

State of the County

Frederick County, Maryland



September 2010



A Great Place to Live, Work, and Play

*Sense of Community
Vibrant, Diverse Economy
Exceptional Quality of Life*



Frederick County Demographics



Population – 235,364
8th largest county in the state by population

Average Home Price in 2009 of \$265,808 is 13% lower than state average

Median Household Income of \$88,200 in 2008
25% higher than Maryland Median Household Income



Frederick County Economy



92,695 Total Jobs – 2009
76,522 in private sector

6th highest number of new jobs
created in Maryland from
2005 to 2009

One of ten Maryland Counties
with net job growth from
2005 to 2009

Average weekly wage increased
to \$825 in 2009 up from \$806
in 2008

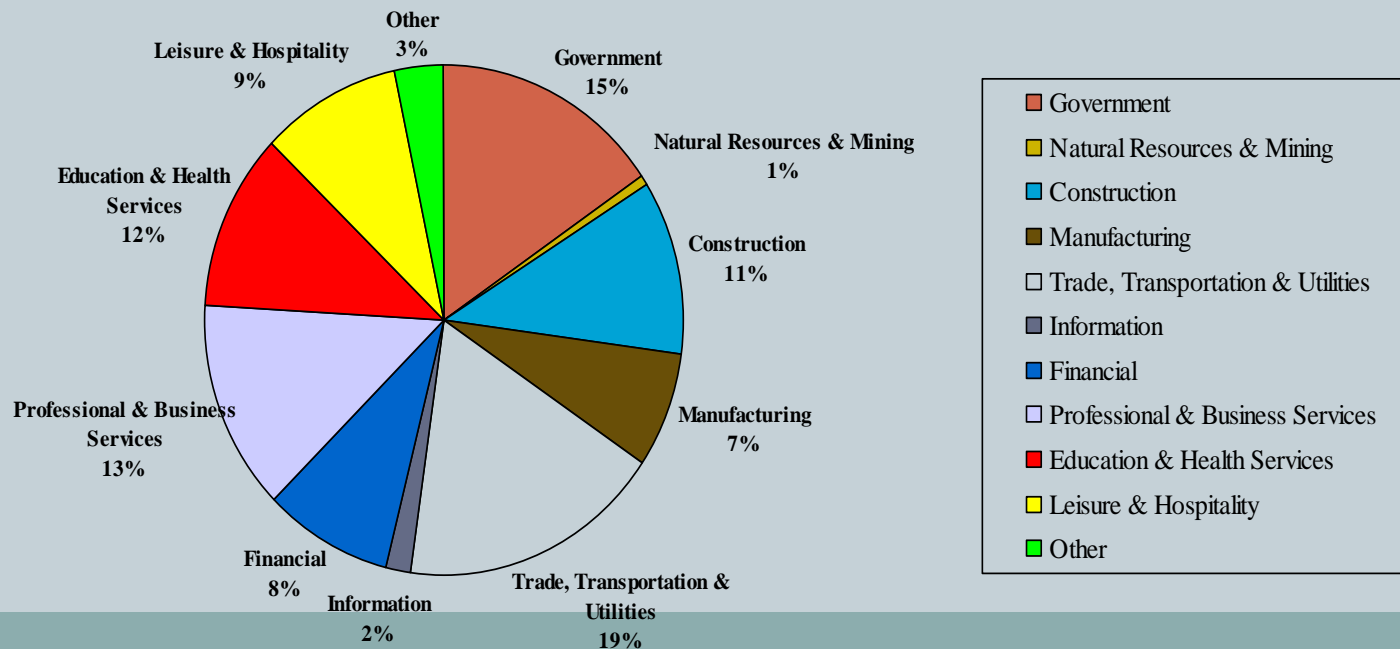
Frederick County Economy



June 2010 – Unemployment Rate of 6.5%
Down from 7.3% in January 2010

Compares favorably to State of Maryland Unemployment Rate of 7.4%
And National Unemployment Rate of 9.0%

RELATIVE STABILITY DUE TO DIVERSE JOB BASE



Commuting Patterns



Frederick County Residents - Live and Work Here!

**60.4% of Frederick County Residents
Live and Work
In Frederick County
(2008)**

5% fewer people commuting outside the county for work since 2005



Job Growth – Fort Detrick



Fort Detrick Expansion *An Economic Engine for Frederick County*



Completed BRAC Action Plan

\$2 billion in construction projects
1,025 new jobs already created
1,100 additional new jobs through 2018

Related Off Base Job Growth

Private Sector - Over 225 direct new jobs



Job Growth – Private Sector



Urbana Office Research Center

Banner Life Insurance Headquarters

Riverside Corporate Research Park

Site of NCI-Frederick's New 300,000 square foot facility

Life Technologies Expansion

Westview South Office Research Park

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Space for 16 office buildings



State of the Economy



New Housing Starts

2009 - 724 new housing permits
2008 - 562 new housing permits
2007 - 1,054 new housing permits



New Housing Permits through June 2010 - 451 housing permits

as compared to June 2009 - 386 permits

June 2008 - 283 permits

June 2007 - 599 permits

Reflects the State of the National Economy and downturn in housing starts

State of the County - Budget



The County Budget has experienced an unprecedented decline in revenue coupled with state budget cuts and shifts over the Past two years

State Cuts

State Highway User Revenue – 97% decrease
State Corrections Reimbursement – 100% decrease
State Aid to Police – 36% decrease

Income Tax

8% decrease

Property Taxes

0.5% increase

Recordation Taxes

21% decrease (63% decrease from FY 06)

Investment Income

85% decrease

OVERALL DECLINE IN BUDGET – 9.25%



State of the County - Budget



**Budget Reflects Community Priorities
Provides Essential Services**

**Public Safety
Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement and 911**

**Public Education
Head Start, K-12, and Community College
Libraries**

**Transportation
Roads and Bridges**

Parks and Recreation

Senior Centers, Public Health, Transit, Animal Control, and More

State of the County - Budget



Tough Choices All Areas of County Budget Reduced

Reduced Library Hours – Branches Closed on Fridays

Increase in Tuition at Frederick Community College

Road Maintenance Reduced

Elimination of Traffic Calming, Dust Control and Road Stabilization

Reduced Housing Initiative Fund

Eliminated Head Start Summer Program Hours

Eliminated Park Community Grant Program

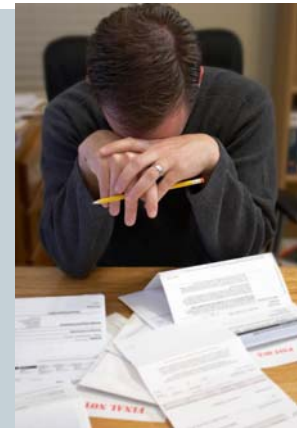
Eliminated Thurmont After School Program

Saved Money in Fleet by Reducing Fuel Consumption and Vehicle Replacement

Deferred \$200 and \$300 million in Capital Projects

Hiring Freeze

No cuts to K-12 Education - \$3.0 million returned to County



State of the County – Fiscal Integrity



County Bond Ratings

Fitch	AAA
Moody's	Aa1
Standard & Poor	AA

**Improved Bond Rating will Save
Significant Money on Capital Project Debt**

**Fund Balances Important to Maintaining
Bond Ratings**

State of the County – Fiscal Integrity



Tax Rates Remain Below Peer Counties

Peer Counties	Property Tax	Income Tax
Carroll	\$1.048	3.05%
Charles	\$1.026	2.90%
Harford	\$1.042	3.06%
Howard	\$1.014	3.20%
Washington	\$.948	2.80%
Frederick	\$.936	2.96%

State of the County - Schools



Frederick County Public Schools *Exceptional Public Schools*

- 100% of Class of 2010 passed the High School Assessments
 - 3rd highest graduation rate in Maryland at 94%
- More than half of all juniors and seniors take Advance Placement or International Baccalaureate Course
- Narrowed the achievement gap on Maryland State Assessments by 47% in reading and 41% in math over past 5 years
 - SAT scores surpass state and nation
- Newsweek listed all nine of our high schools on its America's Best High School list for 2010

State of the County - Schools



Goal – School Facilities at 90% system wide capacity

Fall 2010 – New Schools Opening

Linganore High School – 1600 student capacity

Carroll Manor Elementary School Addition – new classrooms and renovated space for 224 additional students

Walkersville Elementary School Addition – new classrooms and renovated space for 200 additional students



In Progress – Renovation of Lincoln Elementary



GOAL ACCOMPLISHED!

State of the County - Public Safety



Public Safety



Frederick County is a Safe Community

Crime is down 15%

Emergency Incidents in 2009

5,215 Fire

24,788 EMS



Upgrading 911 Communication System

State of the County - Parks



Catoctin Creek Nature Center

- ✓ 139 acres nature park
- ✓ 6,100 sq. ft. Nature Center
- ✓ Green Building
 - ✓ Vegetative or Green Roof
 - ✓ Geothermal Heating/Cooling



Scheduled to Open Late 2010/Early 2011

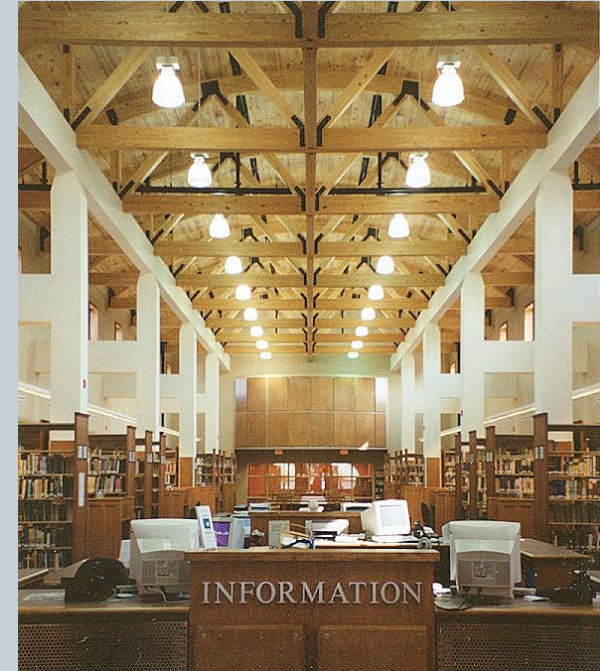


State of the County - Libraries



Libraries

- ✓ Over 100,000 Visitors per month
- ✓ Community Programming
 - Celtic Festival, Emmitsburg
 - Urbana Music Festival, Urbana
 - Music on the Terrace, C. Burr Artz
 - Frederick Reads
 - Summer Reading Program



Moving Along in Brunswick!

New Larger Branch Library Under Construction
Scheduled to Open Spring 2011

State of the County - Roads



County Roads and Bridges

Maintain 1,265 roadway miles

215 bridge structures

Management of CIP and Coordinate with SHA

*Roddy Road Bridge roof replacement
Joint Community/Public Project*



Photo Courtesy of Fitzgerald's Heavy Timber Construction, Inc

State of the County - Roads



Blizzard of February 2010

55 inches of snow!

DPW Crews deployed 18 straight days!



Blowing Snow!



State of Emergency Declared

State of the County - Recycling



Recycling Accomplishments

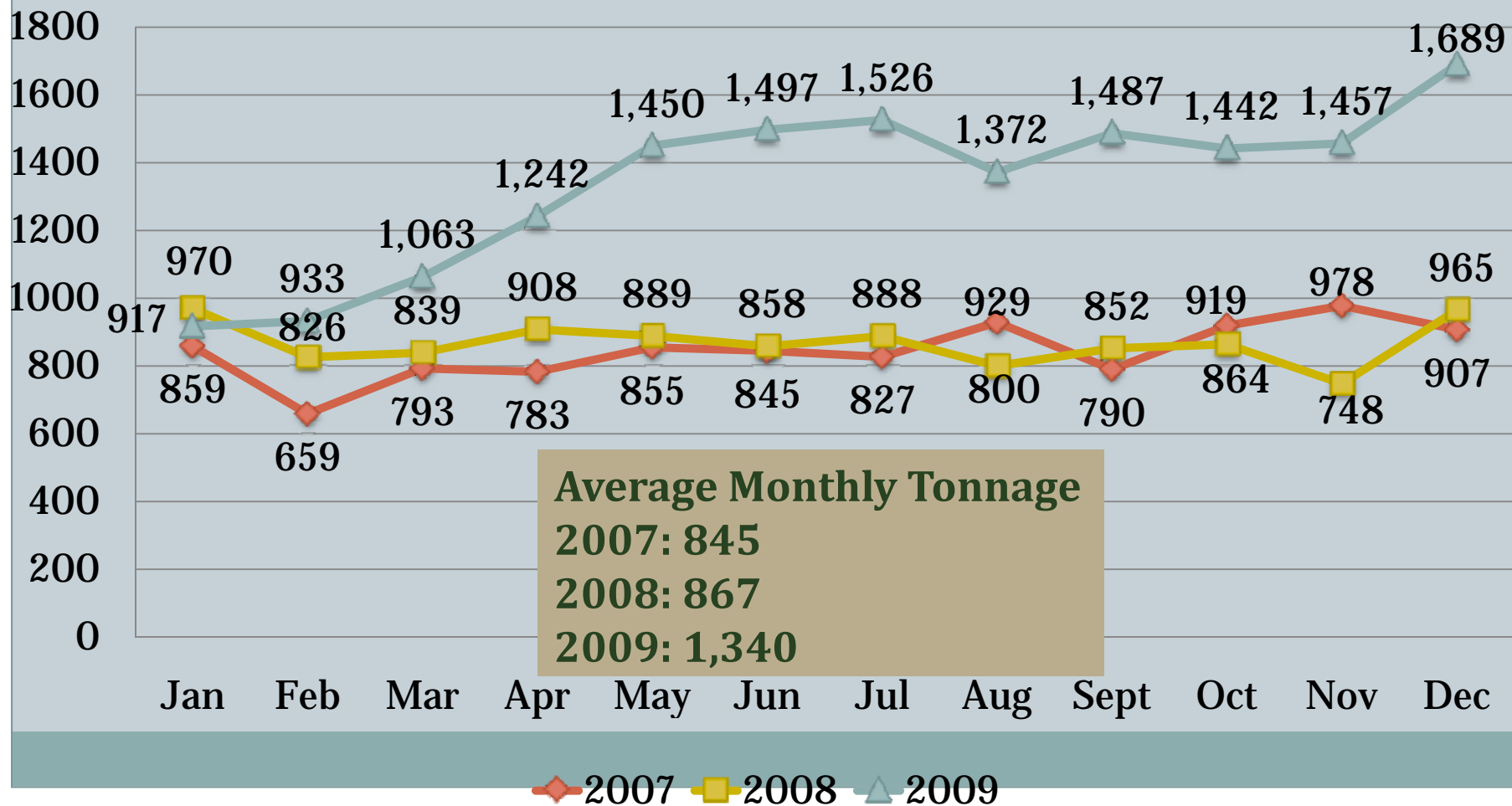
- ✓ Single Stream Curbside Residential Recycling introduced to all Single Family Households
- ✓ Curbside tonnage increased 54.5% from 2008 to 2009
- ✓ Award Winning Program - One of three communities selected nationally by Keep America Beautiful to launch recycling education program



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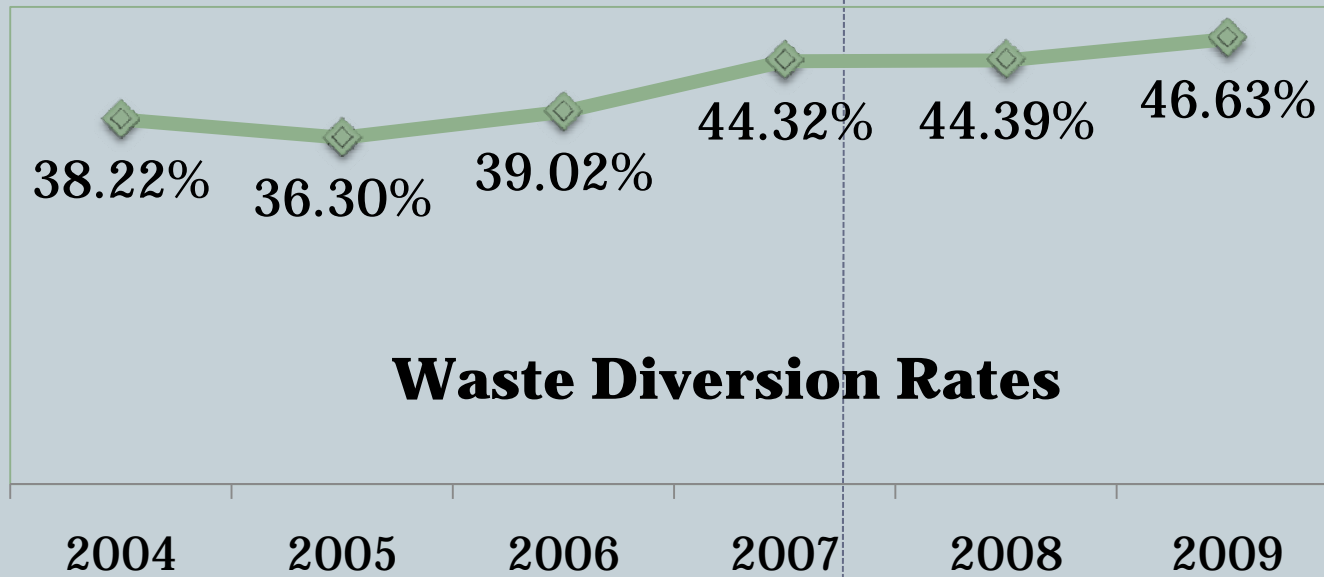
Curbside Tonnages 2007 – 2009 Post-Contamination



State of the County - Recycling



MRA Waste Diversion Rates



Waste Diversion Rates

2004 – 2%
2005 – 2%
2006 – 3%
2007 – 3%
2008 – 3%
*2009 – 5%

***Preliminary**

**Waste Diversion Rate = Recycling
Rate + Source Reduction Credit
(max = 5 percentage points)**

State of the County - Composting



Excellence in Solid Waste Management Bronze Award for Composting, 2009

DUSWM produced 1,823 tons of this
new material in 2009

Gross product sales of compost were
\$28,669

In addition, over 5,200 tons of mulch
were produced at the Reichs Ford
Road Yard Trim Center. Gross
mulch sales were just over \$80,914



State of the County-Waste to Energy



Frederick and Carroll County are partnering to advance a Waste to Energy Project

- Sustainable, long-term trash and sludge disposal
- Renewable energy facility capable of generating 55 megawatts of electricity or the equivalent power used by 60,000 homes
- Offers significant savings vs. long hauling
- Will comply with stringent environmental standards



State of the County - Landfill



Landfill Gas to Energy Project

- ✓ Developed through partnership with the Northeast Waste Disposal Authority and Energetic
- ✓ Generates and sells 2 megawatts of green energy to the grid
- ✓ The annual reduction of greenhouse gases attributable to this project is approximately the same as the annual from more than 16,200 passenger vehicles, the carbon dioxide emissions from nearly 198,000 barrels of oil consumed, or the carbon sequestered annually by more than 18,100 acres of pine or fir forests.



Ribbon Cutting – September 9th

State of the County – Land Use



Completed Growth Management Initiative

County Comprehensive Plan
Many Places, One Community

Vision for the Future



Concentrates Growth in Traditional Growth Areas
Protects Rural Heritage, Environment, Historic and Cultural Amenities
Accommodates 20 Year Residential and Commercial Growth
Priority Preservation Areas
Water Resources Element

State of the County – Land Use



Updated APFO Provisions for Roads and Schools



Address Traffic Congestion



Avoid School Overcrowding

Modernizing and Updating the Zoning Ordinance

Initiating the Purchase of Forest Easements With FRO Fee-in-Lieu Monies

State of the County - Ag Preservation



Total Land Permanently Preserved - 45,754 acres

Goal to Preserve 100,000 Acres

Rank 10th in the Nation for Agricultural Land Preservation

Strong Agriculture Industry

1,400 farms

1st in Organic Farms

Growing Sectors:

Nursery Crops

Vegetable Production

Christmas Trees



11 Farmers Markets

State of the County- Sustainability



Frederick County Office of Environmental Sustainability
*advances practical solutions for protecting the environment,
conserving energy, and living sustainably in Frederick County*

- ✓ Sustainability Commission
 - ✓ Citizens Advisory Group
- ✓ Sustainable Action Plan for County Operations
- ✓ Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- ✓ Sunburst Award - \$500,000 to install solar photovoltaic systems at Linganore and Oakdale High Schools



State of the County



Frederick County
A Wonderful Place to Live, Work and Play

The Outlook for the Future is Positive



Our Mission :

*To Preserve and Enhance the Quality of Life for all our
Citizens by Ensuring Optimum Services, Open Government, and
Creative Use of Community Resources*