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## **County Executive Gardner Presents 2019 Annual Report & Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

FREDERICK, MD – County Executive Jan Gardner today presented an [Annual Report for 2019](#) on the accomplishments of Frederick County Government, emphasizing many achievements in the areas of education, jobs, seniors, community needs and growth.

“The annual report outlines a lot of good things happening in Frederick County,” said Executive Gardner. “One of the biggest accomplishments of the past year was the adoption of Livable Frederick, a unique and innovative master plan for the future of our county.”

The county’s AAA bond rating has resulted in a bond sale with the lowest interest rate in the county’s history. The county’s strong economy drew Kite Pharma and other businesses here, creating many new jobs. There are a record 104,000 jobs in Frederick County, with 6,500 net new jobs created in the past five years. The year also saw record investment in public education, support for a new pay scale for teachers and school administrators, and an accelerated school construction program. An agricultural work group focused on preservation and addressing farmer’s needs. Also of note, the county was named a Dementia-Friendly County, putting a plan in place to help seniors.

Other achievements include the opening of the Myersville Community Library, expansion of Utica Park and progress toward opening Othello Regional Park in 2020. In other areas, the county was awarded one of the largest grants in the nation to hire 38 new firefighters, and Fire & Rescue Services launched a new initiative called *Handle with Care* to help children facing traumatic experiences. Additionally, a solar array was installed on a closed section of the landfill and now provides energy to county facilities and TransIT buses.

“We couldn’t have achieved so many successes without the dedicated team of employees who work hard every day to serve our citizens,” added Executive Gardner.

Executive Gardner also presented the [Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#) (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The annual report and financial statement will be presented to the County Council at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 17, in the first floor hearing room of Winchester Hall.

The CAFR is an extensive document presenting various levels of reporting and disclosures regarding financial statements, and includes an audit from a firm of licensed certified public accountants who provided an independent review of county government. No findings were made in the audit. For a copy of the annual report and CAFR, visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/report](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/report).

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