



TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

State of the Town 2024



Vision and Commitment Statements



Housing and Neighborhoods



Sustainability



Business and Economic Development



Infrastructure

Vision and Commitment Statements

<u>____</u> Arts & Recreation

Community Engagement & Transparency

Employee Development

Transportation

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Ethical Governance

Best practices, Technology, and Data





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Community Focus

Walk, Bike, Drive Safety Initiative



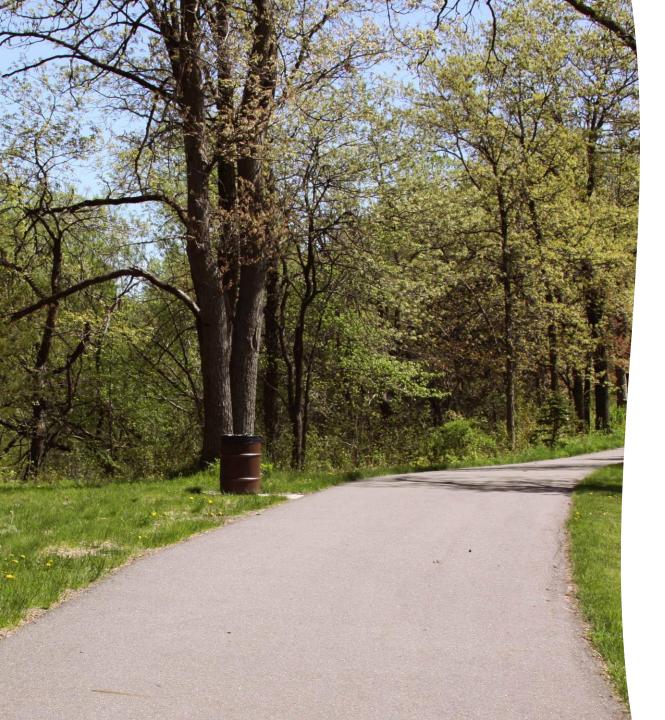
WBD Priority Projects

- Town Center Trail and Parking Lot Redesign
- Natoli Place Lafayette Avenue Redesign
- Queensbury Pedestrian Walkway
- Flashing Stop and Ped Crossing Signs
- Trolley Trail Lighting Project
- 47th Avenue and 48th Avenue Sidewalk Installation
- New Curb Ramps and Crosswalks

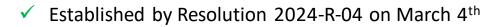


SS4A Potential Projects

- Painted or raised Intersections
 - Riverdale Road at 54th Avenue
 - Riverdale Road at Tanglewood Drive
 - Riverdale Road at Taylor
 - Queensbury Crossing at Town Center
- Curb Extensions
 - Taylor at East-West Highway
- Mid-block Crosswalk
 - 54th Avenue
- Painted Bike Paths
 - Riverdale Road
- Painted Sidewalks
 - Beale Circle
 - Quintana Street
 - Patterson Street



Walk, Bike, Drive Advisory Committee



- Advisory members (8)
 - One member with education and/or experience in transportation planning and/or urban design.
 - One member with education and/or experience in civil engineering.
 - One member with education and/or experience in public accessibility.
 - One member with education and/or experience in urban bicycling.
 - One representative from each State of Maryland Accredited primary or secondary educational institution located within the Town.
 - One resident member not requiring specific education or experience.
 - One TRP located business member not requiring specific education or experience.

New in FY2025

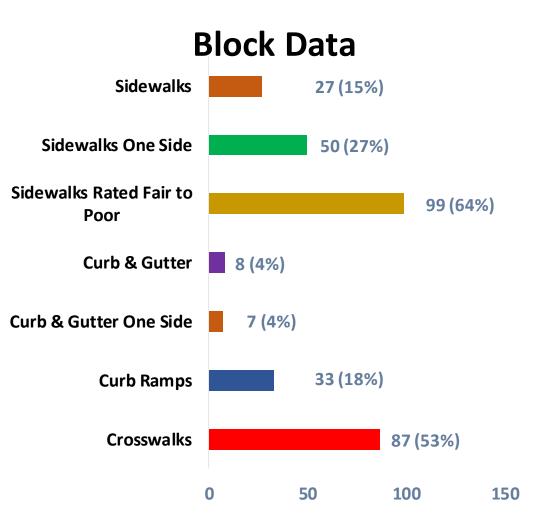
- Enhanced Automated Enforcement
- Red Light Camera Enforcement
- Proposed Addition of Residential Enforcement Districts for speed monitoring
- Automated Parking Permits & Enforcement
- Proposed- New Community Safety Specialist
- Proposed designated WBD CIP funding



Preliminary Infrastructure Survey Results

Survey Results Create Opportunities:

- 1. Target infill development and repairs
- 2.Prioritize improvements based on pedestrian activity
- 3.Complete missing infrastructure at the same time
- 4.Develop multi-year improvement plan
- 5.Share development schedule with residents



Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)



CIP Projects

Infrastructure Projects (28) Acquisition Projects (9)

Major CIP Projects



Town Center Trail and Parking Lot Redesign

- Project goal
- Coordinated with Natoli Place-Lafayette Avenue Project
- Project planning phase underway
 - Key stakeholders & engagement strategies
 - Opportunities to coordinate with County, State, MNCPPC, and other entities
 - Opportunities project creates
 - Identification of challenges & obstacles to overcome
 - Tentative Schedule
 - Support for existing activities
- Fully funded with State Bonds



Natoli Place-Lafayette Avenue Redesign

- Project goal
- Coordination of planning and construction with Town Center Project
- Project planning phase underway
 - Key stakeholders & engagement strategies
 - Coordination with CSX
 - Opportunities and constraints
 - Guiding principles
 - Project schedule
- ARPA funded

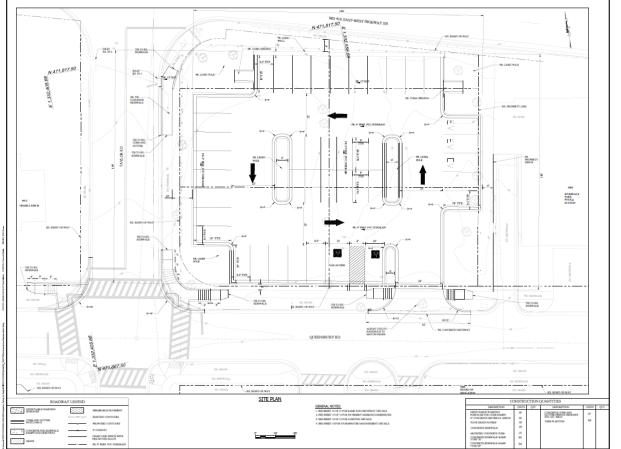


Municipal Center Additions and Alterations

- Project goal
- Multiple funding sources
- Major additions and alterations
- Progress toward completion
- Target completion date
- Ceremonial Reopening of Town Hall







Queensbury Parking Lot Project

- Project goal
- Design elements
 - Permeable pavement
 - EV Charging station
 - Lighting
 - Perimeter and interior landscaping
 - Accessibility ramp
 - Parking lot operations
- Permit review underway
- CIP Unrestricted and Bond funds



Queensbury Pedestrian Walkway

- Project goal
- Design elements
 - Extended sidewalk
 - Perimeter decorative fence
 - Permeable pathway through Park Property
- Engineering scope of work
- Right of Entry from MNCPPC
- ARPA funding



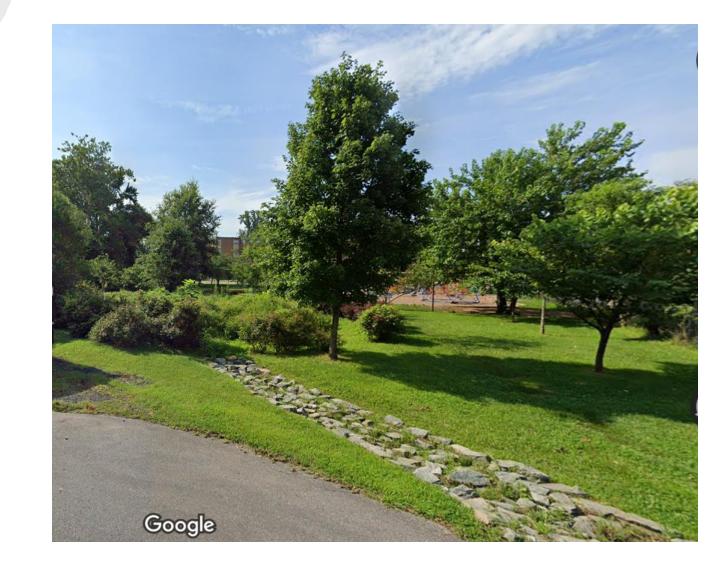


DPW Renovation Project

- Project goal
- Project Design Underway
- Project Elements
 - Fire alarm system
 - Installation of women's restroom and locker room
 - Redesign of men's restroom and lock room
 - Resign of rear, east side, and east side front entrances
- ARPA Funded

Stormwater Projects

- Beale Circle Design (Bond Funded)
- Rain Garden (Town and County Funded)
- Municipal Center Bio Retention/Cistern System (County Funded)
- Town Mitigation Assistance to Residents



6601 Baltimore Avenue



Riverdale Park Community and Municipal Center 6601 Baltimore Avenue, Riverdale Park, MD









6601 Baltimore Avenue: Stormwater

Sustainability

Pollinator Gardens

- Rivertech Court and Lafayette Avenue
- Madison Street and 47th Avenue
- Potential new locations
 - Paper Streets/Alleys





Community Garden and Food Forest



Park and Trees

- Town-Owned Park Projects Underway
 - Adam and Emily Plummer Park
 - 54th Place Pocket Park & Tot Lot
 - 47th to Taylor Linear Park
 - Mount Rose Park
- Tree Inventory and Management Plan Underway
- Town Arborist Solicitation Underway
 - Town Price Extended to Residents
- Planned Education and Consultant Services to Property Owners



Alternative Revenue Sources

- Centralized Approach (One staff person housed in the Finance Dept)
- Applications are completed with the input of Department Heads
- All grant applications are aligned with the Town's priorities
- In coordination with the Town's budget and capital plan
- Focused on gaps in project funding
- Provides structure for uniform policies, reporting, compliance and procedures





Grants Awarded to the Town

- Chesapeake Bay Trust / PGC Stormwater Stewardship Program \$139,540 (Public Works)
- Maryland Façade Improvement Program \$75,000 (Development Services)
- Safe Streets & Roads for All \$768,000 (Public Works)
- Connected Devices Maryland 100 Chromebooks for Riverdale Elementary School - \$19,875 (Neighborhood Services)
- COPS Hiring Program \$125,000 (Police Department)
- Police Recruitment & Retention \$50,000 (Police Department)
- Total \$1,177,415

Events, Engagement, and Outreach

Events

- Coffee with a Cop
- Earth Day Clean Up
- Trolley Trail Day
- Train Stop Tunes
- Jazz on the Lawn
- Patio Concert Series
- Walk & Talks
- Community Conversations
- Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony



Events

- Holiday Season Kick-off
- Children's Holiday Party Bags
- National Night Out
- Salsa & Salsa
- Movie Nights
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Shop with a Cop
- Toy Drive
- Valentine's Day Luncheon at Crescent Cities



Future Events: FY2025 and Beyond

- More Town events, Town sponsored events, and Town supported events
- Expand partnerships and sponsorship
- Increase volunteers
- Proposed new position





Engagement and Outreach

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Chief's

Community

Advisory

Council

Board of Code Appeals



Ethics Commission

Green Team / **Sustainability** Committee

Design



Town Seal TRP Board of Elections Committee





Committees at Work



Communications

Communication

- Town Crier
- Constant Contact
- Status and Information Report
- Social Media platforms
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - YouTube
 - X
- Town Website

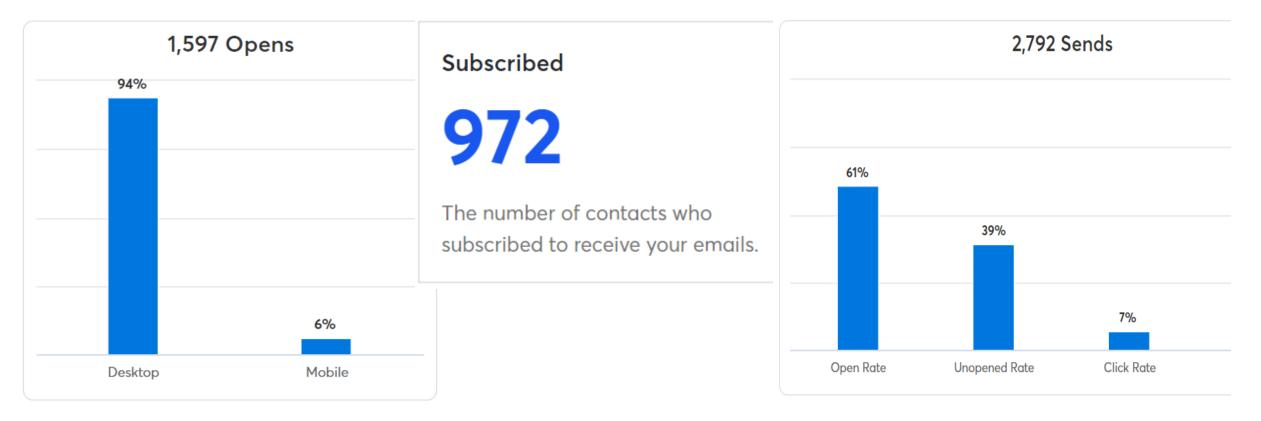




Communication



Constant Contact Growth To Date







Addressing Food Insecurity

4 Year Summary:

- Farmers Market Dollar Program
- \$201,436 to Non-profits to Supply Food
- Food Forest/Community Garden



Supporting Residents

Resident Grant Programs

- Accessory Structure Grant Program
- Residential Emergency Repair Program
- Neighborhood Safety Improvement Grant Program
- Flood Prevention and Damage Mitigation Grant Program

\$22,929 dollars were awarded in 2023



Supporting Businesses



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Grant Programs

Licensing Program



Business Programs



Small Business Assistance Grant



Business Growth Grant



Commercial Appearance Grant



Celebrating Business Initiative



Neighborhood Safety Improvement Grant Program



Commercial Emergency Repair Program



Flood Prevention and Damage Mitigation Program

Development

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Known Projects And Stages

- The Lofts
- The Chambers Project (AL KAREEM)
- Riverdale Park Station (RPS)
- Plaza Del Alamo

Likely Redevelopment • Riverdale Plaza Shopping Center The property owner has share with staff future plans involving redeveloping the lot when the Purple Line station is further along.

 6201, 6203, 6205 Natoli Place and 4709 Rittenhouse These properties are available for sale and are advertised as a transit-oriented development opportunity.

In-fill Development And Results

Single-family lots expecting redevelopment:

- 5016 Oglethorpe Street
- 5408 Quesada Road
- 5406 Quesada Road
- 5004 Ingraham Street





Purple Line



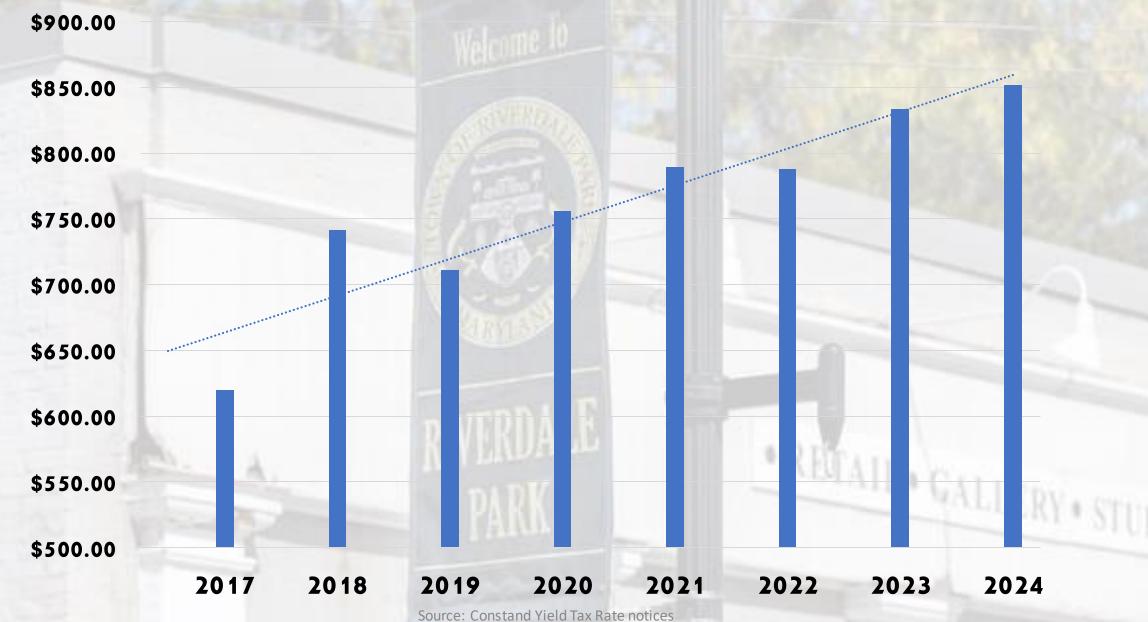
Assessable Base

• The bulk of the Town's revenue is derived from taxes based on the assessable base.

• We have to keep the properties that are in town currently in good condition, by notifying property owners of code violations, and installing new, and maintaining existing, infrastructure to attract new development.

• New development has a significant impact on the assessable base.

Assessable Base



Millions

Assessable Base

Riverdale Park is in the reassessment area for 2025. The end of December 2024 notices should be generated with the new values to cover 2025-2027.

Ň			Difference from		
Year	NetAs	ssessable Real Property Base	previous year	Percentage Growth	Inflation
2017	\$	620,170,753.00			
2018	\$	741,796,904.00	\$ 121,626,151.00	19.6%	2.5%
2019	\$	710,717,537.00	\$ (31,079,367.00)	-4.2%	1.8%
2020	\$	756,197,958.00	\$ 45,480,421.00	6.4%	1.2%
2021	\$	789,139,419.00	\$ 32,941,461.00	4.4%	4.4%
2022	\$	787,689,265.00	\$ (1,450,154.00)	-0.2%	6.5%
2023	\$	833,571,585.00	\$ 45,882,320.00	5.8%	6.6%
2024	\$	851,956,453.00	\$ 18,384,868.00	2.2%	
			Average	4.9%	3.8%

Source: Constand Yield Tax Rate notices

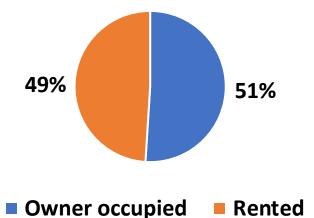
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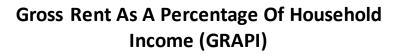
Median Value of Owner-occupied Units: \$430,300 Median Gross Rent: \$1,547

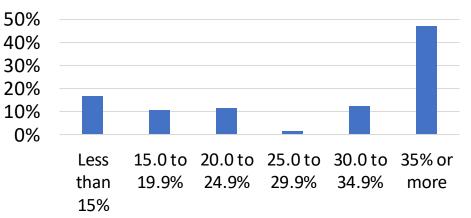
Nearly half of the renters (47.2%) spend 35% or more of their income on rent, indicating potential affordability issues.

A proportion of homeowners with mortgages (14.0%) also spend 35% or more of their income on housing.

Housing Tenure







Business Highlights

On December 8th, 2023, the Washington Commanders announced they would be relocating their business operations to Riverdale Park.

In addition to the many benefits associated with the Commanders relocating to Riverdale Park, we were pleased to learn that the move is expected to bring approximately 200 jobs to the area.

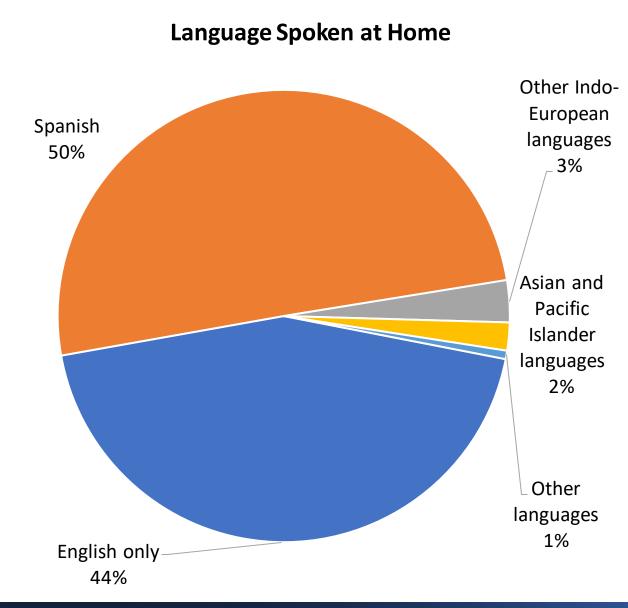
Demographics

Language Diversity in Riverdale Park

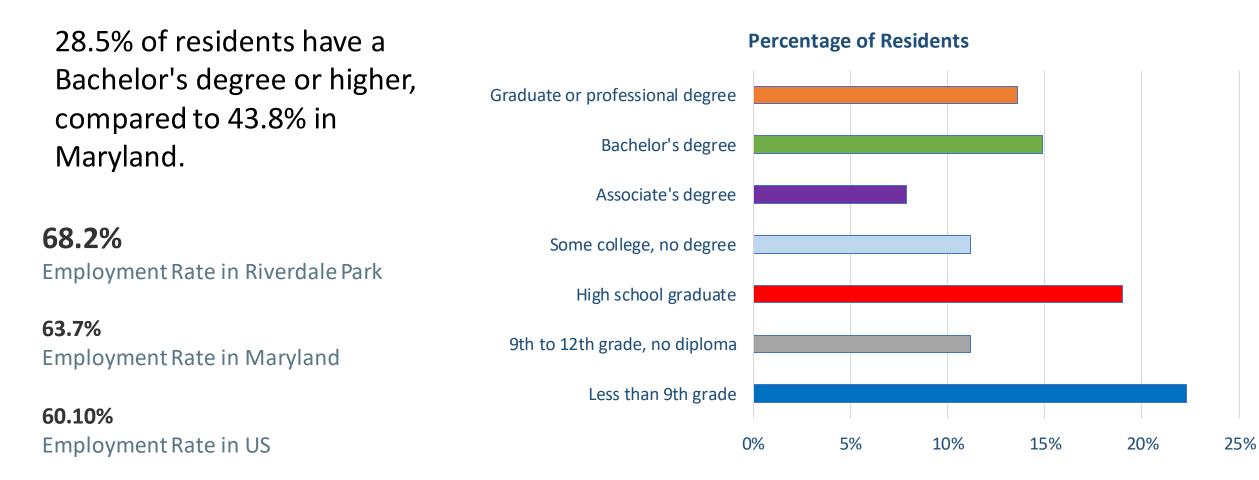
55.9% of residents speak a language other than English at home.

20.7% state average for non-English language at home.

50.2% of residents speak Spanish at home.



Educational Attainment and Workforce



Elected Leadership

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Who We Are As An Organization

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Town of Riverdale Park





10+ years

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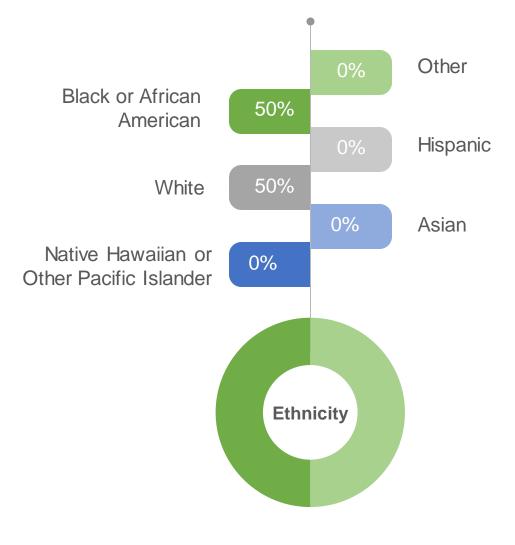
Headcount Comparison Based on Gender

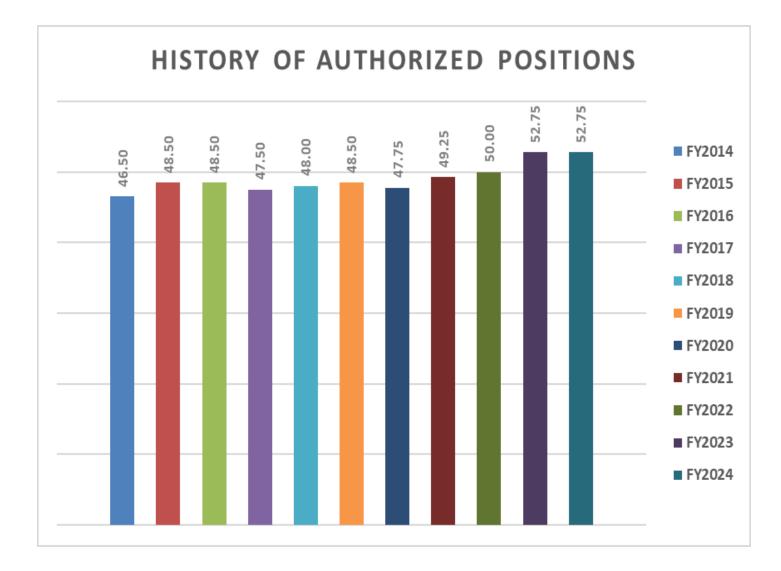


Employee Demographics

Employee Other Black or African American 31% Hispanic 33% White 2% Asian Native Hawaiian or Other 2% Pacific Islander Ethnicity

Leadership Team





Succession Planning



Meet The Leadership Team



Departments

Office of Administrative Services Office of Development Services Office of Employee Services Office of Finance Services Office of Neighborhood Services Police Department Department of Public Works







Office of Administrative Services Accomplishments

- Coordinated and executed all Town events
- Disseminated Town-wide communications
 - Created first ever bi-lingual (printed) Town Crier & Implemented Constant Contact, a new bi-lingual and digital communication tool
- Coordinated and supported meetings of Mayor & Council, Ethics Commission, TRP Board of Elections, and Town Seal Design Committee
- Managed Town's responses to Maryland Public Information Act requests
- Supplied Free Notary Services to TRP Community
- Provided Town Departments with administrative support to include communications, outreach, engagement, and translation services
- Leveraged partnerships with community stakeholders to bring events and music to Town



Office of Administrative Services Goals





Office of Development Services Accomplishments

Dispersed \$263,846 to address food insecurity through the farmers market dollars program

Identified Town owned property for improvements

Secured additional grant funds

Coordinated with partners to install new art

Strengthened the Town's assessable base



Office of Development Services Goals

\	Invest	Sustainable and Green Initiatives
	Carry on	Broader effort to secure additional grant funds
47,3 3 %	Encourage	Local business collaboration
,	Increase	Local artwork and sculptures
٣	Protect & Expand	The Town's assessable tax base

Office of Neighborhood Services Accomplishments



Implemented proactive measures to assist in removing blighting conditions

ENGTH

AWARENESS

Developing and disseminating a guide to assist businesses



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Administered the recently adopted Riverdale Park Property Maintenance Code



Implemented a software system for inspections that includes a resident portal



Expand Digital Documentation and Record Keeping by Digitizing existing paper records

Enhance online permitting process

Increase staff efficiency through technology



Office of

Neighborhood

ervices

Improve staff training

Expand Multilingual resources

Office of Employee Services Accomplishments

- Launched Phase II of TRP University
- Employee Wellness Program 30% increase
- Improvement in time-to-fill, costper-hire, and diversity
- Updated Position Descriptions
- Implemented The Base Pay Competitive Market Review
- Established Employee Safety Committees





Office of Employee Services Goals

Enhance

Employee Wellness

Implement

Succession planning for key roles **Retain Enhance**

Develop

to retain

strategies

top talent

Communication Channels

Decrease

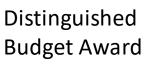
Accidents in workplace





Office of Finance Services Accomplishments

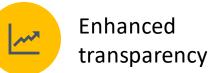






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Managed the annual budget within the allocated funds





Budget Projection hits the mark



Financial Reports to the Council and Public

Presented over 36



ARPA Reporting & Audit



Office of Finance Services Goals

671

Convert All Accounting Procedures To A Digital Form

Develop Dashboard Of Key Financial Performance Indicators

Enhance Financial Reporting

Alternative Revenue Sources (Grants)

Proposed Position



Police Department Accomplishments

54% Of Staff Is Bilingual

Completed Crisis Intervention Training For All Sworn Staff

RIVERDALE PARK

Adopted A Parking Management System

Educated School Children On Driver Safety & Drug Awareness

Community Engagement

Increased Foot And Bicycle Patrols

Launched Neighborhood Safety Cameras

Police Department Goals



DPW Accomplishments

- Installed the Town's first protected bike lane
- Increased flashing traffic signs to 45
 - \odot $\,$ 30 Stop signs and 15 PED Crossing signs $\,$
- Distributed 13,200 leaf bags; collected 4,200 CY
- Completed 15 road improvement projects
- Completed phase 1 Trolley trail lighting project
- Implemented brine machine using geo melt (beet juice and brine mix)
 - Simplified leaf collection
 - Completed preliminary infrastructure survey





Department of Public Works Goals

- Complete conversion of streetlights to LED 3000 Kelvins
- Map infrastructure survey results
- Continue replacement of gaspowered tools with electric-powered
- Secure on-call construction contract for road improvements projects
- Complete Walk, Bike, Drive infrastructure projects
- Outsource custodial services to all Town buildings

Budget

History of Tax Rate

- FY2025 Projected TBD
- FY2024 Approved .6540
- FY2022 Approved .6540
- FY2021 Approved .6540
- FY2020 Approved .6540
- FY2019 Approved .6540
- FY2018 Approved .6540
- FY2017 Approved .6540
- FY2016 Approved .6540
- FY2015 Approved .6540
- FY2014 Approved .6540
- FY2013 Approved .6540



Sources and Uses

Sources

- Local Taxes
- Licenses and Permits
- Administrative Fees
- Fines and Forfeitures
- Automated Safety Programs
- Reimbursement / Rebates
- Grant
- Transfers in

Uses

- Salary and Benefits / Overtime
- Contractual Services
- Operating Expenditures
- Weather Response Services
- Municipal Buildings
- Community Events/ Grants
- Capital Improvement Projects

Revenue Net Operating Expenditure History

FY2024 Projected	\$825,000
FY2023 Actual	\$1,242,000
FY2022 Actual	\$2,094,385
FY2021 Actual	\$1,804,566
FY2020 Actual	\$1,411,961
FY2019 Actual	\$730,280





FY2025 Budget

Finding Balance





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