FREDERICK COUNTY FY2022 POS ANNUAL PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

Frederick County begins the POS Annual Program process by splitting both acquisition and development funding 50/50 between municipal and county projects. The municipalities submitted completed annual program forms to the Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation Office (See attached sample blank form). The annual program forms and a summary are forwarded to a municipal ad hoc committee composed of elected officials. By way of an in person meeting on June 10, 2021, the municipal leaders voted to allocate funding to the projects as noted on the attached sheet indicating the approved funding allocations for the municipalities.

County staff utilizes the information from the annual program forms and the funding priorities to complete the municipal portion of the Annual Program. Since Frederick County normally executes much larger projects, it usually allocates its entire share to partially fund an acquisition project and/or a development project. These projects are generally designated as top priorities in its Capital Improvements Program (CIP). All figures shown include FY2022 funds.

Frederick County Staff completed and presented the 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources on June 2017. Based on the Park Proximity Analysis found on page 27 of the LPPRP, Frederick County has not met its local land acquisition goal. Due to this, Frederick County must dedicate a minimum of 50% of the FY2022 POS allocation towards parkland acquisition projects, with the remainder available for park development projects. In addition, FY2022 Park Development Projects will only be eligible for 75% of the final construction costs, in accordance with POS statute,

All of the FY2022 Annual Program projects address the following policies and meet the needs of the 2017 LPPRP in varying degrees:

- Develop the County’s park system with a balance of active parks that focus on a variety of recreational uses and passive parks that focus on less intensive uses such as trails, picnicking, historic preservation or natural resource protection.
- Consider stream corridors within community growth areas for development as public linear parks to allow for greenway/trail linkages both within and between community growth areas.
- Development of parks in a manner that is sensitive to and protective of natural resource and environmentally sensitive features.
- Coordinate with the municipalities in the provision of park and recreation facilities.
- Develop parks in a manner that prioritizes the preservation of archaeological and historic sites and structures.
- Integrate community parks into community growth areas to maximize bicycle and pedestrian access, and enhance community identity.
- Prioritize funding to accommodate land acquisition for land banking of new sites, and for the expansion of existing parks.
- To the extent feasible, distribute public facilities and services throughout the County on a local, regional or centralized basis.
- Maintain adequacy of public facilities and services relative to existing and projected targeted population.
Location of projects with respect to municipalities and Priority Funding Areas (PFA)

The following projects are located within municipalities or a PFA:
- Ballenger Creek Park Rehabilitation
- Mount Airy Rigler Property Acquisition
- Thurmont Catoctin Heights Park Acquisition
- Thurmont Gateway Trail Extension Acquisition
- Brunswick City Park Playground Equipment
- Emmitsburg Community Park Restroom/Concession Stand
- Middletown Wiles Branch Park Exercise Equipment
- Middletown Remsburg Park New Swing Set
- Myersville Grindstone Run Park Tot Lot Phase 2
- Myersville Flook Park Swing Set
- Myersville Young Trail Phase 1
- Thurmont Skate Park
- Walkersville Creamery Park Improvements

The following project's proximity to a PFA is unknown:
- Frederick County Unallocated Acquisition
# FY2022 AVAILABLE POS ANNUAL PROGRAM FUNDING ALLOCATIONS
## FREDERICK COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

| Funding Allocated to Frederick County: | 1,543,720.00 |
| Unallocated/Unencumbered Funds (if applicable): | - |

### Total Funding Available in FY2022: 1,543,720.00

- 50% of Total Funding: Municipal POS Allocation: 771,860.00
- 50% of Municipal Allocation: Development: 385,930.00
- 50% of Municipal Allocation: Acquisition: 385,930.00

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<td>680,000.00</td>
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<td>Thurmont - Gateway Trail Extension</td>
<td>75,000.00</td>
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<td>Thurmont - Catoctin Heights Park Site</td>
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**Total Acquisition:** 385,930.00 805,000.00 805,000.00

### Development

| Brunswick - City Park Playground | 50,000.00 | 60,000.00 | 75,000.00 |

**Brunswick Total:** 50,000.00 60,000.00 75,000.00

| Burkittsville - Gazebo | - | 30,000.00 | 37,500.00 |

**Burkittsville Total:** - 30,000.00 37,500.00

| Town of Emmitsburg P1 - New Restrooms/Concession Stand | 147,980.00 | 237,000.00 | 316,000.00 |
| Town of Emmitsburg P2 - Emmitsburg Message Centers | - | 5,793.00 | 7,274.00 |

**Emmitsburg Total:** 147,980.00 242,793.00 323,724.00

| Middletown P1 - Wiles Branch Park: Exercise Equipment | 13,875.00 | 13,875.00 | 18,500.00 |
| Middletown P2 - Remsburg Park: Swing Set | 4,575.00 | 4,575.00 | 6,100.00 |
| Middletown P3 - Wile Branch Park: Dog Park Amenities | - | 4,387.50 | 5,850.00 |

**Middletown Total:** 18,450.00 22,837.50 30,450.00

| Myersville P1 - Grindstone Rur Park: Tot Lot | 37,500.00 | 37,500.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Myersville P2 - Flock Park: Swing Set | 7,500.00 | 15,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Myersville P3 - Young Trail: Phase 1 | 37,500.00 | 37,500.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Myersville P4 - Post office Trail | - | 15,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Myersville P5 - Pleasant Walk Park Parking Area | - | 15,000.00 | 20,000.00 |

**Myersville Total:** 82,500.00 120,000.00 160,000.00

| Thurmont P1 - Skate Park | 40,000.00 | 43,750.00 | 65,000.00 |
| Thurmont P3 - Woodland Park Playground Upgrades Ph II | - | 60,000.00 | 80,000.00 |

**Thurmont Total:** 40,000.00 103,750.00 145,000.00

| Walkersville - Creamery Park Improvements | 47,000.00 | 145,584.00 | 192,584.00 |

**Walkersville Total:** 47,000.00 145,584.00 192,584.00

**Total Development:** 385,930.00 724,964.50 964,258.00

**Total Acquisition & Development:** 771,860.00 1,529,964.50 1,769,258.00
POS ANNUAL PROGRAM
PROJECT INFORMATION FORM

PROJECT TITLE: ______________________________ DATE: ______________

MUNICIPALITY: __________________________ PROJ. COORD. ______________

PROJECT LOCATION:

TYPE: ACERAGE: PRIORITY:
☐ Acquisition Existing:_____ Proposed:______
☐ Development Existing:_____

FUNDING: State POS: __________ (___ %) Local: ______ Total Annual Cost: ______

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & JUSTIFICATION:

SUB-PHASES DESCRIPTION: (Include estimated cost breakdown)

ANTICIPATED FUTURE PHASES: (Include estimated costs if known)

OTHER INFORMATION:
### Program Open Space Annual Program for Acquisition Fiscal Year 2022

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<td>Frederick County</td>
<td><strong>Frederick County Unallocated Acquisition</strong>&lt;br&gt; An unallocated acquisition category has been established to permit acquisition of sites based upon opportunities as they arise. The staff reviewed the CIP, the LPRP, and evaluated park acquisition projects to establish the following priorities: Emmitsburg/ Thurmont Area RP/DP; New Market/ Spring Ridge Area CP, Green Valley/Monrovia Area CP.</td>
<td>Existing 0, Ultimate Unknn, Project Unknn</td>
<td>Total 3,476,222.00, Local 3,132,804.00, State POS Funds 385,930.00, Federal -</td>
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<td>Mount Airy</td>
<td><strong>Rigler Property</strong>&lt;br&gt; The Rigler property adjoins an existing Town of Mount of Airy park, Windy Ridge Park. The town is in short supply of baseball fields specifically and Windy Ridge has ample room for this type of facility, but access is limited. Acquiring the Rigler property would provide that access. This much needed access would help the town meet our AFPO requirement and provide recreational activities for the community.</td>
<td>88, 112.98, 24.98</td>
<td>680,000.00, 260,930.00, -</td>
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| **Thurmont** | **Gateway Trail Extension**  
This project would be to acquire property located at 128 W Main St in Thurmont that is needed to make the Gateway Trail connection from Thurmont Community Park to West Main Street, providing access to the Lewis area, Catoctin Mountain National Park. The Gateway Trail system makes connections with other trails in the area and has been identified as a goal in Catoctin Mountain Park's Comprehensive Trail Plan. | 0 unknn 0.295 75,000.00 - 75,000.00 - | |
|         | **Catoctin Heights Park Site**  
The Catoctin Heights subdivision in Thurmont contains approximately 100 residential units (mostly single family, townhomes and apartments). Current demographics indicate a large number of children living in this subdivision. A 1.6 acre site within the subdivision was originally platted as a park site but was never deeded to the town or constructed. The site is currently an open space area that is maintained by several of the neighbors. The town proposes to purchase this parcel, creating a park for the residents and visitors of the Catoctin Heights subdivision and surrounding areas. | 0 4.3 4.3 50,000.00 - 50,000.00 - | |

**Total Acquisition** 4,281,222.00 3,132,804.00 771,860.00 -
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<td>Frederick</td>
<td><strong>Ballenger Creek Park Rehabilitation</strong>&lt;br&gt;Ballenger Creek Park is adjacent to a dense residential community and is only two miles south of the City of Frederick. This rehabilitation project would include interior and exterior improvements to two existing Parks and Recreation owned residential buildings (one of which is detailed in acquisition project 7256-10-455) and current Maintenance Shop in the park, improving access roads and providing multiuse trails, parking areas, addressing ADA needs, restroom facilities, required utilities, storm water mitigation, landscaping and park amenities. By making these improvements and updates to the buildings/shop area and surrounding grounds, Frederick County Parks and Recreation is hoping to provide additional and much needed recreational opportunities, events and facilities at this regional park.</td>
<td>2,200,000.00</td>
<td>1,814,070.00</td>
<td>385,930.00</td>
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<td>Brunswick</td>
<td><strong>City Park Playground</strong>&lt;br&gt;Replacement of Playground Equipment. The City Park Playground equipment is over 20 years old and in need of renovation. As the City Park Building sharing this property is the only City-owned private rental available for gatherings, the playground is heavily utilized. In addition, a summer day care program utilizes the park building and park.</td>
<td>3.47</td>
<td>75,000.00</td>
<td>25,000.00</td>
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<td>Emmitsburg</td>
<td><strong>Emmitsburg Community Park: New Restroom/Concession Stand</strong>&lt;br&gt;Community Park is Emmitsburg's largest park with 55 acres of land, however the park only has one restroom in the northern section of the park that is available for public use and no concession stand buildings despite year-round use of the fields, 18 hole disc golf and other park amenities. For this project the Town would install a one story restroom/concession stand combo building with water/sewer/electricity near the southern portion of the park.</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>316,000.00</td>
<td>168,020.00</td>
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<td>Middletown</td>
<td><strong>Middletown Wiles Branch Park: Exercise Equipment</strong>&lt;br&gt;New exercise equipment stations along the walking trails in Wiles Branch Park.</td>
<td>17.2</td>
<td>18,500.00</td>
<td>4,625.00</td>
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<td>Middletown</td>
<td><strong>Middletown Remsburg Park-Swing Set</strong>&lt;br&gt;New swing set for Remsburg Park</td>
<td>87.9</td>
<td>6,100.00</td>
<td>1,525.00</td>
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<td>Myersville</td>
<td><strong>Grindstone Run Park: Tot Lot Phase 2</strong>&lt;br&gt;This project includes installation of the second segment of a 'natural scape' playground area. This amenity will serve to tie together the recently installed rustic pavilion with surrounding natural landscape features of the Grindstone Run waterway and forested areas. This playground is envisioned to include modern constructed playground equipment in single smaller individual play locations through this generally linear park.</td>
<td>1.83</td>
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| Myersville | **Flock Park: Swing Set**  
Flock Park was established by the Town at the requires of the neighborhood to serve as a pocket park within the community to address the deficit in amenities to meet recreation demand in the northern section of Myersville. As the neighborhood has continued to experience a turnover of younger family homebuyers, the need for a swing set to accompany the tot lot installed in 2009 has steadily grown in popularity of request. | 1.25    | 20,000.00 | 12,500.00 | 7,500.00 | - |
| Myersville | **Young Trail Phase 1**  
This project includes installation of the first phase of extension of the Doubs Meadow Park hiker/biker trail from Doubs Meadow parking lot to the Doub Gift and Young properties with pedestrian crossing at MD Rt.17 at the State directed location of MDSHA where the Town is working with a local conservancy entity to reforest the area with an abundance of native fruit bearing species in part as an education amenity area for passive hiking/biking activity. | 5.2     | 50,000.00 | 12,500.00 | 37,500.00 | - |
| Thurmont  | **Thurmont Skate Park**  
This project is to construct an 80' x 50' skate park within East End Park in Thurmont. The facility will be constructed primarily of concrete and will address a need that was brought to the town's attention by a group of skating enthusiast, community members and the Thurmont Police Dept. The features proposed for the facility include a bowl, ledges, stairs, manual pads, quarter pipes, wedge ramps, a flat bar, and others. | 13.6    | 65,500.00 | 25,500.00 | 40,000.00 | - |
| Walkersville | **Walkersville Creamery Park Improvements**  
Creamery Park is centrally located and walkable for resident children and youth of the town. Improving this park will provide the greater Walkersville Community with an inclusive playground and ADA compliant access to the playground. Presently, the Town of Walkersville does not have an inclusive playground. This would give children of all developmental levels an opportunity to play together. Additionally the loan basketball court at the park is very busy and needs improvement. The Town would like to build an additional half court to allow more youth to play simultaneously. These improvements will allow more residents to enjoy the park. | 2.1     | 192,584.00 | 145,584.00 | 47,000.00 | - |
| **Total Development** | **2,993,684.00** | **2,221,824.00** | **771,860.00** | - |
| **Total Acquisition & Development** | **7,274,906.00** | **5,354,628.00** | **1,543,720.00** | - |
Ballenger Creek Park Rehabilitation
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Division of Parks and Recreation

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March 29, 2022

Tiffany R. DePaoli, Land Acquisition & Planning
Margaret Lashar, Program Administrator
DNR- Land Acquisition & Planning
Tawes State Office Building, E-4
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Frederick County FY2022 POS Annual Program Amendment

Dear Tiffany and Margaret:

Please amend Frederick County’s FY2022 POS Annual Program to allow the use of funding allocated for the Town of Walkersville Creamy Park Improvements. The total amount allocated for this acquisition project is $47,000.

The Town of Walkersville is now requesting the $47,000 to be split into two new projects: Creamery Half Court $17,000 and Heritage Rain Gardens $30,000. Creamery Park is centrally located and walkable for resident children and youth of the Town. The Town would like to build an additional half court to allow more youth to play basketball. Heritage Farm Park has several low points that allow water to pool. The Town would like to treat these areas with rain gardens to allow proper treatment of the water as well as adding an educational component to the Park.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

FREDERICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

Bob Hicks, CPRP
Deputy Director

cc: Sean Williams, Town Manager – Town of Walkersville
Kimberly Taylor, Fiscal Administrator – Frederick County Parks and Recreation