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TRANSFORMING CRISFIELD - 2026 \$328,779,000 in Total Planned and Proposed Investments

Major Investments

1. TidalHealth Medical Facility - \$25.6M

Location: 339 W. Main Street

Description: This 20,000 sq. ft. project includes the construction of a new medical facility to replace existing buildings, thus expanding access to healthcare services in the community. The facility will offer urgent care services, lab testing, rehabilitation services, and telehealth capabilities to enhance patient care and accessibility.

Funding Source: Private investment (TidalHealth)

Status: Demolition completed

Completion date: Estimated to take two years

2. FEMA Flood Mitigation – Northern - \$35.6M

Location: North of Chesapeake Avenue

Description: This project will implement a comprehensive tidal flood protection and drainage resilience system designed to safeguard the area against flooding up to the 5-foot level, enhancing long-term protection and improving overall water management infrastructure.

Funding Sources: FEMA BRIC

Status: FEMA application submitted/\$1M Governor's Budget

3. FEMA Flood Mitigation – Southern - \$36M

Location: South of Chesapeake Avenue

Description: This project will establish a comprehensive tidal flood protection and drainage resilience system designed to protect against flooding up to the 3.5-foot level. The project will address key infrastructure components including tidal flood barriers, improved drainage systems, and the installation of tide gates to enhance overall flood mitigation and water management.

Funding Sources: FEMA, MDE, MDEM, DNR, TNC

Status: BRIC Program restarted, awaiting next steps. Preliminary Phase 1 Projects are underway.

Completion date: TBD

4. It Takes a Village Youth Facility - \$3M

Location: 6 Asbury Avenue

Description: This project supports the development of a new 8,490 sq. ft. facility for It Takes a Village to Help Our Children, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Crisfield. The organization provides youth-focused academic, recreational, and enrichment programs serving more than 200 at-risk children ages 4–17 annually. Operating as a 21st Century Community Learning Center and the community's only Monday–Friday afterschool program, the new building will enhance its ability to deliver afterschool, summer, and college and career readiness programs that promote the spiritual, social, and educational development of local youth.

Funding Sources: DHCD, Governor's budget, Weinberg Foundation, Rural MD Council, Somerset County Commissioners, Community Foundation, and individual donations

Status: Construction underway

Completion date: September 2026

5. Somers Cove Marina Enhancement and Facility Improvement – estimated at \$30M

Location: 715 Broadway

Description: This project focuses on enhancements and facility improvements at Somers Cove Marina, Maryland's largest state-owned marina with 515 boat slips. Planned upgrades include improvements to floating docks, boat ramp, tide gates, bulkhead, and existing marina facilities. The project also aligns with and supports broader flood mitigation and resilience planning efforts by the City of Crisfield.

Status: Bids are due April 1, 2026; if the procurement process concludes successfully, work could start as early as mid-June 2026

Completion date: Estimated late 2027 (current estimate is 18 months, but it could go longer depending on material availability and weather events)

6. City Dock Restoration and Elevation - \$2.85M

Location: 906 W. Main Street

Description: This project will restore and elevate the City Dock to improve resilience and functionality, transforming it into a revitalized community and event destination for residents and visitors.

Funding Sources: Federal Community Project Funding, MDEM, DNR, State Bond Bill

Status: Project underway; partially completed

Completion date: Estimated at 2027

7. Seventh Street Destination Development Project - \$100M – private investment

Location: 7th Street Waterfront, Crisfield, MD

Description: This project represents a collaborative development led by Crab Place and Crab & Cruise, Inc., in partnership with Davis Strategic Development, LLC, to create a vibrant waterfront destination along 7th Street. Plans include a hotel, restaurants, townhouses, and an event venue, along with waterfront excursion opportunities designed to enhance tourism, economic growth, and community engagement in Crisfield.

Status: Design and permitting phase

Completion date: 5-7 years

8. Crisfield Community Solar Project - \$5M – private investment

Location: Woodson School Road

Description: Developed by Madison Energy Infrastructure, this project on 7.5 acres consists of a community solar installation expected to generate over 3,000,000 kWh of clean energy annually. The initiative aims to expand access to renewable energy while providing Crisfield residents with the opportunity to qualify for an estimated 10–20% reduction in their energy costs.

Status: Construction in progress

Completion date: Early Summer 2026

9. Crisfield Chesapeake Bay Ferry Project – public/private partnership – Cost TBD

Location: Regional – Crisfield waterfront (primary hub)

Description: This project proposes the development of a fast passenger ferry system with five identified routes, enhancing regional connectivity across the Chesapeake Bay. The Crisfield route includes partnerships with St. Mary's and Calvert Counties and is part of a broader consortium involving five Maryland counties. It aims at improving transportation access, supporting tourism, and strengthening regional economic development.

Funding Source: Public/private partnership

Status: Active feasibility and planning stage

Completion date: Full implementation to take potentially 5-7 years

10. Wellington Cove Townhouses - \$12M – private investment

Location: Wellington Cove Area

Description: This project on 4.37 acres, led by Wellington Holdings, LLC, will bring the development of 36 luxury townhouses to the Wellington Cove area. The project is designed to enhance residential offerings, support community growth, and contribute to the overall revitalization of the surrounding neighborhood.

Status: Engineering phase

Completion date: TBD

11. Crisfield Armory Restoration Project - \$1.5M

Location: 8 East Main Street

Description: This project involves the rehabilitation of the historic Armory building to create a revitalized community space and event venue. The project will preserve the building's historical significance while enhancing its use as a central hub for community events and engagement in Crisfield.

Funding Sources: DHCD and Rural Maryland Council

Status: Rehabilitation underway

Completion date: Current phases 2026

12. Crisfield Fire Department / Emergency Shelter & Resilience Hub - \$1.8M

Location: TBD; new facility development

Description: This project supports the development and enhancement of the Crisfield Fire Department as a multi-functional facility serving as a fire station, emergency shelter, and resilience hub. The facility will strengthen emergency response capabilities while providing a safe, reliable location for residents during severe weather and other emergency events.

Funding Source and Status: USDA Rural Development funding pending

13. Wastewater System Improvements - \$13.9M

Location: WWTP, Cove & Rubberset (near Sherwin Williams plant) and Jersey Island

Description: This project includes the complete rehabilitation of Crisfield's wastewater treatment plant, along with the construction of two new pumping stations and the rehabilitation of an existing station. These improvements will enhance system reliability, increase capacity, and strengthen overall infrastructure resilience to better serve the community.

Funding Sources: \$1.9 M Grant/Loan w/Principal Forgiveness, USDA, MDE, RMC; \$3.99M Loan USDA, MDE

Status: Pumping Stations - Construction staging; WWTP applications submitted

14. Crisfield Business Incubator Project - \$500K

Location: 382 & 385 W. Main Street

Description: This project involves the restoration of a vacant building to create a business incubator that will support entrepreneurship and small business development in Crisfield. The facility will provide a dedicated space for emerging businesses, while fostering economic growth, innovation, and long-term community revitalization.

Funding Source: National Park Service

Status: Roofing contract awarded

Completion date: Current phase 2026

15. Stormwater Pumps & Tide Gates - \$1.379M

Location: Broadway & 8th and the Norris Harbor Drive intersection with Gerald Ditch. Other locations under design: 7th St, Cove St, Somerset Ave Extended, Woodson School Road, Broad St & Lumber, and Broad St & 9th St

Description: This project includes the installation of multiple tide gates and two stormwater pumping stations to improve flood control and stormwater management. These enhancements will help reduce tidal flooding impacts, increase system efficiency, and strengthen the City's overall resilience to severe weather and rising water levels.

Funding Sources: FEMA, MDE, and City (5% match)

Status: Engineering completed

Completion date: 2026

16. Gallery 413 Performing Arts Theater Project - \$250K

Location: 413 W. Main St.

Description: This 2,800 sq. ft. project includes renovation and expansion within the existing Gallery 413 building to create a performing arts theater space. The development will support local arts, cultural programming, and community events, enhancing Crisfield's creative and cultural landscape.

Funding Source: Maryland State Arts Council Grant

Status: Planning & Development Phase

Completion date: Fall 2026

17. Crisfield Academy and High School Renovations - \$44M

Location: 210 N. Somerset Avenue

Description: This project includes the full renovation of existing school facilities, to be completed in four phases. The improvements will modernize educational spaces, enhance safety and functionality, and support a high-quality learning environment for students in the Crisfield community.

Funding Source: State of Maryland

Status: Phase One complete in June 2026

Completion date: 2028

Other Investments

Project Restore - \$150K

18. Home Kitchen Restaurant - 253 N. Somerset Avenue

19. Inspiration Health Services - 60 W. Main Street

20. Out of Time Game Center - 523 W. Main Street

Description: Through the Project Restore initiative, three local businesses have been supported and revitalized. This effort focuses on strengthening small businesses, enhancing commercial spaces, and contributing to the overall economic development and vitality of the Crisfield community.

Funding Source: Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD)

21. Watermen's Park – non-financial grant

Location: TBD

Description: This project supports the development of concept designs for a future community park at Watermen's Park through a non-financial grant. The initiative focuses on planning and visioning efforts to create a vibrant public space that celebrates Crisfield's waterfront heritage while providing recreational and gathering opportunities for residents and visitors.

Status: Concept design phase completed

22. Business Façade Improvements - \$75K

Description: This project supports the enhancement of local business façades. The initiative aims to improve the visual appeal of commercial properties, strengthen the downtown environment, and encourage economic growth and investment within the Crisfield community.

Funding Source: Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD)
Completion date: Late 2026

23. Residential Façade Improvements - \$50K

Description: This project supports residential façade enhancements for five homes, with up to \$10,000 invested per property. The initiative aims to improve neighborhood aesthetics, preserve housing quality, and contribute to overall community revitalization in Crisfield.

Funding Source: Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD)
Completion date: Late 2026

24-31. Low Income Housing Initiative - \$75K

Locations: 329 Tyler Street, 202 Laird Avenue, 332 W. Chesapeake Avenue, 308 W. Chesapeake Avenue, 9 N First Street, 321 W. Chesapeake Avenue, 30 Maryland Avenue, Tyler Street (no address)

Description: This project focuses on the demolition of derelict housing as part of a broader effort to improve living conditions and support the development of safe, affordable housing. The initiative aims to eliminate blight, enhance neighborhood safety, and create opportunities for future residential investment in the Crisfield community.

Funding Source: Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD)

Status: City actively seeking partnerships with builders and interested home buyers

32. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Crisfield Stormwater Flood Improvement Plan - Non-Financial Grant

Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is developing a comprehensive stormwater management and flood modeling plan to reduce local flooding risks. This work includes field surveys, data collection, and conceptual infrastructure recommendations, with completion expected in late 2026. Their findings will directly inform the engineering design for Crisfield's phased flood mitigation efforts. The Corps will provide updates to the contractor selected for Phase I as it is developed.

33. HyrdoNet Sensor Network – Non-Financial Grant

Description: HydroNet sensors have been installed at TidalHealth McCready Pavilion and at Jenkins Dock. Real time water level data can be accessed at crisfieldfloodmitigation.com/flood-sensors. The HydroNet, when fully installed, will be a series of more than 50 sensors along the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries that measure sea level height in real-time to help researchers and local government leaders predict when, where and how much flooding will occur. In addition, the data is stored and used for event analysis to allow for better, more precise future forecasts and longer event lead times for local communities to prepare for flood events. The Maryland HydroNet is a project supported by the Climate Resilience Network and is led by Atmospheric and Oceanic Science Associate Professor Tim Canty and Climate Resilience Network project manager Michael Maddox. The Climate Resilience Network was started with funding by a UMD Grand Challenges Grant to prepare communities for the impacts of climate change. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Association Coastal Ocean Observing System is providing additional financial support.

34. Eastern Shore Long Term Recovery Committee - \$15.05M

Headquarters location: 110 Lorie Quinn Drive, Crisfield

Description: Following Hurricane Sandy in 2012 and the first part of the response to the Tidal Flooding in 2021, ERLTRC contributed \$18.95M toward building, repairing, or elevating 403 homes in Crisfield. In their ongoing work, they will build or elevate 94 additional homes using a multitude of funding resources.

Funding sources: Lutheran Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Brethren Disaster Ministries; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Week of Compassion; Somerset County Commissioners; American Legion; Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore; Islamic Relief; Delaware Maryland Synod, ELCA; New Castle Presbytery; United Church of Christ Disaster Response; Manokin Presbyterian Church
Time frame: 5 years

You can obtain updated information on these investment projects by visiting the City's website at <https://www.crisfieldforward.com/> or use the QR Code to access the website.

