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After months of preparation, my proposed budget for the fiscal year 2017 was recently presented to the County Council and published on the county website. I am proud to have recommended a fiscally responsible plan including the lowest level of capital spending in 16 years.

My budget also demonstrates that my administration can live within our means and still deliver valuable services to our citizens. In fact, county efficiencies will allow us to reinvest in the people who deliver these services without increasing taxes or overall spending.

Smaller and faster local government with better service - this is how Harford County is leading the way forward as Maryland's new center of opportunity.

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# H A R F O R D 2016 N E X T

## A MASTER PLAN FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

### **Harford NEXT - A Master Plan for the Next Generation**

In May of 1608, Captain John Smith wrote the following passage in his diary as he navigated the rocks and viewed the Susquehanna River near what was to become Harford County:

"Heaven and earth never agreed better to frame a place for man's habitation. Here are mountains, hills, plains, valleys, rivers and brookes all running most pleasant into a faire bay."

As a native of Harford County, I know that we live in a special place, and it is very important to me that we plan to keep it that way. Yet our maturing county is at a crossroads. As we take steps toward a vision that allows us to remain successful for the next several decades, we must find the right balance between our future and protecting our precious land and water resources.

With that in mind, I am pleased to present HarfordNEXT - A Master Plan for the Next Generation. This forward-looking and visionary comprehensive plan lays out our aspirational policies and goals in a flexible framework that will allow the county government to encourage economic growth while enhancing our quality of place. Arising from the most transparent planning process in Harford County history, HarfordNEXT is also our most accessible master plan, written in plain language for anyone to understand and share in our county's bright future.

Our ultimate goal is to maintain and enhance Harford County's quality of life. HarfordNEXT represents a bold and imaginative vision that will make our community stronger and prosperous for generations. I look forward to working toward this vision and I thank you in advance for helping to make it a reality. The plan, now under review by the County Council, can be viewed on the county website at [www.harfordcountymd.gov/660/HarfordNEXT](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/660/HarfordNEXT).



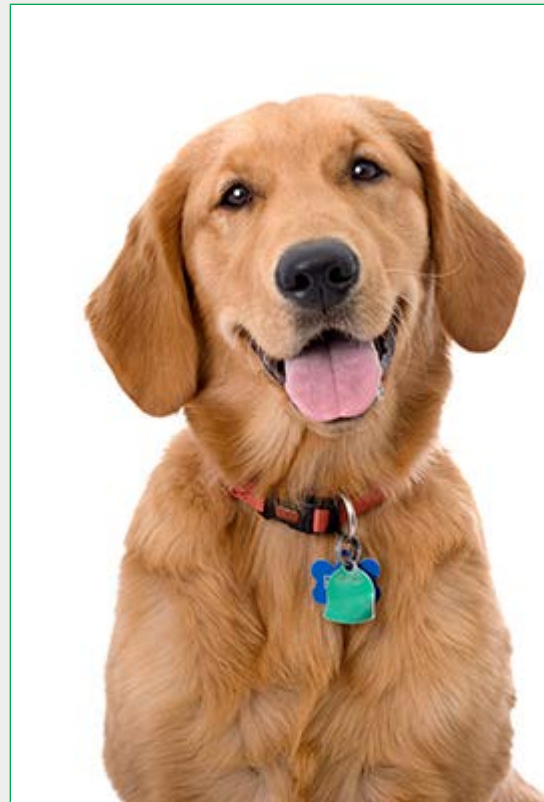
## Harford Gem - Broad Creek Boating

Treat yourself to a boat or kayak ride on Broad Creek. My administration will officially dedicate a new public launch facility at the intersection of Flintville Rd. and Paddrick Rd. in Darlington on May 11 at 10 a.m. Improvements to the ramp and launch area include ADA accessible parking, boat ramp, and ADA pier with kayak cradle. Recreational boaters and paddlers welcome!

## Small business success story: Humane pet training "Chord Collar"

Congratulations to Harford County entrepreneur Jared Marmen, recent winner of our local version of the TV show "Shark Tank". Jared developed a humane pet training collar that uses a smartphone with the owner's recorded voice and vibrations to guide behavior, even when the owner isn't there. The device called "chord collar" was developed in our Office of Economic Development's business incubator with assistance from our staff.

Visit the office at [www.harfordcountymd.gov/718/Economic-Development](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/718/Economic-Development) and let us know how we can help your business grow. (See how chord collar works [here](#))





## Did you know? 4 out of 5 heroin addictions begin with prescription painkillers

As my administration continues to fight heroin in Harford County, look for these billboards to raise awareness about an all-too-common pathway to addiction. If you need help, or if you know someone who does, please contact our Office of Drug Control Policy at 410-638-3333 or go to [www.harfordcountymd.gov/449/Office-on-Drug-Control-Policy](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/449/Office-on-Drug-Control-Policy).

**BIKE TO  
WORK  
DAY**

Giveaways | Refreshments | Prizes | Vendors  
Cyclists Parade | Bike Checkups | Cycle Challenge

**HAVRE DE GRACE | 5.17.16** Tuesday

**APG NORTH | 5.18.16** Wednesday

**BEL AIR | 5.20.16** Friday

**APG SOUTH | 5.24.16** Tuesday

## Bike to Work Days in May

Bike to Work Days are a healthy, low-cost way to commute while helping to protect the environment.

Don't miss this year's events with designated "pit stops" offering giveaways, light refreshments, bike inspections, and more.

View locations, dates, and times or register today at [Bike2WorkCentralMD](http://Bike2WorkCentralMD).



## Running for Recovery in Harford County; 3rd Annual BG5K Run/Walk May 7

Remember to join me for my third annual BG5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 7, at 9:00 a.m. on the beautiful campus of Harford Community College at the Susquehanna Center. Free hot breakfast will be served following the race; cash prizes and awards for top participants. Together with Harford United Charities, we are raising funds for recovery from heroin addiction and homelessness. Watch the video for more information. Register today at [www.eliteracemanagement.com](http://www.eliteracemanagement.com).

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