

**THE STATE OF THE CITY OF WILDWOOD**  
**Mayor James R. Bowlin**  
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OUR CITY IS IN ONE OF THE BEST POSITIONS IN ITS HISTORY.

NOT ONLY HAVE WE SUCCESSFULLY WEATHERED THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS THAT HAS AFFECTED THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, WE RESPONDED IN SIGNIFICANT WAYS TO BOTH HELP AND PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES.

- AT NO COST TO THE CITY, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DELIVERING HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS TO 91% OF OUR RURAL RESIDENTS WITHOUT IT, WHO WORK AND STUDY FROM HOME; AND,
- WE EXPANDED SEATING AND EVENT OPTIONS FOR OUR RESTAURANTS AND SIMILAR BUSINESSES THROUGH ORDINANCE SUSPENSION TO HELP THEM REOPEN.

WE HAVE ALSO MADE PROGRESS IN RESOLVING ANOTHER LONGSTANDING WILDWOOD ITEM – THE LAKE CHESTERFIELD DRAINAGE. WE HAVE SCHEDULED ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WITH LAKE CHESTERFIELD STAKEHOLDERS TO ASSESS THE RESULTS OF THE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS AND ESTABLISH A WORKABLE PLAN OF ACTION AT MINIMAL COST TO THE CITY THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, WILL BE BASED ON RELIABLE SCIENTIFIC DATA.

LET’S SET A COURSE FOR EVEN MORE POSITIVE AND MEASURABLE ACTIONS THAT WILL BENEFIT WILDWOOD’S GREATEST ASSET – ITS RESIDENTS.

LET'S DO THIS BY WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THESE FIVE ADDITIONAL GOALS FOR THEM:

1. PROTECTING TREES AND WOODED AREAS IN DEVELOPMENTS;
2. INCREASING RESIDENTIAL LOT SIZES IN TOWN CENTER;
3. PROTECTING 3-ACRE MINIMUMS;
4. EXPANDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST RULES AND LIMITING OFFICIALS' USE OF RESIDENTS' PRIVATE INFORMATION; AND,
5. DEVELOPING WORKABLE SOLUTIONS FOR EROSION OCCURRING AROUND OUR CREEKS AND STREAMS

LET'S ALSO CONTINUE TO COMPLETE THE SMALLER – BUT EQUALLY NOTICEABLE – THINGS THAT PROMOTE PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP IN OUR CITY. KEEPING OUR PRIMARY ROADWAYS CLEAN FROM DEBRIS AND EXPANDING OUR BEAUTIFICATION INITIATIVES ARE TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WAYS TO DO THIS.

AND FINALLY, LET US ACHIEVE ALL OF THESE GOALS WITH UNPRECEDENTED INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM FOR EACH ONE OF OUR 35,517 RESIDENTS.