

September 22, 2022

The regular meeting of the County Commissioners of Allegany County was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Allegany Room 100, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, at 5:00 p.m. on the above date. The following were present: Commissioner Jacob C. Shade; Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr.; Commissioner David J. Caporale; County Administrator Jason M. Bennett; and Assistant County Attorney Ramon Rozas III.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

MOTION

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

MOTION

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, and seconded by Commissioner Caporale, the Minutes of the September 8, 2022 public business meeting were approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

PRESENTATION

Item 1 – Allegany Soil Conservation District Employee of the Year Citation – Adam T. Heavner, Allegany Soil Conservation District's Employee of the Year for this year, came forward at the invitation of Commissioner Shade, who then read and presented him with an official Citation in his honor.

ACTION AGENDA

Item 2 – Fiscal Year 2023 Program Open Space Annual Plan – Board of County Commissioners to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Program Open Space Annual Plan – Adam Patterson, PE, Director of Public Works, presented background and details regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 Program Open Space Annual Plan, as set forth on staff report on the subject, with attached requests and recommendations, dated September 15, 2022, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

On behalf of the County Commissioners, Commissioner Shade thanked Mr. Patterson and his staff for their work regarding the Program Open Space Annual Plan.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Caporale, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2023 Program Open Space Annual Plan

CONSENT AGENDA

As recommended by the County Administrator

Upon Motion by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Brodie, and Motion carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved and adopted the Consent Agenda as recommended by the County Administrator.

Item 3 – Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention Grant Award – Board of County Commissioners approved a grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to accept funding in the amount of \$42,350 for the Allegany County Sheriff's Office Police Recruiting and Retention Program, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign the grant.

Item 4 – Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention Grant Award – Board of County Commissioners approved a grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to accept funding in the amount of \$301,470 for the Allegany County multi-pronged approach to diversion, through expanded programming and supports for offenders through alternatives to incarceration, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign the grant.

Item 5 – Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention Grant Award – Board of County Commissioners approved a grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to accept funding in the amount of \$5,248 for the Allegany County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Training Scholarship Grant for Special Operations Reaction Team Leader Development Training, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign the grant.

Item 6 – Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention Grant Award – Board of County Commissioners approved a grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to accept funding in the amount of \$32,312 for the Allegany County Sheriff's Office

Rural Impact for Community Improvement Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Program for community policing events and activities, and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign the grant

Item 7 – Allegany County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment – Board of County Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2022 Board of Education budget amendments to cover the anticipated shortfall within Administration salaries and contracted services this year of \$110,000, and to request \$115,000 for the anticipated budgetary shortfall in salaries, supplies and materials for the Mid-Level Administration category of the budget.

Item 8 – Allegany County Department of Emergency Services American Rescue Plan Funding – Board of County Commissioners approved \$139,356.08 from the American Rescue Plan Stimulus funding for the purchase of a Special Operations Air Shores for the Department of Emergency Services.

Item 9 – Allegany County Department of Emergency Services American Rescue Plan Funding – Board of County Commissioners approved \$58,857 from the American Rescue Plan Stimulus funding for the purchase of a Sport Chevrolet Crew Cab Pickup Truck for the Department of Emergency Services.

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet –

Mr. Danny Williams, of Mount Savage, again brought up the issue of recycling bins that were removed from sites in Mount Savage. Mr. Williams said that at a Special Taxing Committee meeting the previous evening, he was asked about the status of having the recycling bins returned. County Administrator Jason Bennett told him that County staff is working on it. Mr. Williams thanked him and the Commissioners for their help.

Mr. Jack Nightengale, of Lonaconing, again spoke of his concerns regarding coal truck traffic on Jackson Mountain. Assistant County Attorney Ramon Rozas III had a discussion with Mr. Nightengale. He also told Mr. Nightengale that he was welcome to call the County Attorney's Office to schedule a day and time to come and discuss the issue further with Mr. Rozas.

County Administrator Jason Bennett had no further comments to make at this evening's meeting.

Assistant County Attorney Ramon Rozas III had no further comments to make at this evening's meeting.

Commissioners' statements, comments, recognition –

Commissioner David Caporale had no further comments to make at this evening's meeting.

Commissioner Creade Brodie, Jr. had no further comments to make at this evening's meeting.

Commissioner Jacob Shade had no further comments to make at this evening's meeting.

Reminders/Upcoming Meetings –

Next Public Work Session – Thursday, October 6, 2022, 3:30 p.m.

Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, October 6, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Jacob C. Shade, President

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Attest:

Cynthia A. Young
Recording Secretary



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STAFF REPORT

TO: Jason M. Bennett, County Administrator
FROM: Adam Patterson, Director of Public Works *Adam*
DATE: September 15, 2022
RE: FY 2023 Program Open Space Annual Plan

For the Agenda of: September 22, 2022

1. BACKGROUND

The County has \$912,017.00 in unencumbered Program Open Space funds to allocate for FY2023. The County has also received \$1,000,000.00 in FY2023 Local Parks and Playgrounds Infrastructure Funding. The Program Open Space Committee received requests for 25 eligible projects totaling \$2,088,659.00.

2. ISSUES

The POS Committee met to review the requests and developed the POS Annual Plan for recommendation to the Commissioners. The plan includes funding 16 projects using the \$1,000,000.00 in FY2023 Local Parks and Playgrounds Infrastructure Funding. This funding does not require the Local Sponsors to have a 10% match, however based on the number of requests, we are recommending the local jurisdictions provide a 10% match for their projects and we recommend reducing the project scope for Piney Plains Community Park to meet the available funding. The total for the 16 projects is \$965,715.60. The remaining balance of \$34,284.40 will cover any small project overruns. The committee recommended that the remaining 9 projects use the POS FY2023 funds. These projects require a 10% match from the Local Sponsor. The total for these 9 projects is \$880,920.00. The remaining balance of \$31,097.00 will be used for property acquisition. There is also \$59,882.25 in acquisition funds available through Program Open Space. The POS Committee recommended that the available acquisition money be used to purchase the property for the Prichard Farms Community Park and to acquire the Maryland Avenue Baseball Fields located in the Town of Westernport. A request and recommendation summary is included with this staff report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

Program Open Space funding is allocated to each County from the Department of Natural Resources for public recreation development and acquisition.

4. ALTERNATIVES

N/A

5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

6. CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICY

Program Open Space projects for FY2023 are consistent with the County's 2022 Local Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan and County policy.

7. RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the FY2023 Program Open Space Annual Plan.

FY 2023 PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PLAN REQUEST

No.	Project Name	Project Description	Local Sponsor Name	Project Total	POS (90%)	Local Sponsor (10%)
1	Allegany College of Maryland Community Baseball Field Enhancement-Phase II	Installation of sod, DuraTrax warning track and fencing	Allegany College of MD	\$250,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$25,000.00
2	Fairgrounds Grandstand Ramp Replacement	Replacement of existing grandstand entrance ramp to meet ADA requirements	Allegany County	\$85,000.00	\$76,500.00	\$8,500.00
3	Frostburg Coal Miner Memorial Park	Development of passive park with a memorial dedicated to the coal miners	Allegany County	\$215,000.00	\$193,500.00	\$21,500.00
4	Depot Decking Replacement	Installation of new deck materials at the Frostburg Depot	Allegany County	\$40,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$4,000.00
5	Mountain Ridge Practice Field Drainage Improvements	Drainage improvements made to existing practice field	Allegany County Board of Education	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$5,000.00
6	Allegany High School Athletic Field Improvements	Installation of bleachers, concrete steps, and incorporate field lighting	Allegany County Board of Education	\$200,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$20,000.00
7	Frostburg Pool Chemical Storage Building	Installation of masonry chemical storage building including lighting, ventilation, and roll-up door	City of Frostburg	\$38,400.00	\$34,560.00	\$3,840.00
8	Hoffman Park Field Backstop	Installation of backstop fencing and infield fencing replacement	City of Frostburg	\$32,400.00	\$29,160.00	\$3,240.00
9	Lion's Concession Building Renovations	Renovation of the Lion's Concession Building at Glendinning Park. Project includes demolition and removal of existing restrooms and pavilion and the construction of new restrooms, pavilion, parking lot drainage, and sewage connection	City of Frostburg	\$68,000.00	\$61,200.00	\$6,800.00
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Use remaining balance to cover acquisition shortfall

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No.	Project Name	Project Description	Local Sponsor Name	Project Total	LPPI (100%)	Local Sponsor (0%)
1	Allegany College of Maryland Public Fitness Enhancement	Additional funds to finish fitness center project (\$98,861.00-\$67,500.00) Originally an LPPI project-Could also give them \$23,861.00 based on their \$7,500.00 contribution	Allegany College of MD	\$31,361.00	\$31,361.00	\$0.00
2	Pritchard Farms Community Park	Installation of park amenities including pavilion and walking trail	Allegany County	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$0.00
3	Bel Air Community Recreation Complex ADA Restroom Project	Installation of additional bathroom with family/ADA capabilities	Bel Air Citizens Committee	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
4	Bel Air Baseball Field Upgrade Project	Installation of T-ball/early Little League Field including 4 ft. fencing, benches, and removal of clay and grass from current area	Bel Air Citizens Committee	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
5	Constitution Park 5-Year Improvement - Part 1	Replacement of picnic tables, grills, ADA tables, renovation of existing picnic tables and trash cans	City Cumberland	\$128,939.00	\$128,939.00	\$0.00
6	Sowers Field LED Light Retrofit	Replacement of existing field lights through SBDI Program	City of Frostburg	\$15,381.00	\$15,381.00	\$0.00
7	Cresaptown Sports Complex Parking Lot Improvements Project	Installation of 3" compacted gravel at six parking areas of the Cresaptown Sports Complex	Cresaptown Civic Improvement Association	\$49,300.00	\$49,300.00	\$0.00
8	Cresaptown Sport Complex Outdoor Fitness Equipment Project	Installation of outdoor fitness equipment at Darrow's Lane Park	Cresaptown Civic Improvement Association	\$39,200.00	\$39,200.00	\$0.00
9	Brauer Baseball Field Fence Replacement Project	Installation of outfield fencing, replacement of backstop, and homeplate and bullpen area fencing	Cresaptown Civic Improvement Association	\$48,425.00	\$48,425.00	\$0.00
10	Ellerslie Community Park Upgrades	Repairs to existing tennis court, player benches, concrete floor for existing storage building, field upgrades, storage building, and additional upgrades to pavilion and walking track	Ellerslie Athletic Association	\$63,500.00	\$63,500.00	\$0.00
11	Piney Plains Community Park Improvements and Renovation	Installation of fencing, playground equipment, asphalt walking track, and well and septic systems	Piney Plain Civic Association	\$205,000.00	\$205,000.00	\$0.00
12	Town of Barton Parks Rain Gutters and Downspouts Project for Hill Street and Takoma Drive Parks	Purchase and installation of rain gutters and downspouts	Town of Barton	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
13	Lonaconing Little League Park Playground Upgrades	Replacement of playground equipment and installation of rubber matting	Town of Lonaconing	\$193,100.00	\$193,100.00	\$0.00
14	Luke Legacy Park LED Park Lighting and Swing Project	Installation of LED park lights and electrical hookups	Town of Luke	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
15	Midland Recreation Facilities Improvements Project	Improvements to McVeigh's Baseball Field Including Field Grading, Bases, and Fencing Repairs/Pavilion at Church Street Playground Including Picnic Tables and ADA Compliant Restroom	Town of Midland	\$43,333.00	\$43,333.00	\$0.00
16	Maryland Avenue Softball Field Renovations	Renovations to existing ballfield including fencing, dugouts, & concession stand	Town of Westport	\$24,320.00	\$24,320.00	\$0.00
				\$1,109,859.00	\$1,109,859.00	\$0.00
				Available LPPI:	\$1,000,000.00	
				Remainder:	-\$109,859.00	

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2	Prichard Farms Community Park	Installation of park amenities including pavilion and walking trail	Allegany County	\$160,000.00	\$144,000.00	\$16,000.00
3	Bel Air Community Recreation Complex ADA Restroom Project	Installation of additional bathroom with family/ADA capabilities	Bel Air Citizens Committee	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
4	Bel Air Baseball Field Upgrade Project	Installation of T-ball/early Little League Field including 4 ft. fencing, benches, and removal of clay and grass from current area	Bel Air Citizens Committee	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
5	Constitution Park 5-Year Improvement - Part 1	Replacement of picnic tables, grills, ADA tables, renovation of existing picnic tables and trash cans	City Cumberland	\$128,939.00	\$116,045.10	\$12,893.90
6	Sowers Field LED Light Retrofit	Replacement of existing field lights through SBDI Program	City of Frostburg	\$15,381.00	\$13,842.90	\$1,538.10
7	Cresaptown Sports Complex Parking Lot Improvements Project	Installation of 3' compacted gravel at six parking areas of the Cresaptown Sports Complex	Cresaptown Civic Improvement Association	\$49,300.00	\$49,300.00	\$0.00
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12	Town of Barton Parks Rain Gutters and Downspouts Project for Hill Street and Takoma Drive Parks	Purchase and installation of rain gutters and downspouts	Town of Barton	\$15,000.00	\$13,500.00	\$1,500.00
13	Lonaconing Little League Park Playground Upgrades	Replacement of playground equipment and installation of rubber matting	Town of Lonaconing	\$193,100.00	\$173,790.00	\$19,310.00
14	Luke Legacy Park LED Park Lighting and Swing Project	Installation of LED park lights and electrical hookups	Town of Luke	\$30,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$3,000.00
15	Midland Recreation Facilities Improvements Project	Improvements to McVeigh's Baseball Field Including Field Grading, Bases, and Fencing Repairs/Pavilion at Church Street Playground Including Picnic Tables and ADA Compliant Restroom	Town of Midland	\$43,333.00	\$38,999.70	\$4,333.30
16	Maryland Avenue Softball Field Renovations	Renovations to existing ballfield including fencing, dugouts, & concession stand	Town of Westermport	\$24,320.00	\$21,888.00	\$2,432.00
				\$1,109,859.00	\$965,715.60	
				Available LPPI:	\$1,000,000.00	
				Remainder:	\$34,284.40	

Recommend Funding at 90/10

Recommend scope reduction

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2	Maryland Avenue Baseball Fields	Acquisition of existing baseball fields currently owned by Westernport Properties, LLC	Town of Westernport	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
				Available ACQ:	\$59,000.00	\$0.00
				Remainder:	\$14,000.00	

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				\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00
				Available ACQ:	\$59,000.00	
				Remainder:	-\$31,000.00	

Use POS balance to cover acquisition shortfall