

# Public Works Experience Update 2019

It's hard to believe that over a year has passed since we kicked off our Founding Members Campaign to pursue the Public Works Experience (PWE) Master Plan! But in that time, we've accomplished a great deal, completing our *Capital Campaign Feasibility Study*, our *Business Plan*, and numerous improvements to the Experience. We are almost ready for some serious fundraising, and are glad for your interest and support for our continued progress!



The May 22nd **Industry Open House** was a wonderful success! Nearly 100 industry professionals enjoyed our new displays, and heard from regional DPW leaders about the importance of our plan, and their commitment to helping us achieve our goals. Special thanks go to participants Rudy Chow, Baltimore City DPW Director; Chris Phipps, Anne Arundel County DPW Director; Jim Irvin, Howard County DPW Director, Joe Siemek, Harford County DPW Director, and Tom Kiefer, Chief of Engineering and Construction, Baltimore County. Our goal is to continue raising awareness within the Public Works industry so that all stakeholders can help spread the word as we gear up for the capital campaign.



**The Plan is a GO!** The Master Plan we completed in 2015 recommends that we essentially “gut” the facility where we are located (the current footprint is small and restrictive) and create two levels of exhibits – we need as much room as possible! The City remains fully committed to our goals: they are in the process of renewing our 5-year lease and are contemplating a future budget item to further support the new PWE configuration. Without this Benefactor-Level support, we would be nothing but a dream – ***thank you Baltimore DPW!!!***

**A 2020 Capital Campaign:** Even with a refurbished space, our Master Plan comes with a multi-million-dollar price tag to design, fabricate, and install the amazing, hands-on exhibits that will help visitors learn about Public Works in fun and interesting ways. Our recently completed *Capital Campaign Feasibility Study* indicates that we will succeed in our Capital Campaign, by:

- Forming strategic partnerships,
- Continuing to build a robust and committed Board of Directors,
- Obtaining substantive support from regional DPW's, and
- Further developing ongoing support from Baltimore City DPW



Going forward, we plan to reach out to additional Public Works agencies, as well as national professional associations that represent the many facets of Public Works, to bring our vision to a more expansive audience.

So now you're asking yourself, **When can I bring my family and friends to see the Experience???** How about **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019??** The Public Works Experience will be open to the public for AIA's and Baltimore Architectural Foundation's, *Doors Open Baltimore* program <https://www.doorsopenbaltimore.org/> We hope you will consider visiting with your friends and families!

**Hats Off to Our Founding Members:** Our list of Founding Members continues to grow, and we are extremely grateful for this support. Don't see your organization listed? You can become a founding member directly through our website at [www.PWExperience.org](http://www.PWExperience.org). But don't delay – there will only be 50 Founding Member EVER! We also want to give a special "shout out" to Founding Member WWOA, for their most generous contribution of \$6,500 – **thank you WWOA, and all Founding Members!**

**Additional Donor Opportunities:** We want to make it easy for friends to contribute, so that anyone at any time can donate to our efforts right on our website. All donations are helping us to pursue the strategic, design, and construction planning that will deliver the envisioned Public Works Experience. We are an independent 501c3 charitable organization, and donations may be tax deductible.

**PWE FOUNDING MEMBERS as of June 30, 2019**

1. American Public Works Association, Mid-Atlantic
2. BGE
3. Black & Veatch
4. Century Engineering, Inc.
5. Chesapeake Section, American Water Works Association
6. David and Lily Openshaw
7. Dr. and Mrs. Edward Bouwer
8. Duke's Root Control, Inc.
9. Gannett Fleming, Inc.
10. Gray and Son, Inc.
11. Hazen and Sawyer
12. HNTB Corporation
13. Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson
14. KCI Technologies, Inc.
15. Kiewit
16. Ligon and Ligon, Inc.
17. McCormick Taylor, Inc.
18. Mott MacDonald
19. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Buscarini
20. Mueller Co.
21. Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc.
22. Penonni and Associates
23. Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP
24. Sheladia Associates, Inc.
25. Spiniello Companies
26. Straughan Environmental Services, Inc.
27. STV Incorporated
28. The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company
29. Thomas J. Iacoboni
30. Water and Waste Operators Association of MD, DE, and DC (WWOA)
31. Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP
32. Whitney Bailey Cox & Magnani