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Dear Carrie:

Enclosed is the Program Open Space Annual Plan for Wicomico County for fiscal Year 2021. Maps delineating the location of each proposed project are attached for your reference.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

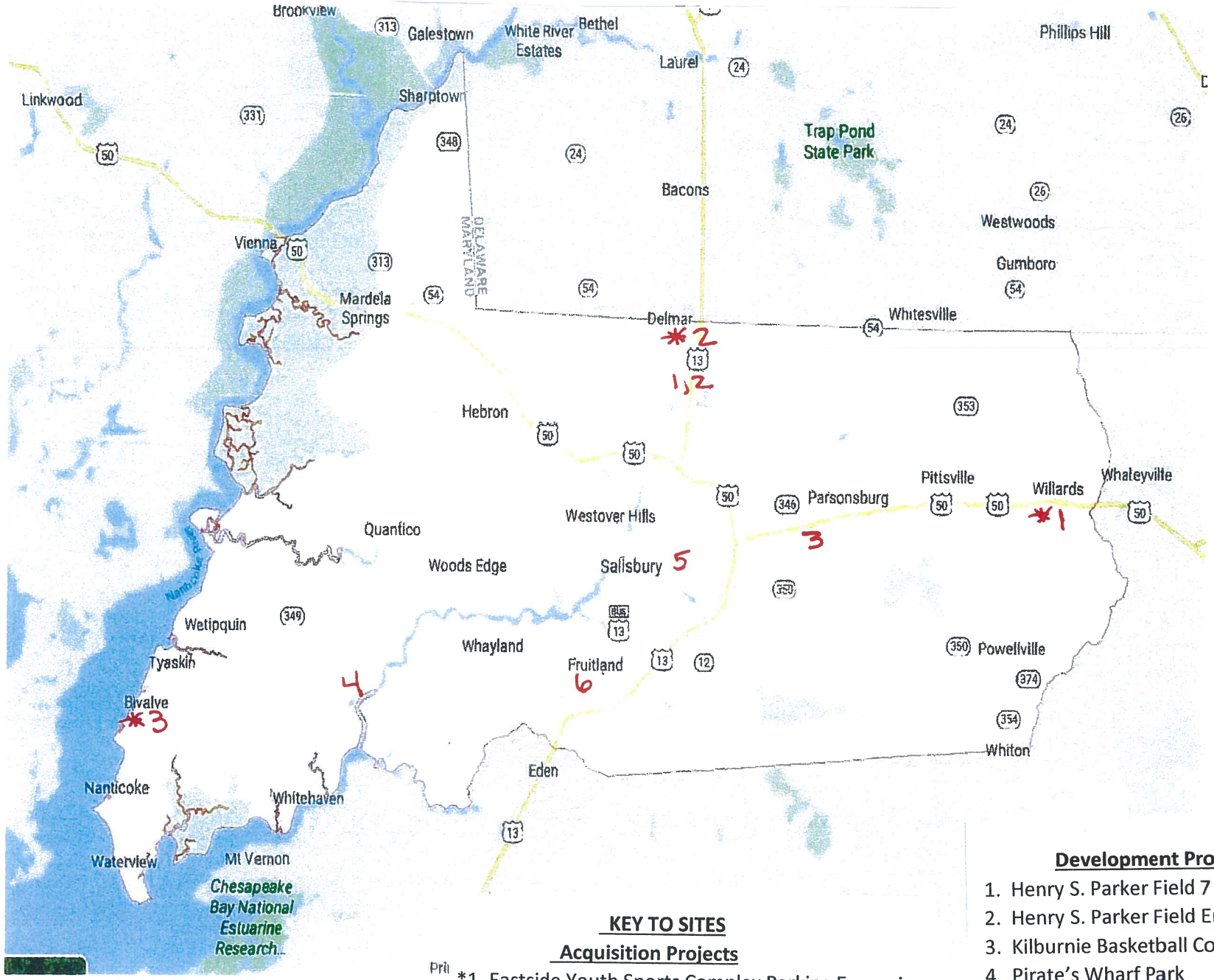
Steve Miller
Director

	PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT-FISCAL YEAR 2021									
			Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only ('000s)				
	SPONSOR	PROJECT NAME, PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State (POS)	Federal	Special Notes
1	**Wicomico County**	**Henry S. Parker Inclusive Playground and Sensory Trail -** Additional park amenities will be added to the recently constructed Challenger baseball field including an inclusive playground and sensory trail. The playground will be consistent with ADA and National Playground Safety Standards.	41	41	2	$160,000	$16,000	$144,000		
2	**Wicomico County**	**Henry S. Parker Field Improvements -** Infield material for two ballfields will be replaced.	41	41	2	$50,000	$5,000	$45,000		
3	**Wicomico County**	**Kilburnie Basketball Court-** Resurface and stripe bituminous concrete court	2	2	0.5	$55,000	$5,500	$49,500		
4	**Wicomico County**	**Pirate's Wharf Park-**New Development - creation of low-impact outdoor recreation opportunities such as trails and a soft launch/landing and necessary infrastructure. Combining POS funds with other Federal, State and Local funds to make this a regional park accessible to the public.	340.7	340.7	150	$467,000	$46,700	$420,300	$820,000 Fed/$400,000 LWCF	*FY21 $117,000+ FY20 $350,000
5	**Wicomico County**	**Wicomico Civic Center-Exterior Renovation-** Scope of work will include new site and accent lighting, building and wayfinding signage, on-site traffic flow adjustments, security barriers and landscaping. The Civic Center is host to many local recreation programs including wrestling, karate, basketball and other community events.	15.48	15.48	1	$150,000	$15,000	$135,000		
6	**City of Fruitland**	**City of Fruitland Bleachers removal and replacements-** The project involves the removal and replacement of four (4) existing sets of bleachers at the recreational park. The existing bleachers are in bad shape and no longer meet code requirements	12	12	2.5	$32,060	$3,206	$28,854		
	TOTALS:					**$914,060**	**$91,406**	**$822,654**		
	Wicomico County	**Winterplace Disc Golf-**Development/installation of an 18-hole Disc Golf Course	378	378	1	$25,000	$2,500	$22,500		
	Wicomico County	**Harmon Field Fence Fabric-**replace the aged fence fabric on softball field	3	3	0.1	$40,000	$4,000	$36,000		
	Wicomico County	**Indian Village Basketball Court-**Resurface and stripe bituminous concrete court	6	6	0.1	$70,000	$7,000	$63,000		
	Salisbury	**Salisbury Zoo-**Special Events Pavilion-Build a pavilion to host various types of revenue producing events.								

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION-FISCAL YEAR 2021								
		Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only ('000s)			
SPONSOR	**PROJECT NAME, PROJECT DESCRIPTION**	**Existing**	**Ultimate**	**Project**	**Total**	**Local**	**State (POS)**	**Federal**
Wicomico County	Mason Dixon Complex Acquisition-Lot 1	13	16	1.05	$40,000		36,000	
Wicomico County	LPPRP 2022				$25,000		25,000	
Wicomico County	Eastside Youth Sports Complex Parking Lot Expansion	20.4	23.4	3	$50,000		$50,000	
Wicomico County	Cove Road	1.6	3.05	1.45	$336,800		$336,800	
Total					$386,800		$386,800	

WICOMICO COUNTY PROGRAM OPEN SPACE

ANNUAL PLAN-FY 2021



KEY TO SITES

Acquisition Projects

*1. Eastside Youth Sports Complex Parking Expansion
*2. Mason Dixon Complex Acquisition- Lot 1
*3. Cove Road Acquisition

Development Projects

1. Henry S. Parker Field 7 ½ Playground
2. Henry S. Parker Field Enhancements
3. Kilburnie Basketball Court
4. Pirate's Wharf Park
5. WYCC Exterior Renovation
6. City of Fruitland Bleachers

Wicomico County Annual Program Open Space Plan
Fiscal Year 2021

I. INTRODUCTION:

The 2017 Wicomico County Land Preservation, Parks & Recreation Plan (LPPRP) serves as a guide in maintaining the County's quality of life in the face of increasing population. The plan, like its predecessors, lays out measures to use natural resources wisely and provide suitable areas to meet recreational needs for present and future residents of the County. Projects outlined in the LPPRP are designed to stimulate new development, revitalize existing neighborhoods affecting their ability to attract new businesses and residents, generate tourist dollars, increase property values and provide additional tax revenue.

Over the past 40 years, Program Open Space funding has enabled Wicomico County to develop an outstanding system of parks making it a very desirable place to live.

<u>The FY21 POS Annual Plan will focus on 2 primary areas:</u>

1. Maintain safety and functionality through rehabilitation of existing park facilities. Project requests exceed Wicomico's unencumbered POS balance and will be paired down accordingly.
2. Execute new development projects at key park facilities as outlined in the County's LPPRP.

II. PLAN OBJECTIVES:

The Projects under consideration will fulfill the following LPPRP objectives:

RP-1 Continue to address capital rehabilitation funding in order to keep the County Parks system safe and functional.

RP-2 Work with DNR, MDP, MDOT, and local agencies/stakeholders to develop trail systems within the County and increase connectivity to State-owned lands.

RP-3 Develop recreational programming and leisure opportunities for citizens and tourists to enjoy low impact eco-tourism activities such as hiking, biking, equestrian, and non-motorized water sports.

RP-7 Continue to evaluate older playgrounds to ensure compliance with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines

RP-8 Continue to enhance the comprehensive parks maintenance management program to ensure safe and attractive parks and to replace older equipment and vehicles.

RP-11 Continue to bring visitors and dollars into the County by leveraging the County's outstanding recreation and parks system, Board of Education facilities, and facilities operated by private entities.

Project under consideration for FY21 includes the Exterior Renovation to the Wicomico Civic Center.

RP-12 Expand facilities required to attract and expand amateur tournaments.

Projects under consideration for FY21 include maintenance of aging basketball courts (Kilburnie and Willards), rehabilitation of the pavilion at the Eastside Sports Complex, Bleacher removal and replacement at Fruitland Recreational Park (Fruitland Little League), additional park amenities at the Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex, and new development at the Pirate's Wharf property.

III. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS:

Each year municipal councils and recreation boards are asked to submit a list of projects to be considered in the County's Annual POS plan. Selection of projects is recommended by the Wicomico County Recreation Commission, a 14-member citizen board representing all 5 of the planning districts within the County. Recommendations of the Commission are given to the Wicomico County Executive's office for final approval and are included in budget submissions to the Wicomico County Council (for match funding) before being submitted to the State.

The following criteria are employed to evaluate each of the proposed projects:

- Consistency with the County's Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan;
- Available funding including cost/benefit analysis; and
- Evidence of the required local funding match.

The enclosed Annual Plan includes projects as recommended by the Recreation & Parks Commission and County Administration.