

Community Health and Quality of Life

This section is concerned with public health, community culture, and the day-to-day life of community residents.

This category includes projects focusing on (but not limited to): improvement of public health including improving community design to promote healthy behaviors such as walking and strengthening community support and connectedness through health and wellness programs and facilities that create inclusive communities. These projects may include built environment, indoor spaces, outdoor environments such as increasing community gardens and access to services including educational facilities and programs; health and wellness facilities and programs that serve multi-generations; senior facilities and programs; youth facilities and programs; facilities and programs for the disabled; civic amenities, access to quality food options; collaborations with faith-based organizations; arts and entertainment education; and homelessness prevention, services, and facilities. Projects should include community engagement that includes participation in the selection of strategies and outcomes, progress reports, and evaluation.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Historic District, town neighborhoods and walkable commercial district provide an attraction to visitors and sense of community history.● There are 25 + festivals every year the add to sense of community. Many held at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.● The Police Department has various programs for youth outreach including field trips, block parties and the St. Michaels Youth and Law Enforcement (SMYLE) programs.● The town has an active YMCA as well as a community swimming pool and a community center providing after school programs and partners with the Police Department.● The Art League of St. Michaels: Programs include Children’s Art Day, Banners Program under the theme of “Celebrate St. Michaels”; Art displays at library and restaurant, student scholarships.● Concert in the Parks and other community events and programs are offered by the St. Michaels Community Center.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Some residents are hesitant to utilize available social services resources.● Some historic buildings are in need of restoration and repair.● Limited number of medical facilities.● Substandard conditions of municipal and police administrative facilities.● Need for additional local services such as grocery store, laundromat in town.

Desired Outcomes and Progress Measures	Strategies and Action Items	Implementation Partners
<p>Outcome 1: Promote medical services for the town.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of medical facilities and providers in or near town.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Document medical facilities offices in town or near the town limits within 1 mile.</p> <p>Strategy B: Survey major county medical providers and services offered on a county wide basis and to understand opportunities for additional services in St. Michaels.</p>	<p>Social services organizations.</p> <p>Medical provider information.</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Complete renovation and use of the new St. Michaels Community Center.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Document fundraising progress</p> <p>Progress Measures: Issuance of permits.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Keep channels of communication open with the Community Center representatives and progress towards completion.</p> <p>Strategy B: Follow up on planning and permitting processes and assist in any building and zoning issues.</p> <p>Strategy C: Help promote fundraising efforts as needed.</p>	<p>St. Michaels Community Center</p> <p>St. Michaels Town Planning Office</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Advance opportunities for a variety of art: music, visual arts and performing arts.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of related organizations.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Number of activities, events.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Organize a meeting with various groups to discuss opportunities to work together.</p> <p>Strategy B: Create a comprehensive list of arts related organizations and services in St. Michaels.</p>	<p>Community based non-profits and arts organizations.</p>
<p>Outcome 4: Increase the amount of various recreational activities available for adults in the community.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Document recreational activities.</p> <p>Progress Measures: Coordinate activities and programs with Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.</p>	<p>Strategy A: Explore new opportunities for various recreation including a dog park, bike & scooter programs.</p> <p>Strategy B: Develop a master plan for the preservation of open space and recreational amenities for the 7.6-acre Environmental Concern property recently acquired by the Town on waterfront property.</p>	<p>Citizen input from Town</p> <p>MDNR Program Open Space and Parks improvements grant funding.</p>