

September 3rd, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I would argue that the most important goal for how we envision our city of Annapolis and its surroundings depends on how its citizens perceive the goal serves them and the environment. I want to, therefore, focus on our health and opportunity. I support the swap of land because in doing so we can have:

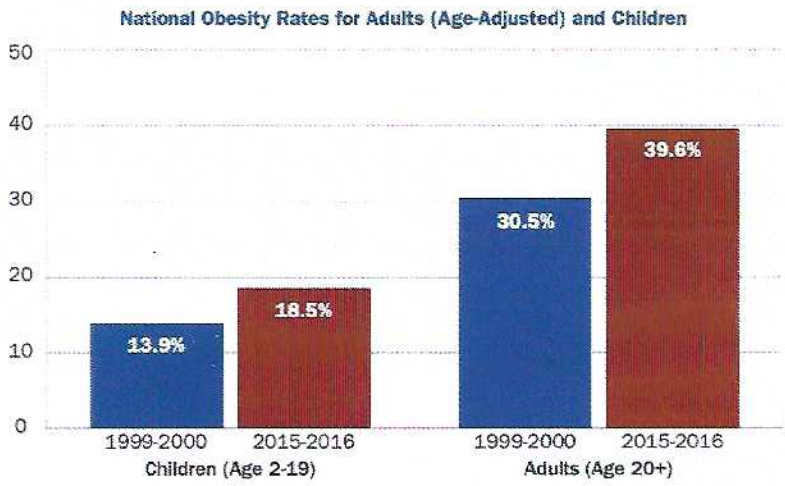
- 1- More pedestrian and bicycle activity that will help move us away from an auto-oriented mentality
 - A- Obesity and diabetes continue to increase and it is said that the more we walk and bike the healthier and happier we are.
 - B- Walking distance connectivity improves the environment
- 2- Nicer and safer paths for students for home to school/ after school programs (Bates and Annapolis Middle Schools - Children's Museum and Maryland Hall) and paths for families to go to shop and work
 - A- The connectivity of bike lanes will be a great improvement for people who live or work on Forest Drive who choose or need to bike and walk.
- 3- In addition, the revenue from the swap will provide more park and recreation areas for all
- 4- The new housing development will have quick access to commercial services as well it will bring tax revenue to the city (Real Estate and Property owners contribute with 61.64% to the general revenue to the city). It is important to remember that Critical Areas such as this one, already have strict regulations in place that are designed to keep the environment safe.
- 5- Building the Public Works Maintenance Facility on Forest Drive - with the associated oil tanks, gasoline pumps and salt dome - will protect Spa Creek and water quality.
- 6- The Public Works Maintenance Facility will have better access location on Forest Drive and their installations will be new, unlike now where they look run down and do not help beautify the area.
- 7- The city government assures us that it will provide (and I quote) "stormwater mitigation at both sites on Spa Road and Forest Drive will slow runoff and improve neighborhood conditions where standing water is a problem."

Many of us will use bikes and walk more if we have easier access to safe routes. Transforming the city to a healthier one takes determination and vision. Please consider joining us to make the leap!

Sincerely,

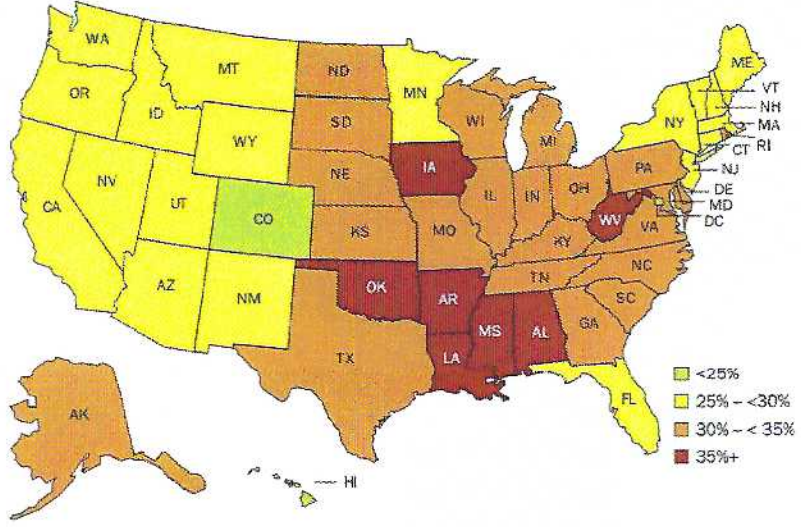


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Source: NHANES

Adult Obesity Rates by State, 2017



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