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June 21, 2024

Ms. Tiffany DePaoli
Land Acquisition and Planning
Department of Natural Resources
Program Open Space
Tawes State Office Building E4
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Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Washington County FY25 Annual Program - Program Open Space

Dear Ms. DePaoli:

Enclosed please find Washington County's Annual POS Program for FY 2025 which identifies acquisition and development projects for both the County and its municipalities. All project requests were presented by the applicants before the County's Recreation and Parks advisory Board. The program was recommended by the Recreation and Parks Board and approved by the Board of County Commissioners and anticipates spending \$517,019 for development projects and \$300,000 on acquisition projects in FY 2025. The project descriptions are included and costs shown in the attached program schedule which includes funding from the FY25 allocation as well as a small amount from the existing unencumbered balance reserves.

The site locations for the various projects are shown on the attached maps with a numerical identifier. Copies of the Annual Program will be sent to all municipalities and Maryland Department of Planning.

Thank you for your assistance with the Program Open Space program and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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FY 2025 Program Project Descriptions

The Program Open Space (POS) projects support the County's Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) through Public Investment, Resource Protection, Social Integration, and promoting Health and Wellness. Project priorities support Maryland's growth management policies and the 1992 Planning Act eight visions. Project requests were reviewed relative to the County's 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan priorities and goals including maximizing general public access and use. Some projects requests were cut or reduced due to limited available funding and prioritizing projects that aligned with the County's LPPRP priorities and goals.

Development

Hagerstown

City Park – Burnap Parking Lot Improvements (Project #1)
501 Virginia Avenue
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Burnap Parking Lot in City Park is an unimproved gravel parking area that is close in proximity to the tennis court, the west pavilion, a playground area, the softball fields and the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Current parking in this gravel lot is haphazard and does not meet stormwater regulations. Parking is limited during large outdoor events such as softball tournaments and special events. The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, located to the east of this parking area, has plans to expand into the former Bock Oil Company property. Their expansion project is proposed to begin in late 2024. The museum project is part of a larger plan for the Museum to become a regional draw. The improved parking lot will help meet the needs of this tourism draw to the area and to City Park.

The proposed project is to improve the Burnap Parking Lot with asphalt paving, concrete curbs, line striping, and a required stormwater pond. This will create organized and efficient parking for 91 spaces including 4 handicap and 2 bus spaces. Parking for buses will provide space for school field trips and tourist buses.

The project supports the County's goal of maintaining the existing park infrastructure in a manner that considers future user needs and service upgrades and designing facilities to preserve, protect and enhance natural and cultural resources.

Hancock

Joseph Hancock and Widmeyer Park – Pavilion Roof Replacements (Project #2 and #3)
167 West Main Street & 220 Park Road
Hancock, MD 21750

The existing pavilions and roofs are deteriorating which is compromising the structural integrity and safety of the community space and jeopardizing the investment of the facilities. The proposed project involves the installation of durable weather resistant roofing materials to ensure long term reliability and protection for park visitors. There is one pavilion in Joseph Hancock Park and five pavilions and gazebos in Widmeyer Park included in the project. The work will help preserve these assets for community gatherings, events and recreation activities.

The project supports the County's goal of maintaining the existing park infrastructure in a manner that considers future user needs and service upgrades.

Keedysville

Taylor Park – Restroom Renovation (Project #4)
73 N Main Street
Keedysville, MD 21756

Taylor Park is located within Keedysville. The current restroom facility is outdated and in need of critical upgrades to ensure accessibility, hygiene and improve park users' satisfaction. The proposed renovations include the installation of new fixtures, improve ADA accessibility features, and incorporate environmentally sustainable and hygienic elements. These enhancements will not only address the immediate need for functional and aesthetically pleasing restroom facilities but will also contribute to the overall attractiveness and usability of Taylor Park. The project will help the Park to be a more welcoming and inclusive environment for residents and visitors.

The project supports the County's goal of maintaining the existing park infrastructure in a manner that considers future user needs and service upgrades.

Washington County

Agriculture Education Center – Indoor Multipurpose Building (Project #5)
7303 Sharpsburg Pike
Boonsboro, MD 21713

The project will involve construction of an approximately 55,000 square foot multipurpose building capable of hosting various special and agriculture events as well as recreational activities. It will contain a large open event area line striped for 3 basketball courts, 5 volleyball and pickleball courts with divider partitions. The floor is anticipated to be a durable multiuse floor supporting a range of uses. Additional features include portable bleachers to accommodate a variety of event and recreational activities and configurations, sound system, projection equipment, digital score board systems, and storage for chairs, equipment, and flooring. Other building features include a kitchen/concession area with dual inside and outside service access to the outdoor event area, several staff offices and a meeting room.

The project supports the County's goal of providing additional indoor recreational facilities throughout the County.

Williamsport

Billy Doub Park – Restroom Facilities Improvement (Project #6)
10 Sunset Avenue
Williamsport, MD 21795

Billy Doub Park is located within Williamsport and has little league baseball fields. The current restroom facility is outdated and in need of critical upgrades to ensure accessibility, hygiene and improve park users' satisfaction. The proposed renovations include the installation of new fixtures, improved ADA accessibility features, and incorporate environmentally sustainable and hygienic elements. These enhancements will not only address the immediate need for functional and aesthetically pleasing restroom

facilities but will also contribute to the overall attractiveness and usability of Bill Doub Park. Previously, the walking path was improved to meet ADA standards and the restroom facility improvements will continue efforts to help the Park be a more welcoming and inclusive environment for residents and visitors.

The project supports the County's goal of maintaining the existing park infrastructure in a manner that considers future user needs and service upgrades.

Acquisition

Byron Memorial Park Acquisition – Springfield Mansion (Project #7)
2 & 8 Springfield Lane
Williamsport, MD 21795

The project is the acquisition of 7.92 acres of land that includes the Springfield Mansion House, still house, spring house, tavern, carriage house and other minor ancillary structure that date back to the 1700s. The house was the home place of the Town's founder, Otho Holland Williams. The property includes architectural history that spans four centuries, the oldest American distillery complex, and was visited by George Washington. The entire Springfield complex is wonderfully preserved with most of the original structures intact and unchanged. The property has potential for several uses including a historic and cultural museum and providing opportunities to promote tourism and recreation to support the operation and maintenance of the facility. The barn is already owned by the Town and operated as an events center. The property is adjacent to the barn and Byron Park. The FY25 program authorizes and carries over \$300,000 towards acquisition of the property with potentially more authorized in future years to represent the land value portion of the acquisition. This amount is the same as what was included on the FY24 Program.

The project supports the County's goal of developing a park system consisting of Neighborhood, Community and Regional Parks, equitably located for the convenience and benefit of the greatest number of people as well as preserving, protecting and enhancing natural and cultural resources.

WASHINGTON COUNTY
FY 2025 POS PROGRAM SCHEDULE
FINAL DNR VERSION

SPONSOR	PROJECT	PROJECT ACRES			TOTAL PROJECT COST	LOCAL SHARE POS FUNDS	LOCAL POS SHARE %	POS ACQUISITION FUNDS	POS DEV FUNDS RECOMMENDED	FEDERAL FUNDS	PROJECT NUMBER
		Existing	Ultimate	Project							
HAGERSTOWN	City Park - Burnap Parking Lot Improvements	66	66	1.25	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	16.7%		\$ 135,000.00	\$ -	1
					\$ 600,000.00	\$ 100,000.00		\$ -	\$ 135,000.00		
HANCOCK	Joseph Hancock Park - Pavilion Roof	1.4	1.4	0.03	\$ 10,965.00	\$ 1,097.00	10.0%	\$ -	\$ 9,868.00	\$ -	2
	Widmeyer Park - Pavilion Roof Replacement	24	24	0.15	\$ 54,835.00	\$ 5,484.00	10.0%	\$ -	\$ 49,351.00	\$ -	3
					\$ 65,800.00	\$ 6,581.00		\$ -	\$ 59,219.00		
KEEDYSVILLE	Taylor Park - Restroom Renovation	6	6	0.02	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 4,200.00	10.0%		\$ 37,800.00	\$ -	4
					\$ 42,000.00	\$ 4,200.00		\$ -	\$ 37,800.00		
WASHINGTON COUNTY	Agriculture Education Center Indoor Multipurpose Building	68	68	4	\$ 14,600,000.00	\$ 10,550,000.00	72.3%		\$ 210,000.00	\$ -	5
					\$ 14,600,000.00	\$ 10,550,000.00		\$ -	\$ 210,000.00		
WILLIAMSPORT	Billy Doub Park - Restroom Facility Improvement	5	5	0.01	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	11.8%		\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	6
	Byron Memorial Park Acquisition - Springfield Mansion	27.6	35.5	7.9	\$ 1,105,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 300,000.00		\$ -	7
	(Rollover FY24 POS funds)				\$ 1,190,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 300,000.00	\$ 75,000.00		
TOTAL					\$ 16,948,619.00	\$ 10,750,863.00		\$ 300,000.00	\$ 517,019.00		

Total POS Program FY25 Allocation

\$ 686,847
Development Available 75% \$ 515,135.25
Acquisition Available 25% \$ 171,711.75

POS Acquisition Total

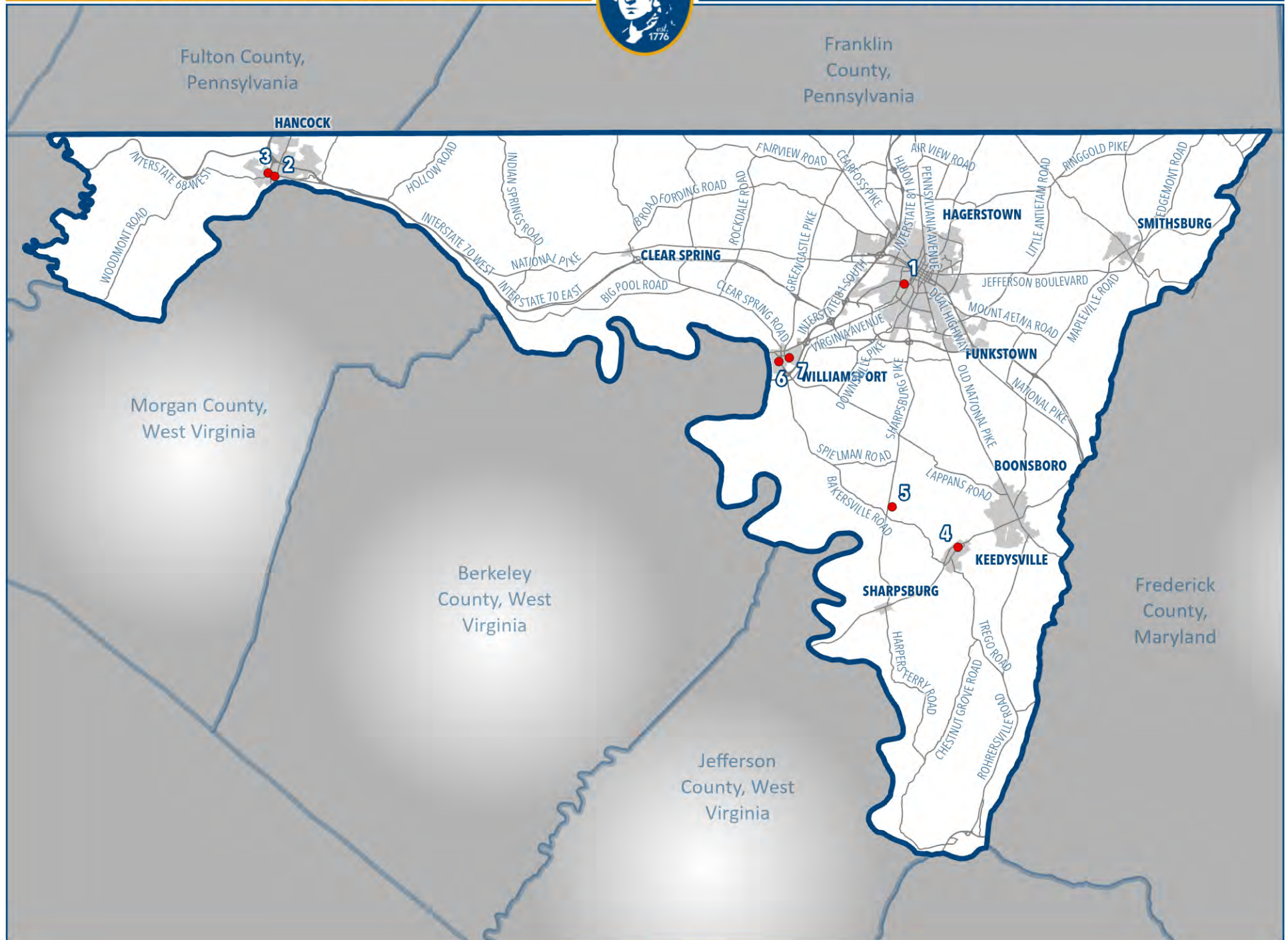
\$ 300,000.00
Difference \$ (128,288.25)

POS Development Total

\$ 517,019.00
Difference \$ (1,883.75)

Total POS Acquisition and Development

\$ 817,019.00





#1 - BURNAP PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Project Location: CITY PARK
Project Sponsor: HAGERSTOWN
Fiscal Year: 2025

 Municipalities
 Program Open Space Project Location





#2 - PAVILION ROOF REPLACEMENT

Project Location: JOSEPH HANCOCK PARK
Project Sponsor: HANCOCK
Fiscal Year: 2025

 Municipalities
 Program Open Space Project Location



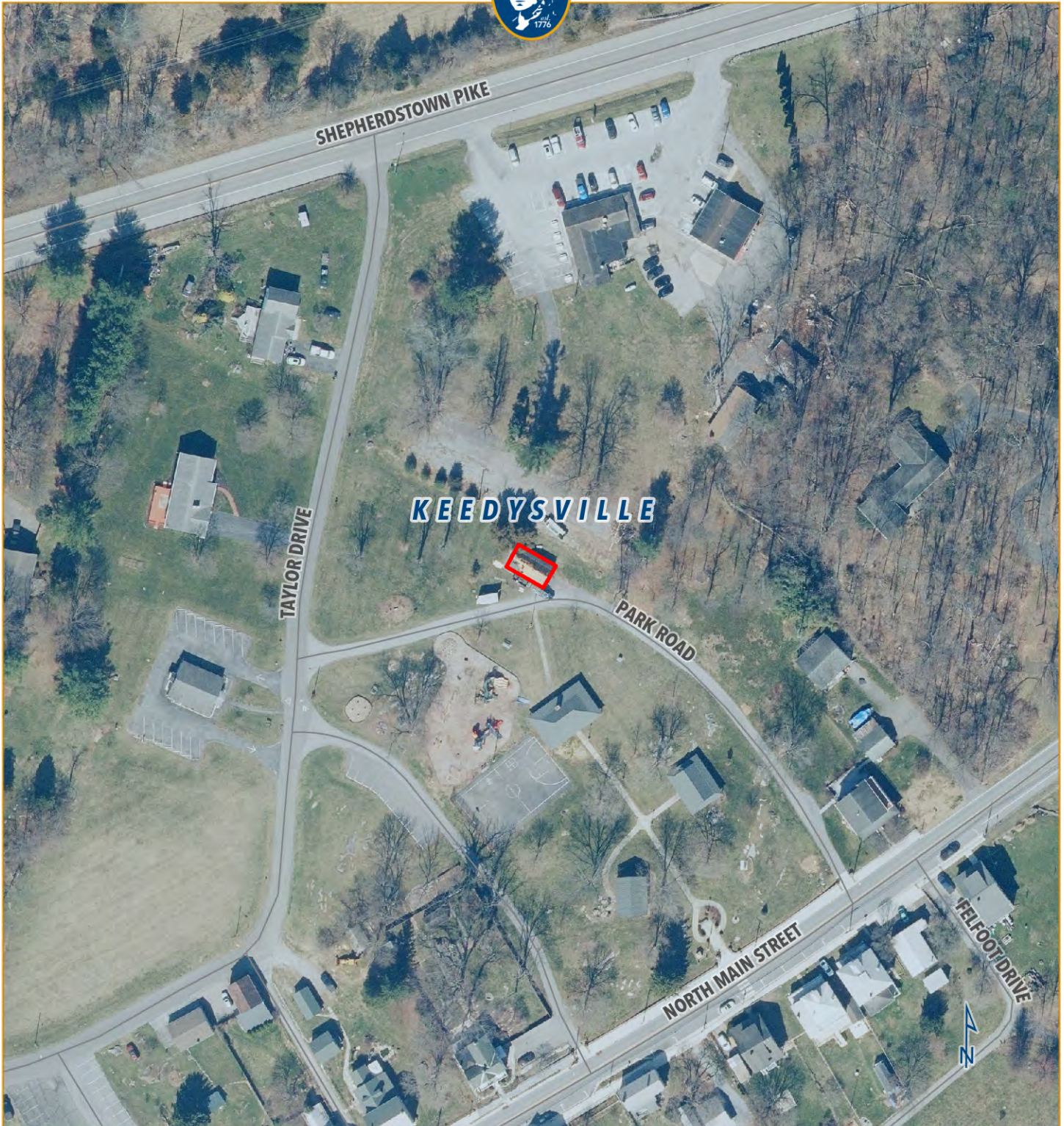


#3 - PAVILION ROOF REPLACEMENT

Project Location: WIDMEYER PARK
 Project Sponsor: HANCOCK
 Fiscal Year: 2025

-  Municipalities
-  Board of Education Properties
-  Program Open Space Project Location



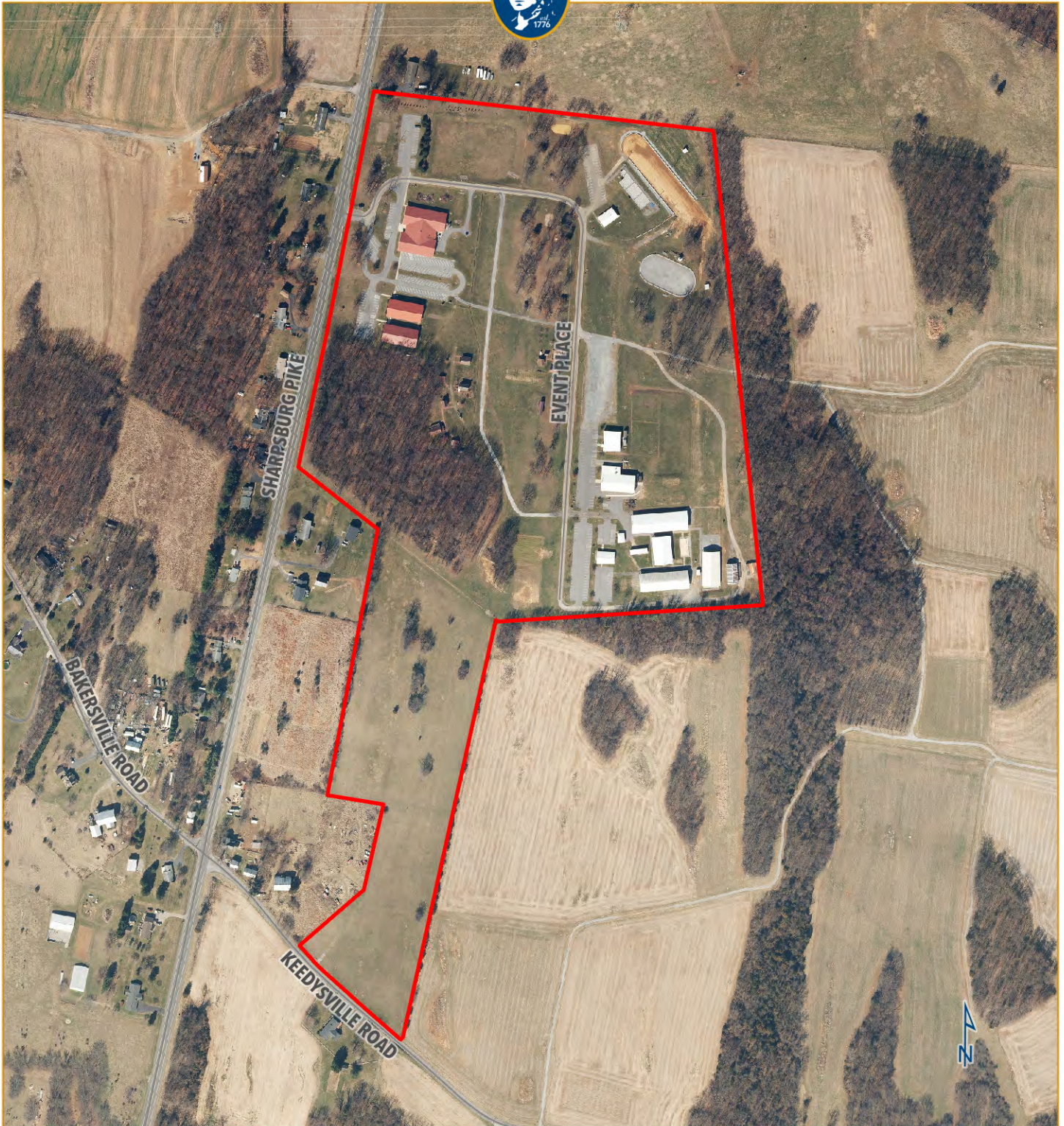


#4 - RESTROOM RENOVATION

Project Location: TAYLOR PARK
Project Sponsor: KEEDYSVILLE
Fiscal Year: 2025

 Municipalities
 Program Open Space Project Location



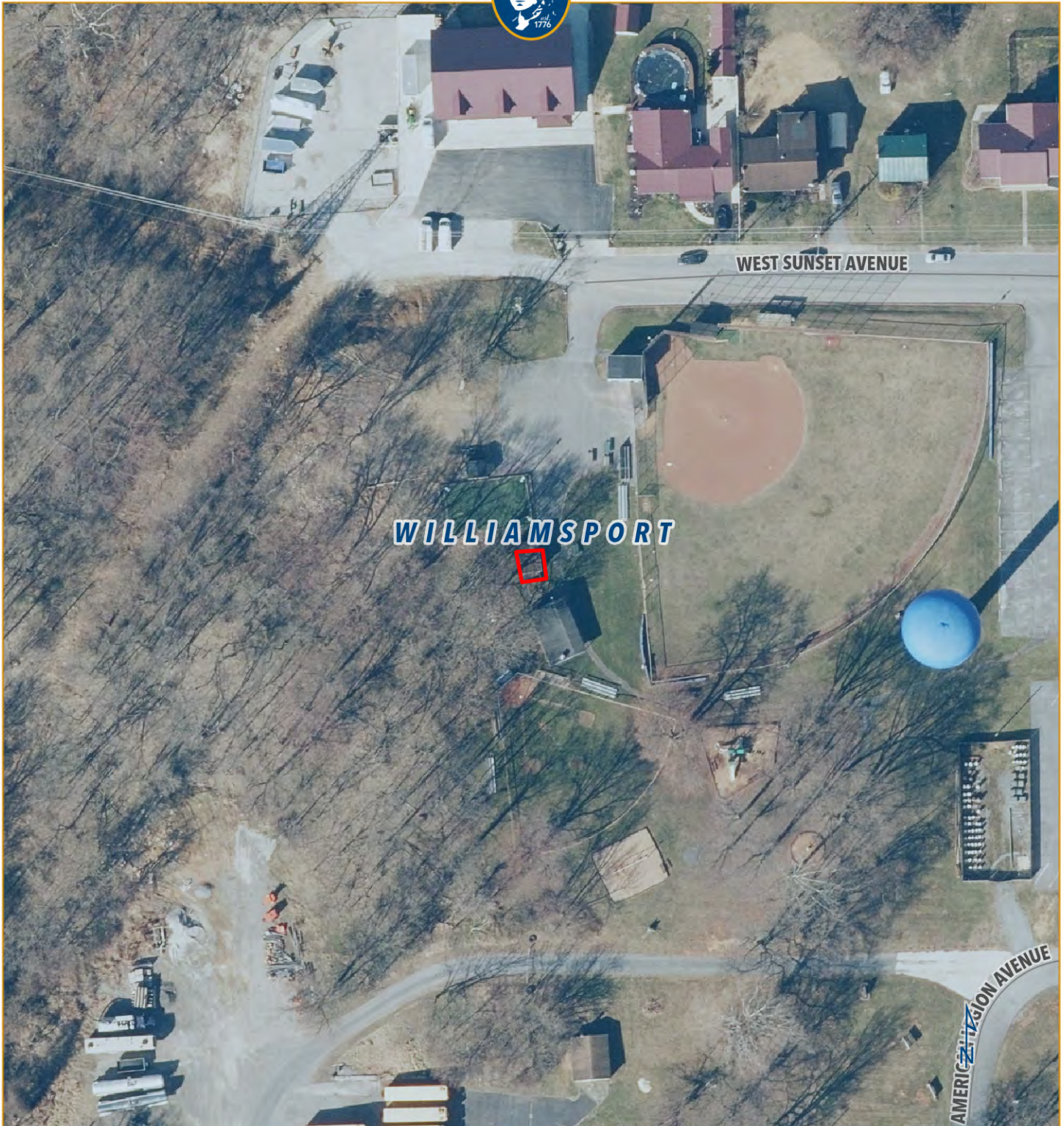


#5 - INDOOR MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING

Project Location: WASHCO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CENTER
Project Sponsor: WASHINGTON COUNTY
Fiscal Year: 2025

 Program Open Space Project Location





#6 - RESTROOM FACILITY IMPROVEMENT

Project Location: BILLY DOUB PARK
Project Sponsor: WILLIAMSPORT
Fiscal Year: 2025

 Municipalities
 Program Open Space Project Location





#7 - BYRON MEMORIAL PARK - SPRINGFIELD MANSION

Project Location: BYRON MEMORIAL PARK
 Project Sponsor: WILLIAMSPORT
 Fiscal Year: 2025

-  Municipalities
-  Board of Education Properties
-  Program Open Space Project Location

