



Talbot County Department of Parks & Recreation

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Ms. Carrie Lhotsky
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Program Open Space
580 Taylor Avenue, E-4
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Ms. Lhotsky:

Please find the Talbot County Program Open Space Annual Plan for fiscal year 2021. Maps are included for each project for your reference.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Peper".

Preston Peper
Talbot County Parks and Recreation Director

Program Open Space Annual Program FY 2021

The Talbot County Parks and Recreation Department has spent significant time developing a strategy for improving access to public lands as part of the Talbot County Comprehensive Plan (TCCP) and the Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP). Talbot County currently provides its residents with many opportunities to pursue recreational and leisure activities. Some of these opportunities are available through a variety of recreation programs offered by the County's Department of Parks and Recreation. Other opportunities exist in a variety of parks ranging from large County-wide park facilities to small neighborhood play areas.

The Annual Program is consistent with the goals established in Talbot County's Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan. All projects are submitted to the Talbot County Parks Advisory Board for approval before being presented to the Talbot County Council for final approval. The project in the 2021 Annual Program, presented below, will be presented to the Parks Advisory Board this fiscal year.

Development Project
Community Center Gym Expansion
Easton, MD
\$4,000,000 project cost

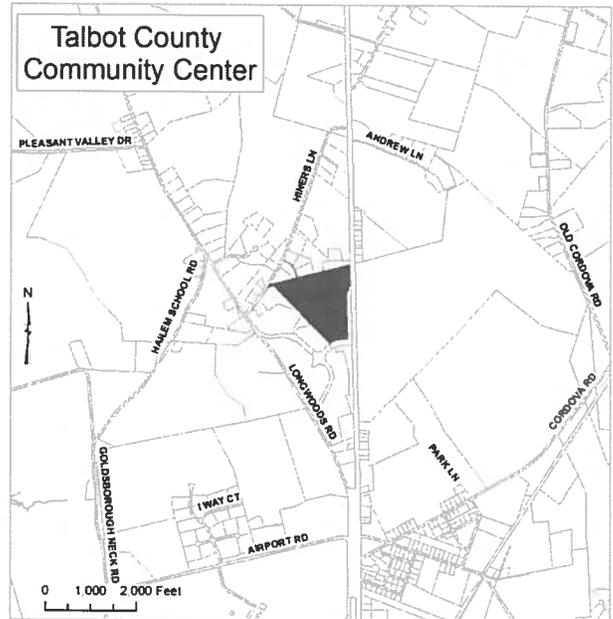


**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2021**

Sponsor	Project Name, Project Description	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State (POS Local Funds)	Federal
	Community Center Gym Expansion	50	50	50	4,000,000	2,575,000	1,425,000	0

Development Project – Community Center Gym Expansion

The need for additional indoor gymnasium space has increased over the years due largely in part to indoor soccer leagues, year round travel teams and expanding camps and clinics. Along with a shortage of allotted gyms, the existing facilities are aging and not suitable for increased usage on a regular basis. This proposed facility would be an 18,000 square feet, wood floor facility with the capability to host basketball leagues, volleyball leagues, travel sports tournaments, special events and trade shows for all ages. With a part year ice rink already in place on this site, this would serve as a benefit for both facilities, in essence feeding off one another for users. As this facility would be placed near the existing Community Center, utilities could be run from the existing structure and staff is already in place. This project development was reflected in the 2013 survey by Talbot County residents that wanted



to see more gym space and easier access while also reflected in Talbot County 2017 goals #1 & 6, providing an improved system of parks and recreation facilities and beginning plans and developing a gymnasium expansion for residents and visitors. The estimated price for this facility is \$4,000,000 with funds allocated from Program Open Space and private fundraising.

