Accessibility in Charles County

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Background

Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan is mandated by the State of Maryland

Charles County, Maryland

Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan

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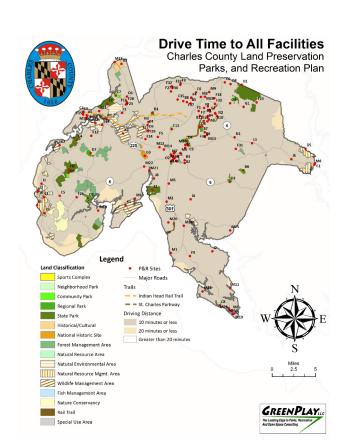




Data Researched

- Charles County Department of Parks and Recreation FY21 budget allocated for existing pedestrian and bicycle improvements.
- Waldorf is a developmental district and growing predominantly Black community.
- Children's Poverty is at 9%
- VanGo Bus system is user friendly and affordable.
 - Van Go utilizes an app for user for scheduling and updates.





Curb Extensions & Continuous Sidewalks

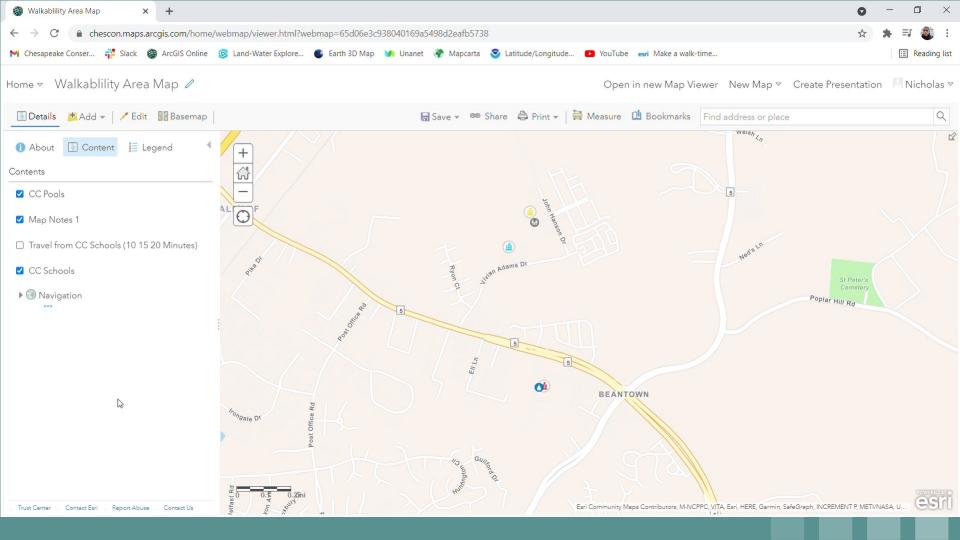
- Curb Extensions
 - Improves Safety for Pedestrians
 - Encourages Crossing at Designated Areas
 - Increases Availability for Public Spaces
- Continuous Sidewalks
 - o Increases Driver Visibility and Awareness
 - Prioritizes Pedestrians and Cyclist













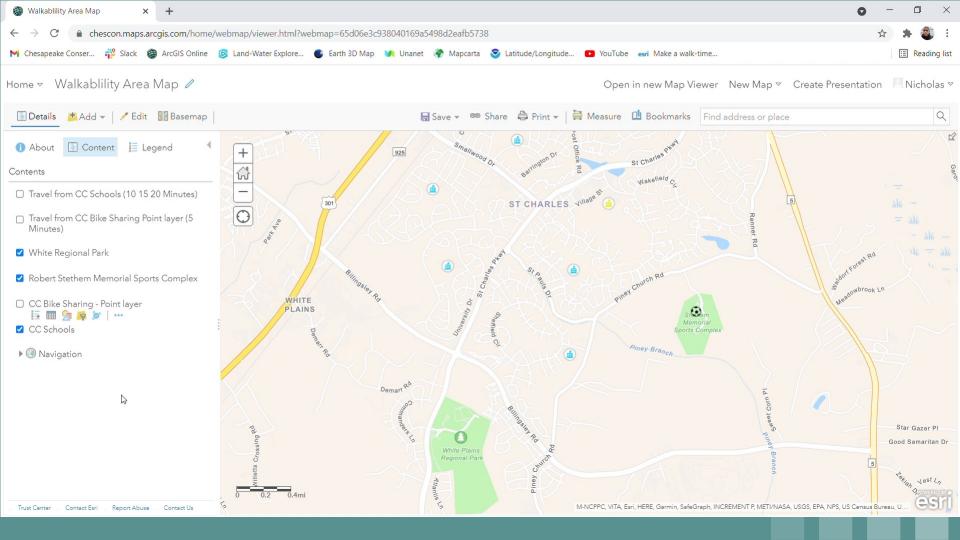


Bike Sharing

- Socioeconomic
 - Improves Community Infrastructure
 - Creates Job Opportunities
 - Cost Effective
- Public Health
 - Lowers Childhood Obesity
 - Reduces Stress & Anxiety
 - Prevents Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - Lowers Screen-time



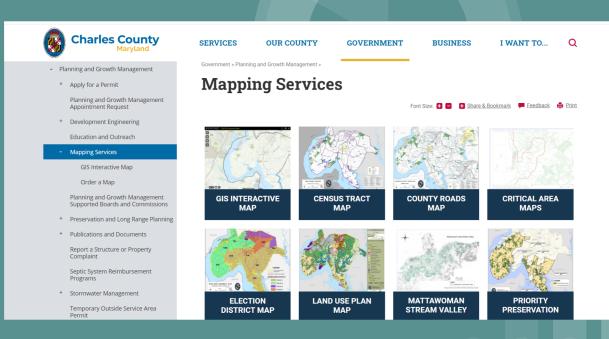




In Conclusion

Charles County wants to move forward exploring the possibility of curb extensions in local communities.

A bike sharing program is something Charles County expressed may be helpful in future plans of accessibility.





Questions?