



GREENSPACE EQUITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

DNR Land Acquisition and Planning (LAP) Unit

February 19, 2026

Meeting Agenda

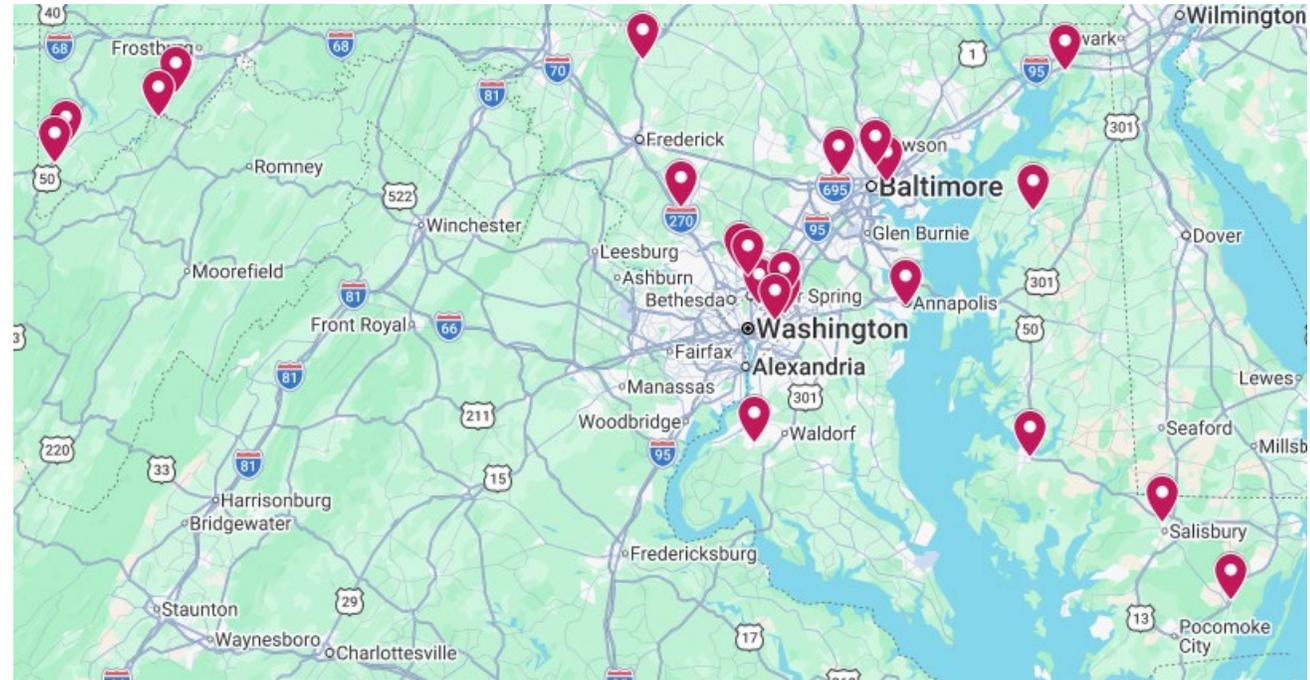


- Call to Order
 - Introductions
 - Roll Call
 - Approval of Minutes
- FY 2025 Updates
- FY 2026 Earmarks
- Appraisal Grant Round
- Overview of FY 2027 Projects and Proposed Selections
- Comments and Questions
- Adjournment

FY 2025 Updates



- 22 projects approved
 - 2 completed
 - playgrounds/park Garrett County
 - 20 in progress
 - 2 already requested 1st reimbursement
 - 11 Spring/Summer
 - 9 Fall/ Winter



Map of FY25 Projects

FY 2026 Earmarks



- 3 earmarked projects
 - \$3.5 million for Hyattsville acquisition – preliminary application received – need revisions and additional information
 - \$3 million for Adventure Sports Park within the Rubini Sports Complex of Wheaton Regional Park – application received and reviewed – need additional information to bring to Board of Public Works
 - \$500,000 for Hillside Park in Baltimore City – no submission yet

Appraisal Grant Round



- 3 applications received
 - 2 from municipalities
 - 1 from land trust
- 3 grants awarded
 - Contingency: must apply for FY27 grant round
 - 2 of the grant recipients submitted acquisition applications
 - Remaining applicant did not obtain appraisals so funds returned

Overview of FY 2027 Projects



➤ 31 Applications

- 2 Acquisitions
- 29 Development Projects
- 14 Counties (including Baltimore City)
- 21 Overburdened and Underserved Areas
- 4 Overburdened Areas
- 4 Underserved Areas
- 2 Adjacent areas
- \$11,903,183.28 Total in Request

Type of Project	Number
Trails	6
Community Woodlands	0
Gathering Open Space	4
Community Garden	5
Urban Farm	1
Park	18
Green Network	0

Overview of FY 2027 Projects

Preliminary Review



- Projects selected for funding would need to meet program requirements and have fairly clear objectives and costs
- Items to further clarify to confirm funding eligibility
 - Updated appraisals – acquisition
 - Itemized budgets – further breakdown
 - Property ownership
 - Community support
 - Accessibility
 - Clarification on overlap with other Local grants*

(*Program Open Space Local, Community Parks and Playgrounds, etc.)

Overview of FY 2027 Projects Preliminary Review



- Group 1 - minimal to no issues for funding - \$3,855,899
 - 2 Acquisition projects
 - 11 Development projects
- Group 2 – some issues or other considerations for funding - \$2,252,034
 - 6 Development projects
- Group 3 – need more information to clarify and may be funded - \$1,556,600
 - 3 Development projects
- Group 4 – not eligible or other considerations for not funding
 - 9 Development projects

Comments and Questions



➤ Appraisals

- Third appraisal or revised appraisals may be requested if the spread between the two submitted appraisals are too wide or if appraisals do not meet USPAP* requirements

(* Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice)

➤ Investment in stormwater management exceeding greenspace and amenity costs

- FY25 discussion on subject

➤ Refurbishing Amenities/Beautification

- Art incorporation/murals
- Interpretive signage (as a standalone project)
- Old playground replacements
- Adding new features to an existing park vs. creating new greenspace

Comments and Questions



- Impervious Surfaces
 - Parking lots
 - Repurposing existing impervious surfaces
- Dog Parks
 - Maintaining open green area
 - Adding amenities such as pavilions/shaded structures
- Projects on State Owned Property by Nonprofits
 - discussion pending (Office of the Attorney General and DNR)
- Other thoughts?