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Kate Mayberry, Administrator III
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RE: FY2025 Annual Program Amendment

Dear Ms. Mayberry,

Please accept this letter as a formal request to amend the Howard County FY2025 Program Open Space Annual Program. The reason for this amendment is due to a change in scope of work for two development projects.

PATAPSCO FEMALE INSTITUTE – 7563-13-119

FY23 approved funding - \$377,250

FY24 approved funding - ~~\$200,000~~ Defund and reallocate to B & O Museum (new project)

Total funding - \$377,250

The scope of work has changed from “to create a new building to serve as an office area to be used for docent staff and volunteers, museum/exhibit area, storage, and public restroom facility. By developing a separate building, we will better protect the historic integrity of the Institute. The project will provide a shelter in place area for public safety. The County also plans to continue with renovations and improvements to the historic ruins to ensure that it remains a valuable educational and historic site” to “to design and construct a standalone restroom facility with a storage room and a future pavilion. The County also plans to continue with renovations and improvements to the historic ruins to ensure that it remains a valuable educational and historic site.”

Add B & O Museum – Exhibits

FY25 funding request - \$200,000

The purpose of this project is to celebrate and reimagine the visitor experience at the Ellicott City B&O Station Museum for its 200th anniversary in 2031. Built in 1831, it's the oldest surviving railroad station in the United States and is recognized on the National Register of Historic Places. The exhibits and layout are antiquated and require a complete overhaul and reimagination. This project will include providing for incorporating technology, including augmented reality, updated exhibits, interactive components and a more accurate interpretation of the site. Various building renovations are included in the scope, including stair reconfiguration, restroom remodeling and interior wall stabilization. The project includes a metal fabricated canopy to protect the newly restored 1927 C-2149 Caboose.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Mooneyhan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nick Mooneyhan, Director

Attachments: FY25 Amended Program Open Space Annual Program

NM/blm

cc: Margaret Lashar

Bob Linz

Brenda Mercado

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION
FISCAL YEAR 2025**

<u>Sponsor, Council District</u>	<u>Project Name, Project Description</u>	<u>Acreage (rounded)</u>			<u>Source of Funds (for Annual Program Only)</u>			
		<u>Existing</u>	<u>Ultimate</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>State (POS Local Funds)</u>	<u>Federal</u>
Howard County, 5	LONGWOOD PROPERTY – This property is a 97.66-acre parcel located at 3188 MD Route 97 in Glenwood, Maryland. This property is not affected by agricultural or other easements that restrict its consideration for development into a variety of public recreational uses. The property was owned by the Warfield family, includes a manor house built in the late 1700's, an existing smokehouse, possible retained slave quarters, possibly the oldest doctor's office in Howard County, and a variety of other barn structures that present potential for adaptive reuse. Appraisal reports have been received and we are currently negotiating the sale of the property.	0.00	97.589	97.589	\$6,214,375.00	\$1,262,437.36	\$4,951,937.64	\$0
Howard County, 1	ILCHESTER ROAD PROPERTY – This property is a 33.09-acre parcel located adjacent to CSX property and the Patapsco River, west of Ilchester Road as it crosses the Patapsco River from Howard County into Baltimore County. This property currently has no street address but has an SDAT account ID of 1402272156. The property is commonly known as the St. Mary's College site. Howard County would acquire this site as an opportunity to close a public parkland gap between Ellicott City and Elkridge. The potential for improvements to this site have not yet been determined. Appraisals may be delayed based on the Longwood price.	0.00	19.92	19.92	TBD	\$0	TBD	\$0
Howard County, 1 and 5	PATAPSCO GREENWAY – This project will be a continuing effort to acquire land along the Patapsco River to expand the Patapsco Greenway in Howard County, especially along the South Branch of the Patapsco River. This project will protect the river and create opportunities for community park facilities on upland portions of the greenway.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$0	TBD	\$0
	PATUXENT GREENWAY – This project will be a continuing effort to acquire land along the Patuxent River to expand on the	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$0	TBD	\$0

Howard County, 3 - 5	Patuxent Greenway in Howard County. This project will protect the Patuxent River and create opportunities for community park facilities on upland portions of the greenway.							
Howard County, 1 - 5	HOWARD COUNTY INTERIOR GREENWAYS - This project will be a continuing effort to acquire land along existing greenways throughout Howard County. This project will protect riparian/floodplain areas and create opportunities for community park facilities on the upland portions of the greenways.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$0	TBD	\$0
Howard County, Planning	HOWARD COUNTY LAND PRESERVATION, PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN - The 2027 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan is mandated by State Law and a prerequisite for Maryland Program Open Space funding. Comprehensive planning is a continuous process. This is a request for the FY25 installment.	NA	NA	NA	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
	PROPOSED ACQUISITION PROJECT TOTALS				\$6,239,375.00	\$1,262,437.36	\$4,976,937.64	\$0

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2025**

<u>Sponsor, Council District</u>	<u>Project Name, Project Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Source of Funds (for Annual Program Only)</u>			
		<u>Project</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>State (POS Local Funds)</u>	<u>Federal</u>
Howard County, 1	CENTENNIAL PARK – WEST AREA – BALLFIELD LIGHTING – Phase 1 continuation. Howard County anticipates using past LPPI funding for the Phase 1 sports field renovation project which includes renovating three grass softball fields, converting them to turf, along with access and other site improvements. Additional funding is required to supply and install the ballfield lighting and for the construction management of the project.	337	\$2,000,000	\$200,000	\$1,800,000	\$0
Howard County, 4	ROBINSON NATURE CENTER – AMPHITHEATER CONSTRUCTION – Howard County will be designing and constructing an amphitheater and access pathways that will fit in with the natural setting of the Robinson Nature Center. The project will include seating, accessible walks, and a stage area. The amphitheater will support County, Recreation and Parks, and Center Programs and performances. The design and construction will to the maximum extent practical utilize natural materials and environmentally sensitive design practices. The design will be developed by in-house planning staff.	18	\$500,000	\$50,000	\$450,000	\$0
Howard County, 1	CENTENNIAL PARK – SOUTH AREA – ROADWAYS – Centennial Park South area is over 35 years old and is heavily used by park patrons. We propose to mill, add paving fabric and overlay roadways, pathways and parking in the south area of Centennial Park. The areas that will be renovated provide public access to park pavilions, boat rentals, boat ramp and open recreation areas. ADA improvements are included.	337	\$444,444.44	\$44,444.44	\$400,000	\$0
Howard County, 1	PATAPSCO FEMALE INSTITUTE – IMPROVEMENTS - To design and construct a standalone restroom facility with a storage room and a future pavilion. The County also plans to continue with renovations and improvements to the historic ruins to ensure that it remains a valuable educational and historic site	337	\$419,166.66	\$41,916.66	\$377,250	\$0

Howard County, 5	WEST FRIENDSHIP PARK – Indoor/Outdoor Archery and Activity Facility. Howard County will be renovating an existing structure at West Friendship Park to accommodate an indoor activity facility with restrooms for public use, programs and camps, along with an additional separate standalone restroom and shower facility to increase access and usability of the park for public use, youth camping and programs. Work will consist of the design and installation of an interior restroom facility which may include HVAC equipment, sprinkler system, 3-phase power installation, interior finish work and insulation, and a separate restroom and shower facility on the property	351	<u>POS</u> \$1,458,055.55 <u>LPPI</u> \$ 400.00 <u>Total Project</u> \$1,858,055.55	\$185,805.55	\$1,272,250	\$0
Howard County, 2	BLANDAIR REGIONAL PARK - PHASE 6 - This request is for additional funding for Blandair Park Phase 6 due to escalating costs and the addition of sports court lighting. The project consists of 6 lighted pickleball courts, 2 lighted basketball courts, a lighted skate park, lighted pathways and lighted parking lot.	298	\$726,216.00	\$72,621.60	\$653,594.40	\$0
Howard County, 1	ROCKBURN BRANCH PARK – PICKLEBALL COURTS – The project is for the design and construction of six (6) lighted pickleball courts with two (2) shade structures, benches, parking improvements and sidewalk ADA improvements at Rockburn Branch Park. Rockburn Branch Park has six ball diamonds and four micro-fields, three multi-purpose fields and two micro-fields, four tennis courts, two basketball courts, one playground 18-hole disc golf course, a bike skills course, 9.37 miles of paved and natural pathway, and numerous visitors who frequent the park.	415	\$666,666.66	\$66,666.66	\$600,000.00	\$0
Howard County, 1	ROCKBURN BRANCH PARK – RESTROOM RENOVATION & FAMILY RESTROOM – This project is to design and renovate the interior of an existing restroom facility that is over 35 years old. The design will include a family restroom area with adult changing table, along with improvements to the exterior accessible walks. The improvements to this facility will be welcoming to the high volume of park patrons who use the park daily. The restroom facility is located within the main entrance to Rockburn Branch Park at 5400 Landing Road, Elkridge, Maryland. Rockburn Branch Park is 415 acres of both active and passive recreation. Rockburn Branch Park has six ball diamonds and four micro-fields, three multi-purpose fields and two micro-fields, four tennis courts, two basketball courts, one playground 18-hole disc golf course, a bike skills course, 9.37 miles of paved and natural pathway, and numerous visitors who frequent the park.	415	\$444,444.44	\$44,444.44	\$400,000.00	\$0
Howard County, 1	CENTENNIAL PARK – SOUTH AREA – PLAYGROUND & SAFETY SURFACING REPLACEMENT - Centennial Park South area is over 35 years old and is heavily used by park patrons. The current Centennial Park South Area playground was installed over 20 years ago and has served its useful purpose. This project is to replace the existing playground and safety surfacing with new equipment and surface technology.	337	\$433,466.11	\$43,346.61	\$390,119.50	\$0

Howard County, 1	B&O MUSEUM – EXHIBITS - The purpose of this project is to celebrate and reimagine the visitor experience at the Ellicott City B&O Station Museum for its 200th anniversary in 2031. Built in 1831, it's the oldest surviving railroad station in the United States and is recognized on the National Register of Historic Places. The exhibits and layout are antiquated and require a complete overhaul and reimagination. This project will include providing for incorporating technology, including augmented reality, updated exhibits, interactive components and a more accurate interpretation of the site. Various building renovations are included in the scope, including stair reconfiguration, restroom remodeling and interior wall stabilization. The project includes a metal fabricated canopy to protect the newly restored 1927 C-2149 Caboose.	.34	\$1,022,222.22	\$822,222.22	\$200,000.00	\$0
	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TOTALS		8,114,682.08	1,571,108.18	6,543,213.90	\$0

FY2025 PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM

HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

I. INTRODUCTION

The Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Program for Howard County consists of six (6) land acquisition projects and ~~twelve (12)~~ park development projects.
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In the Land Acquisition category, our top priority for this fiscal year is the purchase of the 97.589-acre Longwood Property at 3188 MD Route 97 in Glenwood. This property retains several notable structures and has no known restrictions preventing the adaptive reuse and improvement by the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Still in the land acquisition category, our second priority is the acquisition of the 33.09-acre Ilchester Road Property in Ellicott City. This property, formerly St. Mary's College, is located adjacent to the Patapsco River and Ilchester Road as it crosses into Baltimore County.

Our third, fourth, and fifth land acquisition priorities will be the ongoing effort to acquire land within the Patapsco, Patuxent, and Interior Greenways, respectively, to protect environmentally sensitive areas while enhancing parkland connectivity and opportunities for recreation. Our seventh goal, which is to be grouped with our land acquisition priorities, is to request our third installment of Program Open Space funding to support preparation of Howard County's 2027 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (the "Plan").

In the Park Development category, our top three priorities for this fiscal year were in the FY2024 Program Open Space Annual Program and are being carried over into FY2025. Priorities one and three have application packets that have been submitted to, but have yet to be approved by, the Board of Public Works. These projects are Centennial Park – West Area and Centennial Park – South Area. The second park development priority is to construct an amphitheater at the Robinson Nature Center.

The fourth park development priority is the Patapsco Female Institute – Improvements. This project is to create a new building to serve as an office area to be used for docent staff and volunteers, museum/exhibit area, storage, and public restroom facility. By developing a separate building, we will better protect the historic integrity of the Institute. The project will provide a shelter in place area for public safety. The County also plans to continue with renovations and improvements to the historic ruins to ensure that it remains a valuable educational and historic site.

The fifth park development priority is West Friendship Park – Indoor/Outdoor Archery and Activity Facility. Howard County will be renovating an existing structure at West Friendship Park to accommodate an indoor/outdoor archery and activity facility with restrooms and showers for campers and an additional separate standalone restroom and shower facility to increase access and usability of the park for campers and programs. Work will consist of the purchase and installation of the HVAC equipment, 3-phase power installation, interior finish work and insulation, installation of flooring improvements, restrooms, and shower rooms, on site storage for program equipment and a separate restroom and shower facility on the property.

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The sixth park development priority is Blandair Regional Park – Phase 6. This request is for additional funding for Blandair Park Phase 6 due to escalating costs and the addition of sports court lighting. The project consists of 6 lighted pickleball courts, 2 lighted basketball courts, a lighted skate park, lighted pathways and lighted parking lot.

The seventh park development priority is for design and construction of six lighted pickleball courts with 2 shade structures, benches, parking improvements, and sidewalk ADA improvements at Rockburn Branch Park.

The eighth park development priority will be to renovate the existing restroom facility located at the main entrance, Landing Road side, of Rockburn Branch Park. This project is to design and renovate the interior of the facility to include a family restroom area with adult changing table, along with improvements to the exterior ADA accessible walks.

The ninth park development priority is to replace the existing playground and safety surfacing located in the South Area of Centennial Park. The existing playground is over 20 years old and has served its useful purpose.

The tenth and final development priority is the B & O Museum Exhibits to celebrate and reimagine the visitor experience for its 200th anniversary in 2031.

These projects will totally obligate the Howard County FY2025 allocation of POS funds and all unencumbered funds from previous years. Below please find the project selection process, a description of each project, and a discussion of how these projects address local and State planning guidelines and initiatives.

Project Selection Process:

Since there are no incorporated towns in Howard County, the County maintains total responsibility for the Project Selection Process. The projects selected for funding satisfy the following requirements:

1. Previously approved projects, that are under-funded, receive priority consideration.
2. The project satisfies an immediate need for recreation land or facilities as outlined in the existing 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan, and the Ten-Year Capital Improvement Program.
3. All projects must conform to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992, and the Smart Growth Initiatives.
4. POS funds are distributed throughout the various Planning Areas of the County unless alternative funding satisfies the needs of specific Planning Areas. If large projects require all or a significant portion of an annual allocation, other Planning Areas receive priority status in subsequent years.

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5. If the specific project(s) is/are for park construction, the appropriation of the 10% local match must be in place.
6. The projects must be “actionable”, meaning appraisals can be secured with reasonable confidence that a sale can be consummated, or in the case of construction, the project must be in the final stages of design and progressing to, or in, the contract bidding process.
7. Willing seller of programmed acreage - if there is a willing seller of land, which has been or can be programmed for parks or preservation, these properties receive immediate attention.

The projects in the FY2025 Annual Program satisfy the above criteria and rank high for POS funding.

II. ACQUISITION

Project #1

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Longwood Property

C. Project Description: Rural West Planning Area, Council District 5

This property is a 97.589-acre parcel located at 3188 MD Route 97 in Glenwood, Maryland. This property is not affected by agricultural or other easements that restrict its consideration for development into a variety of public recreational uses. The property was owned by the Warfield family, includes a manor house built in the late 1700's, an existing smokehouse, possible retained slave quarters, possibly the oldest doctor's office in Howard County, and a variety of other barn structures that present potential for adaptive reuse. An Agreement of Sale has been executed by the owner and Howard County.

This project ranks first among our acquisition projects for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under “Eight Visions” below).
- This project is “actionable” in that the owner has offered the County the exclusive initial opportunity to acquire the property without making a public listing for its sale and the County has now ordered appraisals.
- This site's proximity to Western Regional Park and Warfields Pond Park mean that it does not appear as an opportunity zone in the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan for many of our more common amenities; however, that is why Howard County is considering acquiring the property for its historical significance as well as it's potential to accommodate passive and alternative offerings compared to the typical amenities and programs available in most of our parks and already present in the two aforementioned nearby parks.
- This project site includes some older farm structures and may provide opportunities to satisfy the recommendation that more heritage programming be developed outside of historic Ellicott City,

as identified, and discussed on pages 119-123 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.

- This project site is located along an existing Green Infrastructure Network corridor as depicted on page 92 and identified as an acquisition focus on page 177 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- This project, as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program satisfies numerous State and County goals identified throughout the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan and summarized on pages 140 through 145.
- This acquisition project complies with State Goal 3.4 on page 149 on the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan through the preservation and protection of important historic resources by the acquisition and subsequent restoration of Dr. Warfield's office/hospital and the possible slave quarters on the property. This effort then leads into meeting County Goal 3.1 on page 152 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan by preserving all histories.
- This project, as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program, is identified on page 189 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan as meeting numerous State goals identified throughout the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- This project is in the Rural West Planning Area and meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council Districts. Acquisition opportunities are specified in each planning area this year except in the Southeast, but one of the County's more recent purchases was in the Southeast (Savage Mill Remainder Property). Although anticipated to be the most expensive project, the Longwood Property acquisition is only one of many potential acquisition projects around the County.

In addition to the Project Selection Process outlined above, this project conforms to the "Eight Visions" of the Planning Act of 1992 as follows:

- Direct growth to suitable areas – This acquisition project is already surrounded by residential development. This property's proximity to existing public schools, a public library, a community center and fire station make it a sensible park acquisition and renovation site.
- Protect sensitive areas – Any redevelopment of this property after acquisition will abide by all applicable regulations and standards for protecting sensitive areas.
- Protect the Chesapeake – Any redevelopment of this property after acquisition will abide by all applicable stormwater management regulations.
- Conserve resources – This acquisition will permit the retention and restoration of multiple historic structures on the property. There are some specimen trees and a fishing pond on the property that are in excellent condition and will be preserved if acquired. Riparian areas of the property will remain forested and not impacted by any improvements to upland portions of the site. The agricultural heritage of the site will be documented and shared even if some of the existing buildings on the site are refurbished and adapted for other uses.

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- Adequate facilities – This property is outside the Planned Service Area and shall remain on private water and sewer. Acquisition and adaptive reuse of this site should have minimal impact, if any, on existing traffic and area roadways.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.
- Both local and State funding were authorized in the FY2025 budgets for parkland acquisition.

D. Acreage

1. Ultimate Acreage – 97.66 acres

E. Source of Funds

1. Total	\$6,214,375.00
2. Local	\$1,262,437.36
3. State Local Share	\$4,951,937.64
4. State Side Share	\$0

F. Location and site maps are attached at the end of this Annual Program.

Project #2

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Ilchester Road Property

C. Project Description: Ellicott City Planning Area adjacent to the Elkridge Planning Area, Council District 1

This property is a 33.09-acre parcel located adjacent to CSX property and the Patapsco River, west of Ilchester Road as it crosses the Patapsco River from Howard County into Baltimore County. This property currently has no street address but has an SDAT account ID of 1402272156. The property is commonly known as the St. Mary's College site. Howard County would acquire this site as an opportunity to close a public parkland gap between Ellicott City and Elkridge. The potential for improvements to this site have not yet been determined but the County's primary interest is in making this acquisition in order to provide fully public access to pathways and trails from Historic Main Street to US. Route 1 Appraisals may be delayed based on the Longwood price.

This project ranks third among our acquisition projects for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under "Eight Visions" below).
- This project is "actionable" in that the owner and his representative have authorized the County to order appraisals of this property.
- This site falls within the Opportunity Zone for access to trails and pathways as identified on page

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169 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.

- This project is identified on page 177 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program and the Patapsco Greenway.
- This project, as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program, is identified on page 104-105 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan as meeting numerous State and County goals identified throughout the Plan and summarized on pages 140 through 143.
- This project, as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program, is identified on page 189 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan as meeting numerous State goals identified throughout the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- This project meets County Goal 5.3 on page 191 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan to identify land acquisition opportunities that connect to State lands.
- This project will allow for the protection of natural resources along the Patapsco River.
- This project, located in the Planned Service Area and the Ellicott City Planning Area directly adjacent to the Elkrige Planning Area, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council Districts.

In addition to the Project Selection Process outlined above, this project conforms to the “Eight Visions” of the Planning Act of 1992 as follows:

- Direct growth to suitable areas – This property is now covered in forest and has many areas of steep slopes. Acquisition of this property for preservation as parkland and the development of passive uses prevents its development into an isolated residential use.
- Protect sensitive areas – Any redevelopment of this property after acquisition will abide by all applicable regulations and standards for protecting sensitive areas. Existing land development regulations would prevent the disturbance of most of this property. The County could do additional work to remove debris left on the property from the demolition of a school facility after acquisition, creating the opportunity for habitat restoration.
- Protect the Chesapeake – Any redevelopment of this property after acquisition will abide by all applicable stormwater management regulations.
- Conserve resources – This acquisition will permit the retention of an existing forest and result in less disturbance to the site than if privately developed for residential uses.
- Adequate facilities – Acquisition of this site for parkland and passive use would have minimal impact on existing public utilities and roads.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales. Acquisition of this property could be a major public link between Ellicott City and Elkrige that could benefit pedestrians and cyclists while having unforeseen tourism benefits.

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- Both local and State funding were authorized in the FY2025 budgets for parkland acquisition.

D. Acreage

1. Ultimate Acreage – 33.09 acres

E. Source of Funds

1. Total \$ Unknown. Pending appraisals and available balance.
2. Local \$0
3. State Local Share \$ Unknown. Pending appraisals and available balance.
4. State Side Share \$0

F. Location and site maps are attached at the end of this Annual Program.

Project #3

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Patapsco Greenway

C. Project Description: Patapsco Greenway; Elkridge, Ellicott City, and Rural West Planning Areas; Council Districts 1 and 5

This project will be a continuing effort to acquire land along the Patapsco Greenway, especially along the South Branch of the Patapsco River. This effort to improve the connectivity of this greenway will further protect environmentally sensitive areas and enable public enjoyment of this resource. We are requesting that future POS Local Share funds be used for this acquisition.

This project ranks fourth among our acquisition projects for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under “Eight Visions” below).
- This project may improve water quality through stream restoration and reforestation efforts, which appears as a County Goal for Resource Conservation on pages 28 and 82 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- This project identifies, protects and restores lands and waterways in Maryland that support important aquatic and terrestrial natural resources and ecological functions, which appears as a State Goal for Resource Conservation on page 28 and 81 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan. The same is true for 2022 Resource Conservation State Goal of assessing the combined ability of state and local programs to...manage watersheds in ways that protect, conserve and restore stream corridors, riparian forest buffers, wetlands and etc.
- Depending on the location of the acquisition, this project may satisfy County Goal 5.3 on page 191 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan to identify land acquisition opportunities that connect to State lands.

- Patapsco Greenway acquisitions may fall within the Opportunity Zones for public access to parks and natural resources areas as identified on pages 58 and 59 of the Plan.
- Patapsco Greenway acquisitions may fall within an Opportunity Zone for increased public water access as identified on pages 66 and 67 of the Plan.
- Patapsco Greenway acquisitions may improve public access and connectivity to trails and pathways where such access is currently limited as identified on pages 70 and 71 of the Plan.
- This project is identified on pages 137 and 138 of the Plan as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program and the Patapsco Greenway, respectively.
- This project, as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program, is identified on page 145 of the Plan as meeting numerous State and County goals identified throughout the Plan and summarized on pages 140 through 143.
- This project will allow for the protection of natural resources along the Patapsco River.
- Located in the Elkridge, Ellicott City, and Rural West Planning Areas, this project meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds.

It also addresses certain elements of the “Eight Visions” as follows:

- Direct growth to appropriate areas – Most remaining large parcels are located outside the Planned Service Area and their acquisition prevents their development into residential or commercial use.
- Protect sensitive areas – Riparian buffers along the Patapsco River, wetlands, steep slopes, floodplain, and forested areas will be protected by this acquisition.
- Protect the Chesapeake – The Patapsco River flows directly into the Bay. Sensitive areas will be perpetually protected within these acquired parcels, thus helping the Bay recovery.
- Control sprawl – Although this park is not within the Planned Service Area for water and sewer, the park is necessary to serve existing populations. Additional growth is controlled by current low-density zoning; thus, the park will not encourage sprawl.
- Conserve resources – This acquisition will permit passive recreation while protecting sensitive areas and wildlife habitat.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.
- Both local and State funding were authorized in the FY2025 for parkland acquisition.

D. Acreage

1. Ultimate Acreage – Trying to connect with thousands of acres of State parkland

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E. Source of Funds

1. Total	\$TBD
2. Local	\$0
3. State Local Share	\$TBD
4. State Side Share	\$0

F. Locations still need to be identified and mapped.

Project #4

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Patuxent Greenway

C. Project Description: Patuxent Greenway; Rural West and Southeast Planning Areas; Council Districts 3, 4, and 5

This project will be a continuing effort to acquire land along the Patuxent Greenway in Howard County. This effort to improve the connectivity of this greenway will further protect environmentally sensitive areas and enable public enjoyment of this resource. We are requesting that future POS Local Share funds be used for this acquisition.

This project ranks ninth among our acquisition projects for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under “Eight Visions” below).
- This project may improve water quality through stream restoration and reforestation efforts, which appears as a County Goal for Resource Conservation on pages 28 and 82 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- This project identifies, protects and restores lands and waterways in Maryland that support important aquatic and terrestrial natural resources and ecological functions, which appears as a State Goal for Resource Conservation on page 28 and 81 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan. The same is true for 2022 Resource Conservation State Goal of assessing the combined ability of state and local programs to...manage watersheds in ways that protect, conserve and restore stream corridors, riparian forest buffers, wetlands and etc.
- Depending on the location of the acquisition, this project may satisfy County Goal 5.3 on page 191 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan to identify land acquisition opportunities that connect to State lands.
- Patuxent Greenway acquisitions may fall within the Opportunity Zones for public access to parks and natural resources areas as identified on pages 58 and 59 of the Plan.

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- Patuxent Greenway acquisitions may fall within the Opportunity Zones for increased public water access as identified on pages 66 and 67 of the Plan.
- Patapsco Greenway acquisitions may improve public access and connectivity to trails and pathways where such access is currently limited as identified on pages 70 and 71 of the Plan.
- This project is identified on pages 137 and 138 of the Plan as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program and the Patuxent Greenway, respectively.
- This project, as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program, is identified on page 145 of the Plan as meeting numerous State and County goals identified throughout the Plan and summarized on pages 140 through 143.
- This project will allow for the protection of natural resources along the Patuxent River.
- This project, located in the Rural West and Southeast Planning Areas, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council Districts.

It also addresses certain elements of the “Eight Visions” as follows:

- Direct growth to appropriate areas – Most remaining parcels are located outside the Planned Service Area and their acquisition prevents their development into residential or commercial use.
- Protect sensitive areas – Riparian buffers along the Patuxent River, wetlands, steep slopes, floodplain, and forested areas will be protected by this acquisition.
- Protect the Chesapeake – The Patuxent River flows directly into the Bay. Sensitive areas will be perpetually protected within these acquired parcels, thus helping the Bay recovery.
- Control sprawl – Although this park is not within the Planned Service Area for water and sewer, the park is necessary to serve existing populations. Additional growth is controlled by current low-density zoning; thus, the park will not encourage sprawl.
- Conserve resources – This acquisition will permit passive recreation while protecting sensitive areas and wildlife habitat.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.
- Both local and State funding were authorized in the FY2025 for parkland acquisition.

D. Acreage

1. Ultimate Acreage – Trying to connect with thousands of acres of State and WSSC lands spanning between the intercounty communities of Laurel and Mount Airy, Maryland.

E. Source of Funds

1. Total	\$TBD
2. Local	\$0
3. State Local Share	\$TBD
4. State Side Share	\$0

F. Locations need to be identified and mapped.

Project #5

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Howard County Interior Greenway

C. Project Description: Howard County Interior Greenway; All Planning Areas; All Council Districts

This project is an ongoing effort to acquire land along existing greenways throughout Howard County to protect environmentally sensitive areas and provide for community parks. These greenways exist in every Planning Area and include Cabin Branch Greenway, Cattail Creek Greenway, Deep Run Greenway, Hammond Branch Greenway, Little Patuxent Greenway, Middle Patuxent Greenway, the Long Corner Connector, and other areas. Land acquisitions will protect environmentally sensitive areas and enable passive public enjoyment of the County's natural resources while possibly permitting the development of community park facilities on non-sensitive, upland areas. We are requesting that future POS Local Share funds be used for this acquisition.

This project ranks tenth for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under "Eight Visions" below).
- This project may improve water quality through stream restoration and reforestation efforts, which appears as a County Goal for Resource Conservation on pages 28 and 82 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- This project identifies, protects and restores lands and waterways in Maryland that support important aquatic and terrestrial natural resources and ecological functions, which appears as a State Goal for Resource Conservation on page 28 and 81 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan. The same is true for 2022 Resource Conservation State Goal of assessing the combined ability of state and local programs to manage watersheds in ways that protect, conserve and restore stream corridors, riparian forest buffers, wetlands and etc.
- Howard County Interior Greenway acquisitions may fall within the Opportunity Zones for public access to parks and natural resources areas as identified on pages 58 and 59 of the Plan.
- Howard County Interior Greenway acquisitions may fall within the Opportunity Zones for increased public water access as identified on pages 66 and 67 of the Plan.

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- Patapsco Greenway acquisitions may improve public access and connectivity to trails and pathways where such access is currently limited as identified on pages 70 and 71 of the Plan.
- This project is identified on pages 137 and 138 of the Plan as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program and the Howard County Interior Greenway, respectively.
- This project, as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program, is identified on page 145 of the Plan as meeting numerous State and County goals identified throughout the Plan and summarized on pages 140 through 143.
- The project, potentially located in each Planning Area, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council Districts.

It also addresses certain elements of the “Eight Visions” as follows:

- Direct growth to appropriate areas – Most remaining parcels are located outside the Planned Service Area and their acquisition prevents their development into residential or commercial use.
- Protect sensitive areas – Riparian buffers, wetlands, steep slopes, floodplain, and forested areas will be protected by this acquisition.
- Protect the Chesapeake – These greenways are within the Patapsco and Patuxent watersheds and flow into the Bay. Sensitive areas will be perpetually protected within these acquired parcels, thus helping the Bay recovery.
- Control sprawl – Although several of these greenways are not within the Planned Service Area for water and sewer, the park is necessary to serve existing populations. Additional growth is controlled by current low-density zoning; thus, the park will not encourage sprawl.
- Conserve resources – This acquisition will permit passive recreation while protecting sensitive areas and wildlife habitat. Passive recreational facilities provided within these greenways may include properly designed trails, picnic tables, seating, and related improvements.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.
- Both local and State funding were authorized in the FY2025 for parkland acquisition.

D. Acreage

1. Ultimate Acreage – Trying to connect with thousands of existing greenways to larger greenways along the Patapsco and Patuxent Rivers.

E. Source of Funds

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| 1. Total | \$TBD |
| 2. Local | \$0 |
| 3. State Local Share | \$TBD |
| 4. State Side Share | \$0 |
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F. Locations need to be identified and mapped.

Project #6

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: 2027 Howard County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan

C. Project Description:

The 2027 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan is mandated by State Law and a prerequisite for Maryland Program Open Space funding. Comprehensive planning is a continuous process. This is a request for the FY24 installment.

D. Source of Funds

1. Total	\$125,000
2. Local	\$0
3. State Local Share	\$25,000/year
4. State Side Share	\$0

III. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Project #1

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Centennial Park West Area Ballfield Lighting

C. Project Description: Ellicott City Planning Area; District 1

Phase 1 continuation. Howard County anticipates using past LPPI funding for the Phase 1 sports field renovation project which includes renovating three grass softball fields, converting them to turf, along with access and other site improvements. Additional funding is required to supply and install the ballfield lighting and for the construction management of the project. Centennial Park West Area is located at 4651 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

This is our first development priority for FY24 for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under “Eight Visions” below).
- This project can be characterized as park systemic improvements to existing facility and so appears on page 181 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan, as a short-term, mid-term, long-term priority.
- This project satisfied multiple County and State Goals, as identified on page 189 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.

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- This project, located in the Ellicott City Planning Area and in consideration of other POS acquisition and development priorities, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council Districts.

This project complies with local and state initiatives as described in the Project Selection section of this Program.

It also addresses certain elements of the “Eight Visions” as follows:

- Direct development to growth areas – Centennial Park is within the County’s Planned Service (Smart Growth) Area and is surrounded by existing residential development.
- Protect sensitive areas – This project will not impact sensitive areas.
- Protect the Chesapeake – This project will not disturb environmentally sensitive areas or create additional stormwater management obligations.
- Control sprawl – This project makes minor improvements to existing park amenities within an existing park already surrounded by existing residential development and will not promote further urban sprawl.
- Conservation of resources – This project will not disturb sensitive areas and habitats.
- Adequate public facilities – This Park is already served by public roads, water and sewer. This project will not alter public attendance of the park or burden existing public infrastructure.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.

D. Source of Funds – FY25 unencumbered

1. Total	\$2,000,000
2. Local	\$ 200,000
3. State Local Share	\$1,800,000
4. State Side Share	\$0

E. Location and site maps are attached at the end of this Annual Program.

Project #2

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Robinson Nature Center Amphitheater Construction

C. Project Description: Columbia Planning Area; District 4

Howard County will be designing and constructing an amphitheater and access pathways that will fit in with the natural setting of the Robinson Nature Center. The project will include seating, accessible walks, and a stage area. The amphitheater will support County, Recreation and Parks, and Center Programs and performances. The design and construction will to the maximum extent practical utilize natural materials and environmentally sensitive design practices. The design will be developed by in-house planning staff. Robinson Nature Center is located at 6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044.

This is our second development priority for FY25 for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under “Eight Visions” below).
- This project can be characterized as park systemic improvements to an existing park and so appears on page 179 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan, as a short-term, mid-term, long-term priority.
- This project satisfied multiple County and State Goals, as identified on page 189 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- This project, located in the Columbia Planning Area and in consideration of other POS acquisition and development priorities, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council Districts.
- This project complies with local and state initiatives as described in the Project Selection section of this Program.

It also addresses certain elements of the “Eight Visions” as follows:

- Direct development to growth areas – Robinson Nature Center is within the County’s Planned Service (Smart Growth) Area and is surrounded by existing residential development.
- Protect sensitive areas – This project will not impact sensitive areas.
- Protect the Chesapeake – This project will not disturb environmentally sensitive areas or create additional stormwater management obligations.
- Control sprawl – This project makes minor improvements to existing park amenities within an existing park already surrounded by existing residential development and will not promote further urban sprawl.
- Conservation of resources – This project will not disturb sensitive areas and habitats.
- Adequate public facilities – This Park is already served by public roads, water and sewer. This project will not alter public attendance of the park or burden existing public infrastructure.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.

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A. Source of Funds – FY25 unencumbered

1. Total	\$500,000
2. Local	\$ 50,000
3. State Local Share	\$450,000
4. State Side Share	\$0

D. Location and site maps are attached at the end of this Annual Program.

Project #3

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Centennial Park – South Area - Roadways

C. Project Description: Ellicott City Planning Area; District 1

Centennial Park South area is over 35 years old and is heavily used by park patrons. We propose to mill, add paving fabric and overlay roadways, pathways and parking in the south area of Centennial Park along with making ADA improvements. The areas that will be renovated provide public access to park pavilions, boat rentals, boat ramp and open recreation areas. ADA improvements are included. Centennial Park – South Area is located at 10,000 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

This is our third development priority for FY25 for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under “Eight Visions” below).
- This project can be characterized as park systemic improvements to an existing park and so appears on page 181 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan, as a short-term, mid-term, long-term priority.
- This project satisfied multiple County and State Goals, as identified on page 189 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- This project, located in the Ellicott City Planning Area and in consideration of other POS acquisition and development priorities, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council Districts.
- This project complies with local and state initiatives as described in the Project Selection section of this Program.

It also addresses certain elements of the “Eight Visions” as follows:

- Direct development to growth areas – Centennial Park is within the County’s Planned Service (Smart Growth) Area and is surrounded by existing residential development.

- Protect sensitive areas – This project will not impact sensitive areas.
- Protect the Chesapeake – This project will not disturb environmentally sensitive areas or create additional stormwater management obligations.
- Control sprawl – This project makes minor improvements to existing park amenities within an existing park already surrounded by existing residential development and will not promote further urban sprawl.
- Conservation of resources – This project will not disturb sensitive areas and habitats.
- Adequate public facilities – This Park is already served by public roads, water and sewer. This project will not alter public attendance of the park or burden existing public infrastructure.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.

B. Source of Funds – FY25 unencumbered

1. Total	\$444,444.44
2. Local	\$ 44,444.44
3. State Local Share	\$400,000.00
4. State Side Share	\$0

E. Location and site maps are attached at the end of this Annual Program.

Project #4

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: West Friendship Park Improvements

C. Project Description: Rural West Planning Area; Council District 5

Howard County will be renovating an existing structure at West Friendship Park to accommodate an indoor activity facility with restrooms for public use, programs and camps, along with an additional separate standalone restroom and shower facility to increase access and usability of the park for public use, youth camping and programs. Work will consist of the design and installation of an interior restroom facility which may include HVAC equipment, sprinkler system, 3-phase power installation, interior finish work and insulation, and a separate restroom and shower facility on the property. West Friendship Park is located at 12985 Frederick Road, West Friendship, MD 21794.

This is our fourth development priority for FY25 for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under “Eight Visions” below).

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- West Friendship Park is identified on page 189 of the 2022 Plan as meeting numerous State and County goals identified throughout the Plan and summarized on page 180 of the 2022 Plan.
- This project addresses County Goal 3.1 on page 152 of the 2022 Plan by providing an improved facility to better preserve and share local and regional agricultural heritage with the public. This project also has the potential to meet County Goals 5.4 and 5.5 on page 191 of the 2022 Plan by connecting the County's agricultural heritage to public health and education through modern, interactive exhibits, applications, and resources.
- This project complies with local and state initiatives as described in the Project Selection section of this Program.

It also addresses certain elements of the "Eight Visions" as follows:

- Direct development to growth areas – This project is on County-owned property and does not promote new development.
- Protect sensitive areas – This project will not disturb any environmentally sensitive areas.
- Protect the Chesapeake - Environmentally sustainable designs and facilities are incorporated where possible.
- Control sprawl – This project only proposed to redevelop and repair facilities within an existing park that is surrounded by existing neighborhoods and should not promote sprawl in any way.
- Adequate public facilities – This park is already served by existing public roads and utilities.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.

1. Source of Funds – FY25 unencumbered

1. Total	\$1,858,055.55
2. Local	\$185,805.55
3. State Local Share	\$1,672,250.00 (1,272,250.00 + \$400,000 LPPI-13-15)
4. State Side Share	\$0

Location and site maps are attached at the end of this Annual Program.

Project #5

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Patapsco Female Institute – Building/Office Area

C. Project Description: Ellicott City Planning Area; District 1

Howard County intends to design and construct a standalone restroom facility with a storage room and

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a future pavilion. The County also plans to continue with renovations and improvements to the historic ruins to ensure that it remains a valuable educational and historic site. The Patapsco Female Institute is located 3655 Church Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

This is our fourth development priority for FY2025 for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under “Eight Visions” below).
- This project can be characterized as park systemic improvements to existing facility and so appears on page 182 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan, as a short-term, mid-term, long-term priority.
- This project satisfies multiple County and State Goals, as identified on page 189 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- The restoration and refurbishment of historic sites brings these spaces back to life and permits their adaptive and flexible reuse in most cases, addressing County Goals 5.1, 5.4, and 5.5 on pages 190 and 191 as well as County Goal 3.1 on page 152 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- Draft plans for this project include the installation of ramps and an elevator that will enable for the first time for visitors with disabilities to access the existing upper level of this facility as well as the proposed upper levels of the improved chapel area, which addresses County Goal 1.1 on page 75 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan by removing barriers to access.
- This project, located in the Ellicott City Planning Area and in consideration of other POS acquisition and development priorities, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council.
- This project complies with local and state initiatives as described in the Project Selection section of this Program.

It also addresses certain elements of the “Eight Visions” as follows:

- Direct development to growth areas – Patapsco Female Institute is within the County’s Planned Service (Smart Growth) Area and is surrounded by existing residential development.
- Protect sensitive areas – This project will not impact sensitive areas.
- Protect the Chesapeake – This project will not disturb environmentally sensitive areas or create additional stormwater management obligations.
- Control sprawl – This project makes minor improvements to an existing park facility surrounded by existing residential development and will not promote further urban sprawl.
- Conservation of resources – This project will not disturb sensitive areas and habitats.

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- Adequate public facilities – This Park is already served by public roads, water and sewer. This project will not alter public attendance of the park or burden existing public infrastructure.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.

D. Source of Funds – FY25 unencumbered

1. Total	\$419,916.66
2. Local	\$41,916.66
3. State Local Share	\$377,250.00
4. State Side Share	\$0

E. Location and site maps are attached at the end of this Annual Program.

Project #6

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Blandair Regional Park Phase 6

C. Project Description: Columbia Planning Area; District 2

This request is for additional funding for Blandair Park Phase 6 due to escalating costs and the addition of sports court lighting. The project consists of 6 lighted pickleball courts, 2 lighted basketball courts, a lighted skate park, lighted pathways and lighted parking lot. Blandair Regional Park Phase 6 is located at 5750 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21044.

This is our sixth development priority for FY25 for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under “Eight Visions” below).
- This project can be characterized as a new effort and appears on page 177 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan as a short-term, mid-term, long-term priority.
- This project satisfied multiple County and State Goals, as identified on page 189 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- This project, located in the Columbia Planning Area and in consideration of other POS acquisition and development priorities, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council Districts
- This project complies with local and state initiatives as described in the Project Selection section of this Program.

It also addresses certain elements of the “Eight Visions” as follows:

- Direct development to growth areas – Blandair Park is within the County’s Planned Service (Smart Growth) Area and is surrounded by existing residential development.
- Protect sensitive areas – This project will not impact sensitive areas.
- Protect the Chesapeake – This project will not disturb environmentally sensitive areas or create additional stormwater management obligations.
- Control sprawl – This project makes is surrounded by existing residential development and will not promote further urban sprawl.
- Conservation of resources – This project will not disturb sensitive areas and habitats.
- Adequate public facilities – This Park is already served by public roads, water and sewer. This project will not alter public attendance of the park or burden existing public infrastructure.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.

E. Source of Funds – FY25 unencumbered

1. Total	\$726,216.00
2. Local	\$ 72,621.60
3. State Local Share	\$653,594.40
4. State Side Share	\$0

F. Location and site maps are attached at the end of this Annual Program.

Project #7

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Rockburn Branch Park Pickleball Courts

C. Project Description: Elkridge Planning Area; District 1

Howard County is requesting funding for the design and construction of six (6) lighted pickleball courts with two (2) shade structures, benches, parking improvements and sidewalk ADA improvements at Rockburn Branch Park. Rockburn Branch Park has six ball diamonds and four micro-fields, three multi-purpose fields and two micro-fields, four tennis courts, two basketball courts, one playground 18-hole disc golf course, a bike skills course, 9.37 miles of paved and natural pathway, and numerous visitors who frequent the park. The Rockburn Branch Park pickleball courts will be located at 6105 Rockburn Branch Park Road, Elkridge, MD 21075.

This is our seventh development priority for FY25 for the following reasons:

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- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under “Eight Visions” below).
- This project can be characterized as park systemic improvements to an existing park and so appears on page 180 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan, as a short-term, mid-term, long-term priority.
- This project satisfied multiple County and State Goals, as identified on page 189 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- This project, located in the Columbia Planning Area and in consideration of other POS acquisition and development priorities, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council Districts.
- This project complies with local and state initiatives as described in the Project Selection section of this Program.

It also addresses certain elements of the “Eight Visions” as follows:

- Direct development to growth areas – Rockburn Park is within the County’s Planned Service (Smart Growth) Area and is surrounded by existing residential development.
- Protect sensitive areas – This project will not impact sensitive areas.
- Protect the Chesapeake – This project will not disturb environmentally sensitive areas or create additional stormwater management obligations.
- Control sprawl – This project makes minor improvements to existing park amenities within an existing park already surrounded by existing residential development and will not promote further urban sprawl.
- Conservation of resources – This project will not disturb sensitive areas and habitats.
- Adequate public facilities – This park is already served by public roads, water and sewer. This project will not alter public attendance of the park or burden existing public infrastructure.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.

C. Source of Funds – FY25 unencumbered

1. Total	\$666,666.66
2. Local	\$ 66,666.66
3. State Local Share	\$600,000.00
4. State Side Share	\$0

E. Location and site maps are attached at the end of this Annual Program.

Project #8

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Rockburn Branch Park Restroom Renovation and Family Restroom

C. Project Description: Elkridge Planning Area; District 1

Howard County is requesting funding for the design and renovation of the interior of an existing restroom facility that is over 35 years old. The design will include a family restroom area with adult changing table, along with improvements to the exterior accessible walks. The improvements to this facility will be welcoming to the high volume of park patrons who use the park daily. The restroom facility is located within the main entrance to Rockburn Branch Park at 5400 Landing Road, Elkridge, Maryland. Rockburn Branch Park is 415 acres of both active and passive recreation. Rockburn Branch Park has six ball diamonds and four micro-fields, three multi-purpose fields and two micro-fields, four tennis courts, two basketball courts, one playground 18-hole disc golf course, a bike skills course, 9.37 miles of paved and natural pathway, and numerous visitors who frequent the park. The Rockburn Branch Park restroom facility is located 5400 Landing Road, Elkridge, MD 21075.

This is our eighth development priority for FY25 for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under “Eight Visions” below).
- This project can be characterized as park systemic improvements to an existing park and so appears on page 180 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan, as a short-term, mid-term, long-term priority.
- This project satisfied multiple County and State Goals, as identified on page 189 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- This project, located in the Columbia Planning Area and in consideration of other POS acquisition and development priorities, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council Districts.
- This project complies with local and state initiatives as described in the Project Selection section of this Program.

It also addresses certain elements of the “Eight Visions” as follows:

- Direct development to growth areas – Rockburn Park is within the County’s Planned Service (Smart Growth) Area and is surrounded by existing residential development.
- Protect sensitive areas – This project will not impact sensitive areas.

- Protect the Chesapeake – This project will not disturb environmentally sensitive areas or create additional stormwater management obligations.
- Control sprawl – This project makes minor improvements to existing park amenities within an existing park already surrounded by existing residential development and will not promote further urban sprawl.
- Conservation of resources – This project will not disturb sensitive areas and habitats.
- Adequate public facilities – This park is already served by public roads, water and sewer. This project will not alter public attendance of the park or burden existing public infrastructure.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.

D. Source of Funds – FY25 unencumbered

1. Total	\$444,444.44
2. Local	\$ 44,444.44
3. State Local Share	\$400,000.00
4. State Side Share	\$0

E. Location and site maps are attached at the end of this Annual Program.

Project #9

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Centennial Park – South Area – Playground Replacement

C. Project Description: Ellicott City Planning Area; District 1

Centennial Park South area is over 35 years old and is heavily used by park patrons. The current Centennial Park South Area playground was installed over 20 years ago and has served its useful purpose. This project is to replace the existing playground and safety surfacing with new equipment and surface technology. Centennial Park – South Area is located at 10,000 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

This is our twelfth development priority for FY24 for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under “Eight Visions” below).
- This project can be characterized as park systemic improvements to an existing park and so appears on page 181 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan, as a short-term, mid-term, long-term priority.

- This project satisfied multiple County and State Goals, as identified on page 189 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- This project, located in the Ellicott City Planning Area and in consideration of other POS acquisition and development priorities, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council Districts.
- This project complies with local and state initiatives as described in the Project Selection section of this Program.

It also addresses certain elements of the “Eight Visions” as follows:

- Direct development to growth areas – Centennial Park is within the County’s Planned Service (Smart Growth) Area and is surrounded by existing residential development.
- Protect sensitive areas – This project will not impact sensitive areas.
- Protect the Chesapeake – This project will not disturb environmentally sensitive areas or create additional stormwater management obligations.
- Control sprawl – This project makes minor improvements to existing park amenities within an existing park already surrounded by existing residential development and will not promote further urban sprawl.
- Conservation of resources – This project will not disturb sensitive areas and habitats.
- Adequate public facilities – This Park is already served by public roads, water and sewer. This project will not alter public attendance of the park or burden existing public infrastructure.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.

F. Source of Funds – FY25 unencumbered

1. Total	\$433,466.11
2. Local	\$ 43,346.61
3. State Local Share	\$390,119.50
4. State Side Share	\$0

E. Location and site maps are attached at the end of this Annual Program.

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Project #10

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: B & O Museum

C. Project Description: Ellicott City Planning Area; Council District 1

The purpose of this project is to celebrate and reimagine the visitor experience at the Ellicott City B&O Station Museum for its 200th anniversary in 2031. Built in 1831, it's the oldest surviving railroad station in the United States and is recognized on the National Register of Historic Places. The exhibits and layout are antiquated and require a complete overhaul and reimagination. This project will include providing for incorporating technology, including augmented reality, updated exhibits, interactive components and a more accurate interpretation of the site. Various building renovations are included in the scope, including stair reconfiguration, restroom remodeling and interior wall stabilization. The project includes a metal fabricated canopy to protect the newly restored 1927 C-2149 Caboose. Accessibility will be significantly improved by providing better access through renovations of the building to include removal of barriers and installation of an elevator. The B & O Museum is located at 3711 Maryland Avenue, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

This is our eleventh development priority for FY25 for the following reasons:

- This project conforms to the Howard County General Plan, the Planning Act of 1992 and the Smart Growth Initiative (see detail under "Eight Visions" below).
- This project can be characterized as park systemic improvements to existing facility and so appears on page 182 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan, as a short-term, mid-term, long-term priority.
- This project satisfies multiple County and State Goals, as identified on page 189 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- The restoration and refurbishment of historic sites brings these spaces back to life and permits their adaptive and flexible reuse in most cases, addressing County Goals 5.1, 5.4, and 5.5 on pages 190 and 191 as well as County Goals listed on page 152 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.
- The purpose of this project is to celebrate and reimagine the visitor experience at the Ellicott City B&O Station Museum for its 200th anniversary in 2031. Built in 1831, it's the oldest surviving railroad station in the United States and is recognized on the National Register of Historic Places. The exhibits and layout are antiquated and require a complete overhaul and reimagination. This project will include providing for incorporating technology, including augmented reality, updated exhibits, interactive components and a more accurate interpretation of the site. Various building renovations are included in the scope, including stair reconfiguration, restroom remodeling and interior wall stabilization. The project includes a metal fabricated canopy to protect the newly restored 1927 C-2149 Caboose. Accessibility will be significantly improved by providing better access through renovations of the building to include removal of barriers and

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installation of an elevator. Which addresses State Goals listed on page 124 and County Goals listed on page 125 of the 2022 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.

- This project, located in the Ellicott City Planning Area and in consideration of other POS acquisition and development priorities, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council.
- This project complies with local and state initiatives as described in the Project Selection section of this Program.

It also addresses certain elements of the “Eight Visions” as follows:

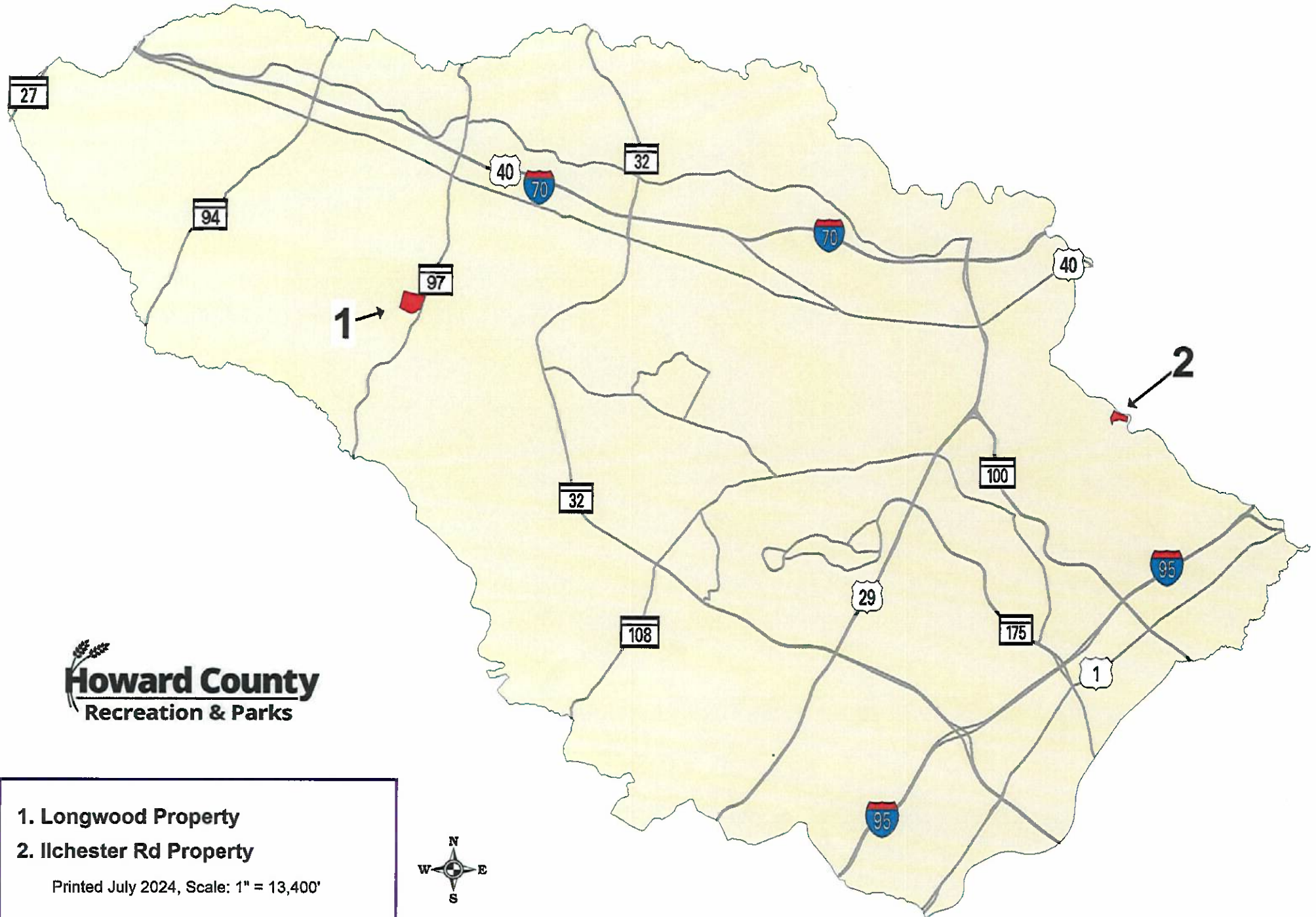
- Direct development to growth areas – B & O Museum, is within the County’s Planned Service (Smart Growth) Area and is surrounded by existing development.
- Protect sensitive areas – This project will not impact sensitive areas.
- Protect the Chesapeake – This project will not disturb environmentally sensitive areas or create additional stormwater management obligations.
- Control sprawl – This project makes minor improvements to an existing park facility surrounded by existing residential development and will not promote further urban sprawl.
- Conservation of resources – This project will not disturb sensitive areas and habitats.
- Adequate public facilities – This Museum is already served by public roads, water and sewer. This project will not alter public attendance of the park or burden existing public infrastructure.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.

2. Source of Funds – FY25 unencumbered

5. Total	\$1,022,222.22
6. Local	\$822,222.22
7. State Local Share	\$200,000.00
8. State Side Share	\$0

Location and site maps are attached at the end of this Annual Program.

FY2025 Program Open Space Annual Program Acquisitions Vicinity Map





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Longwood Property

3188 MD Route 97, Glenwood, 21738

Tax Map 14, Grid 21, Parcel 74

To acquire 97.66 acres (in red)



Scale: 1" = 400'





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Ilchester Road Property

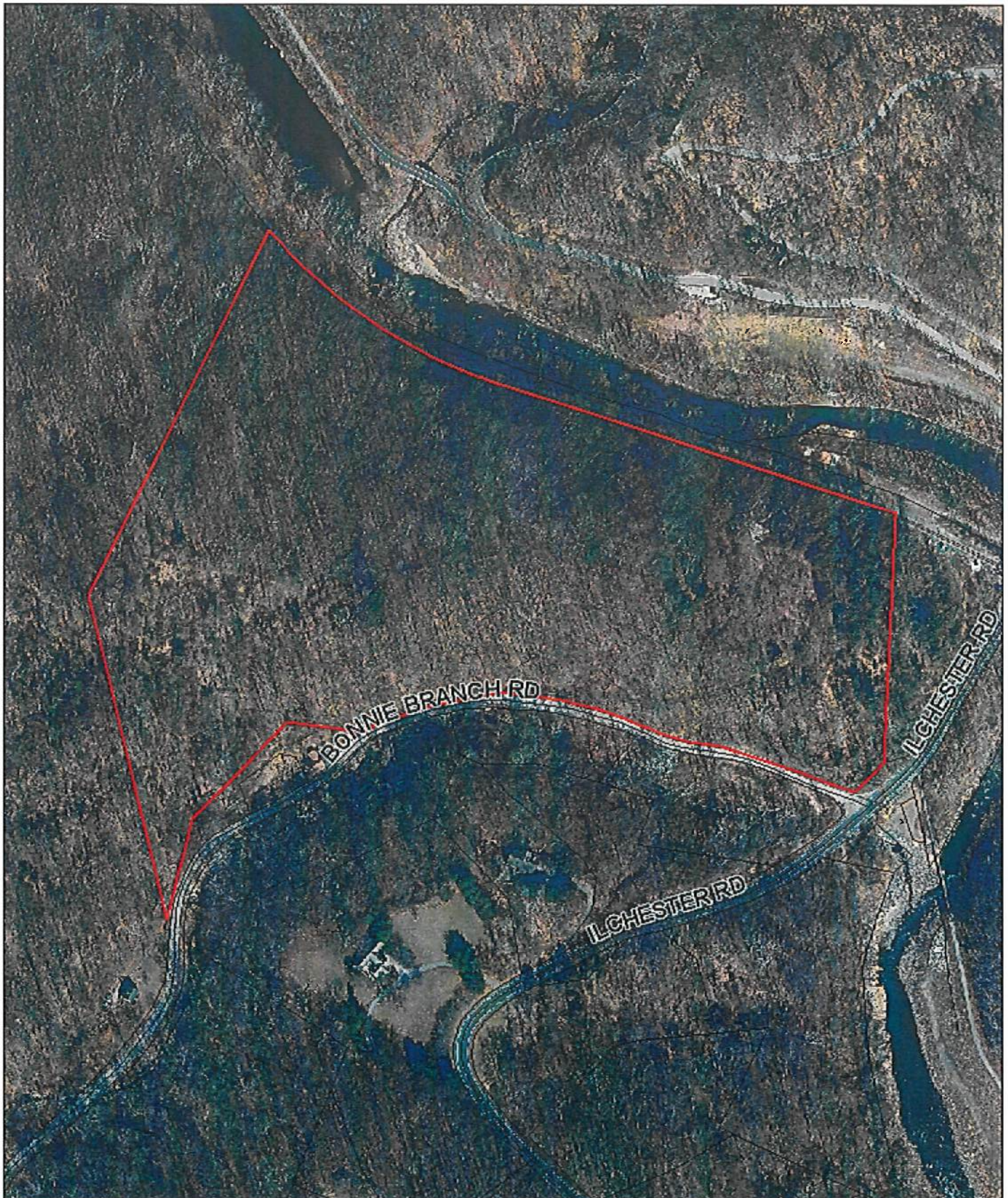
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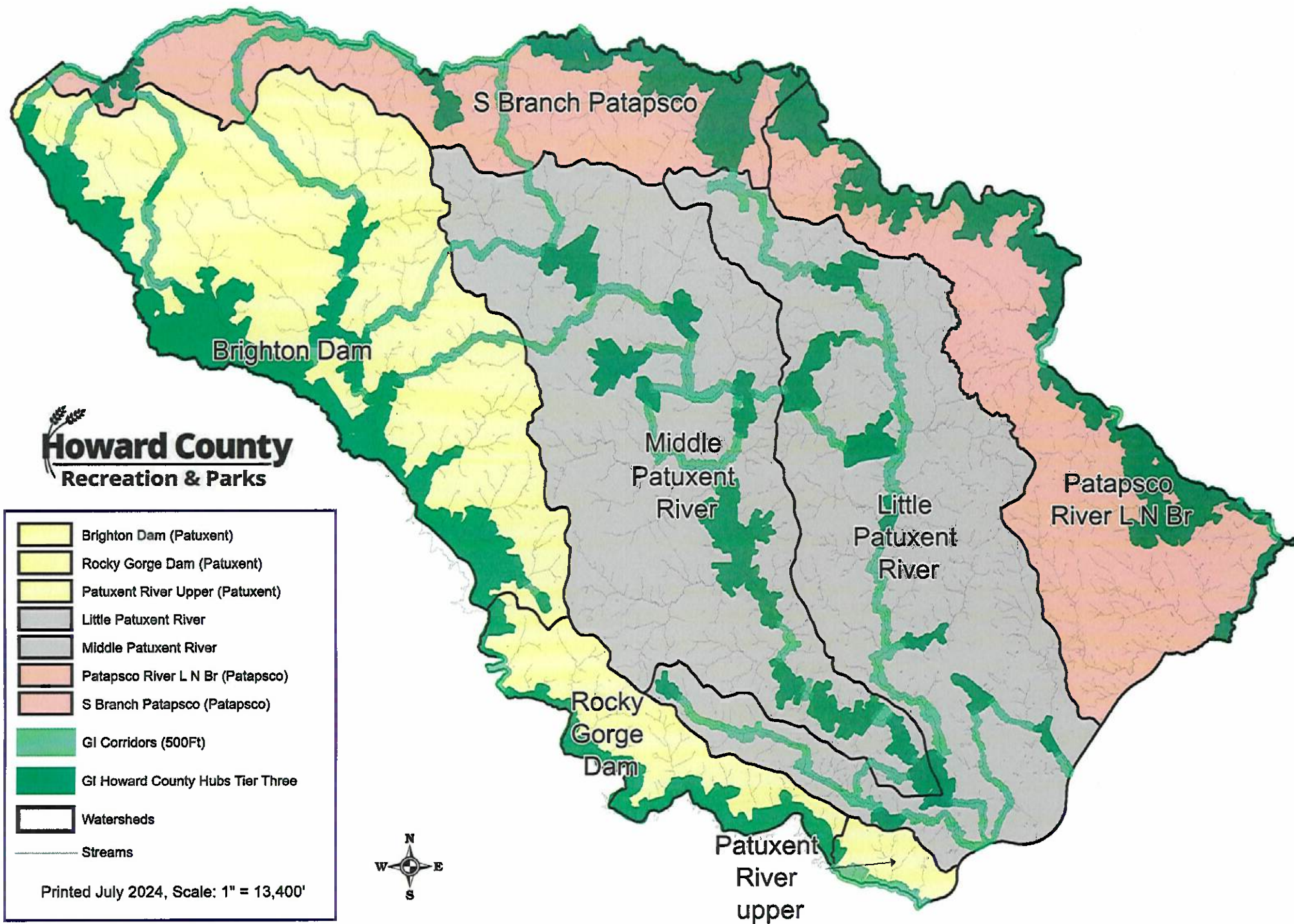
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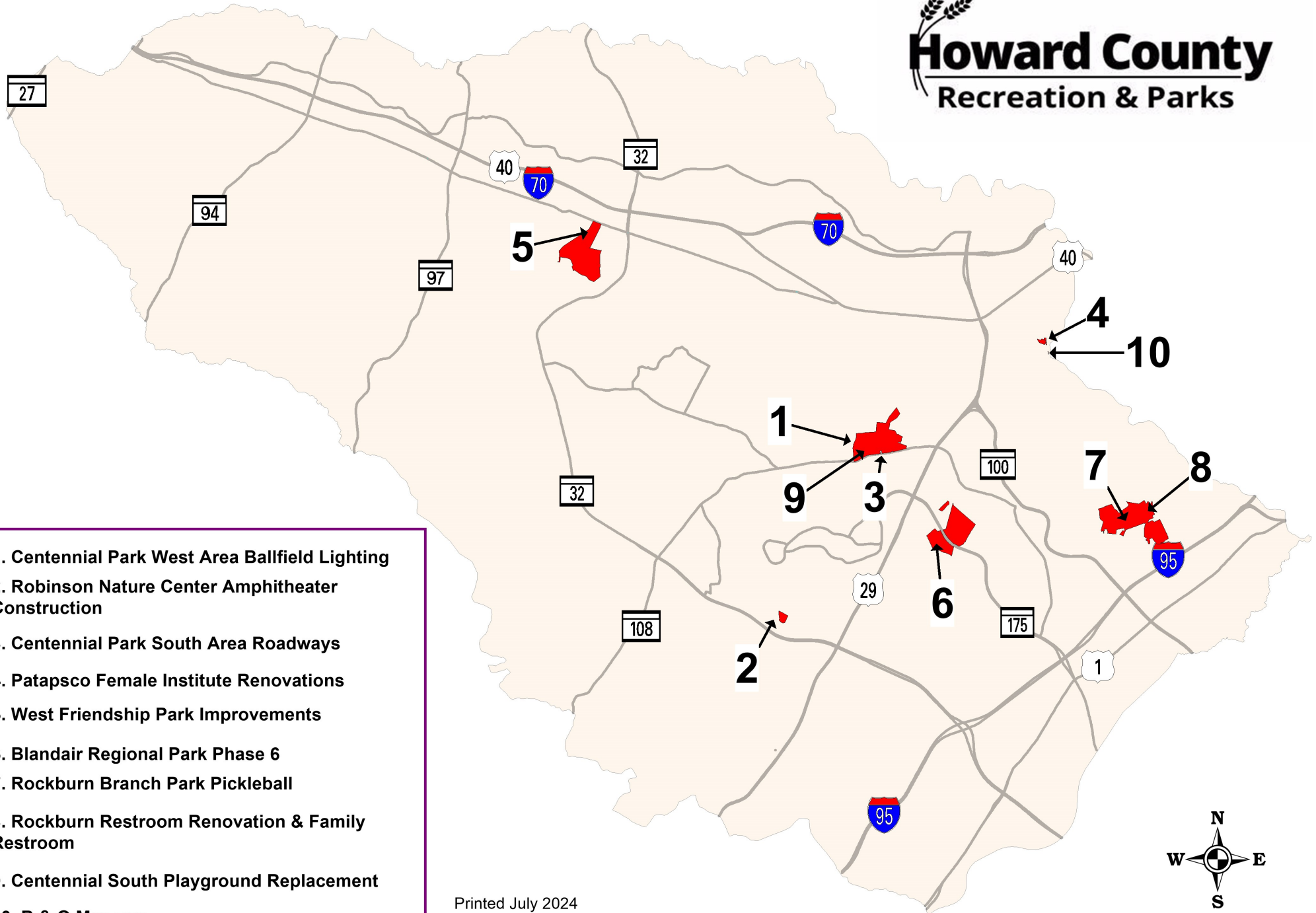
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FY2025 Program Open Space Annual Program - Green Infrastructure Map



FY2025 Program Open Space Annual Program Development Vicinity Map



1. Centennial Park West Area Ballfield Lighting
2. Robinson Nature Center Amphitheater Construction
3. Centennial Park South Area Roadways
4. Patapsco Female Institute Renovations
5. West Friendship Park Improvements
6. Blandair Regional Park Phase 6
7. Rockburn Branch Park Pickleball
8. Rockburn Restroom Renovation & Family Restroom
9. Centennial South Playground Replacement
10. B & O Museum

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Scale: 1" = 13,500'



Centennial Park West Area

4651 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City, 21042

Tax Map 30, Grid 7, Parcel 9

Centennial Park West Ballfield Lighting



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Scale: 1" = 250'



Robinson Nature Center

6692 Cedarlane, Columbia, 21044

Tax Map 35, Grid 22, Parcel 87

Amphitheater Construction



Scale: 1" = 150'



Centennial Park South Area

10,000 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, 21042

Tax Map 30, Grid 2, Parcel 10

Centennial Park South Area Roadways



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Scale: 1" = 415'





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Patapsco Female Institute

3655 Church Road, Ellicott City, 21043

Tax Map 25, Grid 8, Parcel 212



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Scale: 1" = 200'





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West Friendship Park

12985 Frederick Road, West Friendship, 21794
Tax Map 15, Grid 10, Parcel 142



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Indoor/Outdoor Archery and Activity Center

Scale: 1" = 200'





Rockburn Branch Park Pickleball Courts

6105 Rockburn Branch Park Rd, Elkrige, MD 21075
Tax Map 31, Grid 23, Parcel 235



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Scale: 1" = 100'



Rockburn Branch Park Restroom Renovations & Family Restrooms



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6105 Rockburn Branch Park Rd, Elkridge, MD 21075
Tax Map 31, Grid 23, Parcel 640

Scale: 1" = 100'



Centennial Park South Area Playground and Surface Replacement

10,000 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, Md. 21042
Tax Map 30, Grid 7, Parcel 9



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Scale: 1" = 100'

