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RE: Howard County FY2021 Annual Program for Program Open Space Assistance

Dear Ms. Lashar:

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A narrative is attached to address our project selection process, as well as the compatibility of our projects to the Eight Visions, the Plan Howard 2030 General Plan, the 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan, and the Smart Growth initiatives. We have listed projects to fully encumber all available funds.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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FY2021 PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM **HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Program for Howard County consists of eight land acquisition projects and installments on the continued development of Troy Regional Park and Blandair Regional Park.

In the land acquisition category, our priority is the purchase of approximately 10 acres, currently being referred to as the Jessup Area Park, within the 70-acre Gould Property located between US Route 1 (Baltimore-Washington Blvd.) and Mission Road in Jessup. The Jessup Area Park portion of the site is located roughly halfway between the aforementioned roadways along the western perimeter of the 70-acre site. The acquired park property will be accessible by an abutting public road currently under construction, will be adjacent to a future school site, and will eventually be developed into recreational facilities for which the Department of Recreation and Parks will have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Howard County Public School System for the use and maintenance of such facilities. Our second priority is the acquisition of the Coles Property, legally the Shipleys Choice Parcels A and B, in Marriottsville. Parcels A will provide 13.8800 acres of land preservation and limited active recreation while Parcel B offers 11.3175 acres for the possible development of indoor and outdoor facilities. Our third priority is to buy two parcels at 8550 and 8554 Fair Street in Savage currently being referred to as the Savage Mill Remainder and comprising a total of 4.93 acres. There has been much public interest and support for the County to pursue this rectangular property already abutting existing County parkland on three of its four sides. Our fourth priority is the pursuit of three properties on New Cut Road in Historic Ellicott City that, if purchased, would preserve more than 13.5 acres of primarily forested land near the Ellicott City parkland Opportunity Zone and Patapsco Greenway. Our fifth and sixth priorities will be the continued effort to acquire land within the Patapsco and Patuxent Greenways, respectively. Our seventh land acquisition priority will be the continued effort to acquire land within other existing greenways throughout Howard County to protect environmentally sensitive areas and provide for community parks. Our eighth goal, which is to be grouped with our land acquisition priorities, is to continue for the development of our 2022 Howard County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan. This document must demonstrate conformity to the State Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan for the County to qualify for State funding for local projects.

In the park development category, our priority this fiscal year is the continued Phase 2A design and construction of the 101-acre Troy Regional Park at Elkridge, located at the southeast intersection of I-95 and MD Route 100 and north of US Route 1 in Elkridge. Our second park development priority is to begin funding Phase 6 design of the 300-acre Blandair Regional Park, located between I-95 and MD Route 29 and bisected by MD Route 175 in Columbia. Phase 6 is the final phase of Blandair Regional Park development on the southern side of MD Route 175.

These projects will totally obligate and exceed the Howard County FY2021 allocation of Program Open Space funds and any prior unencumbered funds. 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:

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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 2017 Howard County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (the “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. Program Open Space 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.
5. If the specific project(s) is/are for park construction, the appropriation of the 25% 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 FY2021 Annual Program satisfy the above criteria and rank high for POS funding.

II. ACQUISITION

Project #1

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Jessup Area Park

C. Project Description: Southeast Planning Area

This property is approximately 10 acres of a larger 70-acre tract (Gould Property, a.k.a. Chase Land Acquisition) that is intended for use by the County as a future school complex. The current address for the 70-acre parcel is 8601 [Baltimore-]Washington Blvd. in Jessup. This 10-acre portion of the property will be adjacent to a future school site, accessible by a public road, and subsequently developed into recreational facilities for which the Department of Recreation and Parks will have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Howard County Public School System for the use and maintenance of such facilities. The 70-acre tract is located adjacent to the existing railroad track running beneath US Route 1 (Baltimore-Washington Blvd.) and separating this property from the westernmost boundary line of the Savage Stone Quarry. The Jessup Area Park acreage is located along the western perimeter of the 70-acre tract about halfway between US Route 1 and Mission Road. We are requesting that Program Open Space Local Share funds be used for this acquisition.

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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 property was offered to the County for purchase.
- This site falls within the Opportunity Zone for access to parks and natural areas as identified on pages 58 and 59 of the Plan.
- This site falls within the Opportunity Zone for access to athletic fields as identified on pages 62 and 63 of the Plan.
- This project, as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program, is identified on page 137 of the Plan as meeting numerous State and County goals identified throughout the Plan and summarized on pages 140 through 143 and on page 145.
- This project, located in the Southeast Planning Area, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council Districts. The Southeast Planning Area has received less POS investment than other Planning Areas recently.

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

- Suitable development concentration – The US Route 1 corridor in Howard County has experienced rapid development within the past decade due to its location in Howard County’s Planned Service Area and proximity to major roadways connecting Baltimore and Washington. The Jessup Area Park site in the heart of this rapid development and will benefit the surrounding developed communities of Jessup, Elkridge, Savage, Laurel, and Columbia.
- Conservation of resources – The development of facilities with the potential for shared and optimized use eliminates the need for the acquisition and development of duplicate, under-utilized facilities and land, thus reducing resource consumption.
- Adequate facilities – This parkland has the potential to support the development of much needed public facilities on adjoining properties while also satisfying a demand for publicly accessible open space in the community of Jessup.
- Both local and State funding were authorized in the FY2020 budget and renewed in the FY2021 budget.

D. Acreage

1. Ultimate Acreage – 10 acres

E. Source of Funds

1. Total \$2,500,000

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2. Local	\$0
3. State Local Share	\$2,500,000
4. State Side Share	\$0

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

Project #2

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Coles Property, legally Shipleys Choice Parcels A and B

C. Project Description: Rural West Planning Area

This land acquisition project focuses on two post-subdivision parcels, Shipleys Choice Parcels A and B, which are respectively 13.8800 acres and 11.3175 acres. The parcels are located at 12155 and 12195 Old Frederick Road in Marriottsville, opposite Mount View Middle School and Marriotts Ridge High School. Acquisition of Parcel A will allow for land preservation, passive recreation and limited active recreation. Acquisition of Parcel B will allow for the development of active recreation facilities and possibly an indoor facility or community center. Purchasing these parcels will enable the development of a neighborhood park or larger community park within 1.5 miles of the intersection of I-70 and MD Route 32. We are requesting Program Open Space Local Share funds be used for this acquisition.

This project ranks second 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 of both parcels stated that he wished for the land to be developed into a County park.
- This site falls within the Opportunity Zone for access to community centers as identified on pages 62 and 63 of the Plan, should a future indoor facility on Parcel B be a community or recreation center. Excluding the facilities of similar providers, pages 53 and 54 of the Plan note that the County ranks below the national median in its number of recreation centers.
- This project, as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program, is identified on page 137 of the Plan as meeting numerous State and County goals identified throughout the Plan and summarized on pages 140 through 143 and page 145.
- This project, located at the very headwaters for the Little Patuxent River, will allow for the protection of natural resources within the Little Patuxent Greenway.
- The project, located in the Rural West Planning Area but also within half a mile from the Ellicott City Planning Area, could be argued as meeting the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds among Planning Areas and Council Districts.

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

- Protect sensitive areas – provides land preservation at the very headwaters of the Little Patuxent River and will allow for future stormwater management and reforestation activities during development of a community park.
- Protect the Chesapeake – The Little Patuxent River feeds the Patuxent River, which flows into the Bay. Sensitive areas will be perpetually protected within these acquired parcels, thus helping the Bay’s recovery.
- Control sprawl – These parcels are within the Planned Service Area for water and sewer due to relatively recent improvements to support the schools on the north side of Old Frederick Road and the West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department at the intersection of Old Frederick Road and MD Route 32. The land surrounding these parcels has already been developed and either remains in low-density zoning or has been placed into preservation.
- Suitable development concentration – Eventual development of Parcel B would utilize the same traffic intersection serving the middle and high schools on the opposite side of Old Frederick Road. The surrounding community, as opposed to other rural communities, may be more accepting of park development at this site due to typical daytime and evening traffic and activity increases already present at the neighboring schools.
- Conserve resources – Sensible park planning will be applied to support recreational uses and improvements on non-sensitive portions of this site while protecting existing environmentally sensitive areas and natural resources. Planned use of Parcel A is limited to land preservation, passive recreation, and limited active use.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.
- Both local and State funding were authorized in the FY2020 budget and renewed in the FY2021 budget.

D. Acreage

1. Ultimate Acreage – 13.8800 acres or 11.3175 acres or collectively 25.1795 acres.

E. Source of Funds

1. Total	\$1,020,000
2. Local	\$0
3. State Local Share	\$1,020,000
4. State Side Share	\$0

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

Project #3

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Savage Mill Remainder

C. Project Description: Southeast Planning Area

This land acquisition project focuses on acquiring property commonly known as 8550 and 8554 Fair Street in Savage. The property comprises a total of 4.93 acres and is located adjacent to Savage Park. In fact, the property is rectangular in shape and adjoins existing County-owned parkland on three of its four sides. The site has been a matter of public interest for years and is now available for purchase from a land developer. The hope of the community and intent of the County is for this property to be utilized for land preservation and passive recreation. We are requesting Program Open Space Local Share funds be used for this acquisition.

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 of the property is willing to sell to the County.
- This site falls within the Opportunity Zone for access to parks and natural areas as identified on pages 58 and 59 of the Plan.
- This project, as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program, is identified on page 137 of the Plan as meeting numerous State and County goals identified throughout the Plan and summarized on pages 140 through 143 and page 145.
- This property is generally forested and within 250’ of the Little Patuxent River and its confluence with the Middle Patuxent River. This site would enhance the County’s Green Infrastructure Network within the Savage Hub and Little Patuxent Corridor.
- This is the second project within the Southeast Planning Area.

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

- Protect sensitive areas – provides land preservation within an existing County Green Infrastructure hub and corridor.
- Protect the Chesapeake – The Little Patuxent River feeds the Patuxent River, which flows into the Bay. Sensitive areas will be perpetually protected within these acquired parcels, thus helping the Bay’s recovery.
- Control sprawl – This property had been intended for development into residential condominiums by a land developer. Its acquisition prevents such development.
- Suitable development concentration – Although within the US Route 1 corridor, the development of this wooded site into residential condominiums may not have been compatible with the existing types and style of development within Historic Savage.

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- Conserve resources – Sensible park planning will be applied to support passive recreational uses and improvements on non-sensitive portions of this site while protecting existing environmentally sensitive areas and natural resources. The number of privately-owned wooded sites at or above five acres in area in the Southeast Planning Area is now extremely limited and this acquisition will enable the preservation of one of those sites.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales.
- Both local and State funding are authorized in the FY2021 budget.

D. Acreage

1. Ultimate Acreage – 4.93 acres.

E. Source of Funds

1. Total	\$1,775,000
2. Local	\$0
3. State Local Share	\$1,775,000
4. State Side Share	\$0

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

Project #4

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: New Cut Road Properties

C. Project Description: Ellicott City Planning Area

The County is looking into purchasing three properties on New Cut Road in Ellicott City. These properties are commonly known as 3880, 3910, and 3940 New Cut Road and have respective acreages of 0.207 acres, 1.710 acres, and 11.660 acres. Acquisition of any of these properties, and particularly the 3940 New Cut Road property, would preserve existing woodlands and riparian areas. Existing improvements on these properties would be removed after acquisition, reforestation and stream restoration work may be undertaken where possible, and then the sites would be available for passive use and enjoyment by the public. The largest lot abuts existing County open space. We are requesting Program Open Space 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 is “actionable” in that the owners seem willing to sell to the County.
- The properties are near the Ellicott City Opportunity Zone for access to parks and natural areas as identified on pages 58 and 59 of the Plan.

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- This project, as part of the Parkland Acquisition Program, is identified on page 137 of the Plan as meeting numerous State and County goals identified throughout the Plan and summarized on pages 140 through 143 and page 145.
- The properties are generally forested and include riparian areas.
- The project, located in the Ellicott City 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:

- Protect sensitive areas – The acquisition of these properties will enable the restoration of riparian buffer and preservation of woodlands along the New Cut Branch.
- Protect the Chesapeake – The New Cut Branch flows into the Tiber Branch and the Patapsco River, which flows into the Bay. Sensitive areas will be perpetually protected within these acquired lots, thus helping the Bay’s recovery.
- Conserve resources – Sensible park planning will be applied to support passive recreational uses and protection of existing environmentally sensitive areas and natural resources.
- Both local and State funding are authorized in the FY2021 budget.

D. Acreage

1. Ultimate Acreage – 13.577 acres.

E. Source of Funds

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Total | \$1,789,634 maximum |
| 2. Local | \$0 |
| 3. State Local Share | \$1,789,634 maximum |
| 4. State Side Share | \$0 |

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

Project #5

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Patapsco Greenway

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

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 Program Open Space Local Share funds be used for this acquisition.

This project ranks fifth 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).
- 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.
- This project, located in the Elkridge, Ellicott City, and Rural West Planning Areas, meets the Selection Criteria associated with an equitable distribution of POS funds; however, this project is potentially our second acquisition project in the Rural West and Ellicott City Planning Areas.

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 provide 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 are authorized in the FY2021 budget.

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D. Acreage

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

E. Source of Funds

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

F. Locations still need to be identified and mapped.

Project #6

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Patuxent Greenway

C. Project Description: Patuxent Greenway; Rural West and Southeast Planning Areas

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 Program Open Space Local Share funds be used for this acquisition.

This project ranks sixth 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).
- 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.
- 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.

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- 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; however, this is potentially our third acquisition project in the Southeast planning area and potentially our third acquisition project in the Rural West Planning Area.

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 provide 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 have been authorized in the FY2021 budget.

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	\$TBD
3. State Local Share	\$TBD
4. State Side Share	\$0

F. Locations need to be identified and mapped.

Project #7

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Howard County Interior Greenway

C. Project Description: Howard County Interior Greenway, All Planning Areas

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This project will be a continuing 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 Program Open Space Local Share funds be used for this acquisition.

This project ranks seventh 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).
- 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.
- 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

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controlled by current low-density zoning; thus, the park will not encourage sprawl.

- Conserve resources – This acquisition will provide 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 have been authorized in the FY2020 budget.

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

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

F. Locations need to be identified and mapped.

Project #8

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: 2022 Howard County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan

C. Project Description: Beginning planning for the development of the 2022 Howard County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan to demonstrate conformity with the latest State Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan and enable Howard County to qualify for State funding for local park acquisition and development projects. This will be an ongoing, 5-year effort.

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: Troy Regional Park at Elkridge

C. Project Description: Elkridge Planning Area

Howard County owns 101 acres of land in Elkridge, Maryland. The park is southeast of the intersection of I-95 and Route 100 and north of Route 1. This regional park will provide both passive and active recreational opportunities to children of all ages, as well as adults, throughout the entire county and the Elkridge area. This regional park will consist of pathways and walking trails, court games, lighted athletic fields, picnic facilities, community center, playgrounds, comfort stations, tennis courts, basketball courts, roads and parking. This park is in the Planned Service Area (Smart Growth Area) of Howard County and will help prevent overuse of Rockburn Branch Park. Phase 1 consisted of the construction of the entrance road, mass grading for the multipurpose fields and related parking, the installation of two synthetic turf fields, a playground, and a paved pathway system. Phase 2 consisted of the construction of an additional multipurpose turf field, three pavilions with restrooms, one stand-alone pavilion, one stand-alone restroom, pathways and additional parking facilities. Phase 2A construction began in Fall 2018 and consists of a synthetic turf stadium field with lighting, bleachers, press box, storage building, additional restrooms, walkways, utilities, site furnishings, and landscaping around the stadium field (Field #1). Subsequent phases will include a maintenance shop, baseball fields, further restoration of the historic Troy Mansion, pathways, additional parking, and a community center or indoor recreational facility. This is our development priority for FY2021 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 falls within an Opportunity Zone for public access to parks and natural resources areas extending along Route 1 into Elkridge as identified on pages 58 and 59 of the Plan.
- This project falls within an Opportunity Zone for public access to a future community center as identified on pages 60 and 61 of the Plan.
- This project falls within an Opportunity Zone for public access to athletic fields as identified on pages 62 and 63 of the Plan.
- This project falls within an Opportunity Zone for public access to playgrounds as identified on pages 64 and 65 of the Plan.
- This project is identified on pages 68 and 69 of the Plan as a new opportunity for public access to pavilions. Pavilions at this site would be less than a 10-minute drive for many residents.
- This project site includes the historic Troy House 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 90, 92, and 109 of the Plan, respectively.
- Construction of this park is identified on Page 133 of the Plan as a short-term, mid-term, long-term priority.
- This project is identified on page 144 of the Plan as meeting numerous State and County goals identified throughout the Plan and summarized on pages 140 through 143.
- This project, located in the Elkridge Planning Area and in consideration of other POS acquisition

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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 – This park is within the County’s Planned Service (Smart Growth) Area and near the intersections of several major highways.
- Protect sensitive areas – Riparian buffers, wetlands, steep slopes, floodplain, and conserved forested areas are excluded from and protected during construction.
- Protect the Chesapeake – Environmentally sensitive areas and storm water management will be considered and addressed throughout the ongoing design and development of this regional park. Construction is concentrated on upland portions of the site to minimize damage to the watershed. Environmentally sustainable designs and facilities are incorporated where possible.
- Control sprawl – By investing in an urban area regional park, we are enhancing the quality of life of existing residents and limiting sprawl by promoting development in an existing community.
- Conservation of resources – sensitive areas and habitats will be protected and enhanced.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales. Troy Park has become a common destination for major youth sports tournaments and the completion of the stadium amenities around Field #1 will increase the draw of this site for such tournaments and increase local spending by those travelling to Elkridge for these events.

D. Source of Funds – FY21 unencumbered

1. Total	\$2,315,400 Field #1 Stadium
2. Local	\$578,850
3. State Local Share	\$1,736,550
4. State Side Share	\$0

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

Project #2

A. Sponsor: Howard County, Maryland

B. Project Title: Blandair Regional Park

C. Project Description: Columbia Planning Area

Howard County owns 300 acres in the middle of Columbia, Maryland. The property is located along Maryland Route 175 between Thunder Hill Road and Tamar Drive. This 300-acre park was purchased

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with County funds and State Program Open Space funds, thereby assuring its permanent use for recreation and preservation purposes. This project will include passive and active recreation facilities, while preserving over 200 acres of forest, wetlands and historic areas within the 300-acre park. The Master Plan includes a nature center, pathways and walking trails, court games, athletic fields, picnic facilities, an indoor sports center, children's garden, playgrounds, roads and parking. The Blandair Mansion and outbuildings are protected under a 28-acre easement granted to the Maryland Historical Trust. Howard County has taken over the restoration of historic structures at the site. A Regional Park of this magnitude will draw visitors from throughout the County as well as adjacent jurisdictions. This facility can host large festivals and athletic tournaments and will greatly benefit the local retail economy. This park is in the Planned Service Area (Smart Growth Area) of Howard County and will help reduce the current over-usage of Centennial Park. Phase 1 consisted of the construction of three lighted multipurpose fields, playground, picnic pavilion, restrooms, parking and pathways. Phase 2 consisted of the construction of two lighted baseball fields, five tennis courts, playground, picnic pavilion, restroom, parking and pathways. Phase 3 construction should conclude in Fall 2020 and includes: a maintenance facility, destination play-for-all playground, three bocce ball courts, two croquet courts, two horse shoe pits, picnic pavilion, restrooms, parking and pathways. Design of Phase 6 will initiate development of the final area of the park on south of MD Route 175 and will include: basketball courts, a skatepark, and additional parking and pathways. We have ranked this project second among development 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 falls within an Opportunity Zone for public access to playgrounds as identified on pages 64 and 65 of the Plan. Page 54 of the Plan notes that the County, excluding the amenities of similar providers, has a deficit of playgrounds compared to similar-sized Counties nationally.
- This project is identified as a new pavilion opportunity site on pages 68 and 69 of the Plan.
- This project falls within an Opportunity Zone for public access to athletic fields as identified on pages 62 and 63 of the Plan.
- This project site includes the historic Blandair Mansion 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 90, 92, and 109 of the Plan, respectively.
- Construction of this park is identified on Page 134 of the Plan as a short-term, mid-term, long-term priority.
- This project is identified on page 144 of the Plan as meeting numerous State and County goals identified throughout the Plan and summarized on pages 140 through 143.
- 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.

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

- Direct development to growth areas – This park is within the County’s Planned Service (Smart Growth) Area, is already surrounded by residential development on all sides, and is in close proximity to several major highways.
- Protect sensitive areas – Riparian buffers, wetlands, steep slopes, floodplain, and conserved forested areas are excluded from and protected during construction.
- Protect the Chesapeake – Environmentally sensitive areas and storm water management will be considered and addressed throughout the ongoing design and development of this regional park. Construction is concentrated on upland portions of the site to minimize damage to the watershed. Environmentally sustainable designs and facilities are incorporated where possible.
- Control sprawl – By investing in an urban area regional park, we are enhancing the quality of life of existing residents and limiting sprawl by promoting development in an existing community.
- Conservation of resources – sensitive areas and habitats will be protected and enhanced. Most of the land area within this park will ultimately preserve existing forests and meadows.
- Economic growth – Parks and leisure activities benefit tourism and retail sales. This park continues to grow into a regional destination for recreation and athletics.

D. Source of Funds – FY21 unencumbered

5. Total	\$1,428,935 Phase 6 design and construction
6. Local	\$357,234
7. State Local Share	\$1,071,701
8. State Side Share	\$0

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

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION
FISCAL YEAR 2021**

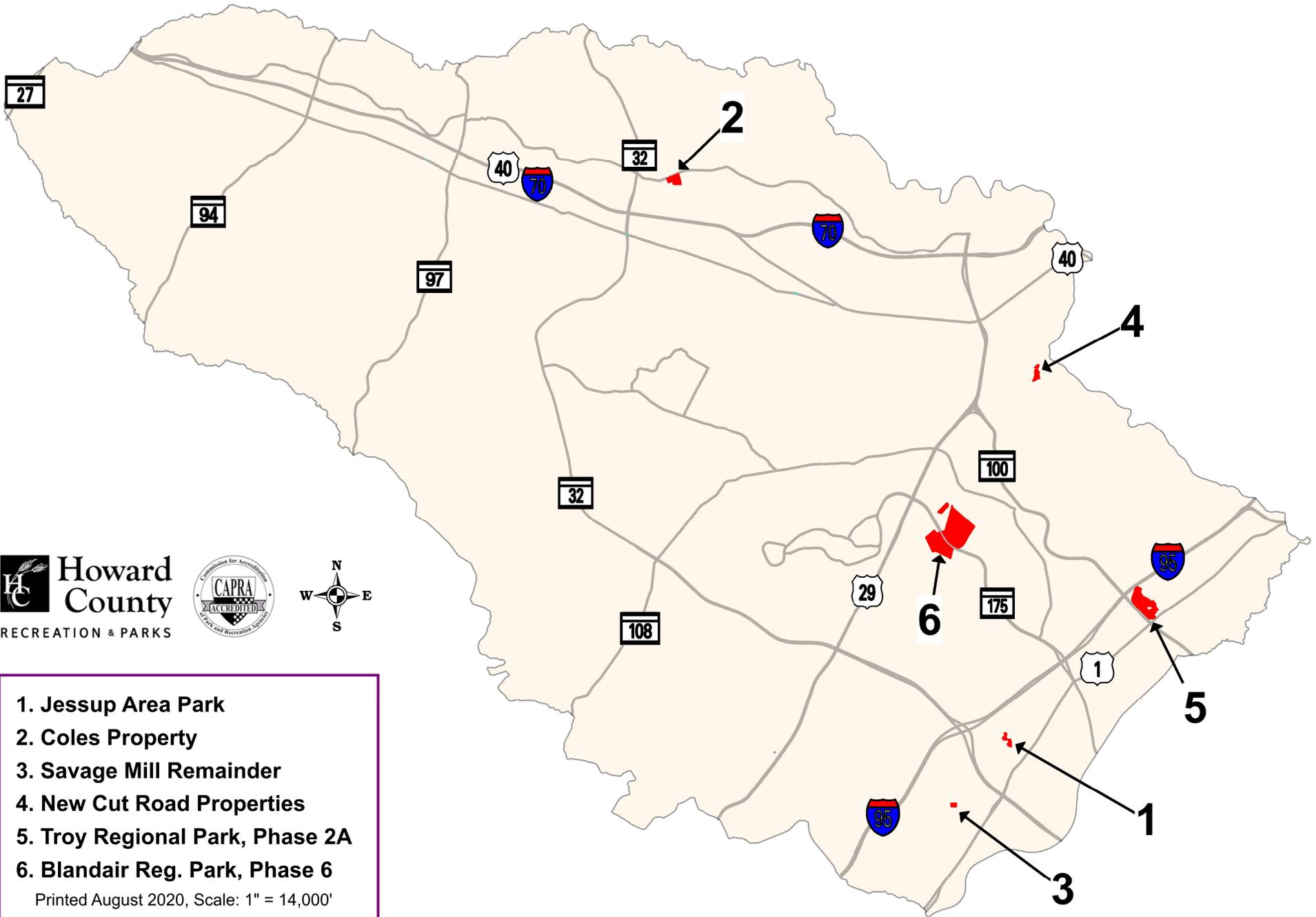
<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project Name, Project Description</u>	<u>Acreage (rounded)</u>			<u>Source of Funds (for Annual Program Only)</u>			
		<u>Existing</u>	<u>Ultimate</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>State (POS Local Funds)</u>	<u>Federal</u>
Howard County	JESSUP AREA PARK - This property is a 10-acre area located along the western perimeter of a larger 70-acre tract between US Route 1 and Mission Road in Jessup. This 10-acre parcel, once separated, will be adjacent to a future school site and will be developed into athletics facilities for which the Department of Recreation and Parks will have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Howard County Public School System for the use and maintenance of such facilities. The 70-acre tract is located adjacent to the existing railroad track running beneath Route 1 (Baltimore-Washington Blvd.), which separates the tract from the westernmost boundary line of the Savage Stone Quarry in Jessup. The address will be 8601 Washington Blvd.	0	10.00	10.00	\$2,500,000	0	\$2,500,000	0
Howard County	COLES PROPERTY/SHIPLEYS CHOICE – Parcels A and B are located at 12155 and 12195 Old Frederick Road in Marriottsville and are 13.8800 acres and 11.3175 acres in area, respectively. Acquisition of these parcels will allow for land preservation and accommodate a future community park across the street from Mount View Middle School and Marriotts Ridge High School. An indoor facility could be developed on Parcel B.	0	25.20	25.20	\$1,020,000	0	\$1,020,000	0
Howard County	SAVAGE MILL REMAINDER – Property known as 8550 and 8554 Fair Street in historic Savage is for sale by a land developer. The property comprises a total of 4.93 acres, is generally wooded and within the Little Patuxent Corridor. There has long been community interest in the County buying the site, which already adjoins existing County parkland on three of its four sides and would become an expansion of Savage Park.	351.10	356.03	4.93	\$1,775,000	0	\$1,775,000	0
Howard County	NEW CUT ROAD PROPERTIES – Three properties commonly known as 3880, 3910, and 3940 New Cut Road in Ellicott City may have willing sellers. The combined acreage of these three sites exceeds 13.5 acres. The lots are generally wooded and include riparian areas.	0	13.58	13.58	Up to \$1,789,634	0	Up to \$1,789,634	0

Howard County	PATAPSCO GREENWAY – This project will be a continuing effort to acquire land along the Patapsco River to expand on the Patapsco Greenway in Howard County, especially along the South Branch of the Patapsco River. This project will protect the Patapsco River and establish a community park with facilities on the upland portion of the property.	0	TBD	0	0	0	TBD	0
Howard County	PATUXENT GREENWAY – This project will be a continuing effort to acquire land along the Patuxent River to expand on the Patuxent Greenway in Howard County. This project will protect the Patuxent River and establish a community park with facilities on the upland portion of the property.	0	TBD	0	0	0	TBD	0
Howard County	HOWARD COUNTY INTERIOR GREENWAYS - This project will be a continuing effort to acquire land along exiting Greenways throughout Howard County to protect the rivers and provide for a community parks. This project will protect riparian/floodplain areas and establish a community park with facilities on the upland portion of the property.	0	TBD	0	0	0	TBD	0
Howard County	HOWARD COUNTY LAND PRESERVATION, PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN - Plan for 2022 is mandated by State Law. Comprehensive planning is a continuous process.	NA	NA	NA	\$25,000	0	Local \$25,000 Per Year	0
	KNOWN ACQUISITION PROJECT TOTALS	NA	TBD	53.71	\$7,108,124	0	\$7,108,124	0

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2021**

<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project Name, Project Description</u>	<u>Acreege</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	TROY REGIONAL PARK - Design and construct a 101-acre Regional Park that includes pathways and walking trails, court games, lighted athletic fields, picnic facilities, community center, playgrounds, comfort stations, tennis courts, basketball courts, roads and parking. Phase 1 and Phase 2 construction are now complete. Phase 2A construction of Field #1 began in Fall 2018 and will continue until Spring 2020. The next step in Phase 2A development will be the further design and construction of the grandstand, storage building, and restroom building supporting Field #1 along with the associated walkways, utilities, site furnishings, and landscaping. Design for the amenities adjacent to Field #1 will begin in Fall 2020 and related construction may begin as early as Summer 2021.	101	\$2,315,400	\$578,850	\$1,736,550	0
Howard County	BLANDAIR REGIONAL PARK - Howard County owns 300 acres in the middle of Columbia, Maryland. The property is located along Maryland Route 175 between Thunder Hill Road and Tamar Drive. Phase 1 consisted of the construction of three lighted multipurpose fields, playground, picnic pavilion, restrooms, parking and pathways. Phase 2 consisted of the construction of two lighted baseball fields, five tennis courts, playground, picnic pavilion, restroom, parking and pathways. Phase 3 construction should conclude in Fall 2020 and includes: a maintenance facility, destination play-for-all playground, three bocce ball courts, two croquet courts, two horse shoe pits, picnic pavilion, restrooms, parking and pathways. Design of Phase 6 will initiate development of the final area of the park on south of MD Route 175 and will include: basketball courts, a skatepark, and additional parking and pathways. Procurement for design work for Phase 6 of the park can begin in Fall 2020.	300	\$1,428,935	\$357,234	\$1,071,701	0
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TOTALS		401	\$3,744,335	\$936,084	\$2,808,251	0

FY2021 Program Open Space Annual Program Vicinity Map



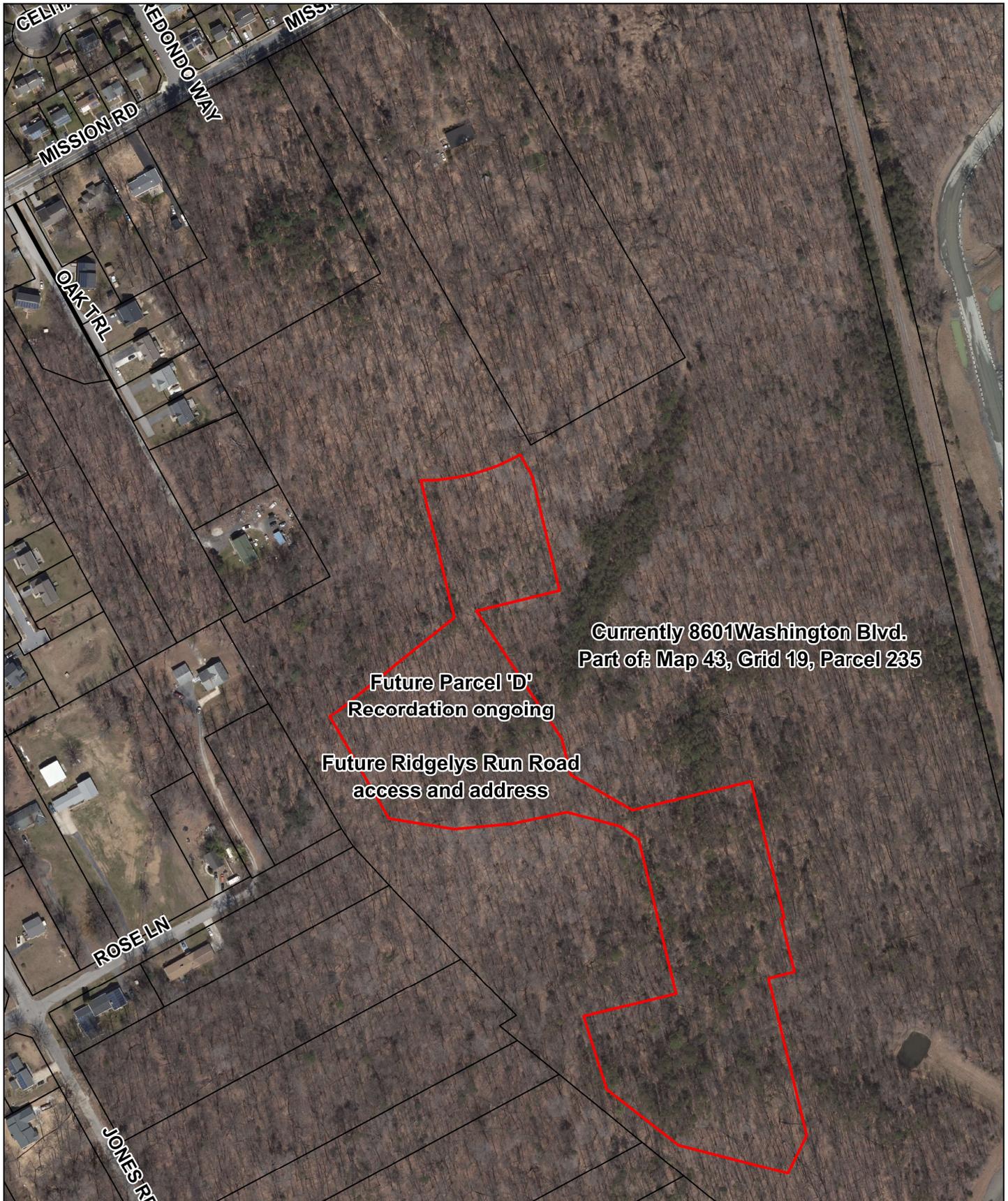
Jessup Area Park

8601 Washington Blvd.
Jessup, MD 20794
10.000 Acres (Red)



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Coles Property

Shipleys Choice, Parcels A and B
12155 and 12195 Old Frederick Road
Marriottsville, MD 21104



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Savage Mill Remainder

Land Units B and C, Map 47, Parcel 93
8554 and 8550 Fair Street, Savage, MD 20763



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New Cut Road Properties

3880, 3910, and 3940 New Cut Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

0.207 AC, 1.710 AC, and 11.660 AC, respectively



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Troy Regional Park

Phase 2A Development
6500 Mansion Lane
Elkridge, MD 21075



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Scale: 1" = 400'



Blandair Regional Park

Phase 6 Design
5700 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, MD 21045



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Scale: 1" = 400'

