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June 23, 2022

Ms. Margaret Lashar
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Program Open Space
Land Acquisition and Planning
Department of Natural Resources
580 Taylor Avenue, E-4
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Ms. Lashar:

Attached please find one (1) original and one copy of the Fiscal Year 2023 Program Open Space Annual Program as follows:

Acquisition Project

FY2027 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) - Update

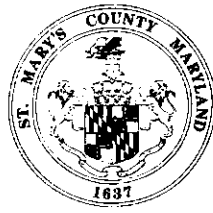
Development Project(s)

John G. Baggett Park Playground Replacement

Please feel free to contact me at (301) 475-4200 ext. 1811 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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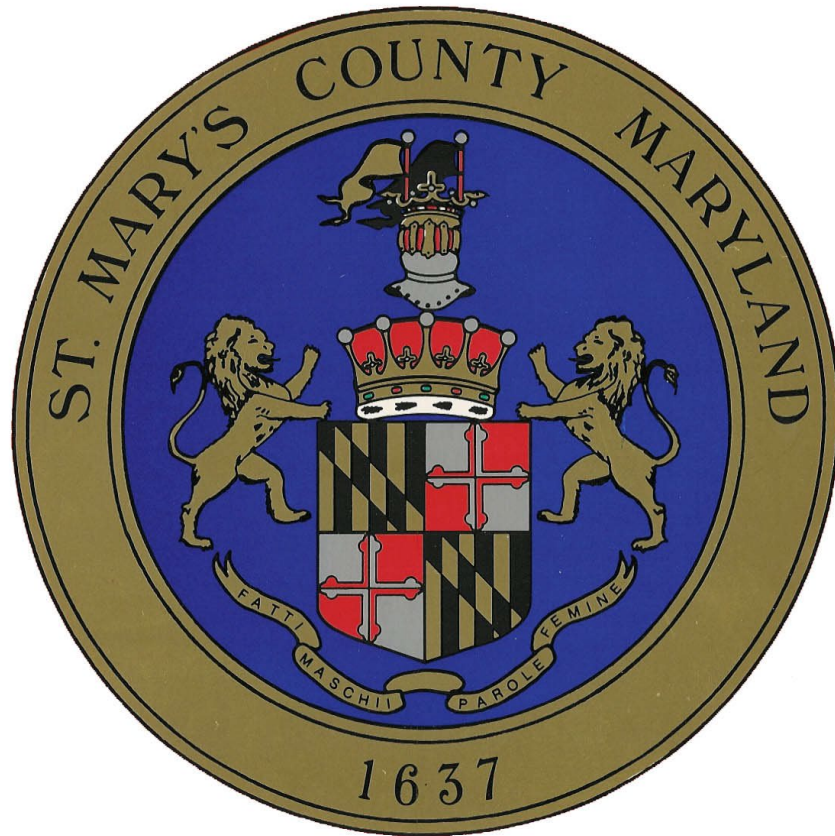
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St. Mary's County



Annual Program for Proposed Program Open Space Acquisition and Development Projects Fiscal Year 2023

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Introduction

St. Mary's County's Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Program includes one (1) development project and one (1) acquisition project as follows:

1. Funding to assist with the cost of playground equipment, fencing and safety surface at John G. Baggett Playground.
2. Funding to assist with the funding of a consultant to update the 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) for FY2027.

The projects proposed in Fiscal Year 2023 are consistent with goals identified in the County's Comprehensive Plan and the LPPRP. The projects are also included in the County's FY2023 capital budget program. The process used to select the project will include:

- Staff review and recommendation to the Recreation and Parks Citizen Advisory Board.
- Recreation and Parks Board adoption and recommendation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.
- Planning Commission review and recommendation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.
- Commissioners of St. Mary's County adoption.

Acquisition Project Description

Land, Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) – 2027 Update

The County is proposing to utilize \$25,000 in Fiscal Year 2027 Program Open Space – Local funds to assist with the funding of a consultant to update the 2022 Land, Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP). This plan is required by state law as a prerequisite to participate in the Program Open Space funding program.

This Plan The project is consistent with the purpose of the 2017 Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan and the draft 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan: This Plan provides current information and establishes goals and recommendations to guide St. Mary’s County in providing, improving, and best leveraging its system of parks, recreation services, and open space amenities to meet the growing needs and desires of residents and visitors.

The project is also in compliance with the County’s Comprehensive Plan section 10.2.2.D. Create new and enhanced facilities to provide recreational opportunities while preserving environmental, aesthetic, and cultural quality (page 10-5).

Development Project Description

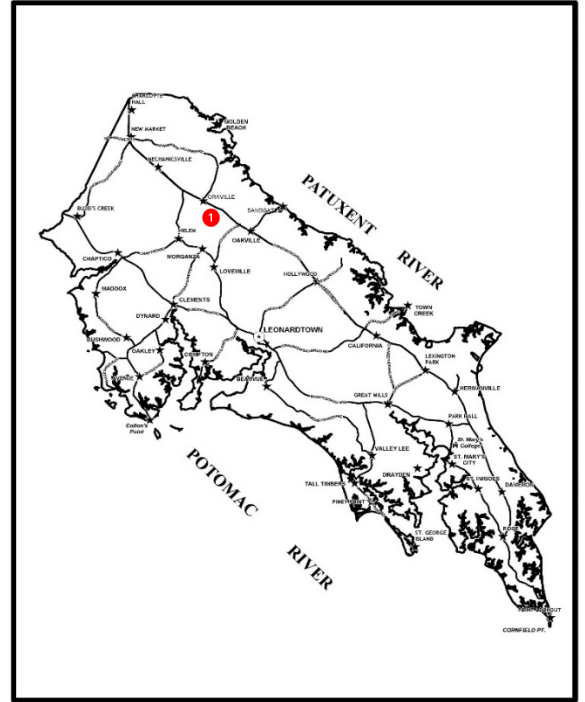
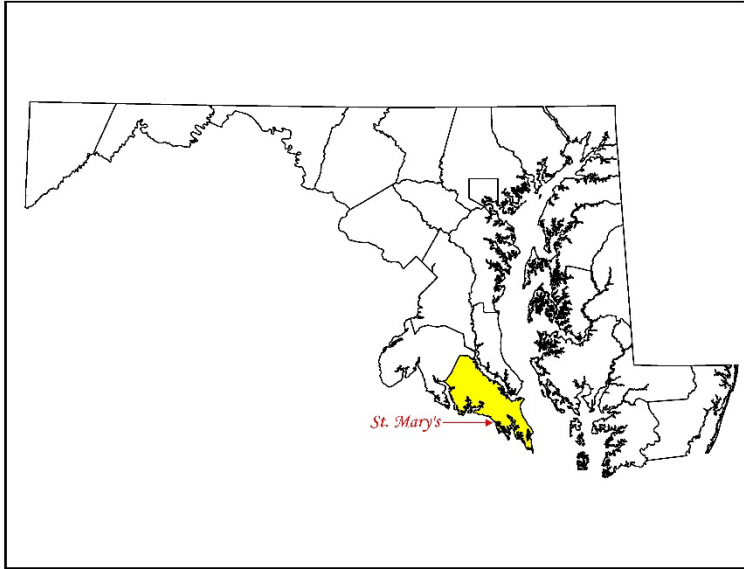
Playground Equipment (Replacement) – John G. Baggett Park

The County is proposing to utilize \$270,000 in Fiscal Year 2023 Program Open Space – Local funds to assist with the purchase and installation of playground equipment at John G. Baggett Park located at 26929 Three Notch Road, Mechanicsville MD 20659. The original playground was installed in 2002 and plans are for playground upgrades and replacements every twenty years. The playground will be made of metal and plastic materials. This project will also include fencing (for safety) and safety surfacing to enhance ADA accessibility. The estimated cost of the playground equipment, fencing and safety surfacing is \$300,000 and will consist of County and Program Open Space – Local funds.

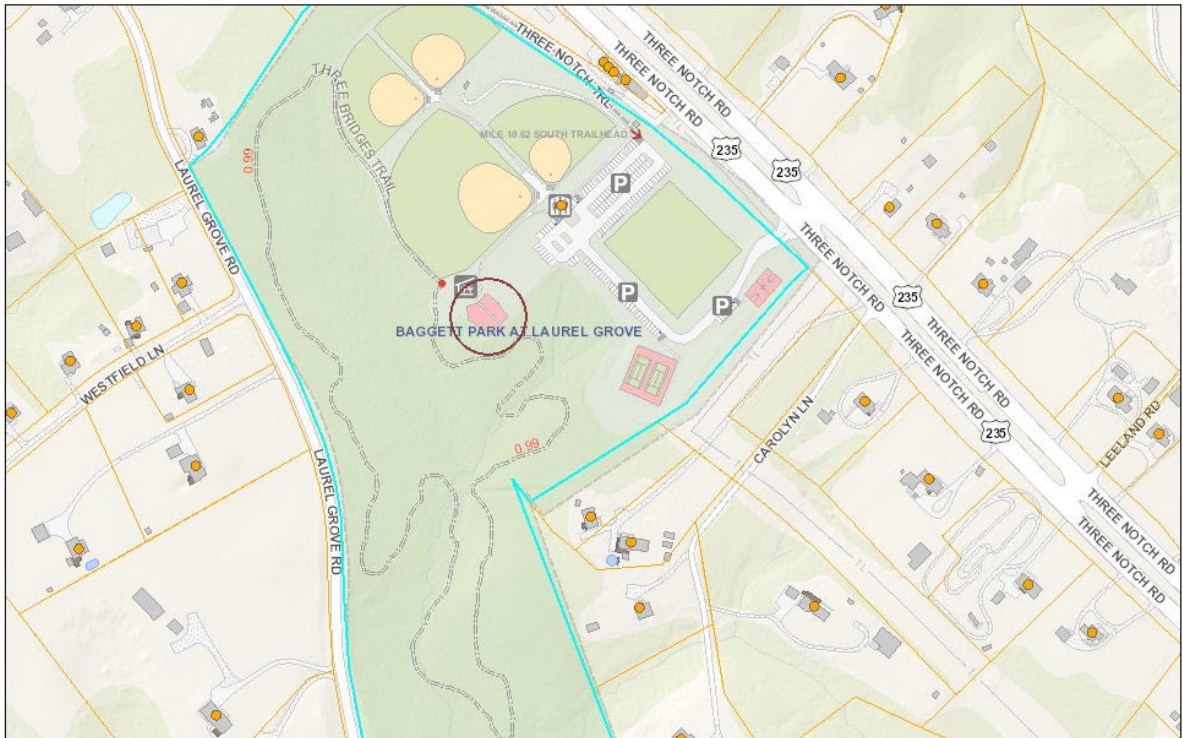
The project is consistent with the 2017 Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan in Goal#4: Continue to operate, maintain, and improve existing County parks, recreation facilities, museums, and open spaces in an efficient and cost-effective manner for the benefit of residents and visitors. It is also consistent with the 2022 proposed Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan goal #1 to Continue to improve and enhance existing county facilities and amenities and goal #3 to Continue to look for opportunities to develop new facilities and amenities.

The project is also in compliance with the County's Comprehensive Plan section 10.2.2.D. Create new and enhanced facilities to provide recreational opportunities while preserving environmental, aesthetic, and cultural quality (page 10-5).

Project Maps

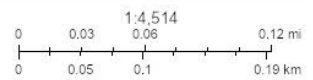


Baggett Park Playground



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