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## **2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Executive Summary**

Arnold Preservation Council (APC) enjoyed tremendous success this last year, as a result of aggressive engagement and partnership building with other state, county and local organizations. APC worked hard to forge stakeholder relationships. We believe although we are small, our voice can be very loud, especially when joined with others who have common goals and objectives.

We believe an example is the new CVS. APC worked with the developer to ensure the adjoining neighbors' needs were met, safety was considered, and building architecture matched the rest of the area. Traffic flow was even improved as a result.

APC recognizes that some challenges, such as Admiral's Ridge, are now even more of a reason to work toward changing the county code and revising & implementing (updating ) the Broadneck Small Area Plan.

Although we have enjoyed tremendous success this past year, significant challenges face us. Being identified as a Tier 1 Growth area will result in additional development along with all the relevant downside effects such as increased traffic, pressure on schools, stress on public facilities, and declining open/green space that come with it. Without a change in this designation, we risk complete transformation of our existing communities and way of life.

APC is striving in 2015 to expand and capture more Homeowner and Community Associations to ensure the citizens of Arnold are represented. We know the larger our membership and the voices we represent, the more credibility we have.

### **REVIEW OF 2014 GOALS**

We continue to work with Koch homes on the Kimmel/Fach and east Joyce Lane properties. Community meetings have been held on both properties and plans have been submitted for the Kimmel/Fach property on Old County Road.

Growth Action Network (GAN) has expanded and become its own 501 C (3). Ann Fligtsen, the Executive Director and AN active APC member, continues to expand GAN's reach across the county and is also on Executive Schuh's transition team. I am on the Board of Directors as Secretary. Pat Lynch, President of Broadneck Council of Communities (BCC) and an APC member is Vice President.

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APC, working with GAN and BCC, along with the Homebuilder's Association of Maryland (HBAM) was able to get "changes to the manner in which community meetings are conducted as required by residential development. (MEMORANDUM October 1, 2014).

With the new county council and administration, we are beginning to work on the code changes not only to include community meetings and signs but also traffic studies, public notice, and special exceptions to name a few.

Arnold Preservation Council monitored the elections and together with BCC, co-hosted a roundtable with Councilman Ladd and the 30 A candidate forum.

Arnold Preservation Council has worked and will continue to work on the Growth Development Plan, the Small Area Plan, Comprehensive Rezoning and the improvement of Adequate Public Facilities.

## **2014 RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Worked with local citizens' groups and developers to ameliorate effects of new subdivisions:
  - Elm Street, Koch, Ryland, Winchester, Reliable Contracting, and CVS
- Expanded Communication
  - Press Releases, Speakers Bureau, Website, Newsletter, and Facebook
- Initiated Liaison with SHA
  - Traffic, Flooding, Signage, and Landscaping
- Enhanced Partnership
  - Broadneck Council of Communities, Greater Severna Park Council, Growth Action Network
  - Public Safety (Eastern District Police & Arnold Volunteer Fire Department)
  - Friends of Anne Arundel County Trails – Flowerbed at Joyce Lane
  - Bike AAA – Century 100 Ride Rest Stop Sponsor
- Raised APC Visibility with local Government
  - Testified in front of County Council, Board of Appeals and School Board, met regularly with local county representatives
- Historical Book
  - Promoted *Arnold, Maryland and Neighbors on the Broadneck*
  - Forged Alliances with other conservation organizations
  - Severn River Association, Magothy River Association, Pines on the Severn Living Shoreline, Severn Riverkeepers

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## **2015 CHALLENGES**

- Explore Growth 1 tier options
- Work with Growth Action Network and others to improve the Anne Arundel County Code
- Keep lines of communication open with state and local officials
- Monitor proposed future development
- Evaluate and monitor local, county and state transportation plans
- Prepare for future revised Small Area Plan and Comprehensive Rezoning
- Expand Outreach Opportunities
- Grow Membership

## **SUMMARY**

APC is often asked, “What do you do?” APC is the watchdog of the Arnold area and Broadneck Peninsula. We try to work with state, county and local governments, as well as organizations like us, to ensure the place you have chosen to live is where you choose to stay. We know it will change, so it is up to us and YOU to have a voice and ensure we are heard.

As an all-volunteer council, we need your support. Financial support helps us print new brochures, keep our website updated and give back to the community such as the APC garden on the B & A Trail.

Supporting us with your time, knowledge and expertise also is very important. We need help attending county council meetings, exploring changes to the county code, what are the proposed changes to the master water & sewer plan, and one of our top priorities – how do we change from being designated as a growth 1 tier area.

Please support us so we can continue our mission - to unite the community of Arnold, preserve its rural heritage, and enhance its environment by advocating responsible growth, linked neighborhoods, local businesses, and excellent schools.

Become actively involved in YOUR council.

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