

DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND  
RECREATION AND PARKS  
FY2023 PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM



The FY 2023 Annual Program for Dorchester County utilizes the Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan of 2017 as its ordinance for selecting appropriate projects that correlates to the enhancement and development of Dorchester County's natural and physical resources. With the combined data that was collected from the citizens in Dorchester County and support from our Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, the goals that were identified in the LPPRP of 2017 will again be priority projects that are contained within this respective FY 2023 Annual Program.

The FY 2023 Annual Plan was developed with these guidelines in mind:

- The 2017 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan
- The Maryland Planning Act of 1992
- Citizens input derived from public workshops as summarized by AECOM to assist with Dorchester County's Comprehensive Plan

### **Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Planning**

As set forth by Maryland state law, participating in the POS funding program requires that long range plans be developed and updated by local county governments. Dorchester County has \$15,000 from a previous planning project that was allocated in FY 2017 that needs to be reverted. The County would like to apply the reverted funding for the planning of the next LPPRP that is slated for delivery in 2027.

### **Christ Rock Park**

Chris Rock Park is approximately 10.5 acres of public recreation space consisting of two baseball/softball fields, one basketball court, and a large green space area for soccer and football. This facility is used heavily by our local travel baseball/softball teams in the fall. Currently, there is not a lighting system for night practices for the two respective baseball/softball fields. This facility would benefit greatly with the addition of lights to the two baseball/softball fields and adjacent green space area. Evenly spaced, bright lighting allows daytime activities to extend into the evening such as sports, walking, and bicycling. An overall increase in lighting for public parks is beneficial to the overall environment by daunting crime and encouraging after-dark community activities.

### **Dorchester County Pool**

The Dorchester County pool is located on a 3.0 acre property at 107 Virginia Avenue in Cambridge, Maryland. The pool is one of the region's largest public pool facilities with a zero degree entryway that is convenient for guests with a range of physical abilities. The amenities that this pool offers consists of two slides, a snack bar/concession stand, picnic tables, tot-lot play scape playground, and men's and women's shower and changing facilities/restrooms. The pool's changing facilities/restrooms and concession stand are in dire need of upgrading.

### **Maple Dam Road Property**

In preparation for the preemptive soft launching of a canoe and kayak launching area; we would like to reestablish the lane with wood chips, to place picnic tables and benches at the site, and develop a walking trail.

### **Vienna Back Street Property**

The 4.61 acres that is W/S on MD Route 331 has open green space for the development of a park for citizens to have access to park benches, picnic tables, trees, and a walking trail.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE  
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS  
FISCAL YEAR 2023

Project Name/Description	Acreage	Source of Funds for Annual Program		
		Total	Local	State (POS)
Chris Rock Sports Complex/Lights for two fields and adjacent open area	10.5 Acres	\$120,000	\$12,000	\$108,000
Dorchester County Pool/Upgrading Restrooms and Concession	3.0 Acres	\$115,000	\$11,500	\$103,500
Maple Dam Road Property/Preparation for Preemptive Soft Launching Area	4.0 Acres	\$115,000	\$11,500	\$103,500
Vienna Back Street Property/Park Development	4.61 Acres	\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$360,000</b>

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE  
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION PROJECTS  
FISCAL YEAR 2023

Project Name/Description	Source of Funds for Annual Program		
	Total	Local	State (POS)
Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Planning/LPPRP 2027 Planning	\$15,000	\$0.00	\$15,000
<b>Acquisition Funding</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>State (POS)</b>
For future acquisitions and their incidental costs	\$127,783.75	\$0.00	\$127,783.75

Christ Rock Park

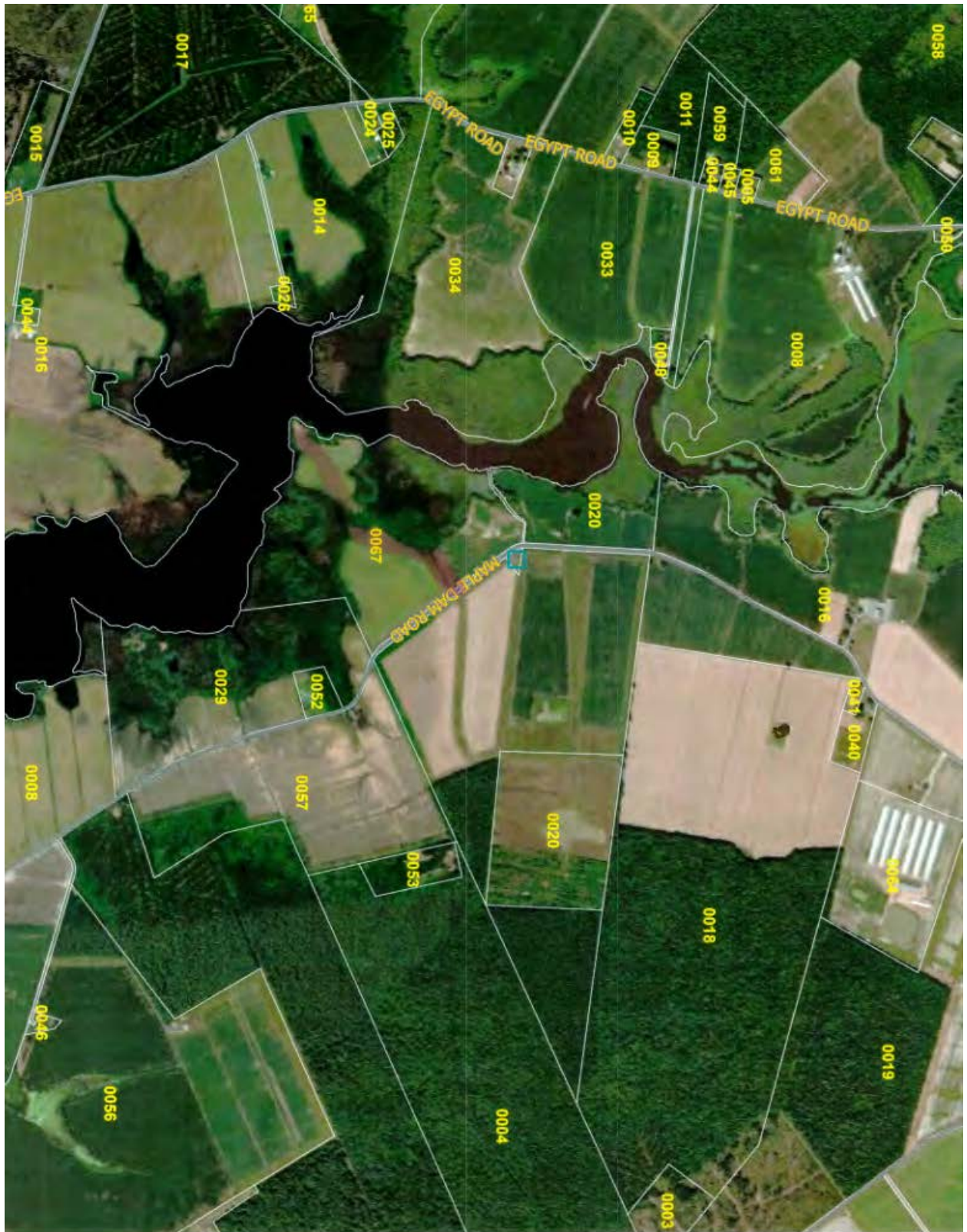




Virginia Avenue Pool Improvements  
107 Virginia AVE, Cambridge, Dorchester  
County, MD



# Maple Dam Road Property



Vienna Back Street Property

