



Anne Arundel County Partnership
for Children, Youth & Families



2025 Phase I: Brooklyn Park Needs Assessment



Introduction

The eligible census tract for ENOUGH, 7502.01 is the Pumphrey neighborhood within Brooklyn Park (Zip Code 21225). The collaborative is extending the boundaries to the four square miles of Brooklyn Park, North Anne Arundel County. The area shares a boundary with Baltimore City. The geographic boundaries of Brooklyn Park are bordered on the west by Route 684 (Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard), to the south of I-895 and the Patapsco River, north of I-695, and ending on the east at the Baltimore City line that crosses Route 2. Route 2, also known as Ritchie Highway, runs north and south through Brooklyn Park. It is a very busy, four lane highway with no safe place to cross. It acts as a barrier for cooperation between the neighborhoods on the east and west sides of the road. The county line between Baltimore City and Brooklyn Park runs right through a residential street. Increased residential mobility related to economic issues means that families are constantly moving between Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City without any knowledge they have done so.

Brooklyn Park is composed of several smaller neighborhoods: Olde Brooklyn Park (west of Gov. Ritchie Highway – Maryland Route 2), Brooklyn Heights (east of Gov. Ritchie Highway), Arundel Village (along and north of Church Street), Roland Terrace (along and south of Church Street), Arundel Gardens (southwest of Gov. Ritchie Highway and south of Hammonds Lane), and Pumphrey, which lies along Belle Grove Road, south of the Patapsco River. The population was 34,128 in 2020 (U.S. Census, 2020).

Brooklyn Park continues to be an extremely diverse area. The African American population is still the highest demographic but the Hispanic community is growing faster than all other races and ethnicities (See Table 1 below).

Table 1: Brooklyn Park (21225) Demographics

| Brooklyn Park (21225) Demographics | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Race | 2012 | 2022 | 2023 |
| White | 47.8% | 40.5% | 40.1% |
| Black | 49.2% | 46.6% | 45.6 |
| Hispanic | 5.4% | 16.3% | 19.7% |
| Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012 & 2022 | | | |

Brooklyn Park (zip code 21225) has over four times the poverty rate of the rest of the county at 22.3 percent. The Pumphrey census tract of Brooklyn Park has a child poverty rate of 35 percent according to the most recent US census data (U.S. Census American Community Survey, 2023). The median income for the zipcode is \$50,069, under half of the county’s average median income of \$116,548 (US Census, 2023). There are at least six rising socio-economic indicators of need including the percent of families living at or below poverty, percent of the population without a high school diploma, the percent of households receiving food stamps (SNAP), the emergency department visit rate, the percent of low birth weight infants, the preventable hospitalization rate and the percentage of minorities (Table 2). The entire area is classified as a food desert and a childcare desert (Anne Arundel County Department of Health, 2024). Life expectancy is fifteen years shorter for residents of Brooklyn Park than it is for those in Arnold, just 15 miles down the road (Figure 13).

Brooklyn Park is located in the watershed of the non-tidal portion of the Patapsco River. The sub watersheds that include Brooklyn Park have high levels of impervious surface, a low percentage of forest cover and low water quality that does not meet federal Clean Water Act standards. The primary water quality impacts are from excessive inputs of nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) and sediments (Anne Arundel County Department of Health, 2025). Brooklyn Park has a tree equity score of 72 out of 100, which is the lowest in the county, whereas Severna Park has a tree equity score of 96 (American Forests Tree Equity Score, 2021). Trees can play a significant role in the health of people, as tree covers provide shade and help cool neighborhoods. Lower temperatures also mean lower energy consumption and lower electricity bills.

Table 2: Demographic, Socioeconomic, and Health Indicators by ZIP Code In Anne Arundel County, 2023

| Demographic, Socioeconomic, and Health Indicators by ZIP Code in Anne Arundel County, 2023 | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| ZIP Code | Area | Poverty Percentage | Percentage Without High School Diploma | Percentage of Households with SNAP | 2023 ED Visit Rate per 1,000 | Percentage Low Birthweight Infants (2018-2022) | Minority Population |
| 20711 | Lothian | 13.4% | 17.6% | 7.8% | 289.4 | 9.1% | 40.4% |
| 20724 | Laurel | 10.1% | 7.5% | 8.6% | 220.6 | 9.5% | 76.0% |
| 20765 | Galesville | 9.8% | 6.9% | 19.0% | 188.7 | Suppressed | 30.7% |
| 20776 | Harwood | 7% | 9.0% | 11.0% | 271.7 | 5.2% | 23.9% |
| 21060 | Glen Burnie (East) | 8.8% | 8.8% | 12.8% | 298.0 | 8.3% | 45.2% |
| 21061 | Glen Burnie (West) | 9.0% | 10.2% | 13.2% | 317.6 | 9.1% | 50.0% |
| 21122 | Pasadena | 5.0% | 6.5% | 6.5% | 225.0 | 7.0% | 19.5% |
| 21144 | Severn | 4.7% | 5.4% | 7.4% | 232.3 | 8.6% | 56.9% |
| 21225 | Brooklyn Park | 22.3% | 21.0% | 25.7% | 379.9 | 12.1% | 68.3% |
| 21226 | Curtis Bay | 15.5% | 12.6% | 21.6% | 250.3 | 9.5% | 41.3% |
| 21401 | Annapolis | 7.1% | 4.4% | 7.5% | 276.0 | 6.6% | 31.3% |
| 21403 | Eastport | 4.9% | 9.3% | 4.8% | 245.8 | 8.2% | 35.4% |
| | Anne Arundel | 5.5% | 6.2% | 6.5% | 229.9 | 7.7% | 37.3% |
| <p>Red = Higher than county average</p> <p>U.S. Census American Community Survey 5-year Estimates 2019-2023; HUD USPS ZIP code crosswalk files accessed 5/6/25; Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission Outpatient Files, 2023; Maryland Vital Statistics Administration Birth Files, 2018-2022</p> | | | | | | | |



Secondary Data by ENOUGH Pillar

Economically Secure Families

The highest percentage of poverty in the county is in the zip code that contains Brooklyn Park at 22.3 percent (more than 4 times the rate of the county average)

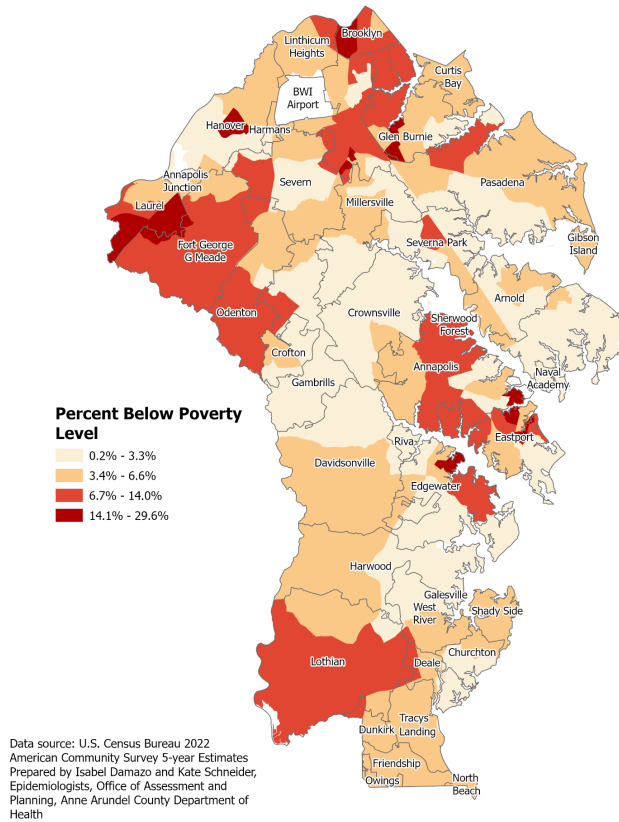
Table 3: Selected Poverty Percentage Percentages by Zip Code, Anne Arundel County

| Selected Poverty Percentages by ZIP Code, Anne Arundel County | | | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | 2021 | 2023 |
| ZIP Code | Area | Poverty Percentage | Poverty Percentage |
| 21225 | Brooklyn Park | 25.1% | 22.3% |
| 21226 | Curtis Bay | 13.9% | 15.5% |
| 21060 | Glen Burnie (East) | 7% | 8.8% |
| 21061 | Glen Burnie (West) | 7.7% | 9% |
| 20714 | North Beach | 3.2% | 6% |
| 20751 | Deale | 1.8% | 1.6% |
| 20711 | Lothian | 11.5% | 13.4% |
| 21401 | Annapolis | 7.5% | 7.1% |
| 21403 | Annapolis | 8.6% | 4.9% |
| 20764 | Shady Side | 6% | 6.9% |
| | Anne Arundel County | 6.2% | 5.7% |
| U.S Census Bureau American Community Survey 2021 5 Year Estimates, 2023 5 Year Estimates | | | |



Figure 1: Percent of Population with Income Below Poverty Level, Anne Arundel County, 2022

Percent of Population with Income Below Poverty Level,
Anne Arundel County, 2022



Pumphrey Census Tract

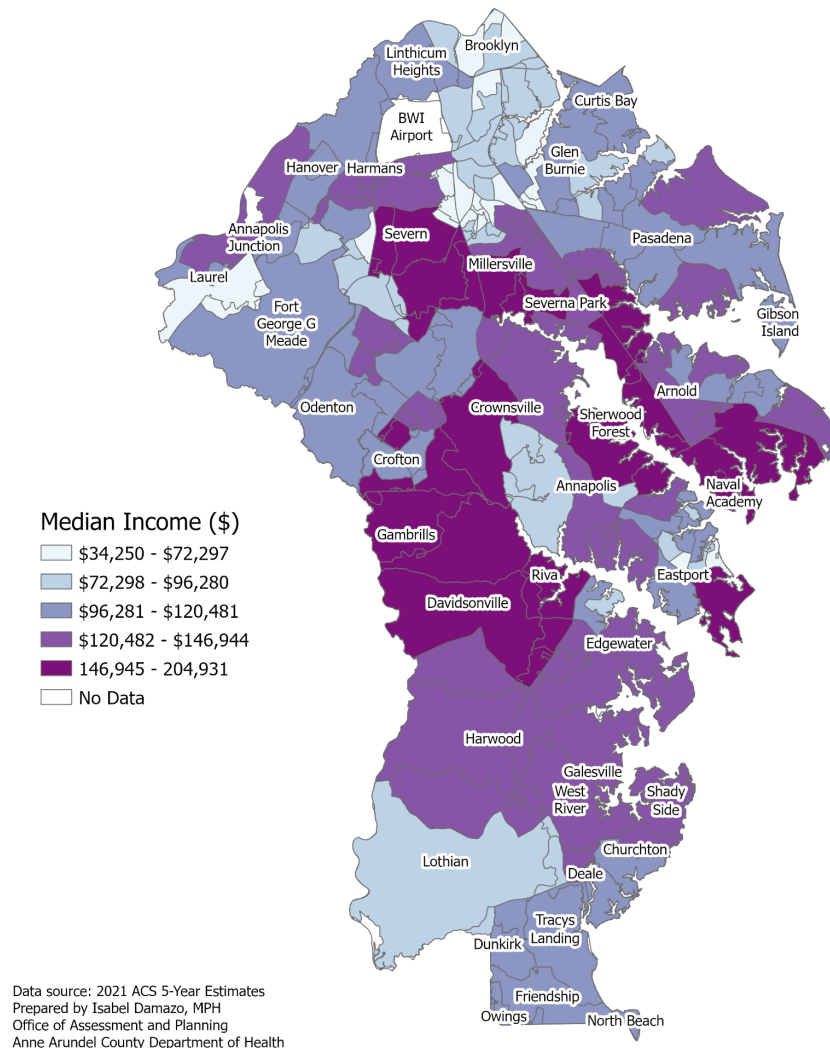
In the Pumphrey census tract 40.1% of those under 18 are in poverty with 22.7% poverty numbers overall. The median income is \$65,279.

Table 4: Brooklyn Park (21225) Demographics

| Census Tract 750201 (Pumphrey) Overall County Data Comparison, 2023 | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2023 | |
| | Census Tract 750201 (Pumphrey) | Anne Arundel |
| Children (Under 18) in Poverty | 40.1% | 7.1% |
| Overall Poverty | 22.7% | 5.6% |
| Percent with less than a high school diploma | 6.5% | 6.6% |
| Median income | \$65,279 | \$103,255 |
| Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 - 2023 | | |

Figure 2: Median Household Income, Anne Arundel County, 2023

Median Household Income, Anne Arundel County, 2023

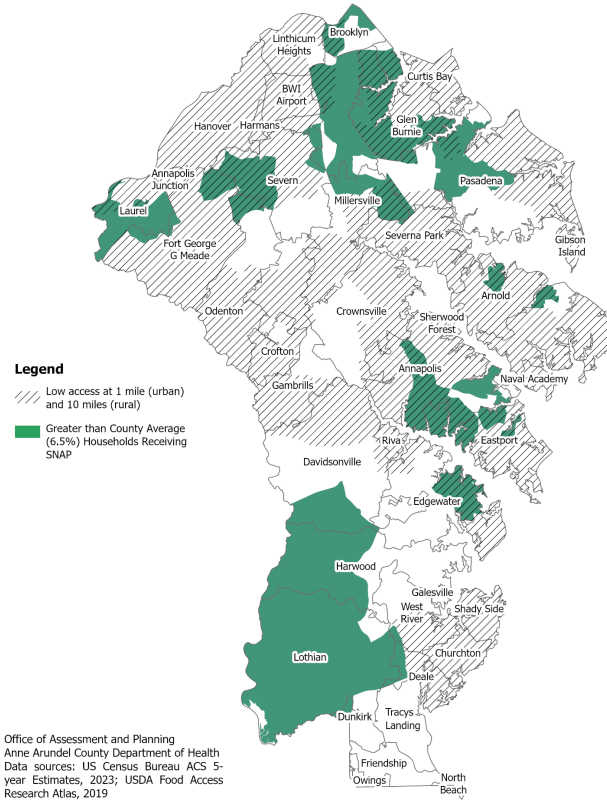


Food

Almost 25.7% or 3,326 households receive food stamps (SNAP) (U.S. Census American Community Survey, 2023). The entire area is classed as a food desert; defined as an area without ready access to fresh, healthy and affordable food. There is one grocery store (Save-A-Lot) in Brooklyn Park and many residents rely on convenience stores and fast food options.

Figure 3: Households Receiving SNAP (2023) Access to Food (2019) Anne Arundel County

Households Receiving SNAP (2023) and Access to Food (2019),
Anne Arundel County



FARMS Numbers for Brooklyn Park Schools

Table 5: FARMS Percentage for Brooklyn Park Schools, 2023-2024 School Year

| FARMS Percentage for Brooklyn Park Schools, 2023-2024 School Year | |
|---|-------|
| Belle Grove Elementary | 88.9% |
| Park Elementary | 87.4% |
| Brooklyn Park Elementary | 79.8% |
| Brooklyn Park Middle | 70.8% |
| North County High | 65% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2024 | |

Internet Access in Brooklyn Park

Figure 4: Households Without Broadband* by Census Tract, Anne Arundel County, 2023

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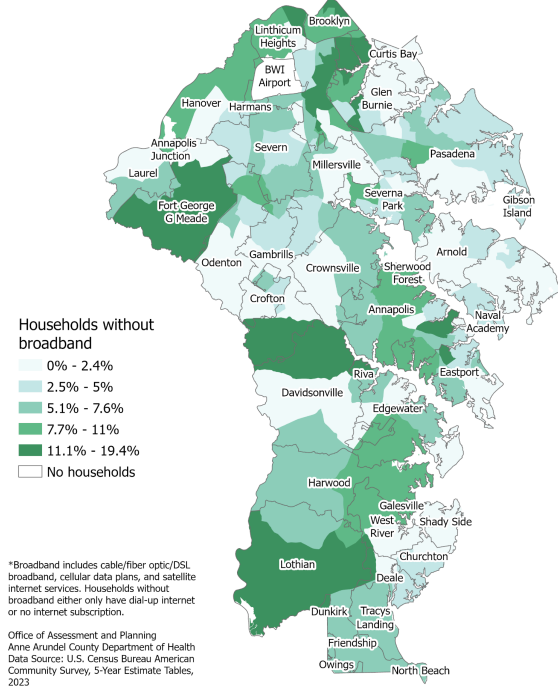
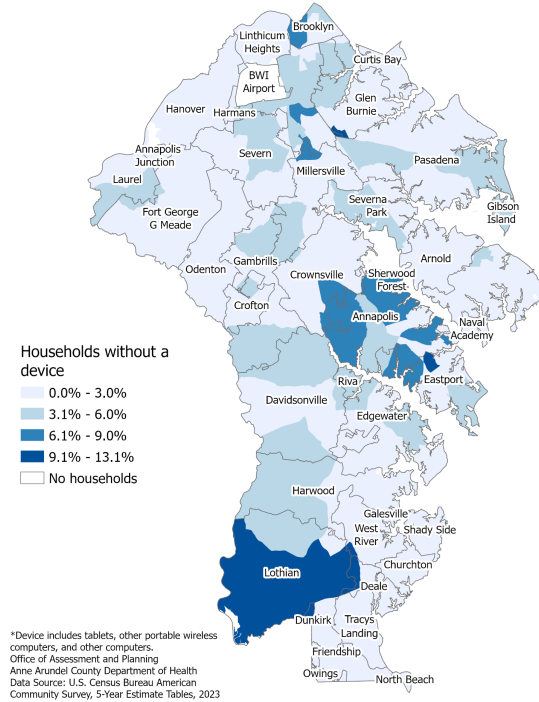


Figure 5: Households Without A Device* by Census Tract, Anne Arundel County, 2023

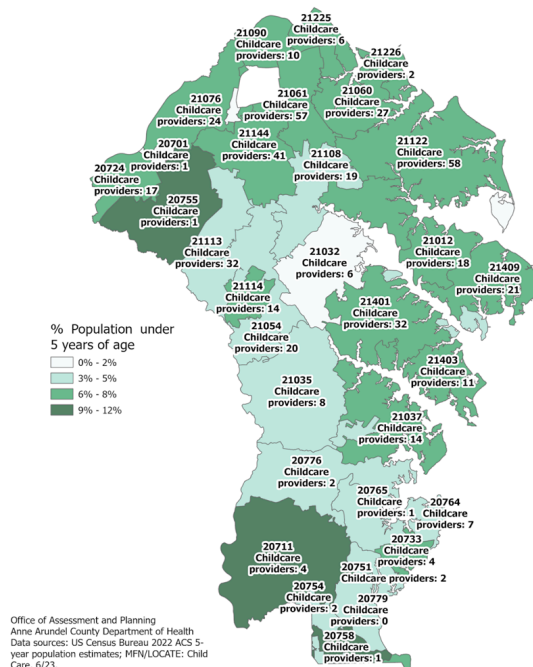
Households Without A Device* by Census Tract, Anne Arundel County, 2023



Number of Childcare Providers in Brooklyn Park

Figure 6: Proportion of Population Under 5 Years of Age and Total Number of Childcare Providers By ZIP Code

Proportion of population under 5 years of age and total number of childcare providers by ZIP code, Anne Arundel County, 2023



Transportation

While Brooklyn Park is one of the most densely populated areas in the county, it has very few resources and services. Previously, there was only one bus route in Brooklyn Park, the number 69 that ran hourly and was not connected to employment routes. There have been small improvements like the addition of route number 70 that runs from Baltimore to Annapolis, and the county has added the Brooklyn Park connector, a small route from Brooklyn Park to Ferndale, connecting to the Cromwell Light Rail station in Glen Burnie. While there are improvements to transportation, it is still a struggle for those living in the area as many families either have no care or a shared vehicle that is old and unreliable. In Brooklyn park, only 2 percent of residents work at home as opposed to the county average of 23 percent. That means more are spending dollars on childcare and transportation (Table 6 and 7).

Table 6: Mode Split and Average Time to Work Comparison Table

| | Brooklyn Park | Anne Arundel County | Baltimore City |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Average Travel Time to Work⁷ | 28.3 minutes | 27 minutes | 27.3 minutes |
| Drove Alone | 82% | 66% | 54% |
| Carpooled | 8% | 7% | 6% |
| Public Transit | 6% | 1% | 8% |
| Bicycle | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Walk | 2% | 2% | 5% |
| Other | 1% | 1% | 3% |
| Worked at Home | 2% | 23% | 24% |

Table 2 Mode Split and Average Travel Time to Work Comparison Table⁸

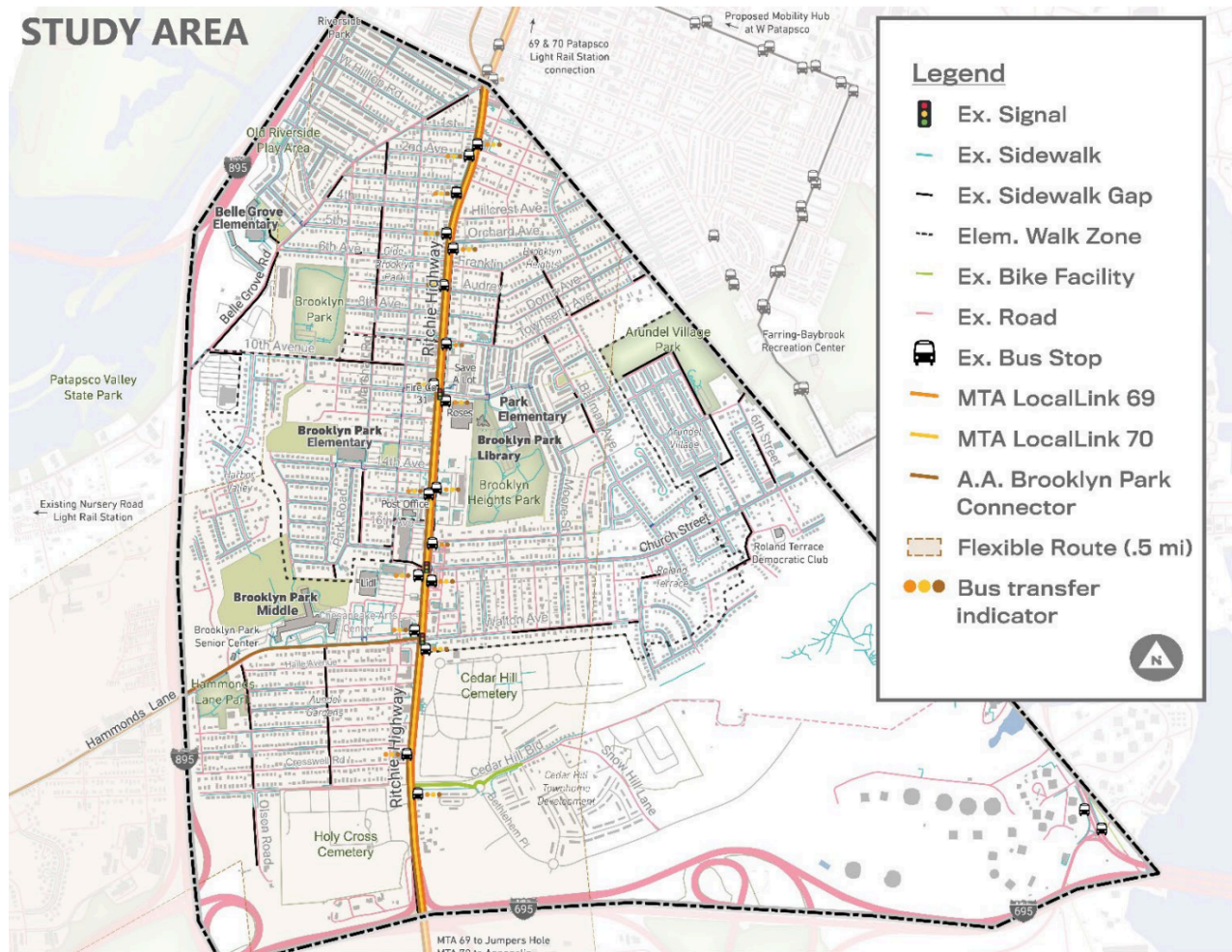
Table 7: Anne Arundel County Households with no Vehicle Available by Zip Code, 2022 and 2023

| Households with No Vehicles by Zip Code | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2022 | | | 2023 | |
| ZIP Code | # of Households without a car | % No vehicle available | # of Households without a car | % No vehicle available |
| 21225 | 1,378 | 10.8% | 1,550 | 12% |
| 21226 | 110 | 4.4% | 96 | 3.4% |
| 21061 | 772 | 3.5% | 754 | 3.4% |
| 21401 | 554 | 3.1% | 665 | 3.7% |
| 20701 | 15 | 4.5% | 25 | 6.5% |
| 21054 | 294 | 5.6% | 281 | 5.3% |
| 21060 | 231 | 1.5% | 220 | 1.4% |
| 20716 | 237 | 2.7% | 250 | 2.7% |
| Anne Arundel | 4,212 | 1.9% | 4,304 | 1.9% |

American Community Survey 2023 1-year Estimate

Sidewalk issues in Brooklyn Park

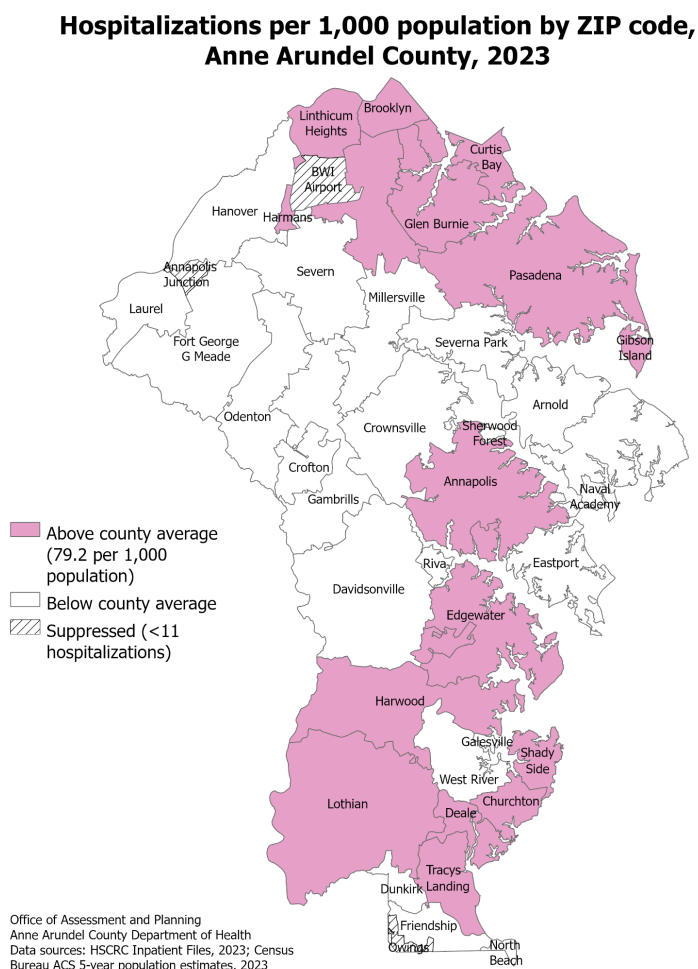
Figure 7: Study Area Existing Conditions and Gap in Sidewalk Location



Healthy Families Pillar

When patterns of hospitalization are examined by ZIP code (Figure 8), they generally reflect the social determinants illustrated in Table 2. Zip code 21225, which contains Brooklyn Park, has the highest hospitalization rate of anywhere else in the county, most likely due to the lack of accessible primary health care and therefore lack of preventative care. Residents may wait until their health issue is more serious to seek care, especially those without access to health insurance. The only federally approved health center closed over six years ago. There are now two urgent care facilities. There are very few behavioral health facilities. Most human services, including eligibility for benefits, public housing and workforce development, are located in Glen Burnie; a distance of almost 8 miles. In 2025, Total Health Care opened a Federally Qualified Health Clinic in Brooklyn, less than two miles from Brooklyn Park, which will offer more health resources to Brooklyn Park residents, including primary care. However, we have to find a method to get Brooklyn Park residents there.

Figure 8: Hospitalizations per 1,000 Population by ZIP code, Anne Arundel County, 2023



Health Professional Shortage Areas

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as having shortages of primary medical care, dental or mental health providers and may be geographic or facility-based. Brooklyn Park is both a Health Professional Shortage Area and a Medically Underserved Area (Figure 9).

Figure 9: Health Professional Shortage Area and Medically Underserved Areas and/or Populations, Anne Arundel County, 2024

Health Professional Shortage Areas and Medically Underserved Areas and/or Populations, Anne Arundel County, 2024

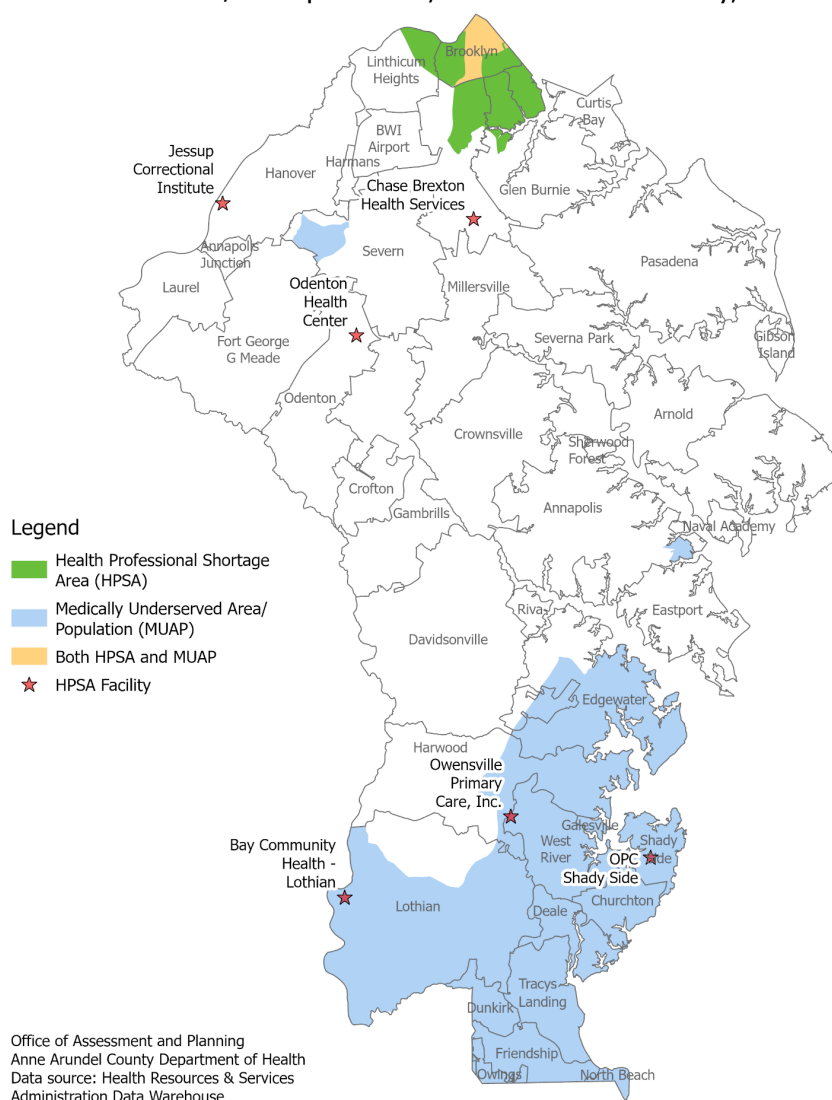


Table 8: Total Opioid Overdoses by Incident Zip Code Anne Arundel County, 2024

| Incident ZIP Code | Total Opioid Overdoses by Incident ZIP Code Anne Arundel County, 2024 | | | | | |
|--|--|------|------------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| | Non-Fatal Opioid Overdoses | | Fatal Opioid Overdoses | | All Opioid Overdoses | |
| | Frequency | % | Frequency | % | Frequency | % |
| 21061, Glen Burnie | 52 | 16.6 | 16 | 18.6 | 68 | 17.0 |
| 21401, Annapolis | 55 | 17.5 | 11 | 12.8 | 66 | 16.5 |
| 21225, Brooklyn | 35 | 11.1 | 15 | 17.4 | 50 | 12.5 |
| 21122, Pasadena | 38 | 12.1 | 7 | 8.1 | 45 | 11.3 |
| 21060, Glen Burnie | 33 | 10.5 | 10 | 11.6 | 43 | 10.8 |
| 21403, Annapolis | 20 | 6.4 | 4 | 4.7 | 24 | 6.0 |
| 21090, Linthicum | 17 | 5.4 | 5 | 5.8 | 22 | 5.5 |
| 21032, Crownsville | 9 | 2.9 | 2 | 2.3 | 11 | 2.8 |
| 21144, Severn | 6 | 1.9 | 4 | 4.7 | 10 | 2.5 |
| 21037, Edgewater | 5 | 1.6 | 2 | 2.3 | 7 | 1.8 |
| 21076, Hanover | 6 | 1.9 | 1 | 1.2 | 7 | 1.8 |
| Anne Arundel County and Annapolis Police Departments, 2024 | | | | | | |

Figure 10: Portion of Live Births with Late or No Prenatal Care Initiation

Infants born preterm (<37 weeks of gestation) by ZIP code, Anne Arundel County, 2018-2022

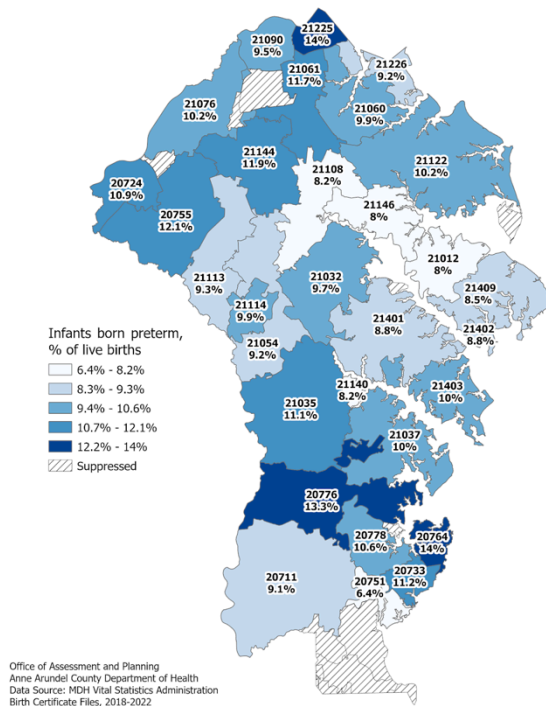


Figure 11: Infants Born Preterm (<37 weeks of gestation) by ZIP Code

Above County Proportion of Births with Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams) by ZIP Code, Anne Arundel County, 2018-2022

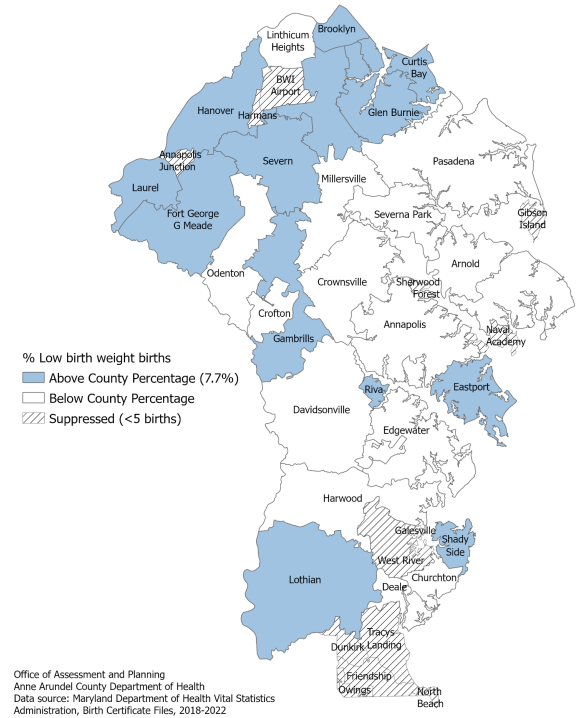
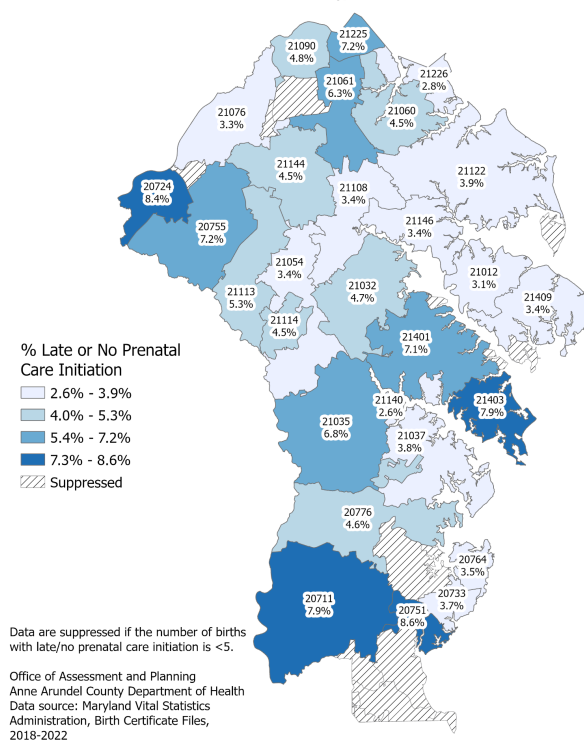


Figure 12: Above County Proportion of Birth with Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams) by ZIP Code

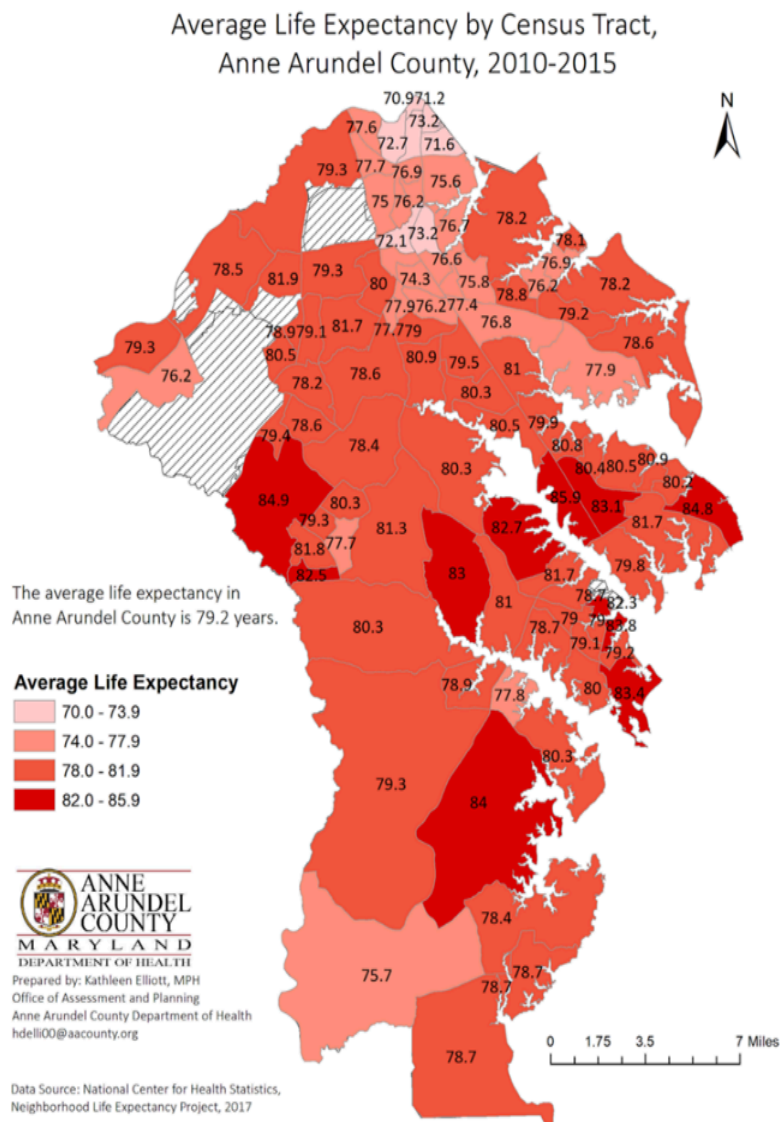
Proportion of Live Births with Late or No Prenatal Care Initiation, Anne Arundel County, 2018-2022



Life Expectancy

According to the University of Florida Department of Physiology and Aging (2024) access to healthcare is one of the important indicators of life expectancy because it increases the likelihood of detecting and treating health conditions early. In contrast, those living in rural areas or without insurance are less likely to seek treatment, whether for preventative care or to address current health conditions. Other researchers have noted that factors such as poverty, food insecurity, and lack of access to education and employment opportunities can negatively impact health and life expectancy. According to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2025) where we live may affect our chances of living a long, healthy life. Different neighborhoods have different access to stable housing, quality schools, good jobs, and affordable healthcare. Life expectancy changes by zip code and census tract in the county (Figure 13). Life expectancy can be up to 15 years longer for a resident living in Arnold as opposed to someone who lives in Brooklyn Park.

Figure 13: Average Life Expectancy by Census Tract



Cradle to Career Education Pillar

K-12 Information

Brooklyn Park Schools

Belle Grove Elementary School serves the Pumphrey and Olde Brooklyn Park communities. As with the other Brooklyn Park schools, the student population is very diverse (Table 11 below). As well as being a community school, Belle Grove also has a Judy Center. Park Elementary serves the communities on the east side of Ritchie Highway (Brooklyn Heights and Arundel Village). Brooklyn Park Elementary serves students in the Arundel Gardens neighborhoods.

Table 9: Third Grade English Proficient Test Scores by School

| Third Grade English Proficient Test Scores by School | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| School | 2023 | 2024 |
| Belle Grove | 26.6% | 22.9% |
| Brooklyn Park Elementary | 31.4% | 13% |
| Park | 46.5% | 34.9% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | | |

Table 10: Third Grade Math Proficient Test Scores by School

| Third Grade Math Proficient Test Scores by School | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| School | 2023 | 2024 |
| Belle Grove | 15.4% | 16.7% |
| Brooklyn Park Elementary | 24.3% | 14.5% |
| Park | 25.3% | 30.1% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | | |

Table 11: Belle Grove Elementary School Enrollment by Race

| Belle Grove Elementary School Enrollment by Race | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2023 | | 2024 | |
| | # of Students | % of Students | # of Students | % of Students |
| African American | 69 | 22% | 60 | 19% |
| White | 89 | 29% | 91 | 29% |
| Hispanic | 113 | 36% | 125 | 40% |
| Asian | 12 | 4% | 11 | 3% |
| Total | 311 | 100% | 312 | 100% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2024 & 2025 | | | | |

Table 12: FARMS Students by School

| FARMS Students by School | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| School | Percent |
| Belle Grove | 91.5 % |
| Brooklyn Park Elementary | 84.0% |
| Park | 88.4% |
| Brooklyn Park Middle | 70.1% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Table 13: Belle Grove Elementary School Mobility by Race, 2024

| Belle Grove Elementary School Mobility by Race, 2024 | |
|--|---------|
| Race | Percent |
| African American | 14.6% |
| White | 7.8% |
| Hispanic | 14.3% |
| Asian | 0% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Table 14: Belle Grove Elementary School Chronic Absenteeism by Race, 2024

| Belle Grove Elementary School Chronic Absenteeism by Race, 2024 | |
|---|---------|
| Race | Percent |
| African American | 18.0% |
| White | 35.8% |
| Hispanic | 29.8% |
| Asian | 20.0% |
| 2+ Races | 42.9% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Table 15: Belle Grove Elementary School Absent More than 20 Days by Race, 2024

| Belle Grove Elementary School Absent More than 20 Days by Race, 2024 | |
|--|---------|
| Race | Percent |
| African American | 11.8% |
| White | 11.9% |
| Hispanic | 23.3% |
| Asian | 0% |
| 2+ Races | 40% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Table 16: Brooklyn Park Elementary Enrollment by Race, 2024

| Brooklyn Park Elementary Enrollment by Race, 2024 | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Race | Number of Students | Percent of Students |
| African American | 111 | 23% |
| White | 147 | 30% |
| Hispanic | 188 | 39% |
| Total | 485 | 100% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | | |

Table 17: Brooklyn Park Elementary School Mobility by Race, 2024

| Brooklyn Park Elementary School Mobility by Race, 2024 | |
|--|---------|
| Race | Percent |
| African American | 15.2% |
| White | 10.5% |
| Hispanic | 10.5% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Table 18: Brooklyn Park Elementary School Chronic Absenteeism by Race, 2024

| Brooklyn Park Elementary School Chronic Absenteeism by Race, 2024 | |
|---|---------|
| Race | Percent |
| African American | 37% |
| White | 42.3% |
| Hispanic | 35.6% |
| 2+ Races | 41.7% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Table 19: Brooklyn Park Elementary School Absent More Than 20 Days by Race, 2024

| Brooklyn Park Elementary School Absent More than 20 Days by Race, 2024 | |
|--|---------|
| Race | Percent |
| African American | 13.8% |
| White | 18.4% |
| Hispanic | 18.7% |
| 2+ Races | 14.3% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Table 20: Park Elementary School Enrollment by Race, 2024

| Park Elementary School Enrollment by Race, 2024 | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Race | Number of Students | Percent of Students |
| African American | 127 | 23% |
| White | 133 | 24% |
| Hispanic | 226 | 41% |
| Total | 551 | 100% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | | |

Table 21: Park Elementary School Mobility by Race, 2024

| Park Elementary School Mobility by Race, 2024 | |
|---|---------|
| Race | Percent |
| African American | 24% |
| White | 9.1% |
| Hispanic | 23.3% |
| Asian | 43.2% |
| 2+ | 17.3% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Table 22: Park Elementary School Chronic Absenteeism by Race, 2024

| Park Elementary School Chronic Absenteeism by Race, 2024 | |
|--|---------|
| Race | Percent |
| African American | 22.7% |
| White | 24.6% |
| Hispanic | 22.9% |
| 2+ Races | 34.7% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Table 23: Park Elementary School Absent More than 20 Days by Race, 2024

| Park Elementary School Absent More than 20 Days by Race, 2024 | |
|---|---------|
| Race | Percent |
| African American | 16.7% |
| White | 18% |
| Hispanic | 12.2% |
| 2+ Races | 29.5% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Table 24: Belle Grove Elementary Out of School Suspensions by Race, 2023

| Belle Grove Elementary Out of School Suspensions by Race, 2023 | |
|--|--------------------|
| Race | Number of Students |
| African American | 6 |
| White | 9 |
| Hispanic | 4 |
| Multi-Racial | 1 |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2024 | |

Table 25: Brooklyn Park Elementary Out of School Suspensions by Race, 2023

| Brooklyn Park Elementary Out of School Suspensions by Race, 2023 | |
|--|--------------------|
| Race | Number of Students |
| African American | 14 |
| White | 9 |
| Hispanic | 4 |
| Multi-Racial | 1 |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2024 | |

Table 26: Park Elementary Out of School Suspensions by Race, 2023

| Park Elementary Out of School Suspensions by Race, 2023 | |
|---|--------------------|
| Race | Number of Students |
| African American | 8 |
| White | 7 |
| Hispanic | 5 |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2024 | |

Table 27: Brooklyn Park Middle Out of School Suspensions by Race, 2023

| Brooklyn Park Middle Out of School Suspensions by Race, 2023 | |
|--|--------------------|
| Race | Number of Students |
| African American | 80 |
| White | 58 |
| Hispanic | 102 |
| Multi-Racial | 46 |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2024 | |

Table 28: Brooklyn Park Middle School Enrollment by Race, 2024

| Brooklyn Park Middle School Enrollment by Race, 2024 | | |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| Race | Number of Students | Percent of Students |
| African American | 186 | 25% |
| White | 238 | 32% |
| Hispanic | 232 | 31% |
| Asian | 21 | 2% |
| 2+ Races | 63 | 8% |
| Total | 744 | 100% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | | |

Table 29: Eighth Grade English Proficient Test Scores at BPMS, 2024

| Eighth Grade English Proficient Test Scores at BPMS, 2024 |
|---|
| Percent |
| 41.7% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 |

Table 30: Eighth Grade Math Proficient Test Scores at BPMS, 2024

| Eighth Grade Math Proficient Test Scores at BPMS, 2024 | |
|--|--|
| Percent | |
| 5% | |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Table 31: Brooklyn Park Middle School Mobility by Race, 2024

| Brooklyn Park Middle School Mobility by Race, 2024 | |
|--|---------|
| Race | Percent |
| African American | 11.8% |
| White | 6.8% |
| Hispanic | 10.2% |
| Asian | 15.2% |
| 2+ | 13.9% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Table 32: Brooklyn Park Middle School Chronic Absenteeism by Race, 2024

| Brooklyn Park Middle School Chronic Absenteeism by Race, 2024 | |
|---|---------|
| Race | Percent |
| African American | 23.1% |
| White | 34.3% |
| Hispanic | 32.4% |
| Asian | 5% |
| 2+ Races | 41.8% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Table 33: Brooklyn Park Middle School Absent More than 20 Days by Race, 2024

| Brooklyn Park Middle School Absent More than 20 Days by Race, 2024 | |
|--|---------|
| Race | Percent |
| African American | 13.4% |
| White | 26.2% |
| Hispanic | 23.7% |
| Asian | 5% |
| 2+ Races | 32.3% |
| Source: Maryland Report Card, 2025 | |

Homeless Youth

According to the National Network for Youth (2025), youth from low income neighborhoods, where there is a lack of safe spaces and social support, are more likely to become homeless. The numbers of homeless youth in each Anne Arundel County Public Schools cluster follow the same geographic pattern as other social determinants of health for the county and are unevenly distributed. The numbers are higher in school feeders that cover zip codes that are disproportionately African American and low income (Table 34). The North County Feeder System, which includes the Brooklyn Park zip code, has the most homeless youth at 219, an almost 21 percent increase since 2022 (Table 34 and Figure 14).

Table 34: Homeless Youth by School Feeder

| Homeless Youth by School Feeder | | | |
|--|------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2022 | July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 | July 1, 2024 - March, 2025 |
| Annapolis | 144 | 173 | 195 |
| Arundel | 38 | 48 | 68 |
| Broadneck | 47 | 45 | 31 |
| Charter | 12 | 7 | 10 |
| Chesapeake | 33 | 23 | 25 |
| Crofton | 20 | 30 | 30 |
| Glen Burnie | 140 | 161 | 153 |
| Meade | 155 | 171 | 147 |
| North County | 173 | 209 | 219 |
| Northeast | 61 | 56 | 55 |
| Old Mill | 55 | 132 | 127 |
| Severna Park | 17 | 18 | 18 |
| Severn Run | - | - | 115 |
| South River | 25 | 14 | 15 |
| Southern | 71 | 97 | 65 |
| Anne Arundel County Public Schools, 2025 | | | |

Figure 14: County Homeless Public School Students by School Cluster

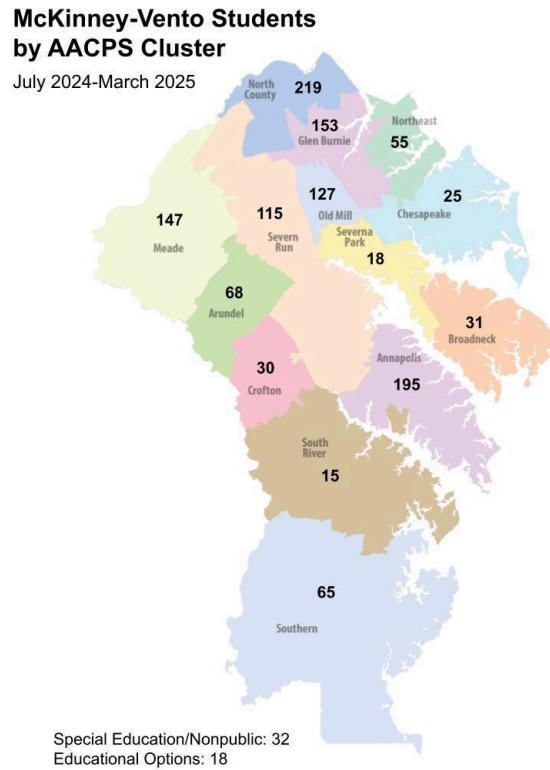
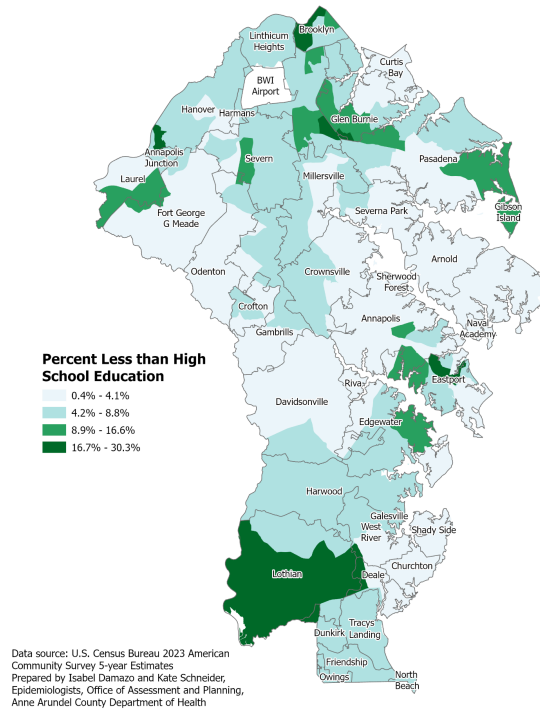


Figure 15: Percent of Population with Less than High School Education, 25 Years or Older

Percent of Population with Less than High School Education,
25 Years and Older, Anne Arundel County, 2023



Safe and Thriving Communities

Brooklyn Park is in Police District 2 which has the highest arrest rate in the county. It is among the top six areas in the county that have residents receiving state supported aid for substance and/or alcohol treatment

Figure 16 :Gun violence incidents by city of occurrence

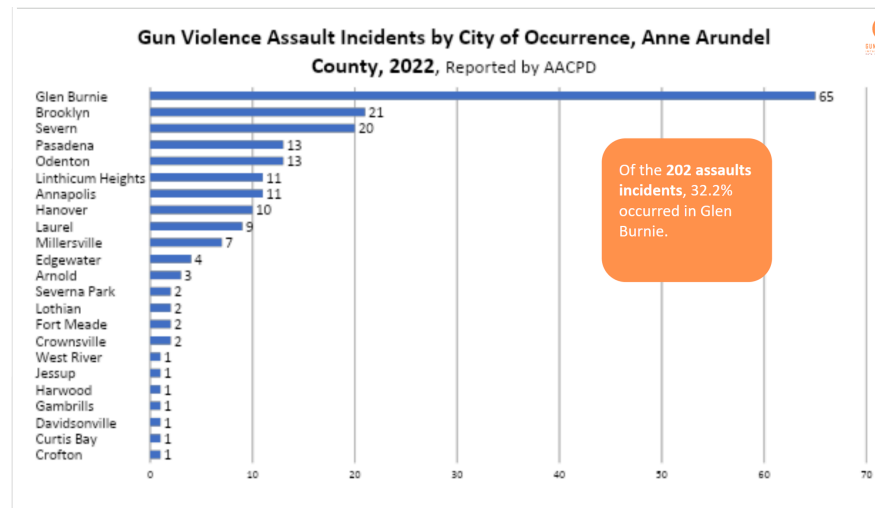


Figure 17: Sidewalk and Road Safety - Pedestrians and Drivers

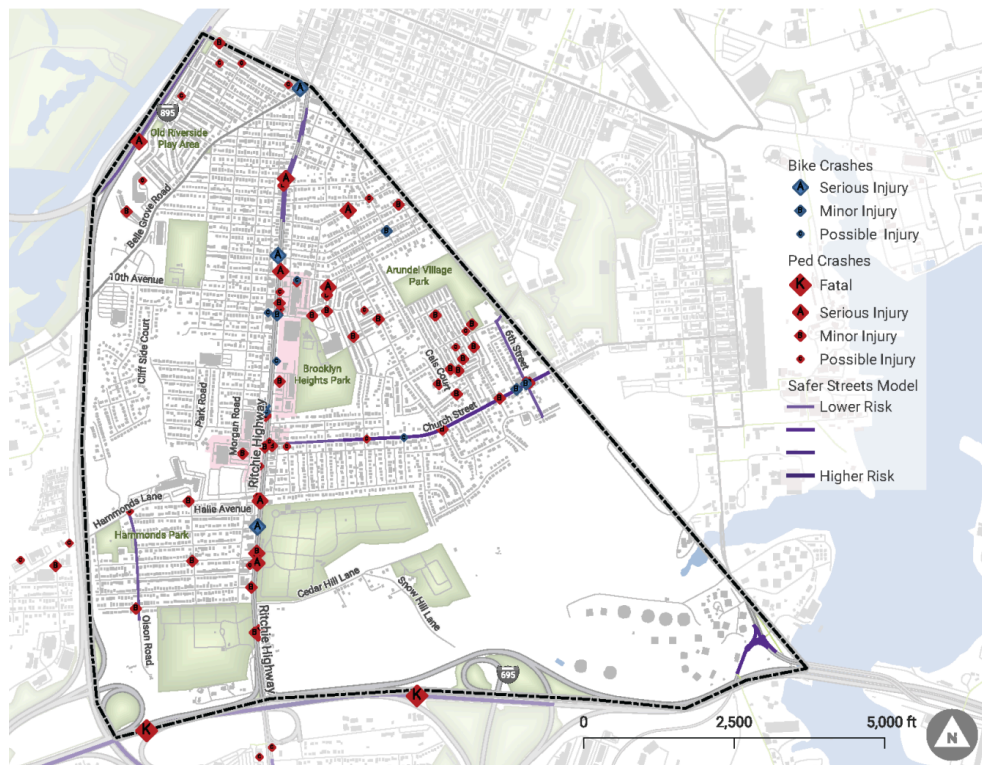


Figure 23 SSPF and Bicycle and Pedestrian Crashes by Severity

Brooklyn Park Needs Assessment



Qualitative Section - What They Said

Introduction

Using economic mobility and child poverty outcomes we used open ended questions to gauge the opinions of residents of every age and race/ethnicity from a fourth grade class at Park Elementary to senior residents in the historically Black community of Patasco Park/Pumphrey. Data collection began with our kick off meeting on January 23, 2025 and has continued over the last six months. Leadership team members used their own connections to hold neighborhood meetings and to talk with their neighbors. Our not-for-profit groups talked to youth and residents they were connected to through their programming. We held focus groups with youth in afterschool programs. We gathered information at community events, food pantries and at community school meetings. We completed RBA turn-the-curves with the Leadership Team. Overall, using open-ended questions, we have gathered the opinions of over 850 residents related to improvements to the built environment, how to reduce poverty, and how to move residents to economic prosperity. The data came in through the following methods: handwritten on paper, in video format, in excel spreadsheets, typed in Word and on turn-the-curve format. All data was read and reread using qualitative research techniques to search out families of data then themes.

Overall, Brooklyn Park residents, young and old, like living in Brooklyn Park. It is quiet and peaceful, they know their neighbors, there's a sense of community, and some stores are walkable. Some had a sense that the neighborhood was part of Anne Arundel County, others described the area as a "suburb of Baltimore" or "South Baltimore." [Here is a file link to raw data collected.](#)

Brooklyn Park – Themes emerging from what they said.

Youth:

- **Give kids opportunities for sports:** Soccer, football, basketball court, volleyball, swimming - basically any sport
- **Things for kids to do:** Playground - especially with swings, indoor outdoor park, more community activities, field trips, roller skating, swimming pool (note lack of air conditioning mentioned several times)
- **Afterschool & weekends:** Tutoring, how to make money and be successful, student social hour, groups for young men, financial literacy
- **Services:** Transportation, Walmart, Air-conditioners, chrome books
- **Safety:** Police cameras
- **Barriers to success:** Driving schools cost, can't get to driving school.
- **Career:** No career readiness center, need help for those who don't see college in their future, access to apprenticeships. Need training help for cosmetology, hair, nails, streaming and social media
- **Traffic Safety:** Roads are very dangerous. Hard for youth to play outside.
- **Food:** Community Kitchen at the Community Center to bring families/community together, turn old metro buses into mobile grocery stores

Adults:

- **Connecting adults to livable wage jobs**
- **Affordable, accessible childcare**
- **Focus on jobs with a living wage for young adults new to the workforce:** training for youth: business workshops, tutoring, work study programs, financial management programs, coaching, apprenticeships
- **Soft skills:** Soft Skills, Money Skills, and Computer skills is mission critical for our neighbors (Youth Job Seekers)
- **0-5 population:** Free childcare, Pre-K, Headstart, Early Head Start
- **Things for youth to do:** After school, field trips, summer programs
- **Youth Life Coach:** Case managing geared toward youth to fill in gaps that is missing in a single parent home or home with substance abuse, mentoring relationships who are bilingual and paid
- **Safety:** Speed bumps, traffic calming, police on bikes, Belle Grove Road
- **Built Environment:** Upgrades to Lloyd Keaser Center
- **Health:** Rats, access to health care
- **Resources:** MH/SA, Help for homeless, elderly
- **Transportation**
- **Affordable, quality Housing**
- **Youth and adult men groups**

Phase I: Neighborhood Action Plan Outline



| Neighborhood Action Plan Outline | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Data: summative and formative | Assets | Needs | Gaps | Strategies | Partners |
| Cradle to Career | Childcare desert Low academic achievement High Chronic Absence High proportion of homeless youth Low graduation rate High less than high school education After school and summer programs underused No outside educational | 2 strong after school programs Brooklyn Park library Brooklyn Park Youth Teams - Broncos for Football and Cyclones for Baseball North county high school community garden Judy Center Child care? (Diana working on) Chesapeake Arts Center Youth Homelessness program and half way house | Head Start Childcare Pre-K Tutoring Work Experience Job training Apprenticeships Entrepreneurial courses Transportation Youth sports Afterschool and weekend programming | Work opportunities Driving school Small business training Sport and sport teams where youth live Swimming pool Parks to play in with swings | Subsidized childcare - grants for providers Cash N Dreams Sports | United Way of Central Maryland Rec and Parks Early childhood taskforce Youth AAWDC BWI Partnership North County High School AACED Yeakey Enterprises Youth AA Rec and Parks Brooklyn Park Middle School North County High School |

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| | tutoring No career support Drug use among youth | Community center coming Lloyd Keaser building New fields and baseball courts at Brooklyn Park Middle School Recovery center | | | Increase localized after school programs Dollars for Driving School Transport (small vans/jitneys) | Youth TCP RCDC Live it Learn It Community Foundation AA County transportation department RCDC |
| Healthy Families | High infant mortality, low birth weight, high preterm babies Lack of access to prenatal care Poor access to healthy food Food desert Low access to primary care No tree canopy Environmental issues Rats High opioid overdose rate | Total FQRC in Brooklyn Maternal health task force Telehealth in some community schools Rat task force School health center planning Substance use clinic Healthy food pantry Food pantry, Mobile food pantry Air conditioning | Better rat control Grocery store Primary care Prenatal care Healthy food Places outside to exercise Trees More mobile food pantries Substance use services Services for the elderly | Grocery store Rat contraception Grocery store Trees Healthy food | Rat contraception (learn from Baltimore) Healthy food pantry and cooking lessons at new community center Tree planting Transportation to TOTAL Health Care | Residents Health dept Baltimore City Health dept Rec and Parks Mr Sam with Learn it Love it Residents Environmental planning Watershed steward's academy Residents Transportation department RCDC |
| Safe and Thriving Communities | Gun violence and fatalities Dangerous roads Lack of sidewalks Highest arrest rate Aging store fronts on route 2 | Police station Brooklyn park mobility study Sense of Neighborhood Thriving neighborhood associations Lloyd Keaser as a gathering place Community Center being built CEPTED study School and community events Community schools | Police on bikes Safety cameras Traffic calming Attend to Belle Grove Road | Community police officers Speed cushions, humps, bumps Parks | Belle Grove Road traffic calming Improve facades on route 2 | Residents DPW State MDOT Residents Economic Development |
| Families are economically stable | Poverty rate Child poverty rate Median | Library Lloyd Keaser Center Chesapeake Arts | Living wage Soft skills Computer skills Work study | Centers closer to neighborhood Chrome books/internet | Bank account and help with deposit for families who are thriving | Residents Economic Development Baybrook Alliance |

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| | income FARMS rate Households receiving SNAP Internet access and equipment Numbers without a car Numbers working at home Lack of childcare Soaring rents | Center Career coach at library Mobility study North County Chamber of Commerce Strong Legislative support Service Coordinators at community schools - one speaks Spanish New portal for benefits | programs Financial management programs Upgrades to Lloyd Keaser Center Bank account Transportation | access Deposit for house | Job training, Apprenticeship Career development Work at home jobs Use Lloyd Keaser center for training | Residents AAWDC Bwl Partnership Community College |
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| Pillar 1: Cradle to Career | | | |
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| Current Programming | Future Programming | Agency/Partner | Dollar Amount (Estimate) |
| | Family Support Center | Maryland Family Network/Kingdom Kare, Inc. | \$320,000 (Proposed) |
| Service Coordinator at Brooklyn Park Community Schools | | Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports | \$237,500 (ENOUGH Influenced) |
| Head Start | | Lloyd Keaser | * |
| | Community Center | Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks | ~9 million |
| BEST Behavioral Health program | | Judy Center/Belle Grove Elementary/Anne Arundel Community College | \$75,000 (ENOUGH Influenced) |
| After School Programming | | The Complete Player | \$836,742 |
| H2O Youth Recovery Center | | Restoration Community Development Corporation, Inc. | \$400,000 |
| Mentoring Program | | Live it! Learn it! Teach it! | \$60,000 |
| YES Program | | Light of the World Family Ministries | \$100,000 (ENOUGH Influenced) |

| Pillar 2: Healthy Families | | | |
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| Current Programming | Future Programming | Agency/Partner | Dollar Amount (Estimate) |
| | School Health Centers in Brooklyn Park school | Anne Arundel County Public Schools | Still in the planning stage |
| Kinship Support Group | | Partnership/Funding from Dept of Social Services | \$50,000 |
| Healthy Families Market/Healthy Pantry | | AACo Dept of Health/Restoration Community Development Corporation | \$200,000/\$100,000 (ENOUGH Influenced) |
| Service Coordinator at Brooklyn Park Community Schools | | Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports | \$237,5000 (ENOUGH Influenced) |
| Rat Taskforce | | Anne Arundel County Health Department | \$80,000 |
| Telehealth at Community Schools in Brooklyn Park | | Community Foundation Funding/AACo Dept of Health for Implementation | \$200,000 for 2 years with Community Foundation (ENOUGH Influenced) |
| Total Health Center in Brooklyn | | Total Health/Greater Baybrook Alliance | \$66,000 |
| Food For Thought Pantries and Events | | Food 4 Thought Community Outreach Services, Inc. | \$85,000 |

| Pillar 3: Safe and Thriving Communities | | | |
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| Current Programming | Future Programming | Agency/Partner | Dollar Amount (Estimate) |
| Mobility Study to improve sidewalks | | Anne Arundel County Department of Transportation | \$181,944.73 |
| Facade Loans & Grant/Key Bridge Relief | | Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation | \$100,000 loan/\$731,800 in grants |
| Brooklyn Park Call and Ride | | Anne Arundel County Department of Transportation | \$604,800 |
| Brooklyn Park Sustainable Community Plan | | Arundel Community Development Services | \$921,422 |
| Lloyd Keaser Center | | Anne Arundel Recreation and Parks | * |
| | Addressing traffic safety on Belle Grove Road - Possibility for Speed Cushions | Anne Arundel County Department of Transportation/Delegate Gary Simmons | ~\$4,000 per cushion |

| Pillar 4: Families Are Economically Stable | | | |
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| Current Programming | Future Programming | Agency/Partner | Dollar Amount (Estimate) |
| Career Coach from Workforce | | Brooklyn Park Library | \$240,000 over two years; (ENOUGH influenced) private philanthropic dollars |
| Rental Assistance through Community Schools | | Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development | \$111,842 |
| Family Stability North County | | The Partnership | \$300,000 |
| | Entrepreneurial Program - Not focused on Brooklyn Park yet | Economic Development | * |
| HIP HOP Youth Homeless Program | | The Partnership | \$300,000 |
| Two Gen Program - Pending Award | | The Partnership | \$100,000 |

* Indicates pending information to be completed for final draft

Appendix

[Link to needs assessments completed by other agencies: community schools, etc.](#)

All photos taken by Issac Colbert, ENOUGH Storyteller in Brooklyn Park and Pumphrey, MD between January - July 2025

