



## WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Dear Michael:

Enclosed is the Program Open Space Annual Plan for Wicomico County for fiscal year 2023. Maps delineating the location of each proposed project are attached for your reference.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Steven E. Miller  
Director  
Recreation, Parks & Tourism

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE									
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT-FISCAL YEAR 2023									
SPONSOR	PROJECT NAME, PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only ('000s)				
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State (POS)	Federal	
1	Wicomico County	<b>Gene Lowe Park Playground</b> - Replace play module with equipment that is consistent with National Playground Safety Standards	4.71	4.71	0.1	\$79,000	\$7,900	\$71,100	
2	Wicomico County	<b>Douglas Nichols Park Playground</b> - Replace play module with equipment that is consistent with National Playground Safety Standards	0.81	0.81	0.1	\$59,000	\$5,900	\$53,100	
3	Wicomico County	<b>Emerson Holloway Park Basketball Court Restoration</b> - Resurface and stripe bituminous concrete court	10.94	10.94	0.1	\$95,000	\$9,500	\$85,500	
4	Wicomico County	<b>Harmon Basketball Court Restoration</b> - Resurface and stripe bituminous concrete court.	3.17	3.17	0.1	\$65,000	\$6,500	\$58,500	
4a.	Wicomico County	<b>Harmon Field Phase II</b> - Park development project which will include converting old softball field into a lighted 12-court pickleball complex, addition of a 2nd basketball court, new playground module, new comfort station, improved parking and other site improvements. Phase II will cover increased costs to complete the overall project.	3.17	3.17	0.1	\$450,000	\$45,000	\$405,000	
5	Wicomico County	<b>Kilburnie Basketball Court Restoration</b> - Resurface and stripe bituminous concrete court.	2.34	2.34	0.1	\$65,000	\$6,500	\$58,500	
6	Wicomico County	<b>Edgewood Park Basketball Court Restoration</b> -Resurface and stripe bituminous concrete court.	12.0	12.0	0.1	\$65,000	\$6,500	\$58,500	
7	Wicomico County	<b>Cove Road Parking and Site Improvements</b> - Expand parking and include additional park amenities such as picnic & grill areas, shade structure and improved access points/wayfinding for the expanded beach area.	1.25	1.25	1.00	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$90,000	
8	Wicomico County	<b>Billy Gene Jackson Park Irrigation/Lighting</b> - Add Irrigation system to enhance softball and rectangular fields; enhance and add new lighting systems for softball field, tennis courts, basketball courts, rectangular fields and parking lot; site and landscaping improvements.	33.65	33.65	1.00	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$90,000	
9	Wicomico County	<b>HSPAC Concessions Upgrades</b> - Project would include engineering costs and installation of ventilation/air cooling systems in two existing concession stands at the Parker Athletic Complex.	47.57	47.57	0.05	\$250,000	\$25,000	\$225,000	
10	Wicomico County	<b>Pirate's Wharf</b> - Park development project which will include construction of trails, soft launch area, parking/roadway access, observation decks/fishing piers, playground, wayfinding signage and other landscaping & park amenities.	340.73	340.73		\$300,000	\$30,000	\$270,000	
<b>TOTALS:</b>						<b>\$1,628,000</b>	<b>\$162,800</b>	<b>\$1,465,200</b>	

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE  
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION-FISCAL YEAR 2022**

SPONSOR	PROJECT NAME, PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only ('000s)			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State (POS)	Federal
City of Salisbury	North Prong Acquisition	2	3.365	1.365	\$246,823	\$0	\$246,823	\$0
<b>Total</b>					\$246,823		\$246,823	

## FY23 Wicomico County Annual Program Open Space Plan

### I. INTRODUCTION:

The draft 2022 Wicomico County Land Preservation, Parks & Recreation Plan (LPPRP) serves as a guide in maintaining the County's quality of life in the face of increasing population. The plan, like its predecessors, lays out measures to use natural resources wisely and provide suitable areas to meet recreational needs for present and future residents of the County. Projects outlined in the LPPRP are designed to stimulate new development, revitalize existing neighborhoods affecting their ability to attract new businesses and residents, generate tourist dollars, increase property values and provide additional tax revenue.

Over the past 50 plus years, Program Open Space funding has enabled Wicomico County to develop an outstanding system of parks making it a very desirable place to live. The FY23 POS Annual Plan will focus on maintaining safety and functionality through rehabilitation of existing park facilities. Project requests exceed Wicomico's unencumbered POS balance and will be paired down accordingly.

### II. PLAN OBJECTIVES:

The projects under consideration will fulfill the following policy and program recommendations outlined in the 2022 LPPRP:

*RP-1 Work with DNR, MDP, MDOT, and local agencies/stakeholders to develop trail systems within the County and increase connectivity to State-owned lands.*

The proposed North Prong acquisition by the City of Salisbury would increase trail access and connectivity in the overall system.

*RP-2 Develop recreational programming and leisure opportunities for citizens and tourists to enjoy low impact eco-tourism activities such as hiking, biking, equestrian, and non-motorized water sports.*

The proposed Cove Road parking and site improvements would increase water access and opportunities for these types of activities for local residents and visitors.

*RP-5 Continue to evaluate older playgrounds to ensure compliance with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines.*

Projects under consideration for FY23 include rehabilitation of the playgrounds at Gene Lowe and Douglas Nichols Park.

*RP-6 Continue to enhance the comprehensive parks maintenance management program to ensure safe and attractive parks and to replace older equipment and vehicles.*

Projects under consideration for FY23 include restoration of the basketball courts at Emerson Holloway, Harmon, Kilburnie and Edgewood Park.

*RP-8 Continue to bring visitors and dollars into the County by leveraging the County's outstanding recreation and parks system, Board of Education facilities, and facilities operated by private entities.*

Projects under consideration for FY23 include: Billy Gene Jackson park improvements and Harmon Field Phase II park improvements which will serve local residents and enhance the County's profile to attract tourism-related sporting events.

*RP-9 Continue to strengthen municipal, recreation council & stakeholder relationships to support programs and park operations.*

The proposed North Prong acquisition by the City of Salisbury would enhance the municipal park system and could lead to future opportunities for park and program development.

### **III. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS:**

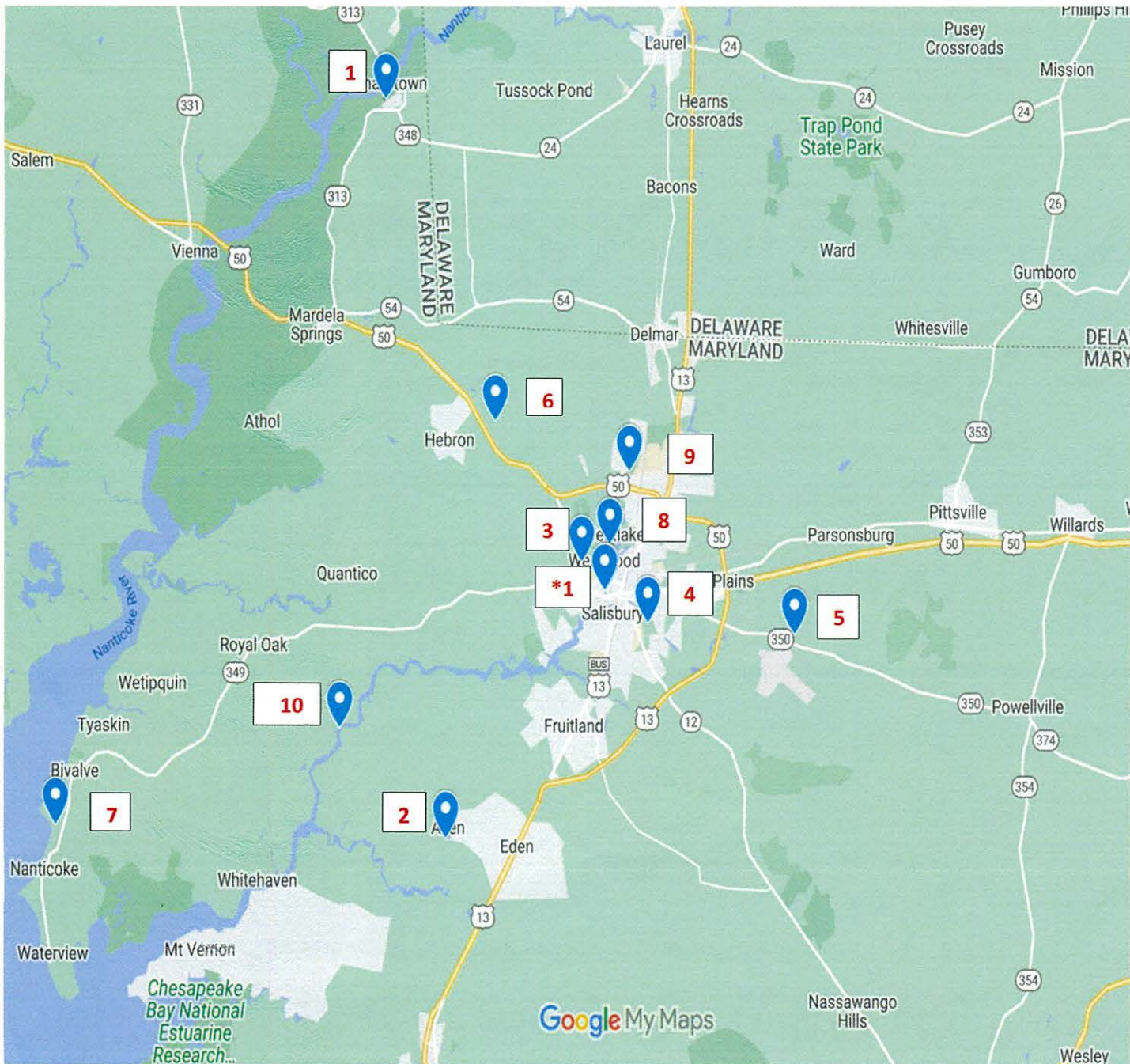
Each year municipalities and their respective local recreation councils are asked to submit a list of projects to be considered in the County's Annual POS plan. Selection of projects is recommended by the Wicomico County Recreation Commission, a 14-member citizen board representing each of the County's planning districts. Recommendations of the Commission are given to the Wicomico County Executive's office for final approval and are included in budget submissions to the Wicomico County Council (for match funding) before being submitted to the State.

The following criteria are employed to evaluate each of the proposed projects:

- Consistency with the County's Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan;
- Available funding including cost/benefit analysis; and
- Evidence of the required local funding match.

The enclosed Annual Plan includes projects as recommended by the Recreation & Parks Commission and County Administration.

# WICOMICO COUNTY PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PLAN-FY23



## KEY TO SITES

### Development Projects

1. Gene Lowe Park Playground
2. Douglas Nichols Park Playground
3. Emerson Holloway Park Basketball Court
4. Harmon Basketball Court  
Harmon Phase II
5. Kilburnie Basketball Court
6. Edgewood Park Basketball Court
7. Cove Road Parking/Site Improvements
8. Billy Gene Jackson Park Irrigation/Lighting
9. HSPAC Concessions Upgrades
10. Pirates Wharf

### Acquisition Projects

- \*1. City of Salisbury-North Prong