CAROLINE COUNTY

Program Open Space Annual Program Plan FY2022

Submitted on June 1, 2021

Prepared and submitted in accordance with state mandates and guidelines as documented in the Program Open Space Grants Manual. This Annual Program conforms to the Caroline County Comprehensive Plan and the 2017 Caroline County Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.

Susan C. Simmons
Caroline County Recreation & Parks Director

Maureen Keogh
Caroline County Recreation & Parks Advisory Board President
The 2021-22 Annual Program presents a detailed plan for Caroline County’s investment of Program Open Space to expand and rehabilitate existing public park facilities within the exclusive jurisdiction of the county and/or in partnership with incorporated municipalities. The Program is consistent with the 2017 Caroline County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP), scheduled for amendment into the County Comprehensive Land Use Plan on June 27, 2017. Both the LPPRP and this Annual Program are presented in partnership with the Caroline County Recreation and Parks Citizen Advisory Board.

The projects incorporated herein are also based on the following factors:

1. It is an on-going project that has been included in the previous plan.
2. It is a local POS allocation recommendation by the County to support park development efforts by an incorporated municipality and will likely be leveraged into a future Community Parks and Playgrounds grant request by the municipality.
3. The included project establishes a general distribution balance of POS and/or project development support by county professionals over the geographic county regions.
4. The county anticipates or acknowledges mounting support from the community, local and county elected officials and/or private funding or community partnership support for a specific project.

Although in total, the projects in the FY2022 Program Plan exceed the grant funding resources available to the county, the completion date projected for each project is noted in within each project title. Each of these projects are specifically referenced in the 2016 LPPRP in Chapter III in section G. Capital Improvement Acquisition Priorities (pp.60) and in Table III-6 Priorities for Rehabilitation, Development and Land Acquisition, 2017-2025 (pp. xx).

The Annual Plan does not include the FY2023 Community Parks and Playground applications form Caroline County municipalities, nor does it include the State’s GO Bond Fund allocation for park development authorized unexpectedly during the 2021 Maryland Legislative session.

### Project Summary Table: FY2022

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**Project Descriptions**

**83 NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL PARK** (County Tax Map 15: Parcel 135)

Development of the 207 acre waterfront parcel located north of Greensboro on the Upper Choptank River includes conservation design and construction to stabilize existing ditch erosion, completion of a forest and natural resources management plan, expansion of the preliminary public access points to the natural walking trails (Parking, wayfinding signs, limited trail construction) and a master plan process that balances future recreation asset development with resource protection and the community/agency capacity to manage the park.
54 Marydel Community Park  (County Tax Map 2; parcel 18)

This is Phase II development to serve the 1,500 citizens in the north county region. POS Supported construction in this FY will be leveraged with two grant awards to the Town of Marydel: Community Parks and Playground grant and a LWCF grant. Improvements include a second multipurpose field, irrigation improvements for the existing and new field, expanded parking area, storm water management improvements, additional paved pathways and a fenced maintenance building. The project is consistent with the LPPRP and the State Planning Visions and is within the jurisdictional limits of the Town of Marydel.

36 Henderson Community Park

This is a capital reconstruction grant to restore an existing playground, additional tree planting, perimeter walking trail and a small multipurpose field. The park was established in 1990 and has not undergone any significant improvements. Creating a safe pedestrian and cycling pathway from nearby neighborhoods is also an accessibility concern.

58 Ober Community Park

Project leverages Community Parks and Playground funding from the Town of Greensboro with local POS funds to reconstruct existing tennis courts, establish a perimeter walking trail and install small parking and security lighting areas. Project includes active collaboration with the Greensboro Park advisory Board and the Mayor and Council.
70 SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL PARK (County Tax Map 54: Parcel 88)

Development scope includes perimeter trail development, and a pavilion/concession facility with utility infrastructure for future restrooms. This 73-acre site was acquired with POS funds in 2001. The multipurpose fields support league play for soccer and youth lacrosse.

12 CHOPTANK NATURE PARK
(Caroline Tax Map 58: p.4)

This 12.6-acre parcel proposes the phased development of walking trail and a wildlife viewing station around the dredge disposal berms. The final master development plan will include broad community and neighborhood review per the notification requirements of any development within Maryland Critical Area boundaries. The project also includes a partnership with the Caroline Historical Society for the location is a historic building – eventually an interpretive center for the site and the Underground Railroad.

34 HARMONY COMMUNITY PARK

Construction of a new park picnic pavilion, restore perimeter walking trail and playground area is the objective of the modest park renovation, supported by a memorial gift from a local resident.
**44 JONESTOWN COMMUNITY PARK**

Capital restoration includes updating existing playground equipment, installation of a basketball court, paved perimeter walking trail, clearing underbrush from wooded areas, and additional security lighting. Pedestrian access from neighborhood areas along Route 16 is a safety and accessibility issue.

**10 CHAMBERS PARK, TOWN OF FEDERALSBURG**

In active operation since it was established in 1979, Chambers Park requires capital renovation of its historic features (log cabin) and a redesign of traffic and facility features to optimize public access, public safety and recreation use. Local POS investment will likely be combined with an FY23 application for Community Parks & Playgrounds funding for final construction.

**26 Federalsburg Elementary School Community Park** *(County Tax map 201; parcel 459 & 460)*

There are 9 acres surrounding the school within the Town of Federalsburg. Park facilities include youth baseball field, concession stands and playground. Capital investments in the spectator seating area, dugouts and community playground improvements are the target of POS funds.
LAND PRESERVATION, PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

The 2016 Caroline County Plan will be amended to the County Comprehensive Land Use Plan by July 1, 2017. To continue the implementation of the park and preservation planning systems that will inform the development of the 2021 Plan, the county proposes the encumbrance of $25K from its land acquisition allocation account.

COUNTY LOCATION MAPS THAT FOLLOW are excerpts from the 2017 Caroline Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan.
North County Region

Recreation Facilities Regions
- Municipal Boundary
- Caroline County Parks and Recreation Facilities
- County
- Municipal
- Private/Quasi-Public
- Private
- Board of Education
- State

Recreation Facilities Regions
- North
- West
- East
- South

Recreation Sites in this Region
- Bridgetown Ponds Heritage Conservation Area
- Cedar Lane Park
- Charles S. Billilongh Jr. Memorial Park
- Choptank River Park/Sanwalt Park
- Christian Park
- Coldwater Park
- Greensboro Boat Ramp and River Park
- Greensboro School Park
- Henderson Community Park
- Holiday Park Campground (Private)
- Hollingsworth Pond Heritage Conservation Area
- Jessica J. Sutton Memorial Park/“Ball Park
- Maryland Community Park
- Ober Community Park
- Petel Wildlife Sanctuary
- Schrader’s Sporting Clays (Private)
- Sansal Park West
- Templeville Community Park
- Nature Conservancy (Map Fl)
- Nature Conservancy (Map 7)
- North County Regional Park

Note: Private Recreation sites on map are for illustrative purposes only. Acreage is not reflected in the inventory or parity/proximity analysis of this plan.
CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND

East County Region

Recreation Facilities Regions

Municipal Boundary
Caroline County Parks And Recreation Facilities
- County
- Municipal
- Private / Quasi-Public
- Private
- Board of Education
- State

Recreation Facilities Regions
- North
- West
- East
- South

Recreation Sites in this Region
1. 4-H Youth Park
2. Camp Mendota (Private)
3. Camp Tuck
4. Denton Basketball Court
5. Daniel Couse Memorial Park
6. Denton Lion's Club Park
7. Denton School Park
8. Fourth Street Park
9. General James F. Fretfeld Community Center
10. HADS Field
11. Lockerman School Park
12. Martin State Park
13. Sharp Road Park
14. Towers Park
15. Denton Camp and Conference Center (Private)
16. Wheeler Park
17. Rittenhouse Gardens Playground
18. Caroline County Courthouse

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South County Region

Recreation Sites in this Region

3. Austin Avenue Playground
10. Chambers Park
12. Choptank Marina
16. Choptank Wetlands Preserve
18. Colonel Richardson High School
19. Colonel Richardson Tomb / Gilmore Point
24. Dickinson's Tomb
25. Federalsburg Marina Park
26. Federalsburg School Park
28. Guney's Wharf
34. Harmony Community Park
40. Idylwild Wildlife Management Area
41. James T. Wright Memorial Park
43. John S Aylton Tree Nursery
44. Jonestown Community Park
45. Linde's Mill
46. Linde's Mill Pond
48. Lynch Preserve (Private)
49. Mardryhope Rec Area North
50. Mardryhope Rec Area South
51. Mardryhope Rod and Gun Club (Private)
61. Preston Lions Club Park
62. Preston School Baseball Field
63. Preston School Park
69. Sealfife Community Lake
70. South County Athletic Field Complex
76. Tye John's Landing
77. VFW Boat Ramp
78. Webo Pilewsky Cabin
84. Chesapeake Forest Lumber
87. Cheyark Nature Park

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Recreation Sites in this Region

2. Adams Arboretum
7. Caroline County Shooting Preserve (Private)
14. Choptank River Yacht Club (Private)
15. Choptank Steamboat Wharf
21. Day Spring Playground
36. Hillsboro Boat Ramp
75. Hillsboro Park
52. Martin Sutton Memorial Park
55. Medford Pop Warner Football Field (Private)
56. North Caroline High School Park
58. Ridgely Athletic Field Complex
59. Ridgely School Park
71. Stoney Point Landing
75. Tuckahoe State Park

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Dear Carrie,

In consultation with the Town of Federalsburg, Caroline County wishes to shift the current POS allocation (6879-5-205) from playground equipment installation to a more pressing structural renovation need within Chambers Park. Given the significant project scope adjustment, you recommended resubmitting the application and reverting the previous project allocation. Please consider this letter as official notification of that request.

I am also amending the Caroline County FY22 Annual Program Plan for Chambers Community Park in Federalsburg to deepen the scope of the scheduled improvements at the park to include rehabilitation for the baseball field building structures. The funding projection remains that same as projected in the plan.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Simmons
Director