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DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING AND
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT



Planning and Economic Development Activities



New Commercial & Industrial Activities and Business Expansions

AASKI	\$490,000	Fairfield Inn & Suites	\$6,000,000
Valence Vector Labs	\$50,000	Mount Zion Baptist Church	\$4,000,000
Frito Lay, Inc.	\$5,480,000	Prost German Restaurant	\$1,000,000
UPS	\$3,600,000	Royal Farms @ Stadium Towne	\$1,000,000
Aberdeen Fire Dept.	\$8,000,000	Stadium Towne Centre Retail	\$1,565,000
Horizon Cinemas	\$1,000,000	Starbucks	\$350,000
Smoothie King	\$120,000	Aberdeen Logistics Center	\$12,000,000
AMI, Inc.	\$400,000	University of MD Upper Chesapeake –	
MRDC Head Start Day Care Center	\$710,000	Aberdeen Medical Campus	\$18,000,000 (Acquisition Costs)
Mountain Christian Church	\$350,000		

Tentative Openings in 2019-2021

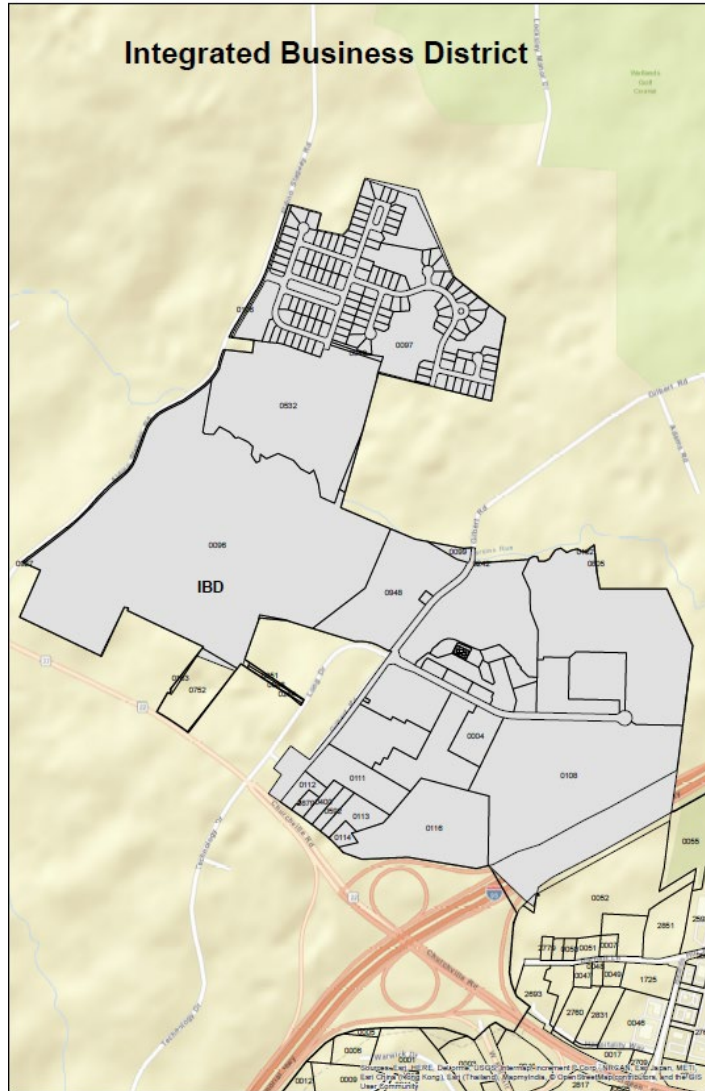
- ❑ Prost Bavarian Restaurant @ Rogers Street – December 2019
- ❑ Royal Farms Store @ Stadium Towne Center, MD 22 – Spring 2020
- ❑ Aberdeen Logistics Center, Old Philadelphia Road currently projecting completion of the shell building by December 2019
- ❑ Mt. Zion Baptist Church – Winter 2019
- ❑ Fairfield Inn and Suites – construction completed March 2020 and opening mid-April 2020
- ❑ Middelton Road extension to Beards Hill Road – completed October 2019
- ❑ University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health Medical Campus – Freestanding medical facility 125,000 sq. ft., reuse of existing office building for medical 95,870 sq. ft., and new professional office building 15,400 sq. ft. - City Council approved October 2018 construction to begin late 2019 opening 2021 with a comprehensive array of health care services, 24/7 emergency department, short stay medical beds, labs, imaging, and medical offices. MD 22 right-in and out under construction and UMD UCH has purchased the property off McHenry Drive.
- ❑ Mountain Christian Church- Construction completed Fall 2020 and opening mid-December 2020



UMD UCH Medical Center - Aberdeen



Prost German Restaurant



I-95 Land Use Study

The City hired Matrix Design Group to develop a Master Plan for the area west of I-95, as well as two future growth areas known as Planning Areas 10-Gilbert and 11-Long/HEAT (Greater Aberdeen Area).

The purpose of the Master Plan was to determine the economic opportunities in these areas and provide a guide, vision, and decision-making process for managing future growth.

The study was recently completed and will be available for public viewing this month.

Annexations Under Review

- ❑ Petition for Annexation submitted 09.24.18 for Siebert and Adams Properties, 75± acres located off Gilbert Road, proposed high-density residential development and requested zoning is Integrated Business District (IBD) – **455 residential units proposed. Annexation Resolution extending the corporate boundaries adopted August 26, 2019.**

- ❑ Petition for Annexation of the Presbyterian Home of Maryland Inc. property, 9± acres located off Long Drive, proposed commercial development approximately 19,000 sq. ft. and requested zoning is Integrated Business District (IBD). **Annexation Plan Resolution was adopted October 28, 2019.**



Annexation of Siebert and Adams Property – Concept Plan

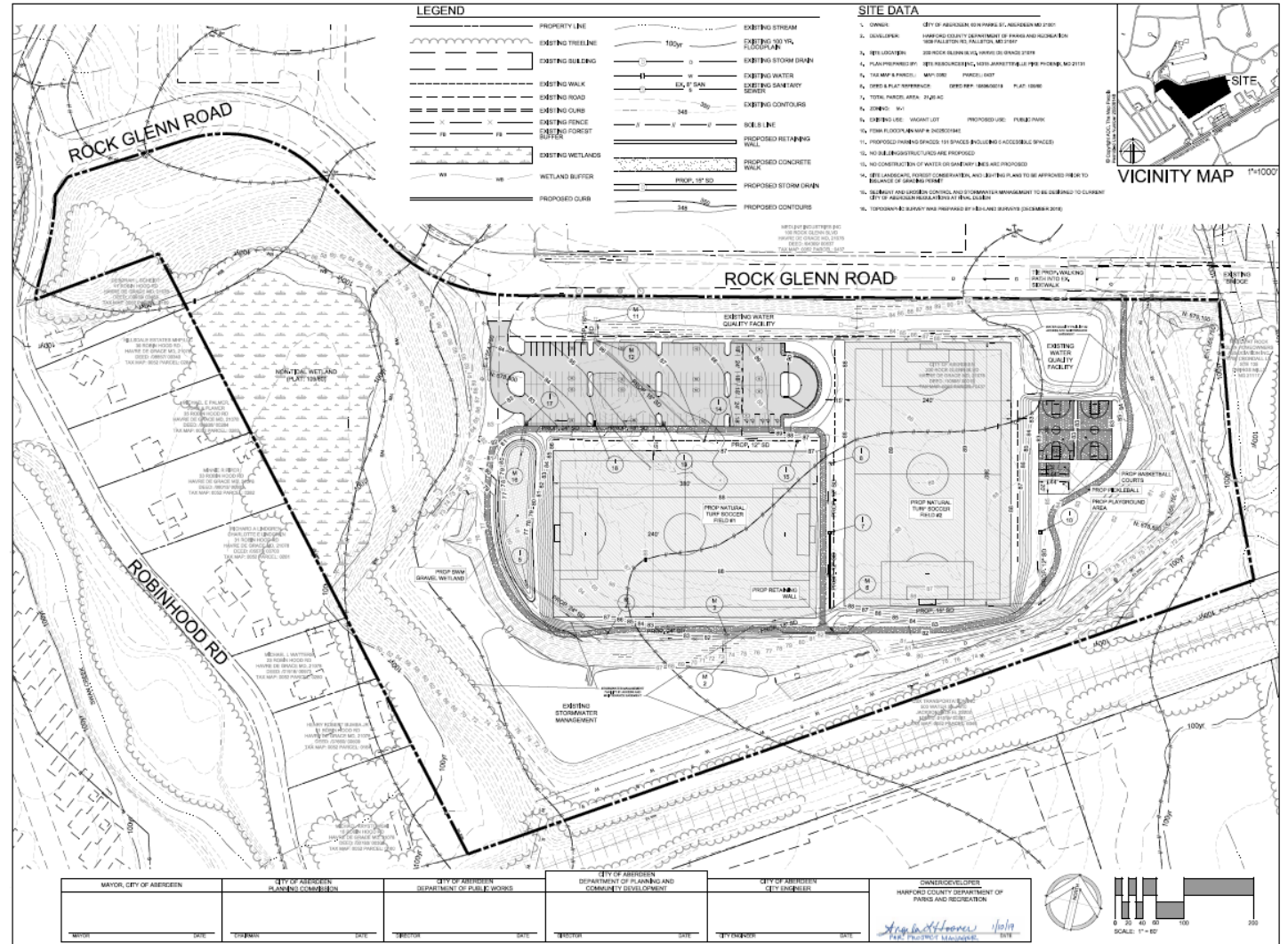
Grant Activities

- ❑ Awarded \$50,000 from MD Department of Housing and Community Development-Community Legacy Façade Improvement Program funds. All funds have been awarded to these businesses: Café Michelle, 6 N. Parke Street; Aberdeen Chevrolet, 101 N. Philadelphia Blvd. and 429 S. Philadelphia Blvd.; Protégé Nutrition, 27 Howard Street; and American Investment and Development Corp., 121-141 S. Philadelphia Blvd.
- ❑ Awarded \$30,000 grant from MD Department of Housing and Community Development – Community Legacy funds for a mural project on the Train Station pedestrian overpasses.
- ❑ Awarded \$800,000 grant from MDOT State Highway Administration for pedestrian improvements to the Aberdeen Train Station.
- ❑ Awarded \$2,000 from Harford County Arts Council for art in Festival Park and Victory Street Park. **Project was completed.**
- ❑ Submitted application for the MD Department of Housing and Community Development – Community Legacy Facade Improvement Program grant for \$100,000.
- ❑ Submitted application for MD Department of Natural Resources – Community Parks and Playground Program grant for \$400,000.
- ❑ Submitted application for the National Endowment for the Arts: Our Town Grant- Main Street Design Study for \$50,000

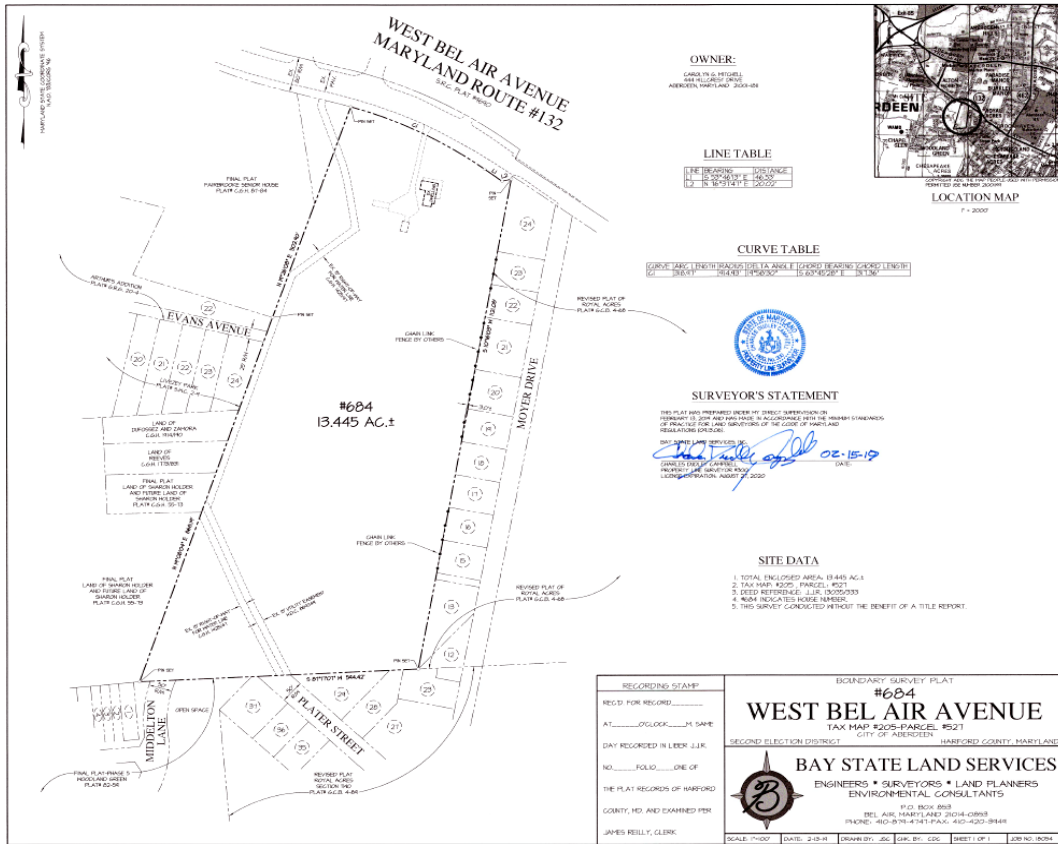
Proposed Rock Glenn Park

- Aberdeen and Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation Project located off Rock Glenn Road and Robinhood Road

- Basketball courts, walking trail, multi-purpose fields, pickle ball, and parking lot



Proposed Aberdeen Activity Center



Aberdeen Train Station



Transportation Alternative Improvements - Aberdeen Train Station and APG Discovery/Preview Center



Request for Proposal for Architectural Design/Engineering Services has been completed by City staff and five consultants submitted proposals. City awarded the contract to EXP for the architectural design and engineering work for the pedestrian and bicycle improvements to the Aberdeen Train Station.



Aberdeen MARC/Amtrak Train Station – Amtrak monthly ridership for June 2019 1,521 riders on and 1,478 riders off; MARC average daily ridership 200 for 2019



Preview Center – APG Discovery Center Board has hired Quatrefoil Associates (QA) to develop construction plans for the lease space. QA is a national firm dedicated to creating engaging informal learning spaces for museums, historic sites, and science centers. Projected ribbon cutting is Winter 2019. The City is executing a Sublease Agreement with MDOT MTA for the 1,200 sq. ft. train station lease space.



APG DISCOVERY CENTER – PREVIEWS AT THE ABERDEEN TRAIN STATION

The APG Discovery Center will be a place where students of all ages experience, create, and play with science and technology. A place where new worlds are discovered, and connections are made.

Exhibits featuring virtual reality will give visitors the opportunity to drive a tank or fly a plane.

Other exhibits will explore the history and the future of high-performance computing. In addition to interactive exhibits, the Discovery Center will offer after-school programs, maker spaces, and serve as an anchor for the region's STEM activities.

Main Street Initiatives

- ❑ Formal Main Street meetings have been very successful and well attended.
- ❑ Term appointed Main Street Coordinator started in June 2019 – Crystal Owens
- ❑ Established Facebook page
www.facebook.com/aberdeenmdmainstreetaffiliate
- ❑ Established volunteer committees: Design, Economic Vitality, Promotions, and Organization
- ❑ Volunteer committees are meeting with Main Street Coordinator
- ❑ Main Street designation – Resolution of Support adopted on 02.11.19 by City Council
- ❑ MD Main Street designation meeting with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development held on 06.19.19; Application submitted for review.
- ❑ Successful events held on 05.11.19 Junk in the Trunk at Festival Park; Entrepreneur Expo held in the Activity Center on 09.10.19; and Food Truck Event in Festival Park held on 10.19.19
- ❑ Christmas Around the World scheduled for 12.15.19