


<p>CITY OF BALTIMORE</p> <p>BRANDON M. SCOTT, MAYOR</p>		<p>DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS</p> <p>REGINALD MOORE, <i>Executive Director</i> Dr. Ralph W. E. Jones, Jr. Building 3001 East Drive - Druid Hill Park Baltimore, Maryland 21217 410-396-7900</p>
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Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Attn: Ms. Katelyn Woods, *Administrator*, Program Open Space
Land Acquisition and Planning
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Tawes Office Building, E-4
580 Taylor Ave
Annapolis, MD 21401


RE: FY2025 Baltimore City Consolidated Annual Program Grant Application

Dear Ms. Woods,

Please find the attached Baltimore City consolidated grant application for Fiscal Year 2025 Program Open Space Appropriations with a total project budget of \$13,484,840. Thank you for your continued support of Baltimore City's Local Land Preservation and Recreation Plan.

In the event additional information is required feel free to contact Adam Boarman, *Chief of Capital Development* with any inquiries, comments and/or concerns via email at Adam.Boarman@BaltimoreCity.Gov or at 410-396-7948. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



Reginald Moore
Executive Director
City of Baltimore, Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP)

Attachments Enclosed

Cc: Jacia T. Smith, Esq., *Chief of Staff*, BCRP
Adam Boarman, *Chief of Capital Development*, BCRP
Valerie McGuire, *Design Planner Supervisor*, BCRP
Chris Ryer, *Director*, Department of Planning

Baltimore City

Consolidated Annual Program Grant Application

Introduction

Baltimore City relies on Program Open Space to supplement the Recreation and Parks budget for planning, design and operations as well as fund specific capital improvement projects. Several programs support the planning and design process necessary to implement the State's Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Program. Baltimore has also developed several "long-term" Capital Development programs that allow us to remain focused on the goals of the Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan. These programs were developed to ensure steady progress on all aspects of providing open space and recreation opportunities in Baltimore City. They support care, operation, and improvement of general neighborhood recreation facilities, special recreation facilities, and our citywide network of open space. The 7 programs for capital development are:

Recreation Facility and Park Building Modernization
Pool Facility Modernization
Park Rehabilitation and Development
Baltimore Playground Program
Athletic Field and Court Rehabilitation and Development (including lighting)
Park Plazas, Fountains and Medians – including street tree planting
Park Land Acquisition

Baltimore City's Annual Submission includes individual projects selected from the 7 Capital Development Programs. Suggestions of sites for improvement projects come from many sources: Recreation and Parks staff, Planning Department staff, the Baltimore Office of Neighborhoods, private citizens and community organizations. Several factors are considered as each site is evaluated:

1. Contribution to departmental (Land Preservation and Recreation Program) goals.
2. Contribution to goals or programs of other City agencies or Non-profit Partners
3. Value of the facility or resource in relation to the entire park system with priority for sites with at least one of the following factors:
 - A. High attendance and use
 - B. Multi-use facilities
 - C. Proximity to neighborhood with special needs (such as communities with a high percentage of low-income and at-risk populations)
 - D. Special needs groups (senior citizens, teens, children, or disabled populations)
 - E. Historical significance
 - F. Local regional landmark
 - G. High scenic or aesthetic value
 - H. Wildlife habitat enhancement value
 - I. Environmental quality improvement value
4. Evidence of strong community support or the potential for community involvement and partnerships
5. Critical needs of repairs/Safety issues
6. Budget constraints such as capital costs of project, operating cost of project and the potential for funding.

Each fall, the capital budget is submitted by the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks to the City's Department of Planning. After revisions are made to meet citywide goals, the Planning Department submits the Recreation and Parks capital budget to the City's Planning Commission for public review and the formal acceptance process. This year, we propose utilizing Program Open Space funding to support individual projects within four of our seven established programs of capital development:

Recreation Facility and Park Building Modernization
Pool Facility Modernization
Park Rehabilitation and Development
Athletic Field and Court Rehabilitation and Development

Fiscal Year FY25 Projects supported by Program Open Space Funding:

Recreation Facility and Park Building Modernization

Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory

Pool Facility Modernization

City Springs Park Improvements – Phase I

Park Rehabilitation and Development

N. Harford Park Improvements

Cab Calloway Legends Square Park

Athletic Field and Court Rehabilitation and Development

Frederick B. Leidig Field and Field House

As in the past years, Program Open Space funding also will be used to support park planning as well as the daily care of the city's park system:

Baltimore City Operations and Management Grants

FY25 Baltimore Park System

Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Capital Grants and Loans Administration
Program Open Space
**Consolidated Annual Program Grant Application
And Project Agreement**

Acquisition


Development

1.	PROJECT NAME: Baltimore City Consolidated Annual Program Grant for Fiscal Year 2025	POS PROJECT #:
2.	APPLICANT: Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks Consolidated Annual Program Grant of FY 25	
3.	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: \$13,484,840	
4.	TOTAL GRANT REQUESTED: \$ 12,611,840	
5.	CONSOLIDATED GRANT APPLICATION PROJECT COORDINATOR:	
	Ms. Valerie McGuire, Design Planner Supervisor	410-396-7948
	(Name and Title)	(Telephone Number)
	2600 Madison Ave	410-396-0928
	Baltimore	MD 21217
	(Address)	(City) (State) (Zip) (Fax Number)

6. PLANNING REVIEW CERTIFICATION:

The consolidated acquisition/development project described herein and specified in the attached component applications, has been reviewed by the Local Planning Authority listed below and was found to be consistent with the following:

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| A. The Local Land Preservation and Recreation | <u>X</u> | Yes |
| B. The County's Comprehensive Master Plan | <u>X</u> | Yes |
| C. The State Land Preservation and Recreation | <u>X</u> | Yes |
| D. The Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act of 1992 | <u>X</u> | Yes |


	Mr. Chris Ryer	Director	9/25/2024
(Signature)	(Print Name)	(Print Title)	(Date)

7. DOCUMENTATION:

Individual applications, with respective associated documentation must be attached to this cover sheet. One original plus twelve (12) complete copies of this Consolidated Annual Program Grant Application and the attached component applications are required to initiate state review.

8. COUNTY LIAISON OFFICER'S AGREEMENT TO TERMS OF THE GENERAL PROJECT CONDITIONS AND FUNDING AUTHORIZATION:

As the County Liaison Officer (CLO) designated by _____ County (or Baltimore City) for the purpose of dispensing Program Open Space and Land & Water Conservation Fund apportionments for this Political Subdivision, I hereby certify that the applicants/local officials appearing as signatories on the individual projects attached and listed below as components, have received my approval to apply for the POS/L&WC Funds specified on each component application as part of this consolidated grant. The sum of individual projects eligible for reimbursement from local apportionment of POS funds, upon state approval shall not exceed \$_____.

	Mr. Reginald Moore	Director	10/04/2024
(Signature)	(Print Name)	(Print Title)	(Date)

9. SUMMARY OF COMPONENT PROJECTS:

Item #	Component Title	Acres if acquisition	Estimated Cost
1	Frederick B. Leidig Field and Field House		\$1,000,000
2	N. Harford Park Improvements		\$2,667,000
3	Cab Calloway Legends Square Park		\$700,000
4	Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory		\$817,840
5	City Springs Park Improvements – Phase I		\$1,300,000
6	Baltimore Park System FY25		\$7,000,000
	Consolidated Annual Program FY25		\$13,484,840

10. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) – PROGRAM OPEN SPACE REGIONAL REVIEW:

This project has been reviewed and inspected by POS staff and reviewed by appropriate agencies within the DNR. Based on the information attached for the individual components, this consolidated project complies with existing laws, regulations and policies governing the use of POS Funds.

(Signature)

(Print Name)

(Print Title)

(Date)

11. STATE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW Date _____ Number _____

12. POS FUND SOURCE ASSIGNED _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

13. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – PROGRAM OPEN SPACE APPROVAL:

(Director's Signature)

BPW Approval
Date

Agenda Item No.

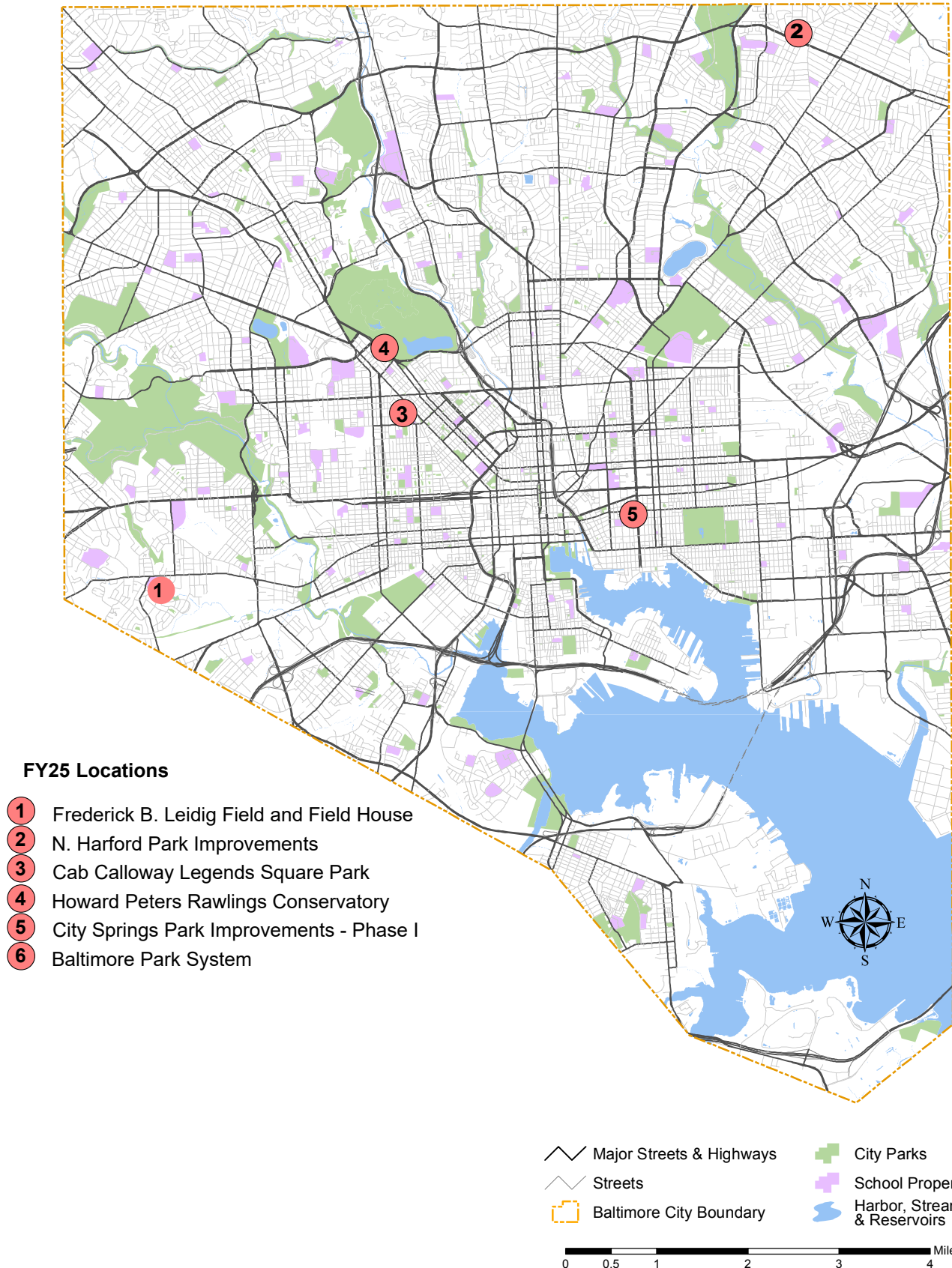
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PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM SUMMARY FY25

Sponsor: Baltimore City	Project Name & Sites	Project Total	Local Funds	POS Apportionment	POS Direct	Other
1	Frederick B. Leidig Field and Field House	\$ 1,000,000.00			1,000,000	
2	N. Harford Park Improvements	\$ 2,667,000.00	667,000	2,000,000		
3	Cab Calloway Legends Square Park	\$ 700,000.00			700,000	
4	Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory	\$ 817,840.00	206,000	611,840		
5	City Springs Park Improvements - Phase I	\$ 1,300,000.00			1,300,000	
6	Baltimore Park System FY25	\$ 7,000,000.00			7,000,000	
	Total	\$ 13,484,840.00	\$ 873,000.00	\$ 2,611,840.00	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ -

Baltimore City Consolidated Annual Program Fiscal Year 2025



Baltimore City Consolidated Annual Program Grant Applications

Fiscal Year 2025 – Project Descriptions

1. Frederick B. Leidig Field and Field House \$1,000,000

Field and Field House renovations including amenities to provide the opportunity for enhanced multi-sport field play. Renovate the existing athletic field. Field layouts do not currently allow for adequate play of field sports other than softball/baseball and grades do not adequately drain during wet periods. Renovate pathways and site amenities to provide ADA access. The current field house is in need of significant renovations. Basic building components of the field house such as windows, roofs, flooring, lights and doors wear out with continual use and must be replaced to keep the building attractive. It is often more cost effective to replace roofs that are old (+20 years) and have exceeded their lifetime warranty rather than continue patching. Older restrooms and building entrances do not meet ADA codes and are worn out due to heavy use. Renovation will make facilities more attractive as well as more accessible. Clean and inviting public buildings contribute to positive community images and boost program attendance.

4521 Frederick Ave., - Legislative Dist. 44

2. North Harford Park Improvements..... \$2,667,000

North Harford Park (8.321 acres) is located near 6 neighborhoods, including: North Harford Rd, Harford/Echodale/Perring Parkway, Westfield and Christopher. The North Harford Recreation Center is located in North Harford Park across the street from the Friendship Academy of Engineering and Technology. After an extensive recreation service gap analysis, the Department's 2015 Recreation and Aquatic Facilities Plan identified the North Harford Park site as an opportunity to provide a wide range of recreation activities in an area of the city where the population currently has few city recreational venues. In 2021, significant community outreach was conducted to determine park priorities and the development of a Vision Plan. That plan identified phases for design and construction. In 2022 the court renovation was completed. This FY25 funding adds funding based off of our most recent Engineers Estimate for the site improvements. The skatepark will be constructed in a later phase. The project will address community priorities to improve the playground, splash pad, pedestrian circulation, entrances, athletic fields, and stormwater management.

6800 Hamlet Ave. – Legislative district 43

3. Cab Calloway Legends Square Park \$700,000

Cab Calloway Legends Park is a new park which the Baltimore City Department of Planning has been working on as part of their Green Network Plan. The park is in the Druid Heights Community, and extensive work has been previously done to come to a park concept Plan. The Department of Planning and Department of Housing and Community Development have purchased all the property required for the full implementation of the park. The streets through the middle were closed and removed, and all the separate properties have been merged into one property and transferred to Recreation and Parks responsibility. The surrounding sidewalks have been replaced by DOT. These requested funds will supplement current park funding to support the park construction, including playground, walkways, and site work.

2200 Druid Hill Ave – Legislative Dist. 40

4. Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory..... \$817,840

The Howard ‘Peters’ Rawlings Conservatory has structural deterioration below the orchid room and the window frames of the palm house are rotting to the point where large gaps are appearing. Funding is needed to prevent the building from potential collapse.

5. City Springs Park Improvements – Phase I \$1,300,000

Create design development, construction documents and Phase I of Site Improvements for City Springs Park. This project, along with renovation of the Chick Webb Recreation Center, is a component of HABC/DHCD's planned redevelopment efforts in East Baltimore of Perkins, Old Town, Somerset Homes through HUD's CHOICE neighborhood grant. Improvements to City Springs Park will replace the existing outdoor pool in a new location, add facilities in support improve support park access and circulation. The project coordinated with HABC/DHCD community participation processes. City Springs pool was built in the early 1970s and does not meet current design standards and recreation needs. A facility assessment of the pool has been completed. While the park contains a recently renovated athletic field and has a community garden, it lacks clear entrances and circulation between facilities. The Housing Authority of Baltimore City was awarded a \$30-million-dollar CHOICE grant from HUD for a mixed income housing plan for a defined area including the Perkins, Old Town and Somerset Homes. Chick Webb Fitness and Wellness Center and City Springs Park are part of the redevelopment scheme. These facilities will serve the existing residents in addition to incoming residents of the planned new mixed income housing. A public process to create conceptual and schematic designs for City Springs Park has been completed and construction documents are underway for phase I. The requested funds together with other funding and future funding requests will allow for the preparation of the design documents and improvements to include a new pool facility, a restroom/ field house structure, relocated garden, entrances and a circulation path.

1600 E. Lombard St. – Legislative Dist. 46

6. FY25 Baltimore Park System \$7,000,000

These funds will be used to continue the maintenance, planning, volunteer support and operations of the Baltimore City Park System. The park system includes such large parks as Carroll Park, Clifton Park, Cylburn Arboretum, Druid Hill Park, Herring Run Park, Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park, and Patterson Park, as well as hundreds of smaller parks and play areas. The system contains over 5,700 acres of park land. This park land includes woodlands, playgrounds, picnic groves, and many athletic fields which have ongoing maintenance, operational and planning needs. The perpetual maintenance program including mowing, trash pickup and general park care will protect the Baltimore Park System's natural and recreational resources which have been purchased or improved utilizing Program Open Space funds in the past.