



**County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland  
Department of Parks & Recreation**

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September 17, 2024

Katelyn Woods, Administrator III  
Land Acquisition and Planning  
Department of Natural Resources  
Tawes State Office Bldg.  
580 Taylor Ave., E-4  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Ms. Woods,

Enclosed you will find Kent County's Fiscal Year 2025 Program Open Space Annual Program. The projects proposed in the Program have been prioritized to meet the needs of Kent County, as well as the State requirements for use of Program Open Space dollars. In addition, the Program is consistent with the goals of the Kent County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan.

Thank you for your continued support of and assistance in carrying out Kent County's recreation goals. Should you have questions or concerns related to the Annual Program, I can be reached at 410-810-5948 or [jcoleman@kentgov.org](mailto:jcoleman@kentgov.org). If you have any questions about the projects, please contact Carrie Klein, she can be reached at 410-778-1449.

Sincerely,

Jillyn Coleman, M.Ed.  
Director  
Carrie Klein,  
Deputy Director of Public Works

## **County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland Department of Parks & Recreation**

### **FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM**

#### ***INTRODUCTION:***

The Director of the Parks and Recreation Department oversees the development and implementation of the Annual Program. This is the outcome of a collaborative effort involving various stakeholders, including the administrative staff of the Parks and Recreation Department, the Kent County Department of Public Works, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Kent County Board of Education, the Kent County Planning Office and Planning Commission, local town municipalities, the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the Program Open Space state and regional offices. The final approval is granted by the County Commissioners of Kent County.

The Annual Program is consistent with the guidelines set forth in the County's Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan and the County Comprehensive Plan. All project requests and recommendations are submitted to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for review. It is the responsibility of the Board to prioritize and submit recommendations to the Kent County Commissioners who make the final approval for implementation of projects into the County's fiscal budget. The projects in the 2025 Annual Program, outlined below, have received approval in Kent County Government's fiscal year's budget.

#### **Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan Planning Grant Assistance - \$25,000**

Professional assistance in planning and executing the development of the LPPRP is necessary for Kent County to ensure the Plan meets the established Department of Natural Resources Program Open Space Guidelines, contains all or the required elements, and to ensure the Plan is submitted on time every five years. Kent County will continue its planning of the LPPRP in preparation for the 2027 Plan update. The process will be facilitated by an experienced Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Planning consultant who will provide guidance and oversight in the development of the Plan and ongoing updates to land inventory, mapping, surveys, and public input. The State of Maryland requires local governing bodies to prepare a local Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) under the Maryland Natural Resources Code, Title 5 Forest, and Parks.

#### **Edesville Park – Renovation of Playground - \$103,000**

Edesville Park consists of 4.8 acres. Located just outside the town of Rock Hall along state Route 20, Edesville Park is ideally located, and accessible within walking distance to a community with a population of 250 residents. The project consists of removal of the current play structure, expanding the playground area, installation of new playground equipment and benches, borders, and filter fabrication. To meet safety standards required of playgrounds, this project is necessary with the improvements, the volume of use by the public, specifically will increase and will reduce risk of injuries, due to outdated playground equipment.

These improvements will be welcome changes by park and facility users that aid in keeping patrons safe, protect County resources, and in turn, increase the number of visitors.

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE  
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION  
FISCAL YEAR 2025 – KENT COUNTY, MD**

<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>Project Name / Project Description</u>	<u>Acreage</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>
KENT COUNTY PARKS & REC	<b><i>2027 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan Planning Grant Assistance /</i></b>  <i>Consultant Services to Facilitate Development of LPPRP</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	25,000	N/A	25,000	N/A

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE  
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2025 – KENT COUNTY, MD**

<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>Project Name / Project Description</u>	<u>Acreage</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>
KENT COUNTY PARKS & REC	<b><i>Edesville Park /</i></b> <i>Renovation of Playground</i>	4.8	4.8	N/A	103,000	10,300	92,700	N/A



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