



- 2018 Top 40 Most Vibrant Art Communities (8th) – National Center for Arts Research
- 2017 Top 100 Best Places to Live (24th) – Livability.com
- 2017 Top Cities for Recent Grads (#43) – Goodcall.com
- 2016 40 American Towns You Should Visit (17th) - Housebeautiful.com
- 2016 Top 50 Places in the South – Southern Living
- 2015 Sixteen Beautiful Places in Maryland – Thrillist.com
- 2015 The Brooklyn of Every State – Thrillist.com
- 2015 Top 100 Best Places to Live (32nd)– Livability.com
- 2015 5th Most Caring Suburb in America – Movoto.com





- 2014 6th Best City in Maryland – Creditdonkey.com
- 2014 9th Best County in the Nation – Movoto.com
- 2014 Top 10 Best Downtown (6th) – Livability.com
- 2013 Top 100 Places to Live (40th) – Livability.com
- 2013 #1 Most Secure Places to Live in the U.S. – Forbes
- 2013 Top 8 Small Town Comebacks – CNN
- 2013 Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipality – UMD
- 2013 Community Excellence Award – History Bicycle Loop Program - MML
- 2012 Finest Historic District – Marylandlife Magazine
- 2012 12 Prettiest Painted Places in America - Paint Quality Institute
- 2012 Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community - League of American Bicyclists
- 2012 Maryland Green Registry
- 2011 Most Secure Places to Live – 9th Place – Farmer’s Insurance





- 2010 10 Great Neighborhoods – American Planning Association
- 2010 Top 25 Small Cities for Art (18th) – American Style Magazine
- 2008 2nd Smartest City (Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick) – Forbes
- 2007 Preserve America Designation
- 2007 Carroll Creek Park Project of the Year – IEDC/APA
- 2005 Great American Main Street Award – National Trust
- 2003 Arts & Entertainment District Designation – State of Maryland
- 2002 Dozen Distinctive Communities – National Trust
- 1993 City Livability Award – United States Conference of Mayors
- 1980 Tree City USA (35 years recognized – longest in MD)
- 1974, 1975 The All-America City Award – National Civic League
- 1952 Designated “Fredericktown Historic District” – 13th in the Nation

