



A HOUSE IN GOOD ORDER

FY27 PROPOSED BUDGET

PRESENTED BY
COUNTY EXECUTIVE STEUART PITTMAN



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EDUCATION

Our public schools are the best investment that we can make for our future. This budget:

- Funds a record \$72.8 million increase in direct funding to support AACPS - the biggest increase in county history and \$20.8 million more than last year's \$52 million record.
- Provides a step increase for all AACPS bargaining units plus a 2.25% COLA to match what other county employees are getting.
- Adds 26 new special education positions.
- Meets all the Blueprint for Maryland's Future requirements, and all charter and contract school commitments.
- Provides \$2.4 million in increased county aid to Anne Arundel Community College, and funds renovations to the Dragon Science Building and Math Building.
- Funds the renovation of the Brooklyn Park Library.
- Keeps the capital projects for the final three schools in the Old Mill Master Plan - Center for Applied Technology North, Old Mill High School, and Old Mill Middle School North - fully funded and on schedule.
- Funds the first of two much-needed field houses at Arundel and Chesapeake High Schools.

Budgets are a statement of values and strategy. This budget, along with the seven I have presented before it, demonstrate our belief that government matters. Our schools, our public safety, our environment, our health, and the people who live here all benefit when we invest in effective government.

We enter this process with the highest bond ratings, the highest reserves, the greatest infrastructure investments, and the strongest workforce this county has ever had.

This is the last budget that I will present as County Executive, and for me it is the most important. It is with this budget that I am able to leave for my successor and for our residents what I promised - a house in good order, a foundation from which we can truly make Anne Arundel County The Best Place - For All.

Thank you for engaging with local government and for all the progress you have helped us make. Our budgets have been the foundation of that work. This summary of the FY27 proposed budget is just a sampling. Please visit aacounty.org/FY27Budget for more details.



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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

In Anne Arundel County, we will protect our people. To do that, this budget:

- Provides \$2 million to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank.
- Creates five new Medicaid Navigator positions to help recipients keep their health coverage amidst new federal administrative burdens.
- Adds two new case managers to the REACH Program to connect uninsured residents to volunteer and discounted medical providers.
- Doubles funding for the Family Protection Initiative to provide immigrant families with legal assistance and crisis support services.
- Funds the Hip Hop housing program for homeless youth.
- Expands the violence interruption program to Brooklyn Park.
- Funds the Turnaround Thursday re-entry coordination program.
- Increases funding for the nutrition assistance program for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- Funds kinship navigation to support the increasing number of children living with kinship caregivers.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Public safety is our most fundamental obligation as government. This budget:

- Funds 9 new Police Department positions, including the 6 positions needed for the final shift of the Real Time Information Center, giving us 24/7 coverage.
- Adds 21 new firefighter positions to fully staff a new fire truck in the Annapolis Neck and South County area.
- Reclassifies vacant positions to add 4 new Police Patrol Sergeants, completing the department's restructuring and ensuring supervisor coverage.
- Partners with the City of Annapolis to jointly fund an EMS pilot program to enhance the quality of pre-hospital care across both jurisdictions.
- Fully funds the Office of Emergency Management Director with county general funds, freeing up grant funds.
- Funds the new Northern Police Station and the new Arundel, Waugh Chapel, and Jessup Fire Stations.

LAND USE & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

These agencies are the stewards of our land and the managers of our place. This budget:

- Funds the new Capital Program Optimization Initiative to speed up projects and address bottlenecks in the design and construction process.
- Invests nearly \$60 million to divert wastewater flow from the Patapsco Treatment Plant to county facilities, creating capacity and supporting our work to lift the moratorium.
- Provides a one-time boost of \$458,000 for the road repair fund to address potholes.
- Funds designs for recreation facilities and housing with supportive services at Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park.
- Adds an Adoption Coordinator at Animal Services and funds the concept design for a new Animal Shelter.
- Funds the next phase of planning for the Regional Agricultural Center at the Lothian Grain Elevator Site.
- Adds Rec & Parks staffing for the new Edgewater Community Center, Lake Waterford Indoor Tennis Facility, and recent natural area acquisitions at Glebe Heights, Saltworks, and Looper properties.
- Funds the creation of Marley Creek Regional Park, the expansion of Severn Danza Park, and projects at Crofton Park, Arden on the Severn Park, and Waterbury Park.
- Converts two cultural resources contractual positions to merit and funds a contract to prepare an application to the National Register of Historic Places for Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park.



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

This final budget must leave for the next administration a house in good order. To do that, this budget:

- Maintains the county's three Triple-A bond ratings for the fourth year in a row.
- Lowers property tax rates from 97.7 to 96.8 cents for every \$100 of assessed property.
- Maintains the county's current progressive income tax rates, protecting lower earners and keeping our taxes the lowest in Central Maryland.
- Limits taxable increases in assessed value for homeowners to 2% per year through the county's Homestead Credit.