

Environmental Health

EH 1: Create neighborhoods and environments in St. Mary’s County rural growth areas that promote walking.

	County Baseline	County 2026 Target	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Sidewalk spending	\$1,657,500	\$1,823,250	\$2,938,200	-			
Percentage of Growth Area buildings within 500 feet of roads with sidewalks	61.1%	67.2%	-	-			

EH 2: Reduce blood lead levels in children.

	County Baseline	County 2026 Target	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Percentage of children with blood lead levels > 10 micrograms/deciliter	0.2%	0.1%	.12%	0.1%			

Source: Maryland Department of the Environment, 2020

EH 4: Reduce the pollution of surface and groundwater.

	County Baseline	County 2026 Target	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Number of Water Quality Best Management Practices utilized in the county	1,026	1,129	-	1,140*			
Total treated impervious acres	700.45	770.5	-	907.06**			

*Source: St. Mary's County Public GIS Map 2023

**Source: Phase II MS4 Permit Progress Report 2023

EH 6: Increase local transportation options and assistance to support healthcare and healthy food access.

	County Baseline	County 2026 Target	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Percentage of trips made to work by public transportation	1.7%	1.9%	1.5%	1.1%			

Source: Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates, 2022

EH 7: Increase the proportion of homes that are connected to sewer.

	County Baseline	County 2026 Target	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Homes connected to sewer	15,749	17,324	17,032	26,761			

Source: Metcom, July 2023

EH 8: Reduce number of households considered to have severe housing problems

	County Baseline	County 2026 Target	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Percentage of households considered to have severe housing problems	12.3%	11.1%	12.2%	12%			

Source: County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, 2023

EH 9: Reduce household food insecurity and hunger.

	County Baseline	County 2026 Target	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Percentage of population considered to be food insecure	10%	9%	11%	10%*			
Percentage of households below the ALICE threshold	31%	27.9%	-	29%**			

*Source: County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, 2020

**Source: ALICE Threshold, 2010-2021; American Community Survey, 2010-2021

EH 11: Increase the proportion of adults with broadband access to the Internet

	County Baseline	County 2026 Target	2022	2023	2024	2025	20 26
Percentage of households with broadband of any type	85.6%	94.2%	87%	90.1%			

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates, 2018-2022