


CHARLES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism

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MEMORANDUM

To: Maryland Department of Planning, Comprehensive Planning Unit
Maryland Department of Natural Resources/Program Open Space

From: Tim Drummond, Chief of Parks & Grounds 
Charles County Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism

Subject: Annual Program Report
Charles County

Date: July 1, 2022

Enclosed please find Charles County's Annual Program Report for FY23. After your review, please contact me directly if you should have any questions (301-932-3472).

Thank You.

Enclosure: As Stated
TDD/bdd/AnnualReportFY23

FY23
ANNUAL REPORT - CHARLES COUNTY Introduction

Each year Charles County Government develops/updates a five-year open space/park acquisition and development plan. This plan is designed to address solutions to citizen demands for outdoor recreational facilities. This five-year plan is basically a park priority list formulated because of direct citizen input, public hearings, and meetings with organized recreation associations.

Charles County's open space priorities include providing active and passive outdoor recreation opportunities for our residents; preserving natural heritage areas; and protecting sensitive and unique environmental features of the County.

The projects selected in this annual report are consistent with the County's current Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan (LPPRP}. The LPPRP clearly states that the demand for active recreation facilities continues to grow and that there is an immediate need to plan and develop such facilities. Athletic playing fields and hiking/biking trails have not kept pace with the County's rapid population growth. Additionally, the LPPRP calls for more open space acquisition and recreational facilities throughout the County. Recreational demands continue to grow in our area, specifically in the greater Waldorf communities. Water access amenities continue to be a priority as well.

Charles County's priority open space plan is compiled by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism.

Attached is Charles County's Annual Program Report for FY22:

- Acquisition:
- Griffith Property Acquisition
 - Godwin/Hungerford Property Acquisition
- Development:
- La Plata Farm Park
 - Basketball Courts Revitalization
 - Popes Creek Waterfront Park

 - Bensville Park Multi-Purpose Field Lights

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ACQUISITION

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

<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project Name, Project Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>			<u>Source of Funds for Annual Program Only</u>			
		<u>Existing</u> ---	<u>Ultimate</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>State (OS LOCAL Funds</u>	<u>Federal</u>
Charles County	Godwin/Hungerford Property Acquisition	-0-	36.09	36.09	\$145,000	-0-	\$145,000	-0-
Charles County	Griffith Property Acquisition	--	231.28	231.28	\$350,000	u	\$350,000	-0-

ACQUISITION - FY 23

**Charles County Government
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Project: Griffith Property Acquisition

The Griffith property is an excellent candidate for land preservation. Protecting and preserving such land is a goal of the County Commissioners and the Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism.

Charles County Parks has been presented with the opportunity to acquire this 231.28-acre parcel. This land would provide protection for natural wildlife, ecological resources, preserving open space/woodlands. This parcel of lands surrounds and borders the Indian Head Rail Trail.

Total Acreage: 231.28 Acres
Total Project Cost: \$350,000

(We are requesting 100% POS funding for this acquisition.)

ACQUISITION - FY 23

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Project: Godwin/Hungerford Property Acquisition

The Godwin/Hungerford Property is an excellent candidate for land preservation. Protecting and preserving such land is a goal of the County Commissioners and the Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism.

Charles County Parks has now been presented the opportunity to acquire this 36.09-acre parcel. This land would provide protection for natural wildlife, ecological resources and reduce future water runoff and pollution to the environmentally sensitive area surrounding and bordering the Indian Head Rail Trail.

Total Acreage: 36.09 Acres

Total Project Cost: \$145,000

(We are requesting 100% POS funding for this acquisition.)

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DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT- FY 23

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Project: La Plata Farm Park

Funding requested to cover the design and construction of the much-needed farm park to serve the La Plata area community.

La Plata Farm Park is a 54-acre tract of county owned land. Phase I would include a 2.5-acre parcel dog park encompassed with fencing. It will incorporate a mix of shaded and open areas with seating for park patrons and play equipment for animals. This will include the construction of widening an existing roadway incorporating a 25-car parking area.

Total Project Cost: \$614,000

(Requesting \$460,500 POS funding to match \$153,500 Local Share)

DEVELOPMENT- FY 23

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Project: Basketball Courts Revitalization

Funding requested to cover the repairs needed at four existing basketball courts located throughout our county parks to better serve our park visitors.

Each court sets on 1-acre tracts at Najemoy Community Center, Pinefield Park, Jude House, and Southern Park. Each court will be resurfaced, have new lines added, encompassed with fencing and new team benches.

Total Project Cost: \$150,000

(Requesting \$112,500 POS funding to match \$37,500 Local share)

DEVELOPMENT- FY 23

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Project: Popes Creek Waterfront Park

Funding requested to cover the construction of the much-needed Waterfront Park to serve the citizens of Charles County.

Popes Creek Waterfront Park is 17 acres of waterfront property capable of being developed for the purposes of recreation. It will incorporate an indoor visitor's center with indoor bathrooms. A covered stage used for concerts. The beachfront area will be set up for summer camp venues with a mix of shaded and open areas with seating for park patrons and recreational water opportunities, such as kayaking and paddle boarding.

Total Project Cost: \$1,550,000

(Requesting \$1,162,500 POS funding to match \$387,500 Local share)

DEVELOPMENT- FY 23

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Project: Bensville Park Multi-Purpose Field Lights

Funding requested to cover the purchase and construction of the much-needed Field Lights for the Bensville Park Multi-Purpose field.

Bensville Park is a 94-acre county park with 8 athletic fields. This project will be the first lighted field within Bensville Park. The existing grass football field will be converted into synthetic turf this year. Once we have the synthetic turf, lights are needed for the new multi-purpose field to accommodate 6 different sports year-round.

Total Project Cost: \$500,000

(Requesting \$375,000 POS funding to match \$125,000 Local Share)