

ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

Jenna Guzman, Communications Director SMCG TV 95 Station Manager
Media Inquiries: 301 475 4200 ext 1342 or I

Media Inquiries: 301-475-4200, ext. 1342, or PIO@stmaryscountymd.gov

COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

James R. Guy, President
Mike Alderson, Jr., Commissioner
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Michael. L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner

NEWS RELEASE for Immediate Release

No. 2025 – 173 September 10, 2025, 10 a.m.

St. Mary's County Government Releases 2025 State of the County Video

LEONARDTOWN, MD – St. Mary's County Government (SMCG) is proud to announce the release of the **2025 State of the County video**, now available to the public on the SMCG website at www.stmaryscountymd.gov/SOC.

Produced annually by the Public Information Office, the video highlights major accomplishments of county government over the past fiscal year, offering residents an overview of progress and initiatives shaping the community. State of the County videos are also available and archived on the SMCG YouTube channel at: www.youtube.com/@StMarysCoGov.

The 2025 video debuted September 9th at the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce's *State of the County* Luncheon. Each fall, the luncheon brings together community members and business leaders to view the video presentation and participate in a live Q&A session with the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. The event was recorded and will be available for public viewing on the SMCG YouTube channel post-production.

This year's presentation highlights a wide range of achievements, including:

- **Public Safety & Preparedness** Launch of a new Computer-Aided Dispatch system and emergency communications upgrades to enhance response and resilience.
- **Planning for the Future** Continued community engagement in *St. Mary's 2050: Charting Our Tomorrow*, the update to the County's Comprehensive Plan.
- **Economic Development** Introduction of the "Maryland's AgriCoast" brand, celebrating and promoting local agriculture, seafood, and forestry industries.
- Accessibility & Services Launch of the STS Transit mobile app and implementation of a fare-free transit pilot program to improve mobility and equity.
- **Community Enrichment** New playgrounds, park upgrades, and plans for a future makerspace, as well as support and services for vulnerable populations.

"On behalf of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and our dedicated team, I am proud to share this year's State of the County video," said David Weiskopf, County Administrator. "The projects highlighted reflect our commitment to building a vibrant, friendly, and resilient community where neighbors support neighbors and our rural character is preserved while we grow."

For more information, please visit <u>www.stmaryscountymd.gov</u> or follow St. Mary's County Government on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> for regular updates.

###