

Annapolis City Dock Resilience Project

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PROJECT FAQs



Project Overview

Extensive Planning: Over six years of public planning, supported by 120+ community meetings, alongside Historic Preservation and Planning Commission public hearings

Project Tracking: At this time, the project is on track with City Dock Park and the Maritime Welcome Center set to reopen Summer 2027. Phase 2 (May 2027 to July 2028) will utilize a smaller footprint to complete stormwater projects on Upper Ego Alley to Compromise Street.

Local Business Supports

To ensure the public can access Dock Street businesses during construction, the City has implemented several active measures:

Transit Adjustments: Rerouted Free Magenta shuttle with added interior advertising promoting Dock Street businesses. Added weekend GEM carts to run from Mills Hillman to Dock Street.

Wayfinding & Banners: To beautify the construction fence, installed wayfinding signage and decorative banners.

Placemaking with Local Partners: Painted sidewalk mural and created an “art walk” gallery on the promenade on Ego Alley. Added new bricks and benches at Alex Haley Memorial Park.

Online Advertising: Regularly deploy spots on the City’s social media channels (33K followers on Facebook; 12.2K on Instagram): Recent posts: *June 16: 4,125 views, 113 interactions; July 29 post: 48,472 views; 297 interactions.*

Parking Solutions: Restriped the parking spaces on Dock Street for improved head-in and parallel parking. At the request of businesses, added a 15-minute loading zone for quick shopping and customer loading. Added 165 additional parking spaces at the rebuilt Mills Hillman Garage (to replace the 100 spots displaced by the project). Mills Hillman is located approximately 500 feet from Market Space.

Listen to Dock Street Businesses: Hosted group meetings and regularly engage (email and phone) with owners and managers.

How Will Flooding Be Resolved?

There are two types of flooding at City Dock. Each are resolved in a different way.

1. Sunny Day and Storm Surge Flooding

The Cause: Rising seas push water from the Chesapeake Bay through storm drains and up into streets during high tide events. This can happen even on clear, no-rain days. These tidal events are known as “sunny day” or “nuisance” flooding. Storm surge inundations happen during tropical storms, hurricanes, and at extreme high tides.

The Solution: The project will cap stormwater outfalls to prevent sunny day flooding. The project will feature an elevated park, providing five feet of regular flood protection alongside a series of deployable flood barriers atop bulkheads to combat storm surge.

2. Stormwater Runoff (Flash Flooding / Heavy Rain)

The Cause: Intense rainfall events delivers massive volumes of water faster than legacy infrastructure and the group of temporary low-capacity pumps can clear it (currently able to clear 400 gallons per minute).

The Solution: Replacing legacy equipment with a new series of high-capacity pumps capable of moving 10,000 gallons of water per minute.

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