

## Wye Mills Community Plan

Business Queen Anne representatives appeared before the Planning Commission on September 10<sup>th</sup> to urge their approval of the Wye Mills Community Plan.

Through an ad in The Update on September 17<sup>th</sup>, BQA encouraged citizens to email the Planning Commission asking them to give the plan a favorable recommendation. The ad went on to state that "we need the million or so commercial industrial taxable space to help pay for our teachers, deputies, and other services as we grow."

To learn more, go to [www.businessqueenannes.com](http://www.businessqueenannes.com) to read the draft of the Wye Mills Area Community Plan! The link is on the home page. **STAY TUNED!**

## BQA Supports Offshore Drilling

BQA received information from Consumer Energy Alliance which was forwarded to the membership. Here is an excerpt from that info:

*"The Alliance I'm currently working with, Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that supports the thoughtful utilization of energy resources to help ensure improved domestic and global energy security and stable prices for consumers."*



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*"With more than 115 affiliated organizations and thousands of grassroots supporters, CEA has long advocated that the country needs a national energy policy that provides a comprehensive solution. In short, we need it all."*

- *More access to offshore and onshore oil & natural gas*
- *Increased utilization of alternative energy*
- *Enhanced energy efficiency and conservation"*

*"We are looking for thousands of comments from the citizens of MD and letters from both elected officials and business leaders in the State by September 21, 2009. (This is when the comment period closes)"*

## BQA will continue to support America's goals for energy independence!

Here is a copy of the letter BQA sent to Federal officials on September 8, 2009:

Ms. Renee Orr  
Mr. James F. Bennett  
U.S. Minerals Management Service  
381 Elden Street  
Herndon, Virginia 20170

## RE: Support for the 2010-2015 Outer Continental Shelf Leasing Program

Dear Ms. Orr and Mr. Bennett:

I want to express my support of the Draft Proposed Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2010-2015 (DPP) by your agency, (MMS). New offshore areas for oil and natural gas development, allowing the possibility of alternative

## Check Out These Interesting websites...

[www.savenewjerseyjobs.com](http://www.savenewjerseyjobs.com)

National Federal of Independent Business (NFIB) Delaware State Director, Ellen Valentino, sent this link to BQA Board Member Karen Oertel stating,

“The New Jersey Governor’s Race is receiving national attention. NFIB is working overtime to make sure individuals are educated on the issues important to the small business community.

This kind of activism – and measured success in NJ could be a “game changer” for the small business community in the Northeast.

Please share this website with individuals and businesses you feel would be interested in this effort.”

Looks like Business Queen Anne’s isn’t the only organization having to step in and fight for the rights of small business!

[www.mdimap.com/statestat2](http://www.mdimap.com/statestat2)

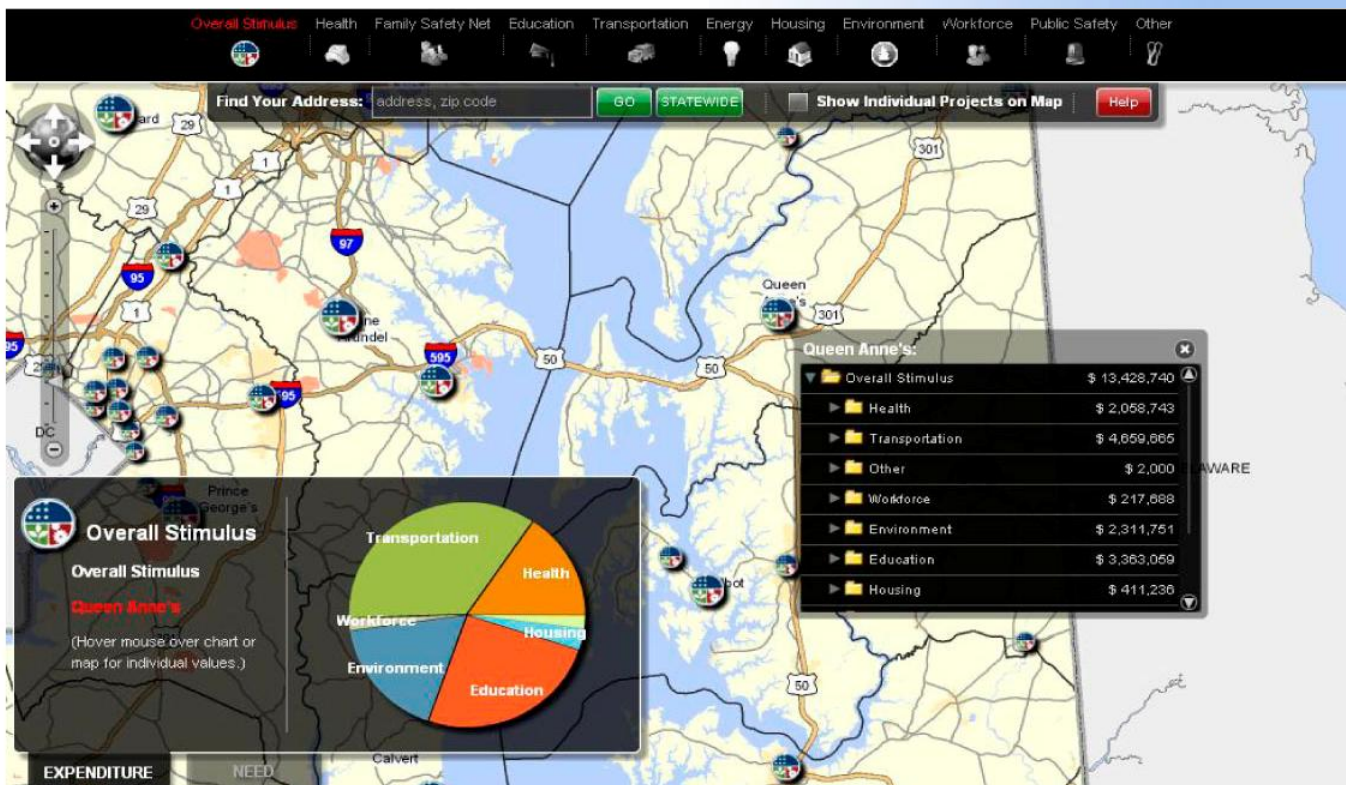
StateStat is a nationally recognized, interactive website that tracks funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) from its inception.

In February, just days after the passage of ARRA, Governor O’Malley announced Maryland’s plan to monitor and track Recovery and Reinvestment funds in the State of Maryland through the launch of Maryland’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act website,

[www.recovery.maryland.gov](http://www.recovery.maryland.gov) will allow Marylanders to track recovery projects in the State of Maryland. Governor O’Malley provided a quick demonstration of the website that utilizes GIS (Geographic-Information System) technology.

The website, maintained by StateStat, Maryland’s performance-measurement and management program implemented to make state government more accountable and more efficient, tracks every category of ARRA spending providing contract-level details to the public.

It is interesting to note that out of the \$13 Million dollars that Queen Anne’s County has received; only \$217,688 is for workforce development. Top three areas include Transportation, Education and Environmental.



*Have you seen the weekly ads on page 3 of The Update?*

## **Where Will Mom Live in Her Golden Years?**

As our rapidly aging population creates many challenges, particularly in an age of uncertain social security benefits and rising health care costs over longer retirements, it becomes all the more important to ask,

**“Where will Mom and Dad live now, that they are unable to live on their own?” How many times have you heard, “My elderly mother has become more and more forgetful as she gets older.”**



**Before 1988, in Queen Anne’s County we had NO senior housing!** Today, QAC has four senior housing facilities /communities that people are proud to call home. The value of progress reflects assurance and contentment that only loved ones can give!

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**“We can afford to take care of our own, as we mature, as a result of sustainable growth in Queen Anne’s County!”**

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Stay tuned for more informative articles on a weekly basis to keep you informed.

Sponsored by Business Queen Anne’s. Please direct responses to [www.businessqueenannes.com](http://www.businessqueenannes.com)

## BQA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of BUSINESS Queen Anne's is to actively advocate sound economic growth; review all proposed state and local legislation and regulations; provide an objective assessment of proposed development in Queen Anne's County and its incorporated towns; endorse and support countywide growth that is well managed and consistent with adopted state and local planning and regulatory guidelines, comprehensive plans, and state and local initiatives; create positive and "business friendly" attitudes on the part of Queen Anne's County elected and appointed officials; and support business activity that promotes and encourages a vibrant economy, development of an adequate labor pool, a fiscally responsible and accountable county government, and a continued unique quality of life in Queen Anne's County.

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energy development offshore will provide the Nation with the opportunity to responsibly produce our own energy. This will benefit our economy, create jobs and decrease dependence on foreign energy sources.

Price volatility is one of the Country's most pressing security and economic issues. Unstable energy prices will continue to rise as supplies tighten and speculators impact the market. Businesses, industries and citizens have witnessed significant job loss and continue to suffer from an economy approaching a depression.

It is more important than ever that the Federal Government allow access to offshore energy supplies. New lease opportunities will provide the Obama administration with maximum flexibility to properly utilize our domestic energy resources, while responding to various communities who have shown a keen interest in developing their natural resources.

Providing for sensible, effective energy policy that safely develops our resources will help industries that rely on crude oil and natural gas, will strengthen our national security, and supply badly needed jobs.

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

To make certain that member contact information is correct and up to date, please complete the following information form:

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsorship Levels of Membership

Gold - \$2500

Silver - \$750

**New Stimulus Rate!!**

New Members Pay

\$150 and it's good until

August 2010!!

\$250 1-10 Employees

\$500 11-25 Employees

\$1,000 26 Employees

and above

(Circle One)

Any questions, please contact Membership Chair Cecile Weich at 410-604-1111

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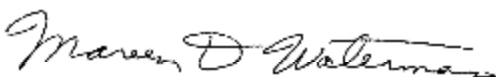
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I hope that MMS will continue to move forward the 2007-2012 Leasing Program for all available leasing areas, while working to approve and finalize the new DPP for 2010-2015.

I am pleased to see that MMS has opened up the Five-Year Program to include new leasing areas, while acknowledging the need for the United States to responsibly develop the energy resources located offshore. As a business owner and American consumer impacted by skyrocketing energy prices, I believe that the DPP is an important step toward securing our energy future.

Sincerely,



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