DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



June 7, 2024

Mr. Michael McQuarrie
Land Acquisition & Planning
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Tawes Office Building E-4
Annapolis, Maryland 21403

Re: FY2025 POS Acquisition and Development Summary

Dear Mr. McQuarrie,

Queen Anne's County Department of Parks and Recreation is hereby submitting the QAC 2025 POS Annual Acquisition and Development summary which reflects the projects for which we may seek Program Open Space assistance in FY2025.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance with our projects.

Sincerely,

County Commissioners:

James J. Moran, At Large
Jack N. Wilson, Jr., District 1
J. Patrick McLaughlin, District 2
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Introduction FY 2025 Annual Program

The Queen Anne's County Annual Program is a detailed refinement of the approved six-year Capital Improvement Program. The Capital Improvement Program is a medium range scheduling program for implementation of Park and Open Space elements of local land use plans and the County's Land Preservation, Park and Recreation Plan. Annual evaluations utilizing current growth trends, deficiencies, funding sources, funding levels and equitable geographic distribution of funds are considered in defining the annual expenditures for acquisition of new lands and development of new facilities. The preparation of the FY 2025 Annual Program also benefits from elements of the Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan that was completed in fiscal year 2022.

Since the County currently exceeds the State and County Standards regarding land acquisition goals, emphasis for the next several years will continue to be on land development. Proposed sites are selected based on currently approved plans to provide a broad spectrum of active and passive facilities. Trails are one if not the most popular amenity in the park system, we will seek to expand this basic infrastructure element to our existing parks. Our efforts will continue to provide greater public access to our county's trail system especially in proximity to population centers. The South Island Trail located in Queen Anne's County highest population area by zip code, 13,463 or 27% of the population reside there. Greater expansion of this trail to connect local businesses and eventually the Cross Island Trail will help us meet two of our 2022 LPPRP Goals found on page 57:

- Goal 5 Recreation land and facilities located in proximity to population centers.
- Goal 9 Promote safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle access County wide.

Queen Anne's County is assisting the Town of Centreville with acquiring the SHA property, formerly known as the Ashley Property, so that the Town may connect the Millstream Park trail to the Ashley Property. Currently Centreville is the second highest population density at 10,570 people or 21% of the county's population. This would align with three of the 2025 LPPRP goals found on page 57:

- Goal 5 Recreation land and facilities located in proximity to population centers.
- Goal 6 Invest in neighborhood and community parks & facilities based on needs analysis.
- Goal 9 Promote safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle access County wide.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT FISCAL YEAR 2025

Sponsor	Project Name, Project Description	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only				
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	<u>Total</u>	Local	State (POS Local Funds)	<u>Federal</u>	
QA Co	South Island Trail Extension: This request is for additional funding to extend the trail system south from Chris Church to Marine Academy Drive. Current Project # 7670-17-185	1.0	1.0	1.0	201,000.00	19,333.25	180,666.75	0	

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION FISCAL YEAR 2025

Sponsor	Project Name, Project Description	<u>Acreage</u>			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Loca	State (POS Local Funds)	<u>Federal</u>
QA Co	Town of Centreville Property This request is to help fund the purchase of the SHA Property, formerly known as the Ashley Property. Current Project #7695-17-186 pending BPW approval	6.88	6.88	6,88	360,700	0	360,700	0
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