone” Technology & Customer Service*

- First Mobile app launch for the county website
- Salt brine anti-icing technology for safer county roads
- New online story maps expand access to government data
- Modernized management of customer service requests
- Enhanced app for after-hours water & sewer maintenance requests
- Trenchless technology used to repair roadway drainage pipes, reducing road closures

## *Investing in Education*

- In FY18 Budget
  - » \$5 million to increase instructional salaries in HCPS
  - » \$1 million to fund technology in HCPS
  - » Full funding for Harford Community College
- Funding committed for Havre de Grace Middle/High School construction to begin in FY18
- Access to county fueling sites shared with HCPS to maximize existing resources

## *Economic Vitality, Jobs & Quality of Life*

- Added 2,500 private sector jobs and \$382M in capital investment since December 2014
- Completed comprehensive zoning review
- New Harford Transit LINK bus route to jobs in Perryman and Riverside
- Edgewood Small Area Study identifies revitalization opportunities
- Bynum Ridge Sewer upgrades lift the development moratorium in Forest Hill
- Harford County Agricultural Center consolidates ag organizations under one roof
- Completed Phase I implementation of Joint Land Use Study with APG
- Expansion of Greater Aberdeen/Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone
- “Harford Has It” shop local campaign
- First county-owned bus shelters installed in Aberdeen
- New dog park open in Abingdon
- New Deer Creek canoe/kayak launch in Street
- Country Concert celebrating 30 years of the Harford County Farm Fair
- Secured MOU with Md. Transportation Authority for Susquehanna Bridge Running Festival

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## Strengthening Families & Communities

- \$250K in county funding for opioid prevention and treatment leveraged to \$1.3 million; PSA video contest for teens; Facing Addiction Summit with 19th U.S. Surgeon General; award-winning opioid prevention campaign reaches 12 million impressions
- First Harford County Emergency Medical Services Standards Advisory Board to support high quality care
- Budgeted the first county-owned ambulance service
- First in the state to develop opioid-related 911 protocols to protect first responders
- First Harford County property tax credit for qualifying seniors & retired veterans
- First Harford County Youth & Family Resource Fair draws 1,000 attendees
- First Harford County iCanBike Camp held for citizens with disabilities
- First in the state with Parenting Inside Out & Project Seek, reducing the trauma of parental incarceration
- First in the state outside of Baltimore City to co-host Project Homeless Connect in partnership with United Way
- Housing Resource Fair serves 200 first-time homebuyers

## Improving Our Natural Environment

- \$8.8 million budgeted for storm water remediation for FY17
- \$330K Bay Restoration Fund award for outperforming wastewater treatment standards
- \$90K grant through NOAA to create a green infrastructure plan
- New cash incentives to preserve agricultural land at risk of development
- Joppatowne wastewater treatment plant upgraded with ultraviolet disinfection technology
- PACE fund enacted to incentivize clean energy infrastructure

## Awards & Leadership

- Three National Association of Counties awards for innovative programs:
  - » Decisions That Determine Your Destiny
  - » Harford Streams Summer Adventure
  - » Virtual Town Hall Budget Meeting
- International Academies of Emergency Dispatch Re-accreditation: Harford County Emergency Services distinguished as the 120th Emergency Medical Dispatch Accredited Center in the world
- Transportation Association of Maryland's 2017 Outstanding Transit System of the Year - Harford Transit LINK
- Maryland Association of Counties - Board Secretary
- Maryland Economic Development Corporation - Member, Board of Directors
- Harford County Historic Preservation Award
- Darlington Apple Festival "Apple of our Eye Award"
- Fourth Annual BG 5K Run/Walk to fight heroin and homelessness

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