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July 11, 2022

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Re: Anne Arundel County
FY2023 Program Open Space Annual Program

Dear Ms. Lashar,

Enclosed is Anne Arundel County's Fiscal Year 2023 Program Open Space Annual Program, which provides a description of potential park acquisition and development grant requests to be submitted during fiscal year 2023. The projects listed in the Annual Program are consistent with the proposed 2022 Anne Arundel County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan, the County's Plan 2040 and the Planning Act of 1992 as detailed within the project descriptions. Projects for the City of Annapolis are included in accordance with their current capital improvement program and their available share of POS funds.

This year's Annual Program includes land acquisition projects totaling \$6,215,004.29 and park development projects totaling \$5,110,364.32. The County will select projects from this list based on funds available.

Anne Arundel County extends its appreciation to the Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Department of Planning for the continued support of our land preservation and park development efforts. Program Open Space is essential to the expansion of our park system as we strive to accommodate the needs of Anne Arundel County residents.

If you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact our Department at 410-222-7867. Your review and endorsement of our Program will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
DocuSigned by:

Erica J. Matthews
Deputy Director

Enclosures
Cc: Debbie Herr Cornwell, PLA, ASLA, CC-P



**Anne Arundel County, Maryland
Program Open Space Annual Program
For FY 2023**



We create opportunities to enjoy life, explore nature and to restore health and well-being.



**Anne Arundel County
Program Open Space
Fiscal Year 2023
Annual Program
July 1, 2022**

Introduction

Anne Arundel County hereby submits the fiscal year 2023 Annual Program for continued participation in the grant funding provided by Program Open Space. The project selection process in Anne Arundel County is based on the following criteria:

- The need for parkland and recreation facilities in growth areas
- Additions to existing parks, natural areas, and trail corridors
- Protection of sensitive natural resources and wildlife habitat
- Protection of Green Infrastructure and identified Greenways
- Compliance with the Planning Act of 1992
- Compliance with the adopted 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan and draft 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan
- Compliance with Plan2040, General Development Plan for Anne Arundel County
- Recommendations in the 16 Small Area Plans
- Distribution of available funds to benefit all communities, County-wide

Below are the projects included in this Annual Program. The Acquisition and Development projects, as well as, the detailed descriptions and maps are attached.

Land Acquisition Projects

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>State Share</u>
Rockenbach Road Parkside Parcel 70 (Appraisal in process)	\$ 200,000.00
Camp Letts Acquisition	\$ 2,800,000.00
Anne Arundel County – Properties Undetermined	\$ 2,867,849.22
City of Annapolis – Paddle Park	<u>\$ 347,155.07</u>
Total	\$6,215,004.29

Park Development Projects

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>State Share</u>
Anne Arundel County-Ft. Smallwood Phase II, Installment #3	\$1,412,194.10
Anne Arundel County-Deale Community Park	\$1,000,000.00
Anne Arundel County-Quiet Waters Park Rehab	\$2,200,000.00
Millersville Park Tennis Center	-\$4,936,000.00
Millersville Park Sports Center	\$4,936,000.00
City of Annapolis-Projects Paddle Park	<u>\$ 498,170.22</u>
Total	\$5,110.364.32

Land Acquisition Projects

Acquisition Project

Rockenbach Road Parkside Parcel 70

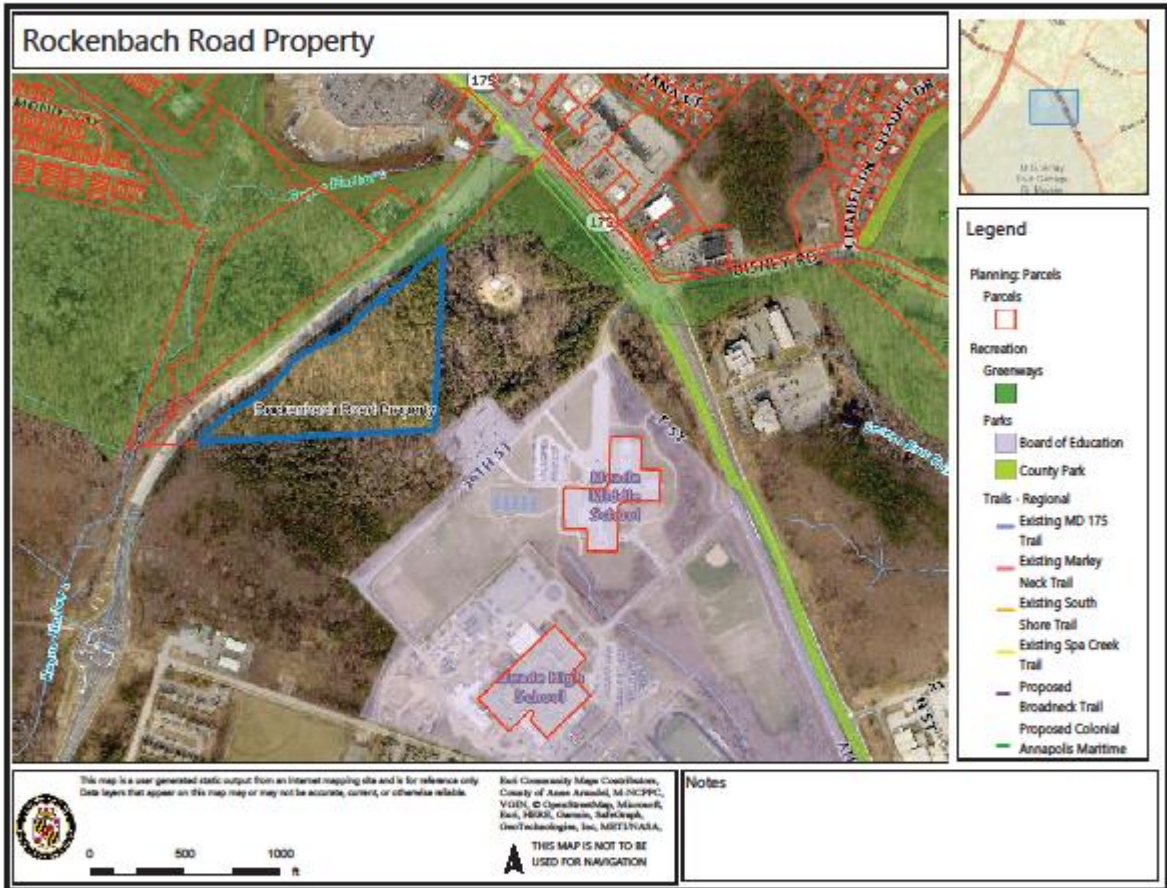
\$200,000.00

Project Description:

The County's intention is to acquire 13.4775 acres of land with 1600 feet of frontage on Rockenbach Road in Jessup, MD. The property is bordered on two sides by Ft. Meade US Army property and is part of Parkside Subdivision Phase One, Parcel 1C, also known as Parcel 70 Lot 1. The Parkside development is on 250 acres previously known as Blobs Park. This acquisition would be suitable for an athletic field configuration or an indoor recreation facility.

During the 2022 LPPRP planning process the County conducted public meetings in Council District 4. The citizen input indicated a need for more athletic fields, senior activities, playgrounds, indoor swimming, gymnastics and dance, and picnic facilities. The LPPRP survey indicated citizen priorities to be preservation of natural areas, outdoor fitness and challenge courses, and outdoor sports. The property is in the Jessup-Maryland City Planning Area. The 2017 and 2022 LPPRP's both have a specific recommendation for the expansion of Jessup Park or the acquisition of additional land in the Jessup area to provide additional recreation facilities. It should also be noted that according to the Proximity Analysis within the 2022 LPPRP, some residents in the Fort Meade and Jessup areas do not have athletic fields within the recommended half mile service area. These residents also lack indoor recreation facilities within a half mile service area. Based on the Park Equity Analysis there is a medium to medium-high need for additional parks in these areas.

This project is consist with the 2004 Jessup-Maryland City Small Area Plan (SAP). This property lies within the small area boundary of the 2004 Jessup-Maryland City Small Area Plan (SAP). This plan also recommends the expansion of Jessup Park for active and passive recreation, or the acquisition of additional parkland in the Jessup area. The SAP also recommends additional park acquisition within the SAP boundary as a whole. The SAP stresses the need for forest retention, the protection of the Upper Patuxent Watershed and a "more comprehensive greenway system". The purchase of the subject property for recreation or preservation purposes is consistent with the SAP recommendations.



Acquisition Project

Camp Letts Property Acquisition

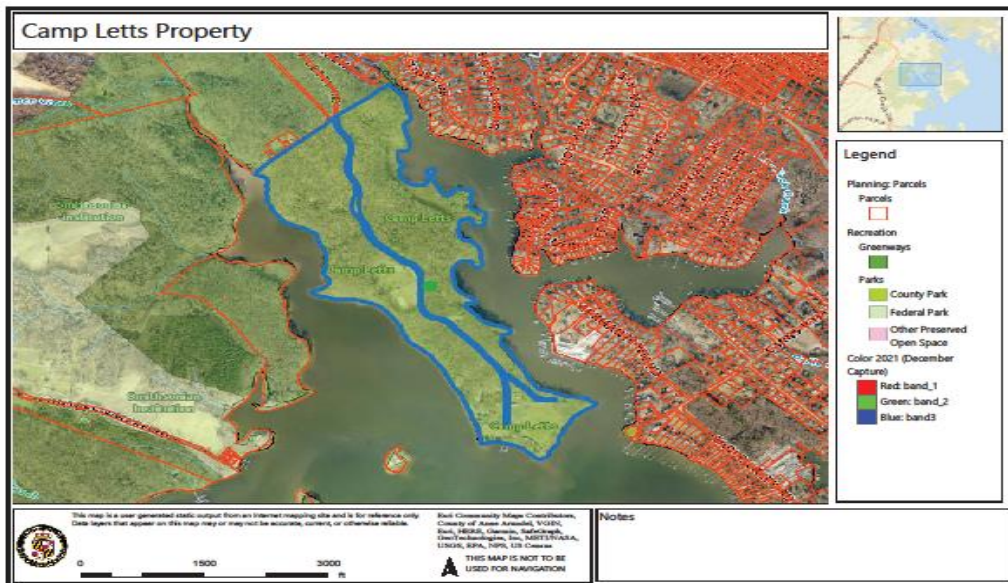
\$2,800,000.00

Project Description:

The County's intention is to acquire the 195 acre property on Mayo Road in Edgewater, MD. This acquisition would provide year-round public waterfront use and access as well as active and passive recreation opportunities. The property is equipped with campgrounds, court games, equestrian trails, and swimming pool and picnic areas.

This property follows the 2017 and 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plans by prioritizing public water access. Boat access, soft launches and campsites with water and swimming access would be available to the public. A high quality of life can be achieved through universal stewardship of the land, water and air resulting in sustainable communities and protection of the environment and resource conservation.

This acquisition fits with Plan2040 recommendation by protecting environmentally sensitive areas in the County's Critical Areas (Policy NE1.2). It is also consistent in that recreation and parks should be accessible to all residents and provide a variety of recreational opportunities (Policy HC8.1).



Anne Arundel County-Properties to be determined **\$2,867,849.22**

City of Annapolis-Annapolis Gateway Park “Paddle Park” **\$347,155.07**

Project Description:

The City of Annapolis intends to acquire waterfront property currently owned by the United States Government and the State of Maryland for a community boating center. The future “Paddle Park” would be located on College Creek near the Maryland State Archives facility on two undeveloped areas of land. The exact location and acreage is to be determined.



Development Projects

Ft. Smallwood Park Phase II-Installment #3

\$1,412,194.00

Project Description:

This project will design and construct Phase II improvements to Fort Smallwood Park in accordance with the park master plan and the recent expansion of use to accommodate public swimming.

Proposed improvements will include expanded beach area parking, a new concession and restroom buildings, a storm shelter, a visitor's center, a maintenance building, repair of the existing concession stands, and winterization of an existing restroom building.

Total Project Cost	\$17,670,000.00
POS Assistance	
Installment #1 (FY20)	\$488,778.00
Installment #2 (FY22)	\$3,194,363.68
Installment #3 (FY23)	\$1,412.194.00

This project is identified within Table III-14 of the 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan as a short-range development project. This project is consistent with the 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan and with new initiatives identified in the Department of Recreation and Parks Capital Improvement Program by upgrading existing parks and developing new parks.

This project complies with Plan 2040 by prioritizing-preserving, enhancing, and restoring sensitive areas, including habitats of rare, threatened, and endangered species, streams, floodplains, tidal and non-tidal wetlands, bogs, shorelines, steep slopes, and all applicable buffers as well as protecting environmentally sensitive areas in the County's Critical Areas. This development will provide community facilities and services that will meet the needs of all residents and provide a diverse range of accessible public recreational facilities to serve the needs of all County residents. These recreation and parks facilities will be accessible to all residents and provide a variety of recreational opportunities. Finally, this project will promote the stewardship of historic resources and County-owned archaeological collections, and encourage the adaptive re-use of historic properties and the preservation of historic and cultural landscapes.

The project is consistent with the State Planning Visions by exhibiting the quality of life benefits, sustainability, and state and local collaboration to address recreational needs.



Department of Recreation and Parks
Fort Smallwood Park



Deale Community Park

\$1,000,000.00

Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to design and construct a 12 acre community park in the former Wellons Property off MD 256 and Rockhold View Road, Deale, MD. This park will provide much needed recreation facilities and open space for the residents of Deale and its visitors. The facility will provide recreation and leisure activities that will benefit the health and well-being of county residents.

This project is consistent with the County's 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan by providing a recreation amenity in the Southern Planning area and as envisioned in the 2002 Deale-Shadyside Small Area Plan, and preserving environmental resources within the County.

This project aligns with Plan2040 as this park will be developed using sustainable design principles in the creation of this new community facility. Deale Community Park will provide a diverse range of accessible public recreational facilities to serve the needs of all County residents as well as improve and expand recreational opportunities for all communities to have facilities and programs nearby. The park will be accessible to all residents and provide a variety of recreational opportunities.



Quiet Waters Park Rehabilitation

\$2,200,000.00

Project Description:

Quiet Waters Retreat and the facility's maintenance building are located within Quiet Waters Park at 600 Quiet Waters Way, Annapolis, MD. This project is to incorporate its portion of the retreat area into the main park and includes the design and construction of vehicular and pedestrian access, parking, trails, interpretive/educational opportunities, site and shoreline restoration, and public restrooms as well as construct a maintenance building to replace the existing maintenance building at its current location.

The 2017 and 2022 LPPRP both list public water access as a primary deficit. The proposed development of the retreat area will provide the needed public access to the water. The proposed 2022 LPPRP lists in Table III-17 lists rehabilitation at Quiet Waters Park as a demand. The maintenance building is one of the items listed in the 2021 Conditions Assessment and ADA Report.

This project aligns with Plan2040 as these areas will be developed using sustainable design principles to serve the needs of the public and to enhance the park experience for all. A high quality of life and sustainability shall be provided with this development.



Millersville Park Sports Complex

\$4,936,000.00

Project Description:

The Millersville Park Sports Complex will be located at 1580 Millersville Road, Millersville, MD. This project will design and construct a park that would include Bermuda and natural turf multipurpose fields, irrigation, field lighting, concession stand, bathrooms, utilities, stormwater management, trails, road improvements, and other park-related amenities. We are requesting the reallocation of previously encumbered state funding from the Millersville Tennis Center to this project at the same location.

The 2017 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan notes a shortage of multi-purpose fields for team sports as a primary countywide deficit. The existing Millersville Park location was initially slated to house an indoor-outdoor tennis facility. After much discussion, public input and survey of County-wide needs, this location is better served to meet the multi-purpose field requirements instead of an indoor-outdoor tennis facility. The draft 2022 LPPRP survey noted that with the County's continued population growth there is an increased need for additional athletic fields. Multi-purpose fields continue to be a primary countywide development project focus. The County has had to rent facilities to meet the current and growing need for sports fields. This development will also offset the potential decrease in available school fields due to the change in the school operating schedule.



City of Annapolis-Annapolis Gateway Park “Paddle Park”

\$498,170.22

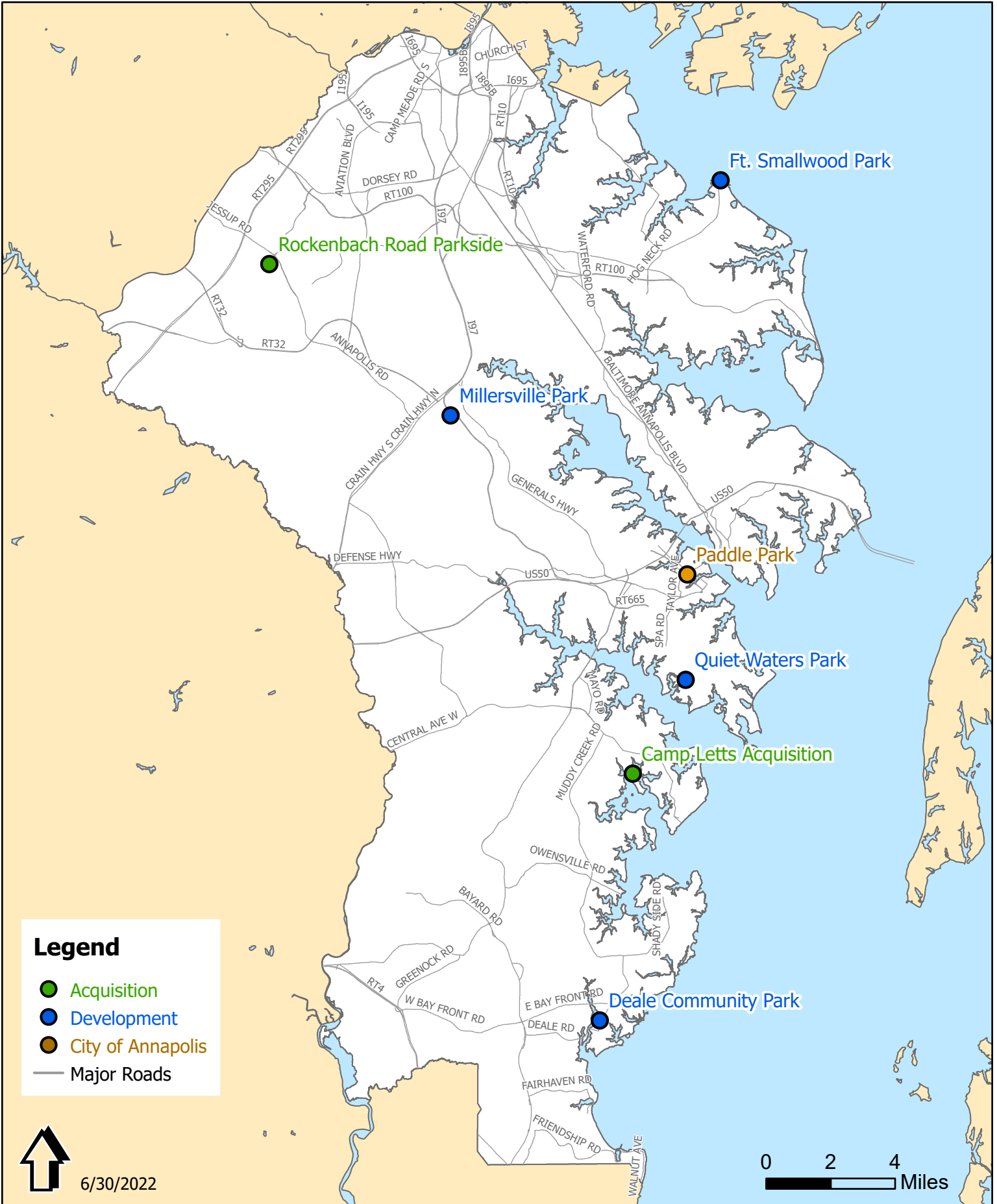
Project Description:

This project will design and construct a public waterfront park and community boathouse located on College Creek near the Maryland State Archives facility.



Department of Recreation and Parks

Program Open Space FY23 Location Map



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**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION
FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Sponsor	Project Name, Project Description	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	POS Stateside	State (POS Local Funds)	Undetermined
Anne Arundel County, MD	Rockenbach Parkside Parcel 70. This acquisition is suitable for an athletic field configuration or an indoor	0	13.4775	13.4775	200,000		200,000	
Anne Arundel County, MD	Camp Letts. This acquisition provides year-round water access as passive and active recreation opportunities.	0	195	195	2,800,000		2,800,000	
City of Annapolis	Paddle Park. This acquisition would be to develop a community boating facility. Acreage is to be determined.	0	TBD	TBD	347,155		347,155	
Anne Arundel County, MD	Properties to be determined				2,867,004		2,867,849	
	TOTALS	0	208.4775	208.4775	6,214,159	0	6,215,004	0

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Sponsor	Anne Arundel County	Existing	Ultimate	Project	Source of Funds for Annual Program Only				
					Total	Local (County Funds)	State (POS Local Funds)	Federal	LPPI
Anne Arundel County	Deale Community Park	12.68762	12.68762		\$2,833,000	\$687,000	\$1,000,000		\$1,146,000.00
Anne Arundel County	Quiet Waters Park Rehabilitation	360.8948	360.8948		\$2,800,000	\$600,000	\$2,200,000		
Anne Arundel County	Ft. Smallwood Park-Installment #3	347.186	347.186		\$2,362,000	\$349,806	\$1,412,194		\$600,000.00
	Millersville Sports Complex (Reallocation)	33.192	33.192		\$0	\$0	\$0		
City of Annapolis	City of Annapolis Paddle Park	TBD	TBD		\$498,170	\$0	\$498,170		
	TOTALS				\$8,493,170	\$1,636,806	\$5,110,364		\$1,746,000