

In September, 2010, BMC moved to McHenry Row, a new mixed-use development adjacent to Key Highway and East Fort Avenue in the Locust Point section of Baltimore City. When completed in 2011, McHenry Row will include a five-story office building, street level retail with apartments above, ample parking, and a Harris-Tetter grocery store.



  
Baltimore Metropolitan Council  
Offices at McHenry Row  
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Baltimore, MD 21230

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# *2011 Calendar*



Baltimore Metropolitan Council

# What is the Baltimore Metropolitan Council?

## Our Mission

The Baltimore Metropolitan Council is committed to identifying regional interests and developing collaborative strategies, plans and programs which will improve the quality of life and economic vitality throughout the region.

## Who We Are

BMC is the organization of the region's elected executives. The BMC Board is composed of the Mayor of Baltimore, the executives of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford and Howard counties, and a member of the Carroll County Board of Commissioners. BMC's staff works closely with the staffs of member jurisdictions.

## History

BMC carries on a tradition of formal regional planning that began half-a-century ago in 1956, when the Baltimore Regional Planning Council was created within the Maryland Department of Planning. In 1963, the Regional Planning Council (RPC) emerged as a separate state agency. In 1989 the name of the organization was changed to Baltimore Regional Council of Governments (BRCOG) to reflect the RPC's resolve to serve as the regional voice of local government. In 1992, recognizing the need for a smaller, more efficient organization, the Maryland General Assembly dissolved BRCOG and created BMC as a private nonprofit organization of the region's elected executives.

### BMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010

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## A Message from the 2011 Chair

It's a great honor to serve as chair of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council in 2011. BMC is a unique and important forum for the region's elected executives to work together to solve problems, and make the Baltimore region better, safer and stronger.

In the last few years the Baltimore region has made great progress in the areas of cooperative purchasing of energy, watershed management, emergency preparedness and regional transportation planning. These efforts are helping all the member jurisdictions work more cost-effectively in these fiscally challenging times, and also work together in ways that directly benefit our residents. The rapid, coordinated response to the November, 2010, tornado in Baltimore City and County

is but one example.

BMC has also opened a dialogue on sustainability and is working to open lines of communication among the jurisdictions to explore cost-saving and environmentally sound practices throughout the region.

Over the next year, I look forward to continue making progress on these issues and others as BMC strives to make the region a better place to live and work.

Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor, Baltimore City





Every new construction project and any significant improvement to an existing structure requires a building permit.

# January

## Permits issued in FY 2010

**New residential**  
5,657 units  
\$802,088,048

**New Non-residential**  
148 buildings  
\$784,569,114

## Largest Permits Issued

**Patapsco Waste Water Treatment Plant**  
\$150,000,000

**School Building, Carver Center**  
\$58,704,000

**Little Patuxent Water Reclamation Plant**  
\$40,000,000

*Source: BMC's Building Permit Data System*

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16	17 <i>Martin Luther King Day BMC Offices Closed</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	<i>BRTB 9:00 a.m.</i>				

Every new construction project and any significant improvement to an existing structure requires a building permit. BMC's member jurisdictions, as well as the City of Annapolis and the towns of Aberdeen, Bel Air and Havre de Grace, issue permits in the Baltimore region.

BMC has been compiling the region's building permit information for many years.

The resulting database, collected from all permits with a value of \$10,000 or more, provides a continual record of plans for new and renovated residential, commercial/ industrial and institutional building projects. The BMC staff uses this information as an indicator of new regional development patterns.

Specialty contractors, real estate analysts, economic development professionals and others may subscribe to the Building Permit Database, through either the printed monthly, quarterly and annual reports or the searchable online database, which is updated weekly. Contact the Regional Information Center at 410-732-9570 or [mlogan@baltometro.org](mailto:mlogan@baltometro.org) to learn more.

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*Anne  
Arundel  
County*

Total Population  
521,209

Median Age  
38.3

Total Households  
191,741

Total Labor Force  
289,688

Number Who Drive  
To Work Alone  
212,504

Median Household  
Income  
\$80,300

% of Families Below  
Poverty Level  
5.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009  
American Community Survey  
Additional demographic data is  
available at [www.baltometro.org](http://www.baltometro.org)



# February

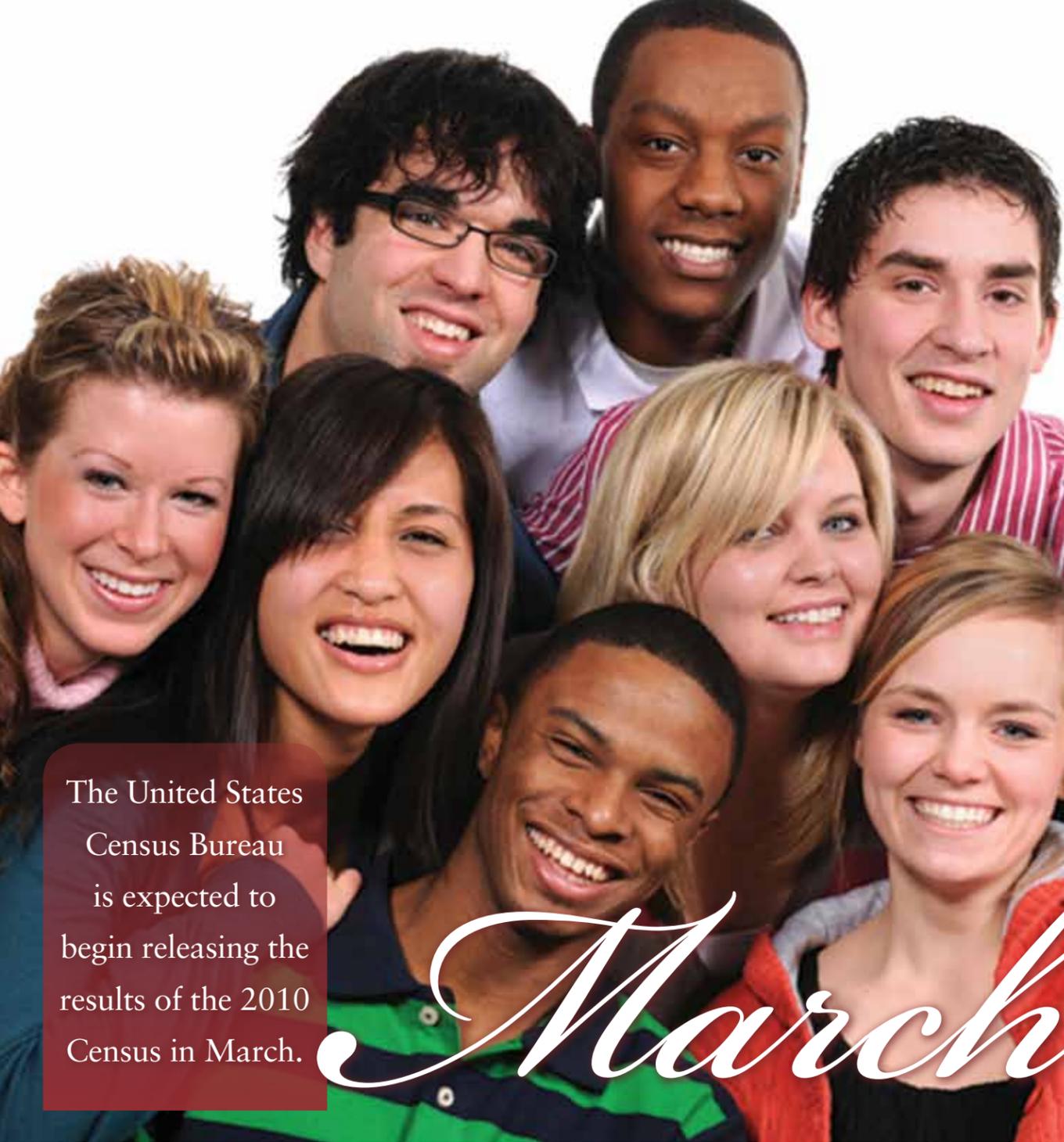
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20	21 <i>Presidents' Day BMC Offices Closed</i>	22 <i>BRTB 9:00 a.m.</i>	23	24	25	26
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**John R. Leopold, Anne Arundel County Executive**

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# United States<sup>®</sup> Census 2010



The United States Census Bureau is expected to begin releasing the results of the 2010 Census in March.

# March

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13 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 <i>BRTB 9:00 a.m.</i>	23	24	25	26
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The United States Census Bureau is expected to begin releasing the results of the 2010 Census in March. This was one of the shortest censuses in history, comprised of only 10 questions. It included questions about the number of people living in the household, their sex, age, Hispanic origin and race. The old "long form," which asked for

more detailed information, has been replaced by the ongoing American Community Survey (ACS) which is sent separately from the decennial census to a much smaller portion of the population. BMC uses data from the census and ACS in its transportation planning work to track trends in the population of each jurisdiction

and where people live and work. Data from the census and ACS is also used to generate Community Profiles, 8-10 page compilations of data and information about each of the 94 Regional Planning Districts (RPDs) in the region, each jurisdiction as a whole, and the entire region. Community Profiles are available at [www.baltometro.org](http://www.baltometro.org).

#### February

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# Baltimore City

Total Population  
637,418

Median Age  
34

Total Households  
234,840

Total Labor Force  
314,685

Number Who Drive  
To Work Alone  
162,230

Median Household  
Income  
\$38,772

% of Families Below  
Poverty Level  
17.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009  
American Community Survey  
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# April

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17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Good Friday BMC Offices Closed</i>	23
24	25	26 <i>BRTB 9:00 a.m.</i>	27	28	29	30

**Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Baltimore City Mayor**

### March

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May is the beginning of ground-level ozone season, that time of the year when longer days and warmer temperatures combine with emissions to create air pollution.

# May

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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22	23	24 <i>BRTB 9:00 a.m.</i>	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>Memorial Day BMC Offices Closed</i>	31				

May is the beginning of ground-level ozone season, that time of the year when longer days and warmer temperatures combine with emissions to create air pollution. Since almost 1/3 of those emissions come from vehicles, BMC and the Clean Commute Partnership have designated May 2011 as Clean Commute Month for the 14th consecutive year.

Residents are encouraged to try a cleaner way to get to work by taking transit, carpooling, walking, or riding a bike. Drivers are also encouraged to keep their vehicles well-maintained to increase fuel efficiency – and reduce emissions.

Bike to Work Day, on the third Friday in May, features rallies in each of BMC's member

jurisdictions to acknowledge regular bicycle commuters and encourage others to try this clean alternative to driving.

Look for BMC staff at the Flower Mart, Towsontown Festival, and other events in the region in May, and visit [www.cleancommute.com](http://www.cleancommute.com) or [www.bike2workcentralmd.com](http://www.bike2workcentralmd.com) to learn more.

#### April

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# Baltimore County

Total Population  
789,814

Median Age  
38.8

Total Households  
308,039

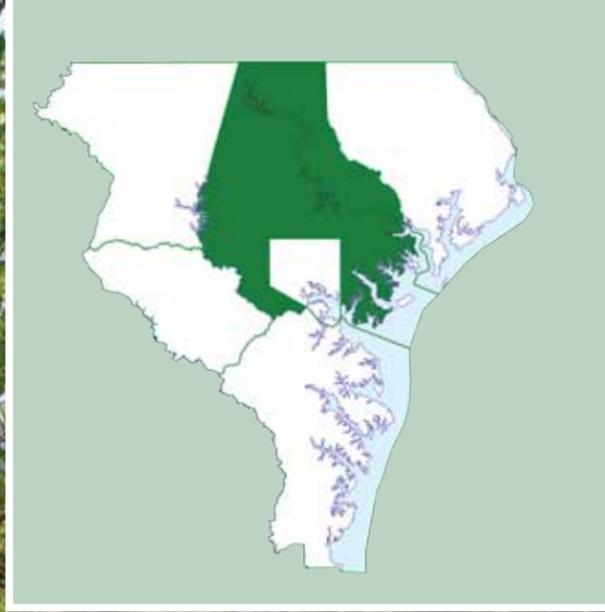
Total Labor Force  
442,565

Number Who Drive  
To Work Alone  
319,157

Median Household  
Income  
\$64,906

% of Families Below  
Poverty Level  
4.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009  
American Community Survey  
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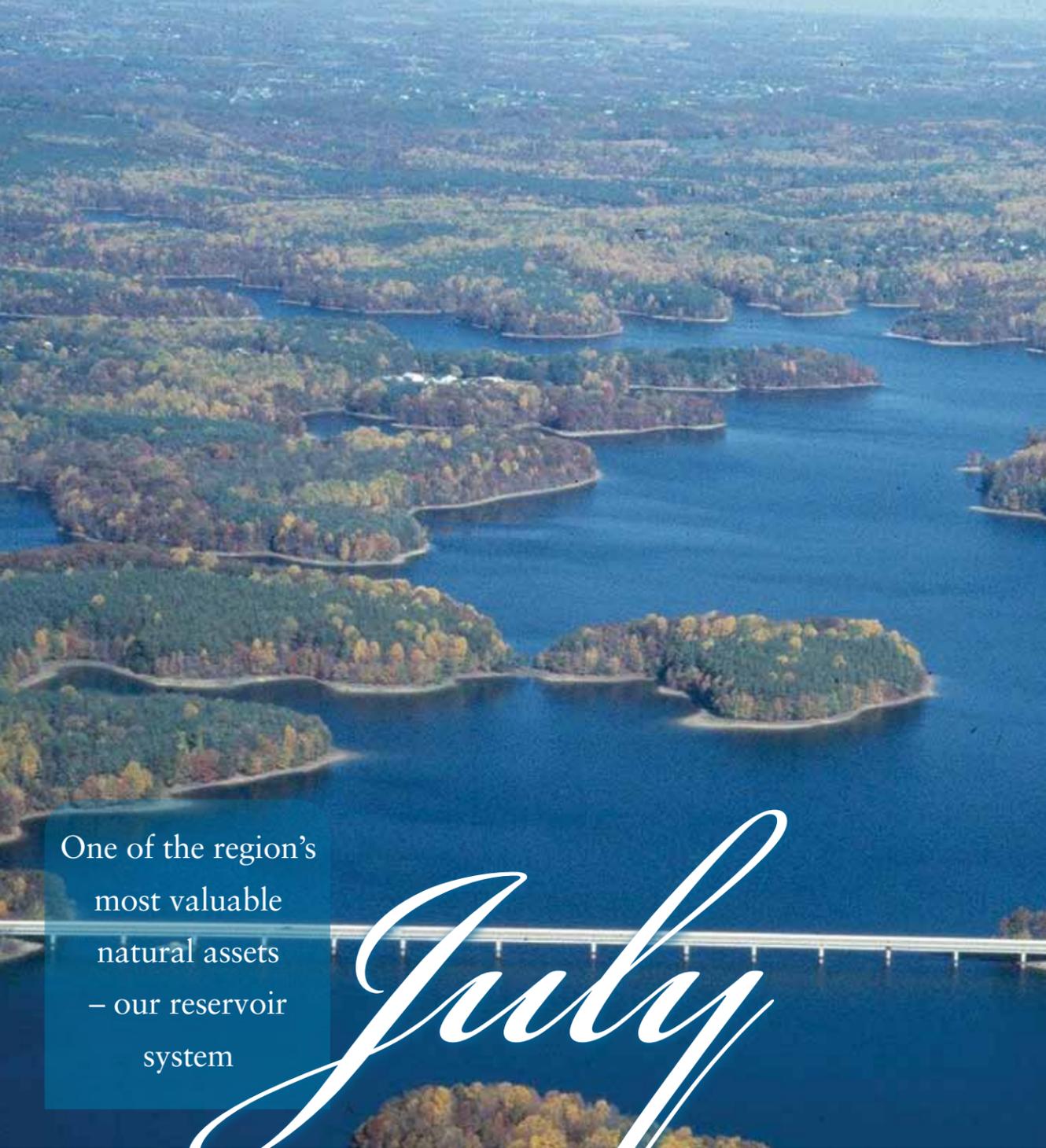
# June

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26	27	28 <i>BRTB 9:00 a.m.</i>	29	30		

**Kevin Kamenez, Baltimore County Executive**

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## Gallons of Reservoir Water Consumed FY 2010

Anne Arundel County ~ 2.2 billion

Baltimore City ~ 26.3 billion

Baltimore County ~ 26.3 billion

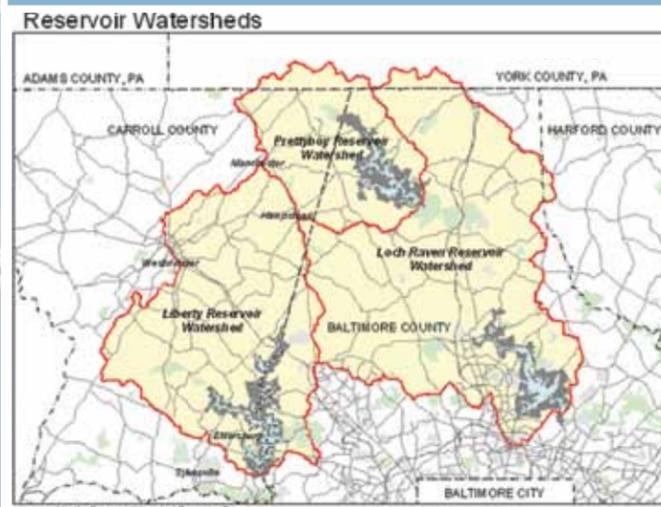
Carroll County ~ 719 million

Harford County ~ 1.8 billion

Howard County ~ 7.6 billion

One of the region's most valuable natural assets – our reservoir system

# July



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4 <i>Independence Day BMC Offices Closed</i>	5	6 <i>Citizens Advisory Committee 5:30 p.m.</i>	7	8	9
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31		<i>BRTB 9:00 a.m.</i>				

The Loch Raven, Prettyboy and Liberty Reservoirs together provide high-quality water for approximately 1.8 million people in Baltimore City and the five surrounding counties. Baltimore City owns the three reservoirs and operates the regional water system.

BMC's Reservoir Watershed Management

Program, which dates to 1984, was developed by the region's six local governments and key state agencies to monitor water quality trends, promote policies and actions to protect the watersheds, and address emerging issues that could affect one or more of the lakes.

The 2005 Reservoir Agreement, signed by

local elected executives and the secretaries of the Maryland Departments of Agriculture and the Environment, has the fundamental goal of ensuring that the three reservoirs and their respective watersheds will continue to serve as sources of high-quality water for the Baltimore metropolitan water-supply system.

### June

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# Carroll County

Total Population  
170,089

Median Age  
40.5

Total Households  
59,915

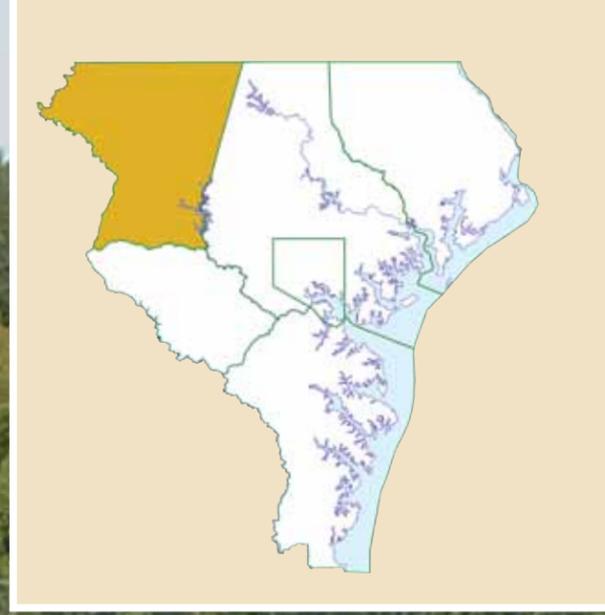
Total Labor Force  
94,061

Number Who Drive  
To Work Alone  
73,760

Median Household  
Income  
\$79,227

% of Families Below  
Poverty Level  
4.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009  
American Community Survey  
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# August

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	1	2	3 <i>Citizens Advisory Committee 5:30 p.m.</i>	4	5	6
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21	22	23 <i>BRTB 9:00 a.m.</i>	24	25	26	27
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## Carroll County Board of Commissioners

Robin Bartlett Frazier, District 1  
Haven N. Shoemaker Jr., District 2

David H. Roush, District 3  
Richard S. Rothschild, District 4

Doug Howard, District 5

### July

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# EMERGENCIES DEMAND THE RIGHT SUPPLIES.

A portable radio. A flashlight with batteries. At least a gallon of water a day, per person, for three days. These simple items can help you and your family get through the first 72 hours after an emergency, until basic services are restored. Take the time to prepare today, and you'll have less to worry about when it really matters.



**RADIO**



**FLASHLIGHT**



**WATER**

1 GALLON PER PERSON PER DAY



A message from the Baltimore Metropolitan Council and your local emergency responders.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day BMC Offices Closed</i>	6	7 <i>Citizens Advisory Committee 5:30 p.m.</i>	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <i>BRTB 9:00 a.m.</i>	28	29	30	

The Baltimore Urban Area Work Group (UAWG), a committee of emergency planners and first responders, meets regularly to evaluate the needs of the region, and directs the use of federal Homeland Security funds for equipment, training and outreach. BMC staff works closely with the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) and UAWG to prepare the region to respond to any emergency.

Through the UAWG's Public Information Officers Subcommittee, BMC coordinates the *Ready? Set? Good* public outreach campaign. In 2010, household preparedness messages were disseminated through radio and TV outlets, and on MTA buses. The messages generated more than 7,600 visits to [www.readysetgood.org](http://www.readysetgood.org).

The BRTB's Transportation and Public Works Subcommittee and UAWG are developing a computer model to help coordinate traffic in

the event of a large evacuation.

Large evacuations would impact multiple jurisdictions. Coordination between responders is critical. One way to improve coordination and identify problem areas is through exercises. Last year the region conducted a daylong tabletop exercise for local, state and federal agencies to discuss how they would respond to various emergencies.

#### August

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# Harford County

Total Population  
242,514

Median Age  
39.4

Total Households  
92,397

Total Labor Force  
137,498

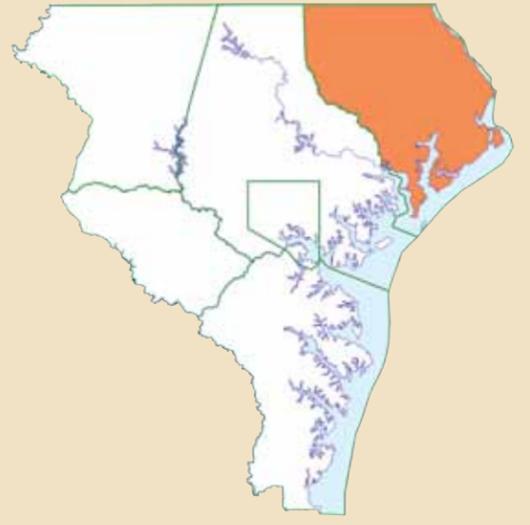
Number Who Drive  
To Work Alone  
107,690

Median Household  
Income  
\$76,187

% of Families Below  
Poverty Level  
4.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009  
American Community Survey  
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# October



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2	3	4	5 <i>Citizens Advisory Committee 5:30 p.m.</i>	6	7	8
9	10 <i>Columbus Day BMC Offices Closed</i>	11	12	13	14	15
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30	31	<i>BRTB 9:00 a.m.</i>				

**David R. Craig, Harford County Executive**

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# Baltimore Regional Transportation Network



*November*

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		1	2 <i>Citizens Advisory Committee 5:30 p.m.</i>	3	4	5
6 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Veterans' Day BMC Offices Closed</i>	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 <i>BRTB 9:00 a.m.</i>	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday BMC Offices Closed</i>	25 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday BMC Offices Closed</i>	26
27	28	29	30			

Like many urban areas in the country, the Baltimore region has an extensive transportation network — including highways, local streets, suburban and rural roads, bus lines, train lines, sidewalks and bicycling paths. All of these modes of transportation have one thing in common: they help people

and goods get where they need to go.

A great deal of money and time goes into maintaining and improving these modes of transportation. As a result, it is the responsibility of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) to update the plan every four years.

*Plan It 2035* is the next Long-Range Transportation Plan for the Baltimore Region. With a scheduled November 2011 adoption date, *Plan It 2035* is being developed with local, state, and federal agency transportation professionals, area business leaders, community advocates, and many other interested stakeholders.

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# Howard County

Total Population  
281,884

Median Age  
37.8

Total Households  
100,979

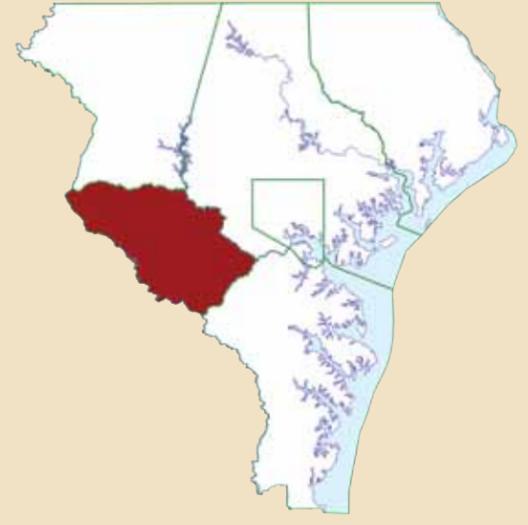
Total Labor Force  
160,906

Number Who Drive  
To Work Alone  
119,824

Median Household  
Income  
\$101,940

% of Families Below  
Poverty Level  
2.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009  
American Community Survey  
Additional demographic data is  
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# December

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7 <i>Citizens Advisory Committee 5:30 p.m.</i>	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 <i>BRTB 9:00 a.m.</i>	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Christmas Holiday BMC Offices Closed</i>	27	28	29	30	

**Ken Ulman, Howard County Executive**

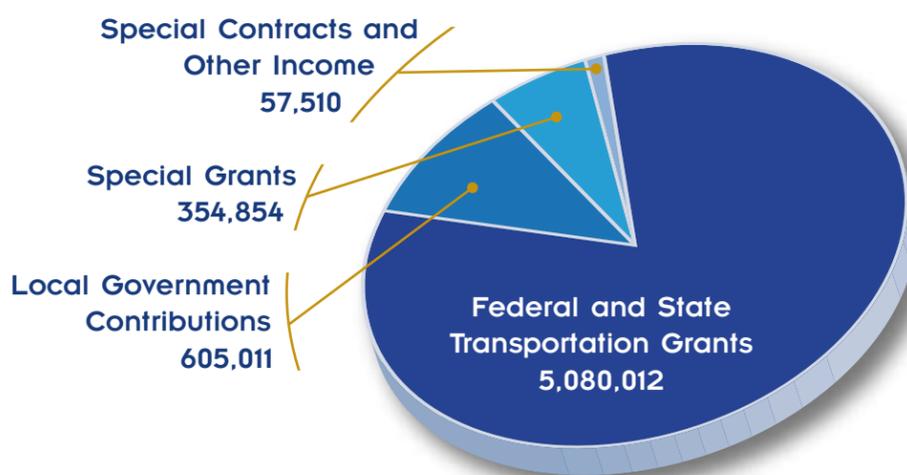
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Although contributions from local governments and revenue from special contracts declined, total revenue increased by more than \$800,000. Revenue from federal and state transportation grants accounted for most of the increase.

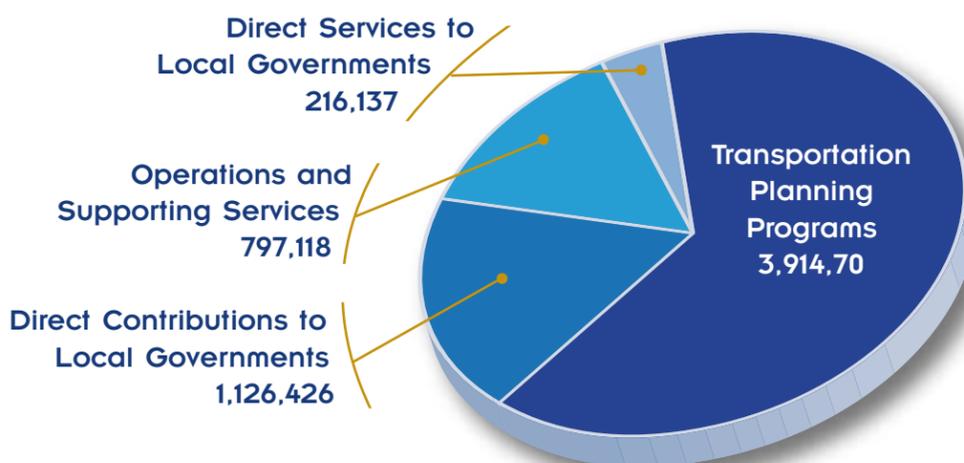
Local government contributions declined by about \$4,500, but the amount passed directly to local governments by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) increased by more than \$400,000. Spending on transportation planning programs increased by more than \$360,000.

Although operating costs increased by \$57,000, that figure includes BMC's moving expenses. BMC ended the year with \$43,000 in retained earnings.

Revenue \$6,097,387



Expenditures \$6,054,390



## BMC PUBLICATIONS

*2007 On Board Transit Survey; BMC Analysis.* 2010.

Analysis of data from a transit ridership survey conducted on various transit modes in 2007 and 2008 by the Maryland Transit Administration, as part of their preparations for the proposed Red Line. Online at [www.baltometro.org/reports/On-Board-Transit-Survey-2007.pdf](http://www.baltometro.org/reports/On-Board-Transit-Survey-2007.pdf).

*Annual Report 2009.* December 2009.

Annual report of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council. Online at [www.baltometro.org/reports/BMCAnnual2009.pdf](http://www.baltometro.org/reports/BMCAnnual2009.pdf).

*Baltimore Region FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program for Transportation Planning.* April 2010.

Annual report detailing work to be accomplished. Online at [www.baltometro.org/UPWP/UPWP2011.pdf](http://www.baltometro.org/UPWP/UPWP2011.pdf).

*Baltimore Region Transportation Improvement Program 2010-2013.* July 2009.

Lists timing, cost and rationale for transportation improvements to be made in the region over the next five years. Online at [www.baltometro.org/TIP/TIP2010\\_13Final.pdf](http://www.baltometro.org/TIP/TIP2010_13Final.pdf).

*Baltimore Regional Roadway Congestion Trends Analysis 1998-2008.*

Comparison of BMC's activities and findings in collecting and analyzing morning rush hour travel times and speeds in fall 1998, 2002 and 2008 using Global Positioning System and Geographic Information System technology. Updates some earlier congestion monitoring reports. Online at [www.baltometro.org/reports/GPS1998\\_2008.pdf](http://www.baltometro.org/reports/GPS1998_2008.pdf).

*Baltimore Reservoir Watershed Management Program: Biennial Progress Report for 2006-2007.* August 2009.

Focuses on the status of some 93 different commitments to improving water quality that were made in the 2005 Action Strategy. Online at [www.baltometro.org/RWP/RWPPProgressReport2006-2007.pdf](http://www.baltometro.org/RWP/RWPPProgressReport2006-2007.pdf)

*Bicycle Commuter Resource Guide for the Baltimore Region.* 2009.

Explains how to get ready to ride safely to work. Details include rules of the road, how to outfit your bike and great places to ride. Online at [www.baltometro.org/bike/BikeCommuterGuide\\_Employee.pdf](http://www.baltometro.org/bike/BikeCommuterGuide_Employee.pdf).

*BRCPC Annual Report 2009.* 2010.

Annual report of the Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee. Online at [www.baltometro.org/reports/BMCAnnual2009.pdf](http://www.baltometro.org/reports/BMCAnnual2009.pdf).

*Clean Commute Month 2009; Helping to Clear the Air in the Baltimore Region.* 2010.

Summary of Clean Commute Month activities in the Baltimore region in 2009. Online at [www.baltometro.org/reports/CleanCommute2009.pdf](http://www.baltometro.org/reports/CleanCommute2009.pdf).

*Conformity Determination of Transportation Outlook 2035 and the FY 2010 2013 Transportation Improvement Program.* July 2009.

Annual update of analyses showing that planned transportation improvements in the region conform with air quality goals. Online at [www.baltometro.org/reports/Conformity2010\\_13.pdf](http://www.baltometro.org/reports/Conformity2010_13.pdf).

*Establishing a Bike-Friendly Workplace for Your Baltimore Region Employees.*

A brief guide for employers in the region who want to become a bicycle friendly employer. Included are tips on encouraging employees to commute by bike, providing bicycle facilities, and using the Bicycle Commuter Act and tax incentives for employees. Online at [www.baltometro.org/bike/BikeCommuterGuide\\_Employers.pdf](http://www.baltometro.org/bike/BikeCommuterGuide_Employers.pdf).

*Profile of Travel Trends: a Statistical Abstract for 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2006.* June 2009.

Continues a series of reports on transportation trends in the Baltimore region; presents data in a tabular and graphic, display-oriented format. Online at [www.baltometro.org/reports/TravelTrends2006.pdf](http://www.baltometro.org/reports/TravelTrends2006.pdf).



To sustain the high quality of life in the Baltimore region, we must all think about how the region will grow and how we are connected. Imagine 2060, grew out of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board's desire to work with community leaders and other regional stakeholders to develop general agreement on goals and values for a balanced 21st century transportation system. In addition, a key focus of imagine 2060 is to improve accessibility for all and promote livable and sustainable communities throughout the metropolitan area.

The input gathered in the imagine 2060 process will guide the development of PlanIt 2035, the federally mandated, financially constrained 2011 Baltimore Region Long-Range Transportation Plan, as well as future plan updates. During 2010, the BRTB:

- Initiated the effort with a regional workshop for key stakeholders;
- Conducted 15 public workshops and open houses around the region focusing on land use and transportation options and education;
- Sponsored an online values survey; and
- Developed a web site featuring a Learning Center, Speakers Series, Photo Contest, Regional Economic Outlook and more.

The results of this dialogue are already finding their way into PlanIt 2035. The goals have been modified and the process to evaluate potential projects has also been refreshed. The next steps will include scenario planning and convening work groups to delve into issues such as performance measures, transit options, and funding sources.

For more information, visit [www.imagine2060.org](http://www.imagine2060.org).

## BRCPC – Making Tax Dollars Stretch

The Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee (BRCPC) continues to serve the region by meeting regularly to discuss ways to reduce costs for needed goods and services. Its subcommittees -- Energy Board, Public Works, Minority and Small Business, and Public Schools -- identify potential cost saving opportunities and solicit bids through a lead agency.

Participants in a given contract achieve reduced costs through economy of scale as well as administrative savings. By avoiding a separate bidding process, participants save staff time as well as the costs of computer time, reproduction of documents, paper, envelopes, addressing and postage. Administrative cost savings per bid average about \$1000. In the region, the overall average administrative cost saving for a year is in the \$50,000 range.

Through the BRCPC Minority and Small Business committee, the Baltimore Regional Council (BMC) conducted a Regional Procurement Diversity Expo on September 16, 2010, at the Oregon Ridge Conference Center. 160 businesses attended the event and visited tables staffed by BRCPC, BMC, and procurement and minority advocates from member governments, public schools and community colleges.

Through the efforts of the Energy Board, the region continued to enjoy savings by its unique approach to controlling costs of electricity and natural gas. The region maintained its budgeted costs for electricity despite record setting heat during the summer, and participants were able to purchase natural gas at prices 3-5 percent below budgeted costs during 2010. The Board is evaluating an RFP to hire an electric services provider to handle wholesale purchases from the electricity grid.

## Working Towards Sustainability

In October 2008, the BMC Board of Directors created the Regional Sustainability Committee (RSC). Through the RSC, the member jurisdictions of BMC, along with the City of Annapolis and Frederick County, are working to meet the present needs of the region without compromising our ability to meet those needs in the future.

Creating a sustainable region requires a comprehensive approach that addresses the region's economic, social and environmental needs.

The goal of the Committee is to share information and coordinate sustainable efforts throughout the region in order to improve the quality of life for all of our citizens. It is about ensuring that the world our children and grandchildren inherit will be as good as or better than the world today.

The Committee is focusing its efforts in three areas:

1. Coordinating regional sustainability programs.
2. Fostering cooperation between state and local governments.
3. Maximizing partnerships with public, private and quasi-governmental agencies.

On March 29, 2010, the RSC convened a Regional Sustainability Summit of local government employees and active citizens from throughout the Greater Baltimore region. The goals for the Summit were to share meaningful and useful information about sustainable activities; foster new relationships among the attendees; and create a foundation from which BMC members can further their sustainability efforts.

## Regional Information Center – The Source for Data about the Baltimore Region

The Regional Information Center (RIC) at BMC, a branch of Baltimore City's Enoch Pratt Free Library system, is a repository for regional and urban planning materials with a focus on local demographic information, economic development, transportation planning, land use and environmental issues. RIC also continues to provide staff support to BMC's Building Permits Data System subscribers and BMC's website content management needs.

Frequent users of the RIC include small and large businesses; non-profit organizations and community groups; government agencies; students; and the media. In Fiscal Year 2010, the Regional Information Center responded to more than 1,900 requests for information, including approximately 275 customized demographic profiles and maps.

Contact the Regional Information Center at 410-732-9570 to request information or make an appointment. The Center is open to the public by appointment between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.