

**Mayor Tracey Furman**

**Council Member Darin Bartram  
Council Member Nate Engle**



**Council Member Conor Crimmins  
Council Member Ann Lichter**

Released: May 5, 2023

**Monday, May 8, 2023  
Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm**

The Town Council Meeting will be held at Town Hall and on the Zoom Video Conferencing application. Access to the meeting is available through the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484986391?pwd=cVpneC9xRzQzWk5pTC8rbnBXS2dtQT09>

**Meeting ID: 814 8498 6391**

**Password: 260440**

Or you may join the meeting by calling: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C) and entering the Meeting ID and Password above.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2023

**THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL**

**1. Announcements – June 5, 2023, Town Election**

- a. Announce Candidates for the June 5, 2023, Town Election.
  - i. Certificate of Nominations are due by 4:00 pm on Monday, May 8, 2023.
- b. A Candidate Forum will be held in person, and via Zoom, on Monday, May 22, 2023, 7:00 pm, if Nominations exceed the number of Council positions requiring an Election, per the Town Charter.

**2. Mayoral Proclamation**

- a. In Commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, the Town will be Honoring John Morris, "John the Train Guy", for his passion and continued support towards MARC Train ridership and the CSX rail line.

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### **3. Sustainable Kensington**

- a. Update from the May 1, 2023, Sustainable Kensington meeting.
- b. Presentation of a proposed Action Plan on the Town's pursuit for Sustainable Maryland Certification.

### **4. Pedestrian Bicycle Access and Safety Working Group**

- a. 2023 Walk Audit Results and Priority Recommendations Presentation.

### **5. Town Council Chamber**

- a. Discuss allowing Chevy Chase View to rent the Council Chamber to hold their public meetings once a month.

### **6. Bronze Award Project**

- a. Announcement by Junior Girl Scout Troop 34067.

## **THE TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF**

1. Town Hall Energy Audit
2. Proposed Oberon Street Sidewalk

## **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS**

*(Ordinances, resolutions, and regulations to be introduced or adopted following appropriate procedures required by the Town Code; or resolutions that may require discussion by the Mayor and Council prior to approval)*

1. **Ordinance No. O-01-2023** – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington to Appropriate and Adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 (FY24) Budget and to Levy a Tax on Certain Real and Personal Property under the provisions of §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as Amended.
  - a. *The Public Hearing was held on April 10, 2023, and the Public Record was held open until 4:00 pm on Friday, May 5, 2023.*
2. **Resolution No. R-10-2023** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council declaring the first Friday in June (Friday, June 2, 2023) to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Town of Kensington to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a Country must do more to reduce gun violence.
3. **Resolution No. R-11-2023** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington Authorizing a Contract with the Urban Land Institute to establish a Technical Advisory Panel for the strategic review of Economic Development, Connectivity, and Mobility improvements within the Town.

## **PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

*(The public is invited to speak on any subject that is not a topic on tonight's agenda)*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*(The Mayor and Council may move to close the meeting and may move to reopen the meeting)*

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING(S) OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE HELD:

***Monday, June 12, 2023, 7:00 pm***

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# **Sustainable Maryland Certification ACTION PLAN**

Sustainable Kensington Committee (Formerly Green Team)

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# Sustainable Maryland Background

- 54% (88) of Maryland municipalities are participating
- 41 Certified

Certification is good for 3 Years

Individual actions must be maintained

We kicked off in October 2022

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# What We Have Done

- Registered TOK and passed resolution
  - Attended Green Team training
  - Community survey to prioritize activities
  - Inventory of existing actions
  - Completed Action Plan
  - Gathered documentation to support a application
  - Preparing certification application
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# Actions Completed/In Progress

## Highlights Year 1

- Establish Green Team
  - Sustainability Resource Center
  - Farmers Market
  - E-vehicle charging stations
  - Municipal Energy Audit
  - Municipal Carbon Footprint
  - Pesticide-Free Zone
  - Local Businesses
  - Organic Composting
  - Weed Warriors/  
Watershed Demo
  - Tree City
  - Pet Waste Management
  - Registered Historic District
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# Action Plan, Year 2 & 3

- Complete online Sustainability Resource Center
- Municipal energy audit
- Municipal renewable energy
- Green Purchasing Policy
- Expand organic waste composting - business and residential
- Waste management/reduction program - business
- Insect hotel
- Promote native plants
- Stormwater Management Plan
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plan
- Watershed Protection Plan

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**Green** = Requires TOK action and/or funding

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# Next steps

## Goal: Bronze Certification (150pts)

### By June 1

Submissions received prior to June 1 receive review and feedback

### By June 30

Official submission is due; sent to external reviewers

### By October 1

Receive certification decision; good for 3 years (Sept 2026)

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**Thank You**

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# Pedestrian Bicycle Access and Safety Working Group



2023 Walk Audit Results and Priority Recommendations

# About PBAS Working Group

- Formed in September 2020 to increase pedestrian and bicycle access and safety in and around Kensington
- Consists of residents and neighboring community members
- Meets monthly
- Advises the Town to prioritize investments in the areas of greatest need
- Amongst accomplishments - biennial walkability/bikeability audit of every Town street segment

# 2020 Walk Audit and Recommendations

- Inaugural audit of walkability, bikeability, safety, and comfort
- 64 segments were audited between Oct-Dec 2020
- Report was presented to Town Council in Feb 2021
- Results were used in two ways:
  - Short-Term/Mid-Term Improvements
    - Re-erecting missing signage
    - New pedestrian crossing paddles
    - Additional street lighting
    - Prioritization for sidewalk repairs and missing crosswalks
  - Source of input for the TLC grant evaluation

## 2022 Audit

- Audit took place between Nov 2022-Feb 2023
- Increased coverage: 108 segments were audited for complete coverage of the Town
- Participation of 14 auditors which expanded community engagement
- Enhanced the audit with photos
- Introduced a new prioritization methodology to focus the 100+ recommendations generated through the audit process

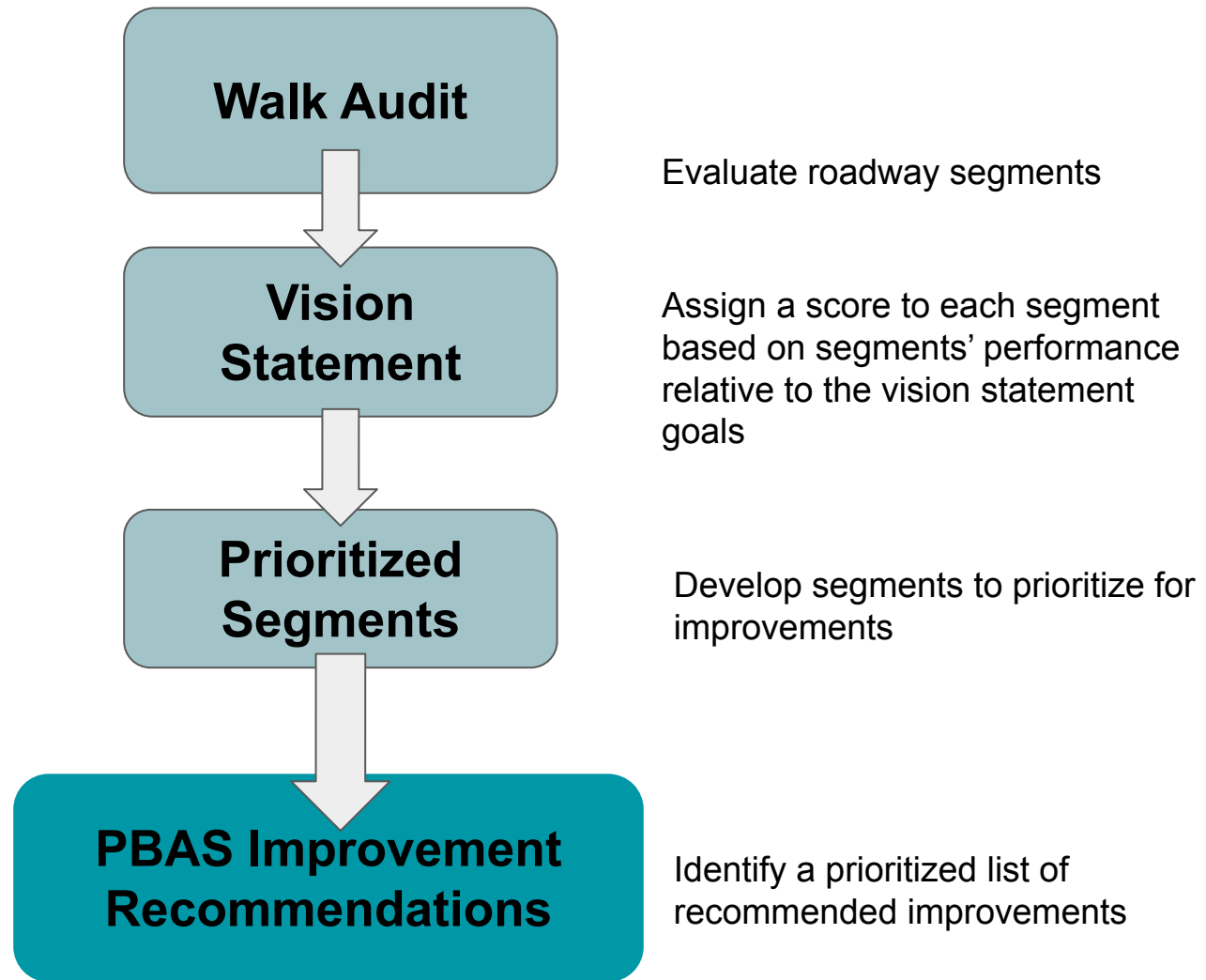
# PBAS Vision Statement

Envision a community where people of all ages and abilities can walk, roll and bike safely and comfortably.

Advises Town to prioritize investments in the areas of greatest need, with a focus on:

- Repairing barriers
- Vulnerable users
- High use areas
- High crash locations

# Approach



# Methodology - Step 1: Walk Audit Segments

*Base map of walk audit segments:*





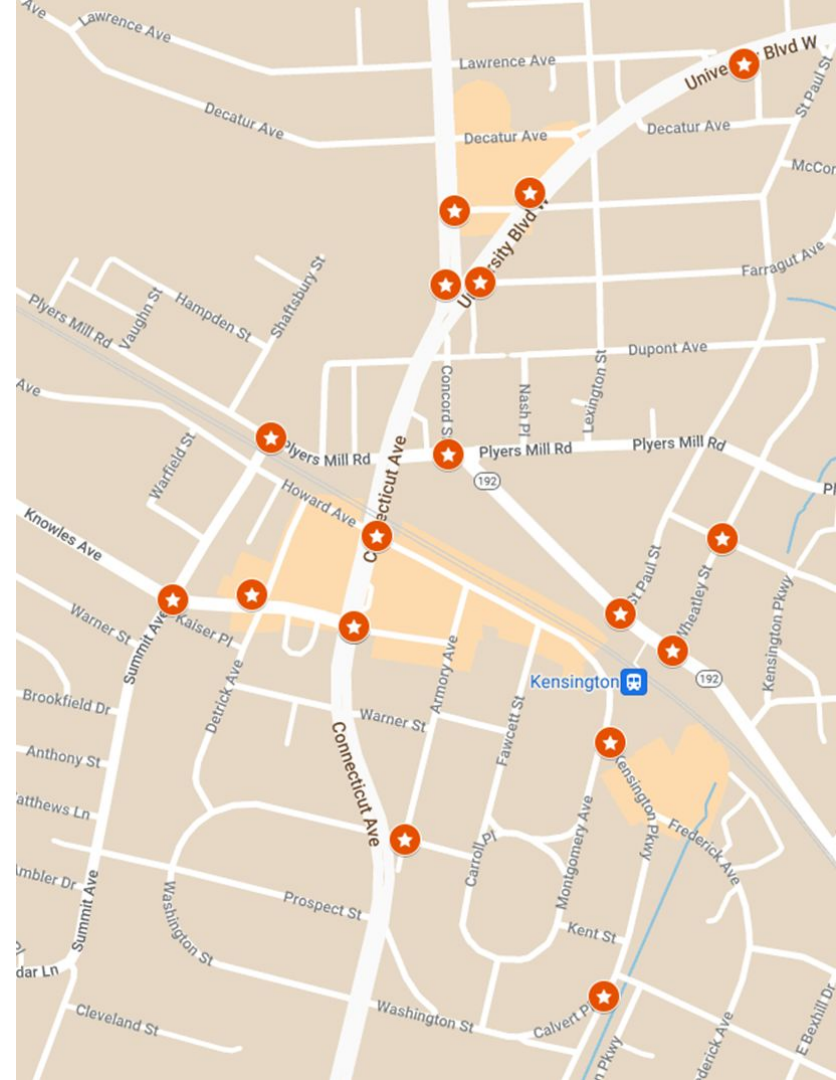
## Methodology - Step 2: Assign Points based on Vision Statement

- Repairing barriers → SHA or County Road
- Vulnerable users → Adjacent to schools, parks, etc
- High use areas → Current or future commercial area
- High crash locations → On County's high crash map

Tally points and sort highest-scoring segments (i.e., segments in greatest need of focused safety improvements)

# Methodology - Step 3: Prioritized Segments

*Segments that received the highest score*



# Methodology - Step 4: Develop Recommendations

- 38 recommendations across 18 segments
  - 9 maintenance recommendations (e.g. trim bushes, replace missing sign)
  - 29 improvement/construction recommendations (e.g. install missing crosswalks, improvements to existing crosswalks, widen or add missing sidewalks, lighting and beautification)



# Sample Recommendations Spreadsheet

| Street Segment         |                |               | Recommendation   |  |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|--|--|
| Street Audited         | Intersecting   | Intersecting  | Maintenance  | Improvement  |
| Kensington Parkway     | Montgomery Ave | Frederick Ave |  | Widen sidewalks on east side   |
|                        |                |               |  | Add pedestrian scale lighting + trees  |
|                        |                |               | Relocate USPS mailbox  |  |
| University             | Madison        | St. Paul      |  | Install high visibility crosswalks at all crossings  |
|                        |                |               |  | Close eastbound right turn slip lane. If this can't be done, move the western curb ramp at this crossing closer to University so it is more visible + install his vis crosswalk. |
|                        |                |               | Fix pedestrian crossing sign at corner of University and Madison                                 |  |
| Howard Avenue          | Connecticut    | Armory        |  | Remove abandoned driveway curb cut and restore the sidewalk  |
|                        |                |               |  | Create a buffer next to Kensington Clock and Watch. Install planting strip and plant trees. Move sidewalk closer to the building.  |
|                        |                |               |  | Explore feasibility of installing missing sidewalk on east side  |
| Summit Ave             | Knowles        | Howard        |  | Upgrade curb ramps to ADA compliance at Howard Rd + install hi visibility crosswalks and stop bars on all intersection approaches.   |
|                        |                |               |  |  |
|                        |                |               |  |  |
| Knowles<br>Plyers Mill | Summit         | Connecticut   | Clear overgrowth at Summit and Knowles at North side to ensure visibilty of pedestrian crossing. |  |
|                        |                |               |  | Signalize Detrick and install the missing crosswalk at Detrick. Include a pedestrian   |
|                        |                |               |  | Widen existing sidewalks   |
|                        |                |               |  | Install hi-visibility crosswalks at all crossings  |
|                        |                |               |  | Install missing crosswalk on north side of Connecticut   |
|                        | Summit         | Connecticut   |  | Add crosswalk on N side  |

# Next Steps

- Work with Town Council, Manager, and Staff to implement recommendations under Kensington's jurisdiction
- Continue to work with transportation partners to implement recommendations under county and state jurisdiction (e.g., quarterly meetings with SHA, meetings with SHA, etc.)
- “Packaging as campaigns” that take key recommendations and scale out to other relevant areas of Town for economies of scale and high visibility improvements (e.g., crosswalk-a-palooza)
- Share data and photos collected with Montgomery Parks and Planning to inform Pedestrian Master Planning process
- Incorporate lessons learned for improving the 2024 audit

**Budget Ordinance No. O-01-2023****Introduced: March 13, 2023****Public Hearing: April 10, 2023****Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF KENSINGTON TO APPROPRIATE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 – 2024 (FY24) BUDGET AND TO LEVY A TAX ON CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF §6-203 OF THE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, §5-205 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, authorizes the Mayor and Town Council to provide for the control and management of its finances and expend money for any public purpose and for the safety, health, and general welfare of the Town and its occupants; and

WHEREAS, §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended), grants authority to municipal corporations to levy a tax on personal property, land, and improvements thereon, within the municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, “Finance”, Section 801, “Fiscal Year”, of the Town Charter states that the Fiscal Year of the Town shall begin on July 1, 2023, and end on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Section 802, “Proposed Budget”, of the Town Charter states that the Town Manager shall submit to the Council prior to the third Monday in April, a Budget of anticipated revenues, proposed operating expenditures, and proposed capital project expenditures, along with a written financial plan for the succeeding fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 803, “Adoption”, of the Town Charter states that prior to adopting the Budget, the Council shall hold a public hearing following due notice and a favorable vote of at least a majority of the total elected membership of the Council shall be necessary for adoption.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington does hereby adopt the following Budget Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 – 2024 (FY24) BUDGET AND TO LEVY A TAX ON CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF §6-203 OF THE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED.

|  |                            |  |  |    |           |                    |
|--|----------------------------|--|--|----|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>               |                            |  |  |    |           |                    |
|  | General Property Taxes     |  |  | \$ | 1,527,388 |                    |
|  | Other Taxes                |  |  | \$ | 800,500   |                    |
|  | Licenses & Permits         |  |  | \$ | 42,310    |                    |
|  | Intergovernmental Revenues |  |  | \$ | 430,273   |                    |
|  | Fines & Fees               |  |  | \$ | 1,000     |                    |
|  | Miscellaneous Revenue      |  |  | \$ | 197,500   |                    |
|  | Grants - ARPA              |  |  | \$ | 1,148,193 |                    |
| <b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>         |                            |  |  |    |           | <b>\$4,147,164</b> |
|  | Re-Appropriation           |  |  | \$ | 972,962   |                    |
| <b>TOTAL ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAILABLE</b> |                            |  |  |    |           | <b>\$5,120,126</b> |
|  |                            |  |  |    |           |                    |
|  |                            |  |  |    |           |                    |
| <b>PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</b>             |                            |  |  |    |           |                    |
|  | General Government         |  |  | \$ | 1,344,725 |                    |
|  | Public Works               |  |  | \$ | 1,085,399 |                    |
|  | Public Safety              |  |  | \$ | 315,843   |                    |
|  | Parks & Recreation         |  |  | \$ | 203,400   |                    |
|  | Non-Departmental           |  |  | \$ | 25,000    |                    |
|  |                            |  |  |    |           | <b>\$2,974,367</b> |
|  | Capital Improvement Budget |  |  | \$ | 2,145,759 |                    |
| <b>TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</b>       |                            |  |  |    |           | <b>\$5,120,126</b> |

**SECTION 1:**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2023, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority granted to it by §5-205 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and Article VIII of the Kensington Town Charter, that the budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be and the same hereby is appropriated and adopted.

**SECTION 2:**

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2023, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under the virtue of the authority granted to it by §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended), and Article VIII of the Kensington Town

Charter, hereby levies a tax at the rate of One thousand, three hundred twelve ten-thousandths cents (**\$0.1312**) per One Hundred Dollars of full value assessment on all taxable real property located within the corporate limits of the Town of Kensington.

### **SECTION 3:**

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2023, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under the virtue of the authority granted to it by §6-203 of the Tax-Property Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended), and Article VIII of the Kensington Town Charter, hereby levies a tax at the rate of eighty cents (**\$0.80**) per One Hundred Dollars of full value assessment on all taxable personal property located within the corporate limits of the Town of Kensington.

### **SECTION 4:**

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2023, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under the virtue of the authority granted to it by §8-101 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended), and Article VIII of the Kensington Town Charter, hereby levies a tax at the rate of five dollars (**\$5.00**) per One Hundred Dollars of full value assessment on all taxable personal property set forth by §8-101 of the Tax-Property Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended):

1. Operating personal property of a railroad;
2. Operating personal property of a public utility that is machinery or equipment used to generate electricity or steam for sale;
3. All other operating personal property of a public utility; and
4. Machinery and equipment, other than operating personal property of a public utility, that is used to generate electricity or steam for sale or hot or chilled water for sale that is used to heat or cool a building.

### **SECTION 5:**

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2023, by the Kensington Town Council, hereby adopts the imposition of a full-year, one-half year, three-quarter year, and one-quarter year tax levies, authorized pursuant to §10-102, 10-103, 10-104, and 10-105 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as amended), and authorizes and empowers Montgomery County, Maryland, to collect and remit the same to the Town of Kensington, consistent with the imposition and collection of such levies on real property by Montgomery County.



AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2023, by the Kensington Town Council that the transfer of funds by Resolution within the Operating and Capital Improvements Budget may occur.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2023, by the Kensington Town Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority granted to it by §5-201 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and Article VI, “Powers of the Council”, Section 601, “General Powers” of the Town Charter that:

(1) If any part of provision of this ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the part of provision held to be invalid shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof; and

(2) This ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of July, 2023, provided the following:

(a) Posted at Town Hall by the next business day following introduction; and

(b) Posted on the official Town website; and

(c) Sent to those persons listed on the official Town email list/mail subscription service; and

(d) Published once prior to the public hearing in the Town newsletter or sent by substitute regular mail to newsletter circulation addresses.

**INTRODUCED** by the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington, Maryland at the regular public meeting assembled on the 13th day of March, 2023.

**ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington, Maryland at the regular public meeting assembled on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2023.

**EFFECTIVE** the 1st day of July, 2023.

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON  
BUDGET DETAILS**

|  |  | PROPOSED BUDGET<br>2023-2024 | ADOPTED BUDGET<br>2022-2023 | PROJECTED 6/30/2023 |
|--|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>REVENUE FUND</b>                              |  |                              |                             |                     |
| GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES                           | Rates  |                              |                             |                     |
| Real Property Tax                                | 0.1312   | 899,966                      | 834,399                     | 861,277             |
| Personal Property Tax - Utilities                | 5.0000   | 499,620                      | 452,019                     | 491,758             |
| Personal Property Tax - Business                 | 0.8000   | 127,802                      | 129,144                     | 129,144             |
|  | SUBTOTAL                                       | \$1,527,388                  | \$1,415,562                 | \$1,482,179         |
| <b>OTHER TAXES</b>                               |  |                              |                             |                     |
| Income Taxes                                     |  | 800,000                      | 680,000                     | 1,133,526           |
| Admissions and Amusements Tax                    |  | 500                          | 500                         | 368                 |
|  | SUBTOTAL                                       | \$800,500                    | \$680,500                   | \$1,133,894         |
| <b>LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>                    |  |                              |                             |                     |
| Town Building and Sign Permits                   |  | 12,000                       | 12,000                      | 21,852              |
| Parking Permits                                  |  | 4,560                        | 4,560                       | 4,560               |
| Cable Franchise Fees                             |  | 23,200                       | 25,736                      | 24,444              |
| Traders' Licenses                                |  | 2,550                        | 4,250                       | 2,500               |
|  | SUBTOTAL                                       | \$42,310                     | \$46,546                    | \$53,356            |
| <b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE</b>                 |  |                              |                             |                     |
| County Tax Duplication                           |  | 289,858                      | 257,651                     | 266,908             |
| Highway User Funds                               |  | 136,189                      | 111,919                     | 108,523             |
| Bank Shares                                      |  | 4,226                        | 4,226                       | 4,226               |
|  | SUBTOTAL                                       | \$430,273                    | \$373,796                   | \$379,657           |
| <b>FINES AND FEES</b>                            |  |                              |                             |                     |
| SafeSpeed Camera Program                         |  | 0                            | 2,500                       | 0                   |
| Parking & Municipal Infractions                  |  | 1,000                        | 1,000                       | 1,273               |
|  | SUBTOTAL                                       | \$1,000                      | \$3,500                     | \$1,273             |
| <b>OTHER</b>                                     |  |                              |                             |                     |
| Town Hall Rentals                                |  | 8,000                        | 4,000                       | 12,063              |
| Park Rentals                                     |  | 2,500                        | 2,500                       | 2,030               |
| Municipal Events                                 |  | 9,500                        | 6,500                       | 10,318              |
| Interest   |  | 175,000                      | 4,500                       | 203,097             |
| Miscellaneous                                    |  | 2,500                        | 1,000                       | 2,667               |
|  | SUBTOTAL                                       | \$197,500                    | \$18,500                    | \$230,175           |
| <b>GRANTS - ARPA</b>                             |  |                              |                             |                     |
|  |  | \$1,148,193                  | \$1,147,335                 | \$1,148,193         |
|  | TOTAL REVENUE                                  | \$4,147,164                  | \$3,685,740                 | \$4,428,727         |
|  | UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS                         | 972,962                      | 858,431                     |                     |
|  | TOTAL REVENUE INCLUDING UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS | \$5,120,126                  | \$4,544,171                 | \$4,428,727         |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                              |  |                              |                             |                     |
| <b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>                        |  |                              |                             |                     |
| <b>PERSONNEL SERVICES</b>                        |  |                              |                             |                     |
| Salaries & Wages                                 |  | 558,740                      | 523,543                     | 465,310             |
| Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment Taxes    |  | 42,152                       | 39,606                      | 35,197              |
| Workers Compensation Insurance                   |  | 4,685                        | 4,369                       | 4,569               |
| Health, Life, and Employee Benefits              |  | 60,615                       | 54,788                      | 54,140              |
| Retirement - 401 (A) Money Purchase Plan         |  | 45,083                       | 42,621                      | 41,872              |
|  | SUBTOTAL                                       | \$711,274                    | \$664,927                   | \$601,087           |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>                        |  |                              |                             |                     |
| <b>ELECTED OFFICIALS</b>                         |  |                              |                             |                     |
| Mayor and Council Compensation                   |  | 24,000                       | 24,000                      | 21,000              |
| Mayor and Council Legislative, Education, Travel |  | 17,850                       | 16,225                      | 13,853              |
|  | SUBTOTAL                                       | \$41,850                     | \$40,225                    | \$34,853            |
| <b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>                     |  |                              |                             |                     |
| Town Attorney                                    |  | 50,000                       | 50,000                      | 25,000              |
| Audit  |  | 13,000                       | 13,000                      | 13,000              |
| Other Professional Services                      |  | 140,525                      | 81,400                      | 67,405              |
|  | SUBTOTAL                                       | \$203,525                    | \$144,400                   | \$105,405           |
| <b>TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS</b>                |  |                              |                             |                     |
| Town Hall Maintenance                            |  | 73,400                       | 57,900                      | 82,876              |
| Town Hall Utilities                              |  | 45,700                       | 43,700                      | 35,487              |
| Town Hall Equipment                              |  | 6,000                        | 6,000                       | 6,000               |
| Economic Development & Commercial Revitalization |  | 185,650                      | 187,700                     | 152,331             |

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON  
BUDGET DETAILS**

|   | PROPOSED BUDGET<br>2023-2024 | ADOPTED BUDGET<br>2022-2023 | PROJECTED 6/30/2023 |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Office Expenses                                     | 33,800                       | 32,775                      | 25,285              |
| Office Equipment/Furniture                          | 2,000                        | 2,000                       | 2,000               |
| Insurance   | 21,000                       | 21,000                      | 15,601              |
| Municipal Dues, Memberships and Fees                | 11,025                       | 10,885                      | 9,858               |
| Conferences, Training, & Travel                     | 6,500                        | 6,500                       | 801                 |
| Miscellaneous                                       | 3,000                        | 3,000                       | 3,000               |
| SUBTOTAL  | <u>388,075</u>               | <u>371,460</u>              | <u>333,238</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES</b>            | <b>1,344,725</b>             | <b>1,221,012</b>            | <b>1,074,583</b>    |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                                 |                              |                             |                     |
| <b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>                                 |                              |                             |                     |
| <b>PERSONNEL SERVICES</b>                           |                              |                             |                     |
| Salaries & Wages                                    | 394,409                      | 371,604                     | 293,685             |
| Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment Taxes       | 29,220                       | 27,659                      | 22,839              |
| Workers Compensation Insurance                      | 16,863                       | 17,088                      | 8,583               |
| Health, Life, and Employee Benefits                 | 115,011                      | 103,410                     | 76,815              |
| Retirement - 401 (A) Money Purchase Plan            | 34,996                       | 34,983                      | 28,002              |
| SUBTOTAL  | <u>590,499</u>               | <u>554,745</u>              | <u>429,924</u>      |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>                           |                              |                             |                     |
| <b>OPERATING SUPPLIES</b>                           |                              |                             |                     |
| Conferences, Training, and Travel                   | 500                          | 500                         | 500                 |
| Drug Testing  | 1,000                        | 1,000                       | 500                 |
| Uniforms, Gloves, Vests, Boots, and Shirts          | 3,500                        | 3,000                       | 3,000               |
| Small Equipment Purchases                           | 12,500                       | 12,000                      | 12,000              |
| Vehicle Fuel Expenses                               | 12,500                       | 12,500                      | 8,849               |
| Small Equipment Maintenance and Repairs             | 3,500                        | 3,500                       | 3,500               |
| Vehicle Repairs                                     | 20,000                       | 20,000                      | 20,000              |
| Shop Supplies and Tools                             | 4,000                        | 3,000                       | 3,500               |
| Miscellaneous                                       | 1,000                        | 1,000                       | 1,000               |
| SUBTOTAL  | <u>58,500</u>                | <u>56,500</u>               | <u>52,849</u>       |
| <b>TRASH, BRUSH, RECYCLING, AND LEAF COLLECTION</b> |                              |                             |                     |
| Trash, Brush, and Recycling Collection              | 185,000                      | 180,000                     | 172,870             |
| Leaf Collection and Other Disposal Fees             | 27,000                       | 22,000                      | 22,679              |
| SUBTOTAL  | <u>212,000</u>               | <u>202,000</u>              | <u>195,549</u>      |
| <b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>                               |                              |                             |                     |
| Street Sweeping                                     | 12,000                       | 8,000                       | 5,000               |
| Street Maintenance                                  | 20,000                       | 20,000                      | 20,000              |
| Snow Removal  | 8,500                        | 8,500                       | 0                   |
| Sidewalk Repair                                     | 12,000                       | 12,000                      | 12,000              |
| Storm Drain Maintenance                             | 12,000                       | 12,000                      | 12,000              |
| Landscaping Vegetation Management                   | 25,000                       | 25,000                      | 25,000              |
| Landscaping Street Trees Maintenance and Planting   | 125,000                      | 90,000                      | 125,000             |
| Garage Maintenance, Miscellaneous & Utilities       | 9,900                        | 9,000                       | 6,800               |
| SUBTOTAL  | <u>224,400</u>               | <u>184,500</u>              | <u>205,800</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS EXPENSES</b>                  | <b>1,085,399</b>             | <b>997,745</b>              | <b>884,122</b>      |
| <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>                                |                              |                             |                     |
| <b>PERSONNEL SERVICES</b>                           |                              |                             |                     |
| Salaries & Wages                                    | 192,070                      | 189,308                     | 130,545             |
| Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment Taxes       | 14,503                       | 14,328                      | 10,204              |
| Workers Compensation Insurance                      | 11,073                       | 10,278                      | 5,361               |
| Health, Life, and Employee Benefits                 | 12,166                       | 10,960                      | 10,502              |
| Retirement - 401 (A) Money Purchase Plan            | 6,031                        | 5,616                       | 5,491               |
| SUBTOTAL  | <u>235,843</u>               | <u>230,491</u>              | <u>162,104</u>      |
| <b>OPERATING SUPPLIES &amp; SERVICES</b>            |                              |                             |                     |
| <b>PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>   |                              |                             |                     |
| Parking Lot Lighting (Metropolitan)                 | 1,500                        | 1,500                       | 1,500               |
| Public Street Lighting                              | 60,000                       | 58,000                      | 54,055              |
| Traffic Control & Engineering                       | 15,000                       | 15,000                      | 15,000              |
| Miscellaneous                                       | 3,500                        | 3,500                       | 3,500               |
| SUBTOTAL  | <u>80,000</u>                | <u>78,000</u>               | <u>74,055</u>       |
| <b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES</b>                 | <b>315,843</b>               | <b>308,491</b>              | <b>236,158</b>      |
| <b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>                       |                              |                             |                     |
| <b>FACILITIES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES</b>              |                              |                             |                     |

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON  
BUDGET DETAILS**

|  | PROPOSED BUDGET<br>2023-2024 | ADOPTED BUDGET<br>2022-2023 | PROJECTED 6/30/2023 |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Park Utilities                                   | 11,250                       | 6,250                       | 6,449               |
| SUBTOTAL   | <b>\$11,250</b>              | <b>\$6,250</b>              | <b>\$6,449</b>      |
|  |                              |                             |                     |
| OPERATING SUPPLIES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES     |                              |                             |                     |
| Small Equipment Maintenance and Repairs          | 10,000                       | 10,000                      | 10,000              |
| Equipment Purchases                              | 13,500                       | 10,500                      | 10,500              |
| Landscape Architecture Services                  | 3,000                        | 3,000                       | 3,000               |
| Miscellaneous                                    | 1,000                        | 1,000                       | 1,000               |
| SUBTOTAL   | <b>\$27,500</b>              | <b>\$24,500</b>             | <b>\$24,500</b>     |
|  |                              |                             |                     |
| LANDSCAPING                                      |                              |                             |                     |
| Landscaping and Vegetation Management            | 20,000                       | 20,000                      | 20,000              |
| Parks and Town Hall Landscaping                  | 40,000                       | 35,000                      | 35,000              |
| SUBTOTAL   | <b>\$60,000</b>              | <b>\$55,000</b>             | <b>\$55,000</b>     |
|  |                              |                             |                     |
| TOWN MUNICIPAL EVENTS                            |                              |                             |                     |
| Municipal Events - Labor Day Parade and Festival | 32,600                       | 31,300                      | 24,871              |
| Municipal Events - Other Municipal Events        | 72,050                       | 27,750                      | 19,143              |
| SUBTOTAL   | <b>\$104,650</b>             | <b>\$59,050</b>             | <b>\$44,014</b>     |
| TOTAL PARKS RECREATION EXPENSES                  | <b>\$203,400</b>             | <b>\$144,800</b>            | <b>\$129,963</b>    |

**NON DEPARTMENTAL**

|                                    |                    |                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Contingency                        | 25,000             | 10,000             | 0                  |
| TOTAL NON DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES    | <b>\$25,000</b>    | <b>\$10,000</b>    | <b>\$0</b>         |
|                                    |                    |                    |                    |
| TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET             | <b>\$2,974,367</b> | <b>\$2,682,049</b> | <b>\$2,324,826</b> |
|                                    |                    |                    |                    |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM       | <b>\$2,145,759</b> | <b>\$1,862,122</b> | <b>\$1,862,122</b> |
|                                    |                    |                    |                    |
| TOTAL CIP BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS    | <b>\$2,145,759</b> | <b>\$1,862,122</b> | <b>\$1,862,122</b> |
|                                    |                    |                    |                    |
| TOTAL OPERATING & CIP EXPENDITURES | <b>\$5,120,126</b> | <b>\$4,544,171</b> | <b>\$4,186,948</b> |

| Total Available<br>Funding 7/1/2022 | Actual<br>Expenditures<br>(including<br>encumbered as of<br>2/28/2023) | New Funding FY<br>2023-2024 (FY24) | Total Available<br>Funding 7/1/2023 |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT EXPENDITURES**

|  |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Capital Reserve                                      | 250,000             |                     | 50,000              | 300,000             |
| Property Acquisition                                 | 1,003,796           | (16,000)            | 500,000             | 1,487,796           |
| Town Hall Improvements                               | 225,795             | (56,530)            | 75,000              | 244,265             |
| Town Parks and Playground Improvements               | 171,028             | (69,239)            | 75,000              | 176,789             |
| Street Light Replacement Program                     | 47,705              | (10,888)            |                     | 36,817              |
| Bridge Reconstruction & Renovation Program           | 300,000             | (2,844)             | 147,566             | 444,722             |
| Equipment and Vehicle Replacement Program            | 299,786             |                     | -                   | 299,786             |
| Pavement Management Program                          | 899,232             | (274,076)           | 100,000             | 725,156             |
| Public Works Facility Improvements                   | 150,000             |                     | 50,000              | 200,000             |
| Storm Drain Reconstruction & Renovation Program/ARPA | 1,284,955           |                     | 1,148,193           | 2,433,148           |
| Total  | <b>\$ 4,632,297</b> | <b>\$ (429,577)</b> | <b>\$ 2,145,759</b> | <b>\$ 6,348,479</b> |

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Total Fund Balance 6/30/22   | 4,633,420      |
| Reserved for Prepaid Expenses 6/30/22  | 31,852         |
| Non Lapsing Assigned & Committed Fund Balance for CIP 6/30/22                | 2,770,175      |
| Use of Fund Balance for FY23 Budget including addition to CIP of \$1,862,122 | 858,431        |
| Unassigned Fund Balance 6/30/22  | <b>972,962</b> |



## TOWN OF KENSINGTON

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY24)  
Operating Budget & Capital  
Improvement Plan (CIP)



## **TOWN OF KENSINGTON**

### **OPERATING BUDGET & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)**

**Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY24), July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

#### **Mayor**

Tracey Furman

#### **Town Council**

Darin Bartram

Nate Engle

Conor Crimmins

Ann Lichter

#### **Administration**

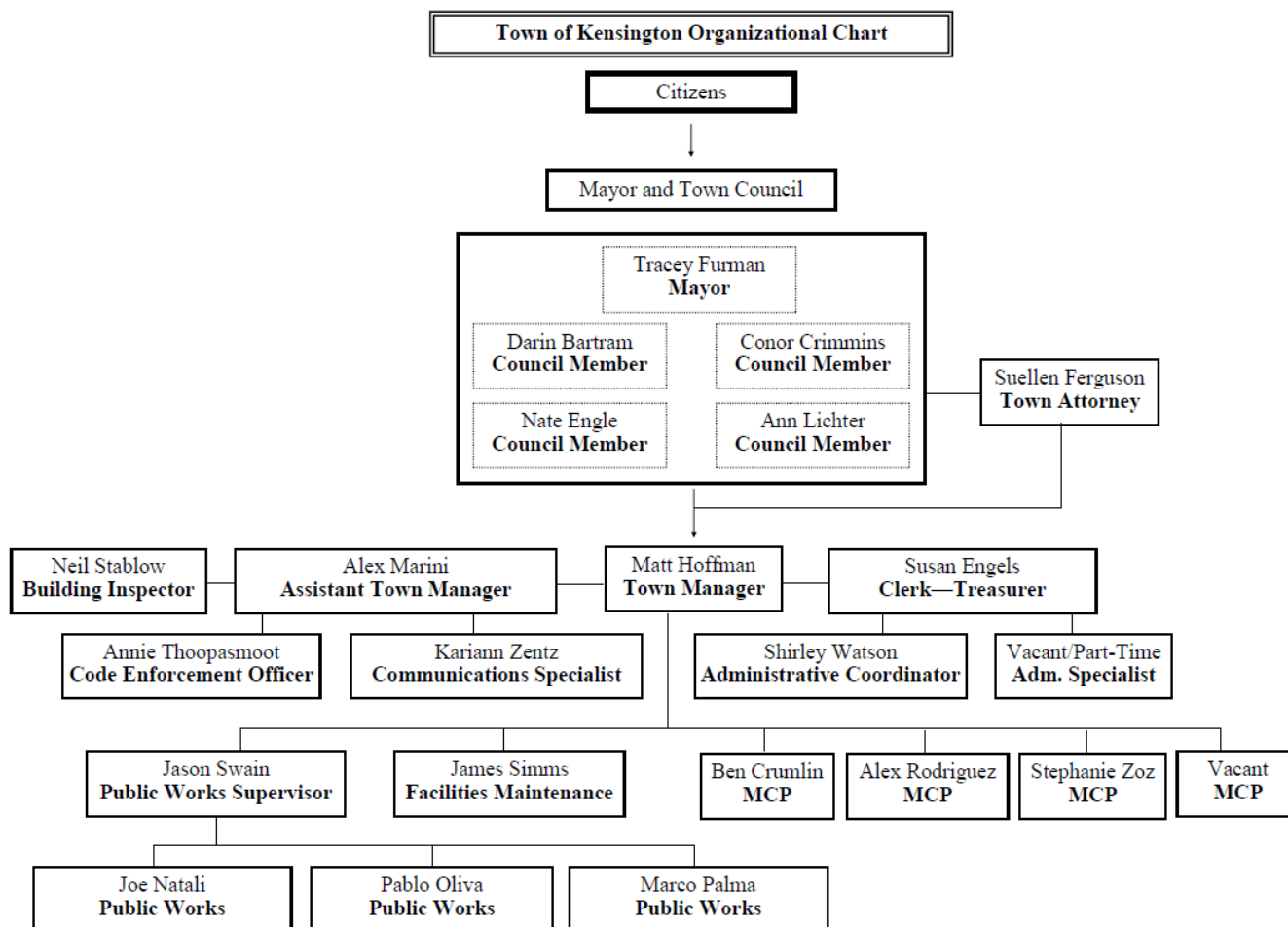
Matthew Hoffman

*Town Manager*

Susan Engels

*Clerk – Treasurer*

## TOWN OF KENSINGTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## BUDGET MESSAGE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 (FY24)

April 7, 2023

Mayor and Kensington Town Council:

I am pleased to submit our Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY24) Budget for discussion and review at the Public Hearing scheduled for April 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Included within the FY24 Budget document is an overview of the Town's General Fund, consisting of anticipated revenues and expenses during the fiscal year, along with details of the Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

While the last few years have created for uncertainty due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Town has maintained fiscal stability and has generally seen an increase in revenues, specifically with respect to personal property and income tax receipts. These additional revenues, along with cautious spending, have allowed the Town to aggressively fund our CIP for future infrastructure projects that will positively impact our community for generations.

The overall priority of the Town within this Budget will remain, as always, on providing excellent direct line services to our community and to continually improve the quality of life for our residents and business community.

## **THE BUDGET PROCESS**

The Town operates under a fiscal year, in accordance with Article VIII, “Finance”, of the Town Charter, which states that the Town’s fiscal year shall begin on the first day of July and shall end on the last day of June each year. The budget process began in February 2023 with the Town’s Administration reviewing the current fiscal year’s (FY23) budget actuals, and the audited financial statement from FY22. Internal discussions by the Town staff to evaluate service needs were held in late February and the Town Manager and Clerk-Treasurer began formulating the expected revenues and expenses.

The Town’s Administrative staff met with Mayor Furman and Council Members Engle and Lichter (Audit Committee Co-Chairs) to review the preliminary FY24 Budget in March. The FY24 Budget Ordinance (Ordinance No. O-01-2023) was introduced at the March 13, 2023, Town Council Meeting and the Public Hearing has been scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2023, 7:00 pm. The Town notified our residents of the Public Hearing within the April Around Town Journal and provided a link to the Budget Ordinance and a detailed copy of the FY24 Budget on our website.

## **CURRENT FISCAL YEAR (FY23)**

Our latest projection for FY23 suggests that revenues will exceed expenses by at least \$240,000 at the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2023). The projected surplus for FY23 is largely due to the larger than anticipated revenues through income tax collections. The Town’s policy with regards to revenue surplus is to apportion any surplus funds into the CIP. In this scenario, once the surplus has been defined within the audited statements for FY23, the surplus would be apportioned into the FY25 CIP Budget.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), adopted March 2021, provided state and local jurisdictions with recovery funds to offset revenue losses due to the global health pandemic. The Town was awarded \$2,295,528, which was distributed through two payments, of which, the Town received the second distribution earlier this fiscal year. The Treasury Department has amended and clarified restrictions pertaining to the ARPA funds once again, which loosened many spending restrictions; however, the Town ARPA funds have been allocated, as originally intended, to the



Town's Storm water Management fund within the CIP to address continued storm water and flooding concerns within the community.

## BUDGET OVERVIEW

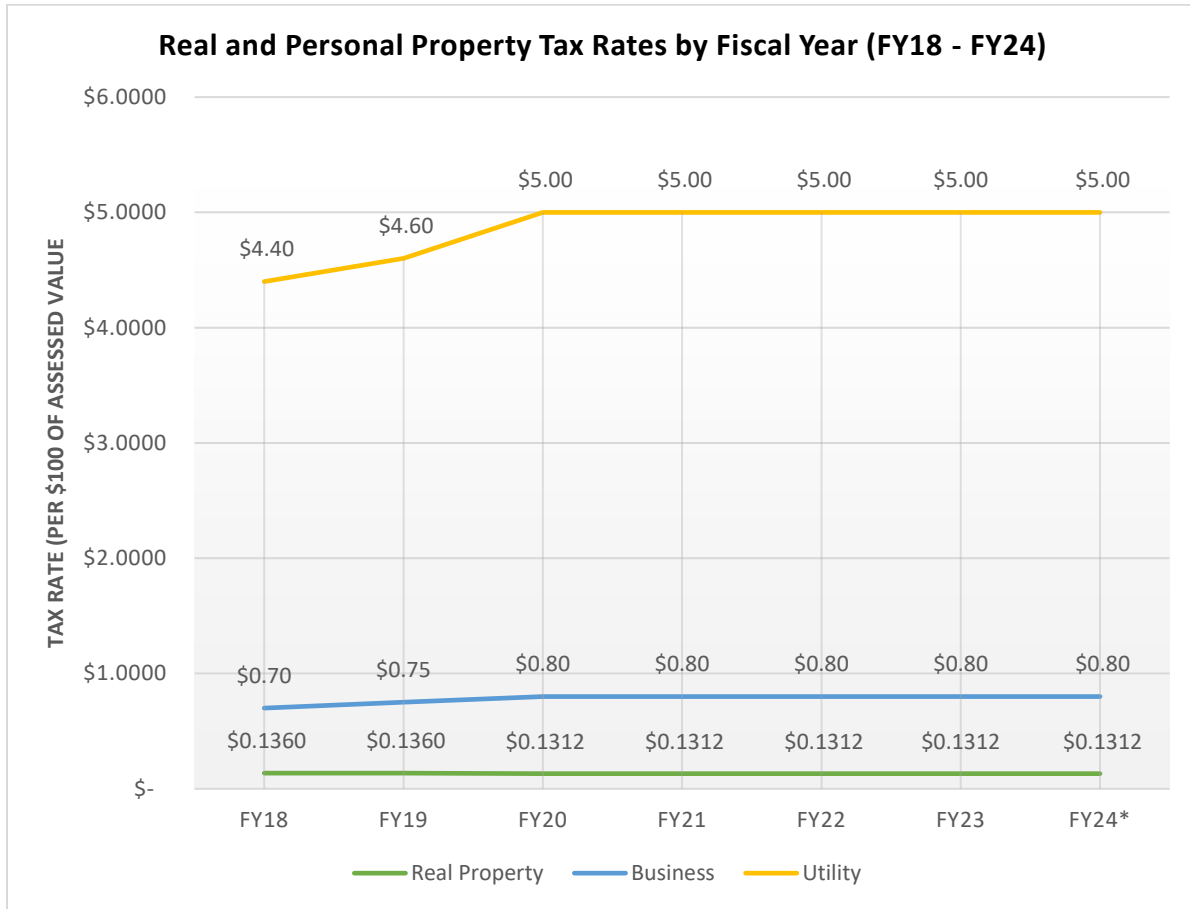
The FY24 Budget was designed to maintain our existing service levels to our residents and business community with the understanding that continued inflation may challenge Town operations with respect to expenditures. However, increased revenues from the Town's income receipts, along with funding commitments from Montgomery County following the tax duplication agreement in 2022, will allow the Town to maintain our current tax rates on Real Property, Personal Property, and the Utilities for the fifth consecutive fiscal year.

### FY24 Budget Revenues

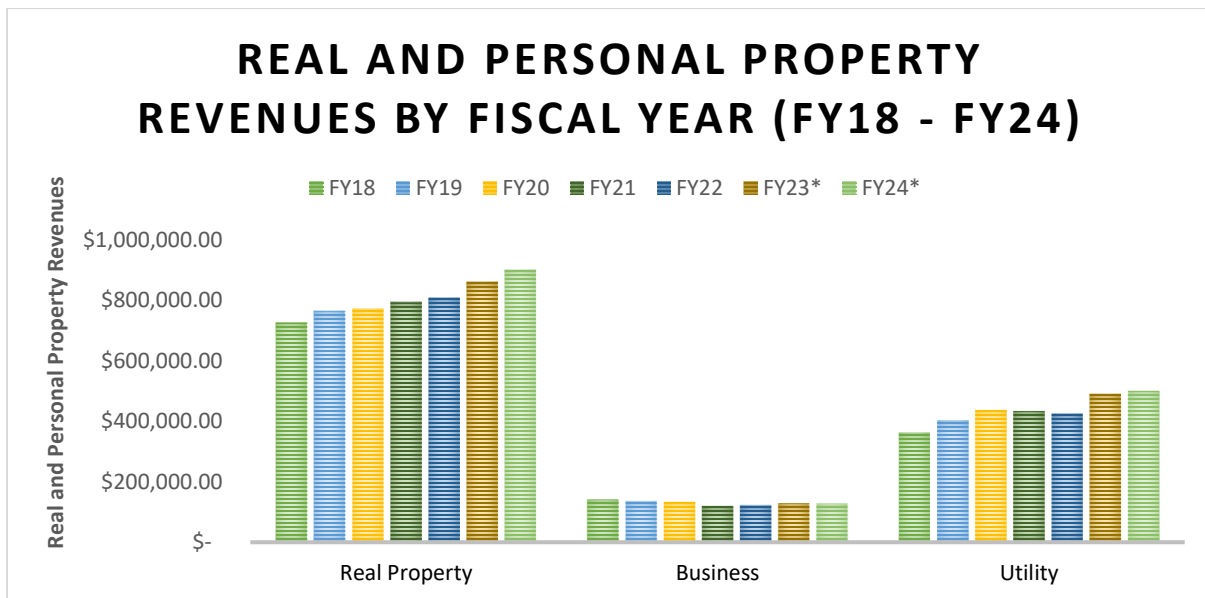
#### Revenue – Tax Rates

- The **Real Property tax rate will remain at (\$0.1312) per \$100 of assessed value** and is projected to generate an additional \$38,689 over our anticipated projection for FY23. This is directly attributed to increased property values, specifically pertaining to the development and redevelopment of certain residential and commercial properties.
  - The Town was exempted by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation for the fiscal year, as our revenues will be less than \$25,000 more than last year at the current Real Property tax rate (\$0.1312) following assessment by SDAT.
  - The Real Property tax rate will remain at (\$0.1312) for the fifth consecutive fiscal year.
- The **Personal Property tax rate for Businesses will remain at (\$0.80) per \$100 of assessed value** and revenues are expected to remain consistent, or slightly less, than our FY23 projection following State legislation adopted in 2022, which increased the Personal Property exemption from \$2,500 to \$20,000 for business inventories.
  - The Personal Property tax rate for Businesses will remain at (\$0.80) for the fifth consecutive fiscal year.
- The **Personal Property tax rate for Utilities will remain at (\$5.00) per \$100 of assessed value** and revenues are expected to remain consistent with last year with an estimated increase in revenues of \$7,862 over our anticipated projection for FY23.
  - The Personal Property tax rate for Utilities will remain at (\$5.00) for the fifth consecutive fiscal year.

### Real and Personal Property Tax Rates by Fiscal Year



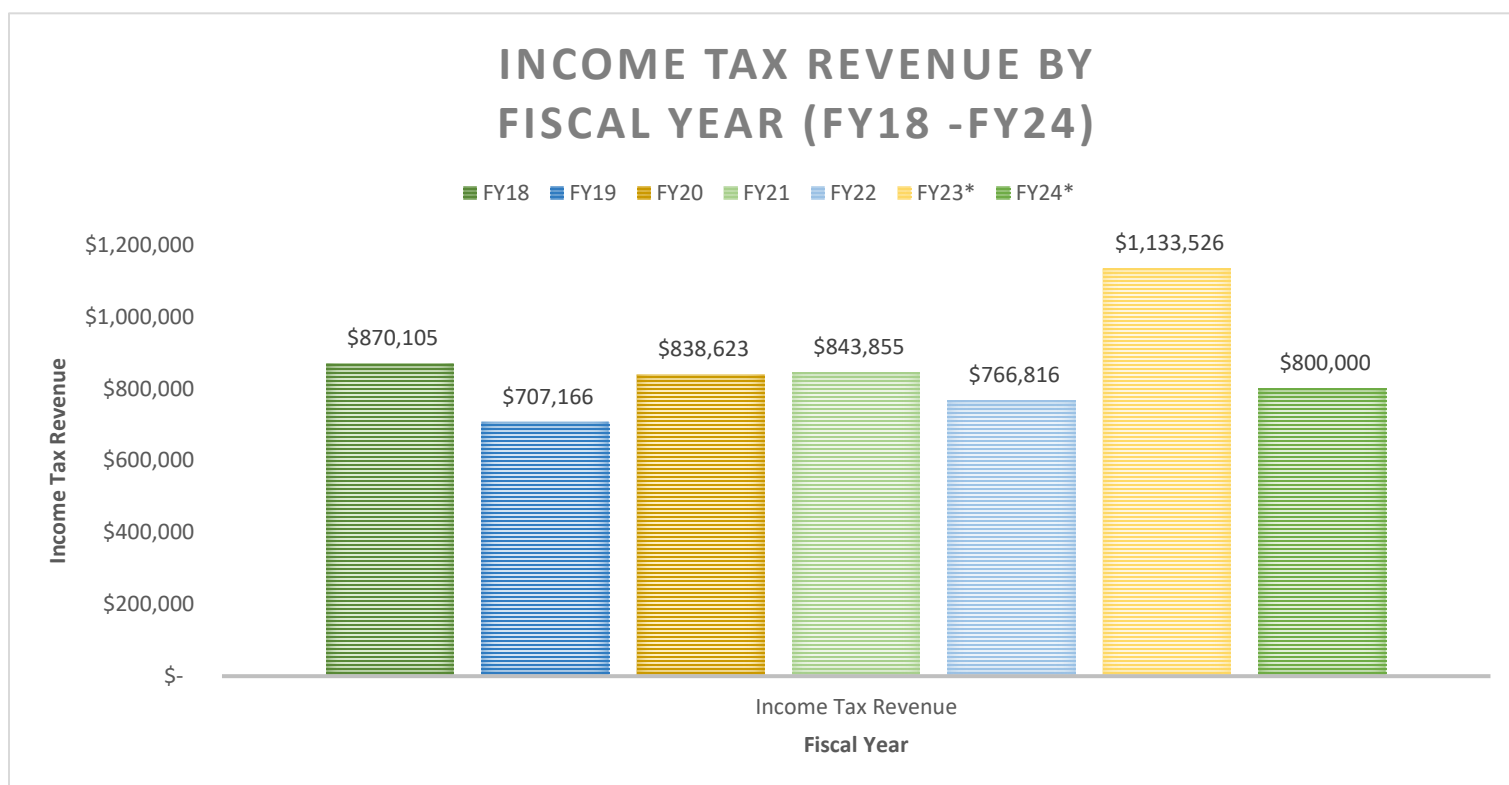
### Real and Personal Property Tax Revenues by Fiscal Year



FY23\* Projected; FY24\* Budgeted

### Revenue – Other Taxes

- The Town is anticipating income tax revenues of at least \$1,133,526 for FY23, which would mark the first time in the Town's history that income receipts will exceed \$1 million. Aside from the current fiscal year, income tax revenues have averaged \$805,313 the previous five fiscal years, which encouraged staff to amend our income revenue forecast for FY24 to \$800,000.
  - Income Tax revenue is unpredictable due to many variables. Our Income Tax projections are very conservative and are based on the information we have available at the time of budget preparation.



### **Income Tax Revenue by Fiscal Year**

FY23\* Projected; FY24\* Budgeted

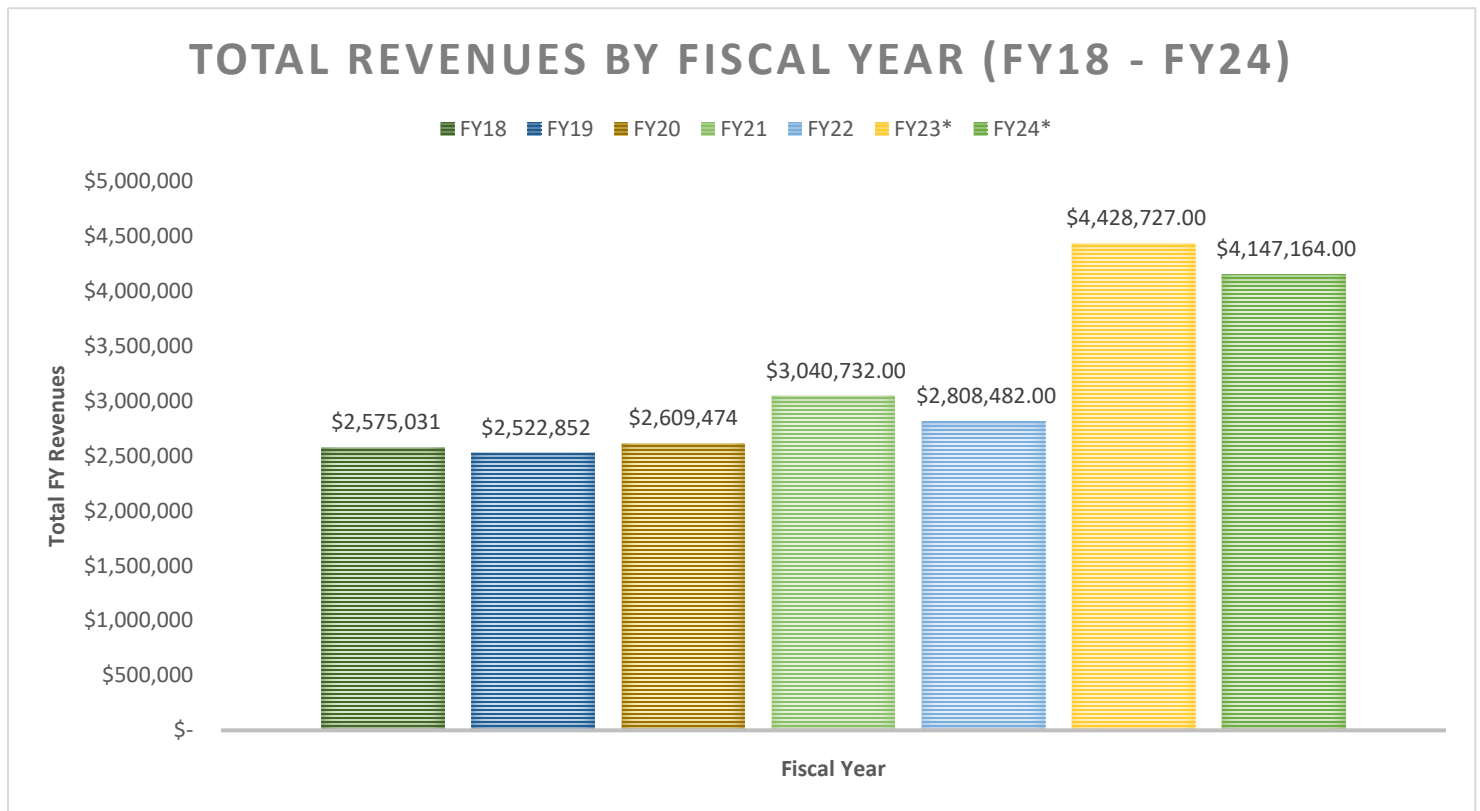
### Revenue – Intergovernmental

- The Montgomery County Council adopted Bill 2-22 last year (2022) to formally clarify reimbursements to Montgomery County localities for certain services. Commonly referred to as Tax Duplication, Bill 2-22 will require Montgomery County to reimburse the Town for transportation and park related services. The Town will receive \$289,858 in FY24 and \$322,064 in FY25, which marks the full phase-in date as noted within the bill.

- Highway User Revenues (HUR's) are distributed by the State of Maryland, which is based on the number of registered vehicles within a locality. The funds are allocated to help offset costs for road improvements and we anticipate an increase once again this year following communications from the State.
  - The Town has budgeted \$136,189 in HUR funds.

### Revenue - Overall

Overall, the Town's revenues remain strong compared to previous fiscal years. The HUD grant reimbursement in FY21 allowed the Town to offset costs following the parapet and veranda repairs at Town Hall in 2022, and the ARPA grant allocations in FY23 and FY24 will allow the Town to fund major storm water infrastructure improvements, as our general revenues will allow the Town to maintain our direct line services to the community.



\*FY23 Projected; FY24 Budgeted  
\*FY23 and FY24 include ARPA revenues

### **FY24 Budget Expenditures**

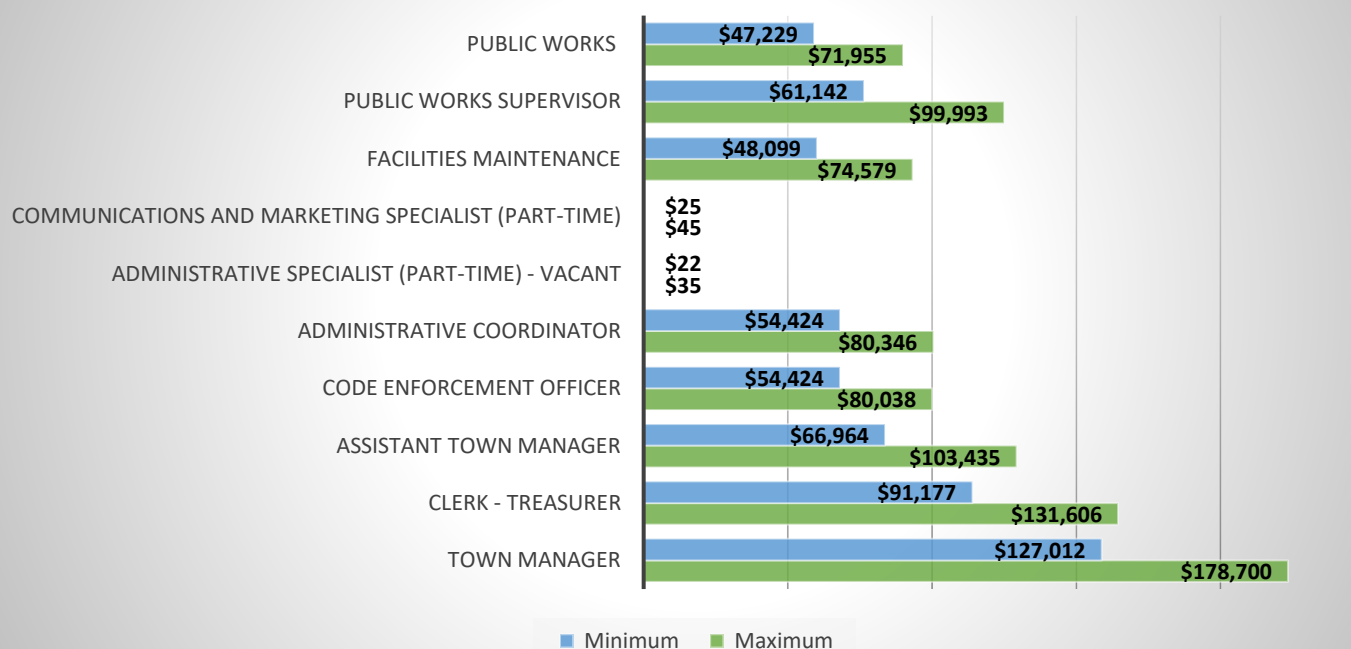
#### Personnel – General Government; Public Safety; and Public Works

The Town's Budget proposes a four and four-tenths (4.4) percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) in accordance with the Consumer Pricing Index (CPI) for the Washington metropolitan

area between January 2022 and January 2023. In addition, we are requesting an additional three (3) percent market correction for certain hourly, full-time, positions within the Town to maintain market competitiveness within the region.

- We are requesting the reclassification of the Assistant to the Town Manager position to Assistant Town Manager for FY24.
- We are requesting funding for additional part-time administrative help, if necessary, for FY24.
- Within FY23, we filled the vacant Public Works position through a part-time employee and plan to make this position full-time for FY24.

## FY24 SALARY SCHEDULE - TOWN OF KENSINGTON



### Professional Services

We are requesting two major additions within Professional Services for FY24, to include funding for an archivist (\$8,000) to help with Town records, and an additional \$50,000, which would allow the Town to absorb, maintain, and oversee historical documents archived by the Kensington Historical Society (KHS). Within this plan, KHS would continue to operate by providing educational and community programs (Speaker Series and Summer Concerts); however, the Town would take over and oversee historical archiving. We anticipate that future funding to oversee the KHS Archives would be significantly less, as the majority of the costs are associated with upgrading the Archives room and purchasing equipment.

### Economic Development and Commercial Revitalization

The FY24 Budget proposes a slight decrease overall from FY23, as funding for the Juneteenth event was moved to Parks and Recreation and reclassified as a Town Event. The FY24 Economic Development and Commercial Revitalization budget would provide increased funding to a number of our sponsored community events (Day of the Book Festival; Kensington Car Show; and Pumkin Rock N' Roll) and would also establish a Public Safety Appreciation Program (\$10,000), in which the Town would possibly host an event to thank the Montgomery County Police and Kensington Volunteer Fire Department for their service to our community.

### Parks and Recreation

The FY24 Parks and Recreation Budget is requesting an additional \$58,600 compared to FY23, in which the majority of the requested funds are related to reclassifying Juneteenth (\$12,000) as a Town event, and to provide funding (\$25,000) for a 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Town in April 2024. In addition, we are requesting additional funding to offset costs associated with our landscape contractor and costs associated with bringing electricity and security cameras to most of our Town Parks.

Within FY23, electricity was brought to Clum-Kennedy Park, Reinhardt Park, and St. Paul Park in an effort to place security cameras following a number of incidents.

### Town Municipal Events

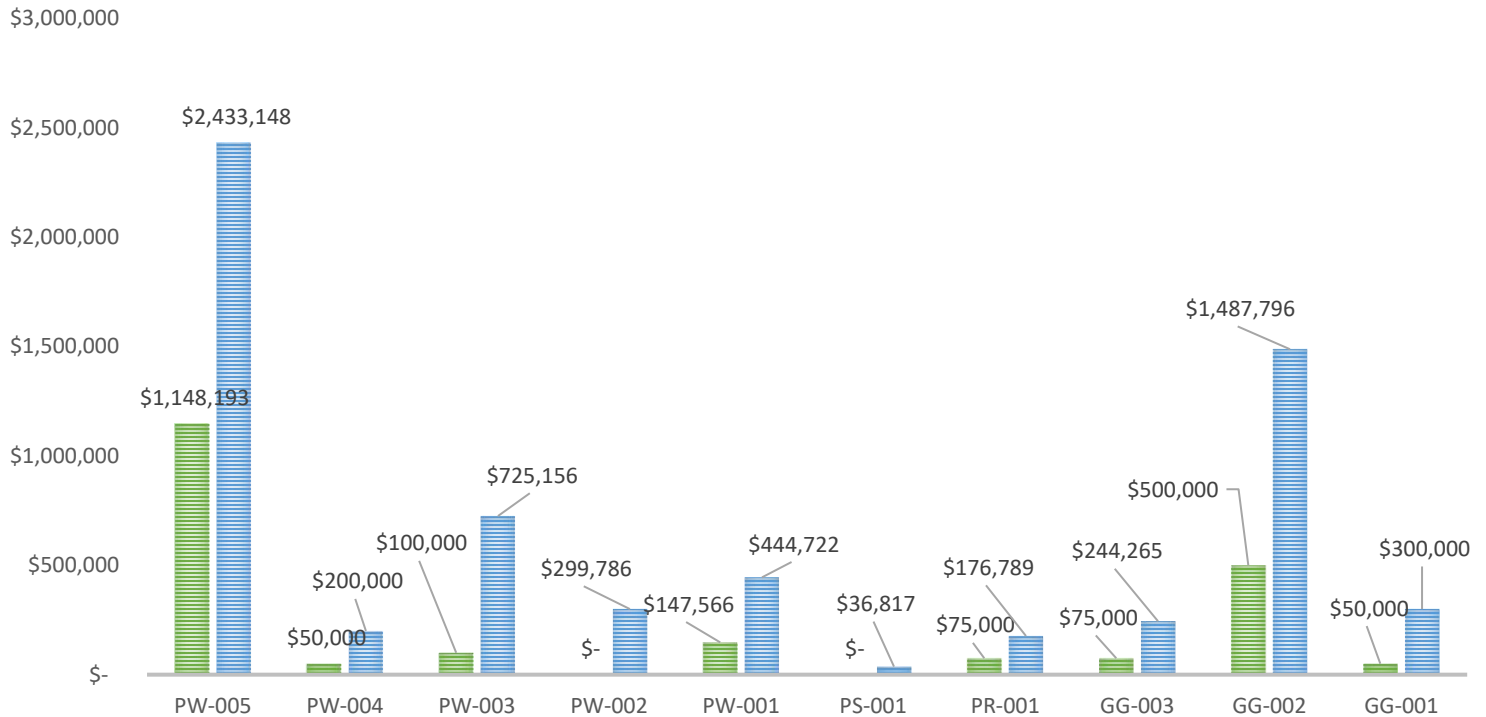
The FY24 Budget proposes funding for the annual Labor Day Parade and Festival, establishing Juneteenth as an official Town event, and expanding the Light Up K-Town event in December.

### Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

The Town has a non-lapsing CIP that funds our infrastructure and capital assets. The CIP program is directly funded by any surplus from the previous fiscal year. FY22 yielded a surplus of \$972,962, following the Audit, in which an estimated \$997,566 will be allocated to our CIP for FY24, along with the second ARPA allocation of \$1,148,193. The ARPA disbursements will have been allocated to the CIP to address storm water and flooding concerns within the community.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - TOWN OF KENSINGTON

■ FY24 Proposed Allocation    ■ Projected Funding July 1, 2023



### CIP Accounts

**GG-001 – Capital Reserve** – This is a reserve fund for various capital projects and may be used as a transfer account to fund other CIP programs or projects.

**GG-002 – Property Acquisition** – This is a fund account for the purchase of land specifically related to a new Public Works facility.

**GG-003 – Town Hall Improvements** – This is a fund account for improvements at Town Hall.

**PR-001 – Town Parks and Playground Improvements** – This is a fund account for improvements and renovations at Town Parks.

**PS-001 – Street Light Program** – This is a fund account for the maintenance or upgrade of streetlights within the Town.

**PW-001 – Bridge Reconstruction & Renovation Program** – This is a fund account for the reconstruction and/or renovation of all bridges under the Town's jurisdiction.

**PW-002 – Equipment & Vehicle Replacement Program** – This is a fund account for the purchase and/or replacement of Town equipment and vehicles.

**PW-003 – Pavement Management Program** – This is a fund account for street maintenance and reconstruction.

**PW-004 – Public Works Facility Improvements** – This is a fund account for improvements or construction of a new Public Works facility.

**PW-005 – Storm Drain Reconstruction & Renovation Program (ARPA Funds)** – This is a fund account for the maintenance and reconstruction of storm drains within the Town’s jurisdiction.

Proposed FY24 CIP

1. Engineering Design Services and Construction Management Bridge maintenance for the Kensington Parkway, Kent Street, and Frederick Avenue bridges. Estimate: \$145,000
2. Construction and repair for the Kensington Parkway, Kent Street, and Frederick Avenue bridges. Estimate: \$300,000
3. Hydrological storm drains analysis and mapping. Estimate: \$75,000 - \$100,000.
  - a. The storm drain analysis will provide recommendations for improvements to our storm drain network. Improvements will be funded by the ARPA funds.
4. Street repair and resurfacing of certain Town streets, including the annexation area. Estimate: \$250,000.
  - a. This does not include the current allocation of CIP funds for street repair and resurfacing that will overlap multiple fiscal years.
5. Add a sidewalk to connect Kensington Parkway (north) to St. Paul Park: Estimate \$200,000.
6. Replace the existing Ford F-250 with a Ford F-350 w/lift gate and plow package. Estimate: \$35,000.
7. Acquisition of certain property for a future Public Works facility. Estimate: \$900,000 - \$1,500,000.
8. Acquisition of certain property for public parking within the Kensington Business District.



**Resolution No. R-10-2023**

Adopted:

A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council declaring the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Town of Kensington to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a Country must do more to reduce gun violence.

**WHEREAS**, every day, more than 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 16,000 gun related homicides every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities across the nation, including the Town of Kensington, are working to end the senseless gun violence with evidence-based solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is local government's highest responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated gun violence with more than two years of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in community gun violence;

**WHEREAS**, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 2, 2023, to recognize the 25th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and to the loved ones of those victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the idea of recognizing this day was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange and they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

**WHEREAS**, by wearing orange on June 2, 2023, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the first Friday in June in 2023, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our residents safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Kensington declares the first Friday in June each year, to begin June 2, 2023, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

**ATTEST:        TOWN OF KENSINGTON, MARYLAND**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan C. Engels, Clerk – Treasurer

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Tracey C. Furman, Mayor