

## **2023 Efforts and 2024 Concerns**

### **Where APC Directed its Efforts in 2023**

- APC continued to monitor the Chick-fil-A restaurant proposal in Arnold and successfully thwarted CFA's application for a fourth time extension, thus forcing CFA to start anew to continue to pursue development next to CVS.
- APC negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding with the developers of Freshfield Lane to improve their design regarding forest conservation, tree planting, landscape buffering and level grading of the recreation area.
- APC continued to monitor proposed development activities for Tommy's Car Wash, Wroxeter Estates, Severn School, the YMCA, Brightview Estates and stream restoration activities for Mill Creek.
- APC closely coordinated with the Region 4 Stakeholder Advisory Committee and as a result only a few rezoning applications out of over 100 were recommended to be approved.
- APC continued to keep a close watch on ongoing plans to improve Route 2, including the widening of the highway and projects at Joyce Lane. APC was also successful in helping to get safety bollards installed at the intersection of Rt 2 and B&A Blvd.
- APC fully participated in the processes for the College Parkway traffic study, the Broadneck Trail construction and the School Adequate Public facilities Workgroup.
- APC helped to maintain the pocket park at the corner of Severn Way and the B&A trail and tended its sponsored garden plot on the B&A trail.
- APC kept members informed on the Bay Bridge NEPA study and the proposed Whitehall Manor Chesapeake National Recreation Area.
- APC was instrumental in getting a bus rest stop constructed near the Safeway.
- APC hosted a rest stop for the annual Lifeline 100 biking event for the ninth year.
- APC again sponsored clean-ups of an Arnold segment of Route 2 in the State Highway Administration's Adopt-a-Highway program.
- APC finalized an extensive update of its website.
- APC held membership meetings and sent out numerous newsletters and informative emails to members.

## **APC Expected Issues of Concern in 2024**

Besides continuing to work on most of the effort items listed above for 2023, APC expects to address the following concerns in 2024:

- All proposals for development or land changes in Arnold and neighboring areas
- Proposals requesting modifications or variances
- The final approval of rezoning applications by the County Council
- Establishing a good working relationship with the State Highway Administration on the Route 2 and Joyce Lane projects
- Possible proposed changes to the Anne Arundel County Code
- Increasing the reach of Arnold Preservation Council so that it can keep more Arnold citizens informed about critical matters in the Arnold area
- Increasing the number of volunteers helping APC to carry out its mission
- Updating the APC brochure