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May 19, 2025

Dear Ms. Cornwell:

Attached please find one (1) original and one copy of the Fiscal Year 2026 Program Open Space Annual Consolidated Program as follows:

Acquisition Project

FY2027 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) – Update

Development Project(s)

LED Lighting Retrofit Project- Fifth District Park
Court renovations at Dorsey Park and Chancellors Run Regional Park

Please feel free to contact me at (301) 475-4200 ext. 1811 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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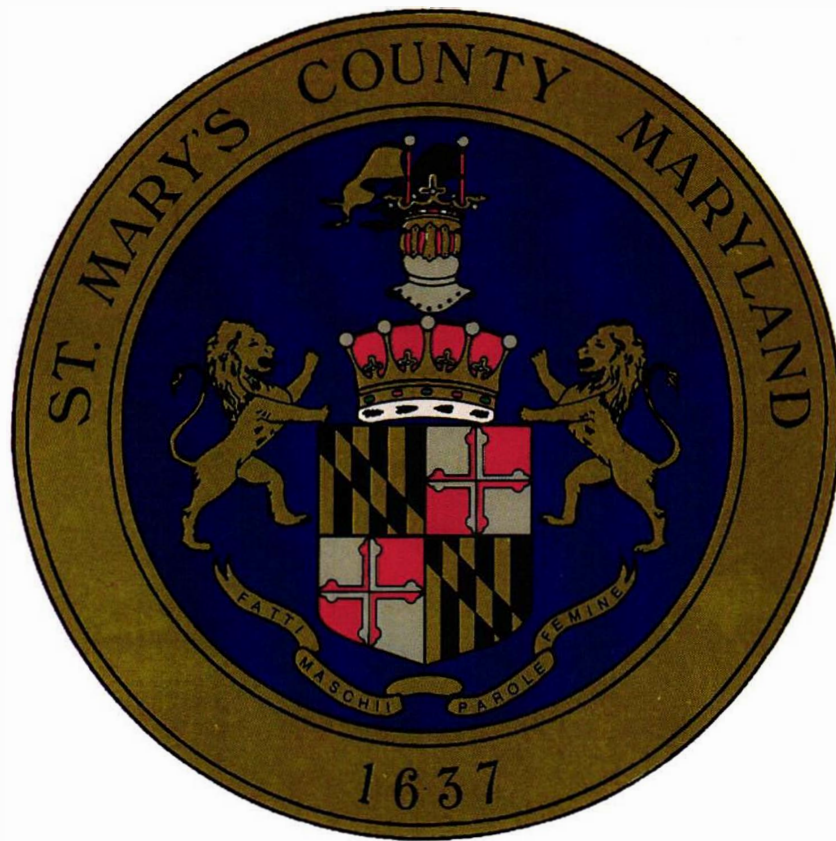
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Annual Program for Proposed Program Open Space Acquisition and Development Projects Fiscal Year 2026

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Introduction

St. Mary's County's Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Program includes one (2) development projects, and one (1) acquisition project as follows:

1. Funding for the replacement of Metal Halide Lights with the purchase and installation of new poles, LED bulbs, electrical upgrades, and rewiring at fields 2&3 at 5th District Parks.
2. Funding for court renovation at Dorsey Park (Tennis Courts) and Chancellors Run Regional Park (Basketball Courts)
3. Funding to assist with the funding of a consultant to update the 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) for FY2027.

The projects proposed in Fiscal Year 2026 are consistent with goals identified in the County's Comprehensive Plan and the LPPRP. The projects are also included in the County's FY2026 capital budget program. The process used to select the project will include:

- Staff review and recommendation to the Recreation and Parks Citizen Advisory Board.
- Recreation and Parks Board adoption and recommendation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.
- Planning Commission review and recommendation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.
- Commissioners of St. Mary's County adoption.

Annual Program for acquisition – Fiscal Year 2026

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Acquisition Project Description

Land, Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) – 2027 Update

The County is proposing to utilize \$25,000 in Fiscal Year 2026 Program Open Space – Local funds to assist with the funding of a consultant to update the 2022 Land, Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP). This plan is required by state law as a prerequisite to participate in the Program Open Space funding program.

This Plan The project is consistent with the purpose of the 2022 Land Preservation, Parks: This Plan provides current information and establishes goals and recommendations to guide St. Mary's County in providing, improving, and best leveraging its system of parks, recreation services, and open space amenities to meet the growing needs and desires of residents and visitors.

The project is also in compliance with the County's Comprehensive Plan section 10.2.2.D. Create new and enhanced facilities to provide recreational opportunities while preserving environmental, aesthetic, and cultural quality (page 10-5).

Annual Program for development – Fiscal Year 2026

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Development Project Description

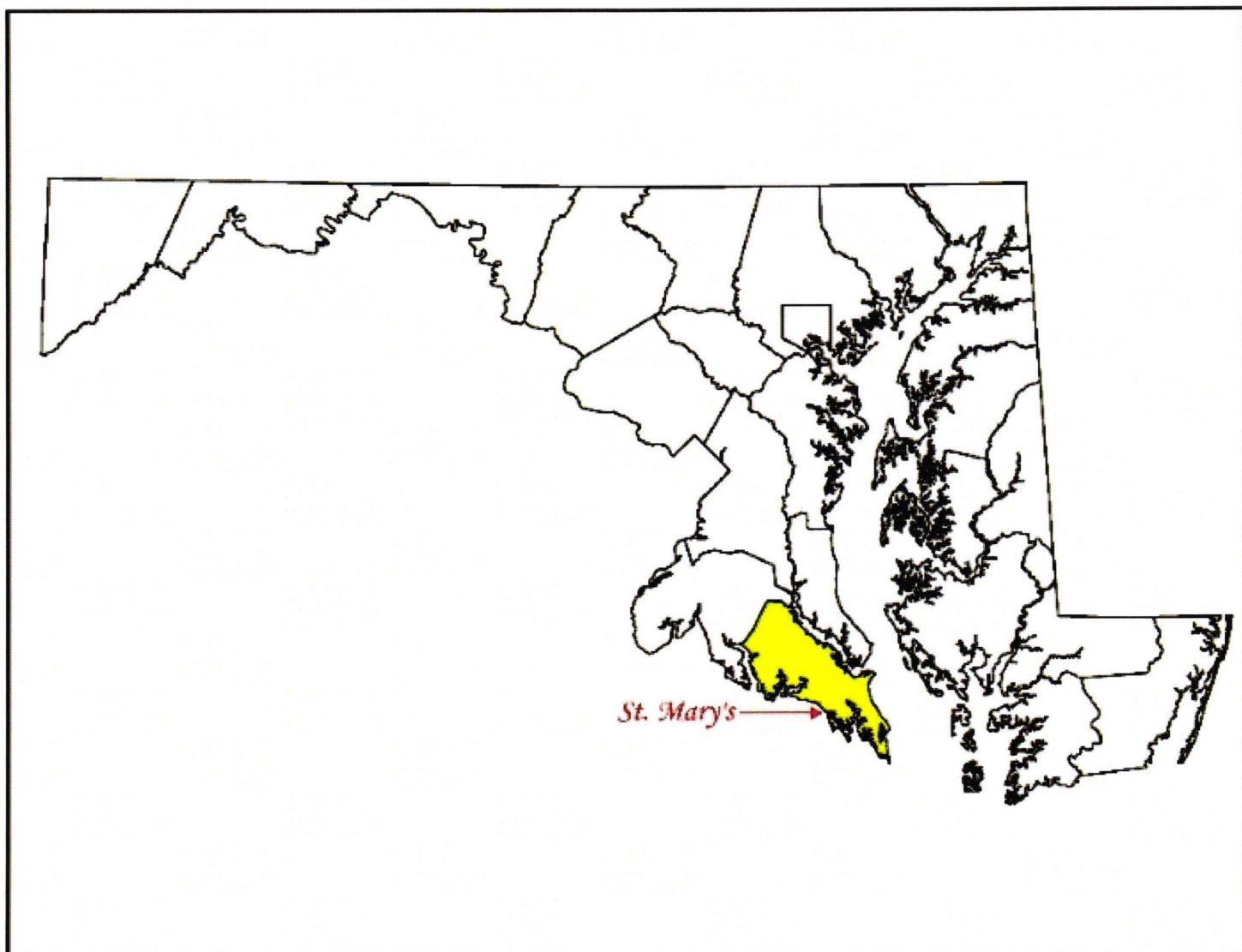
LED Light Retrofit- Fifth District Park

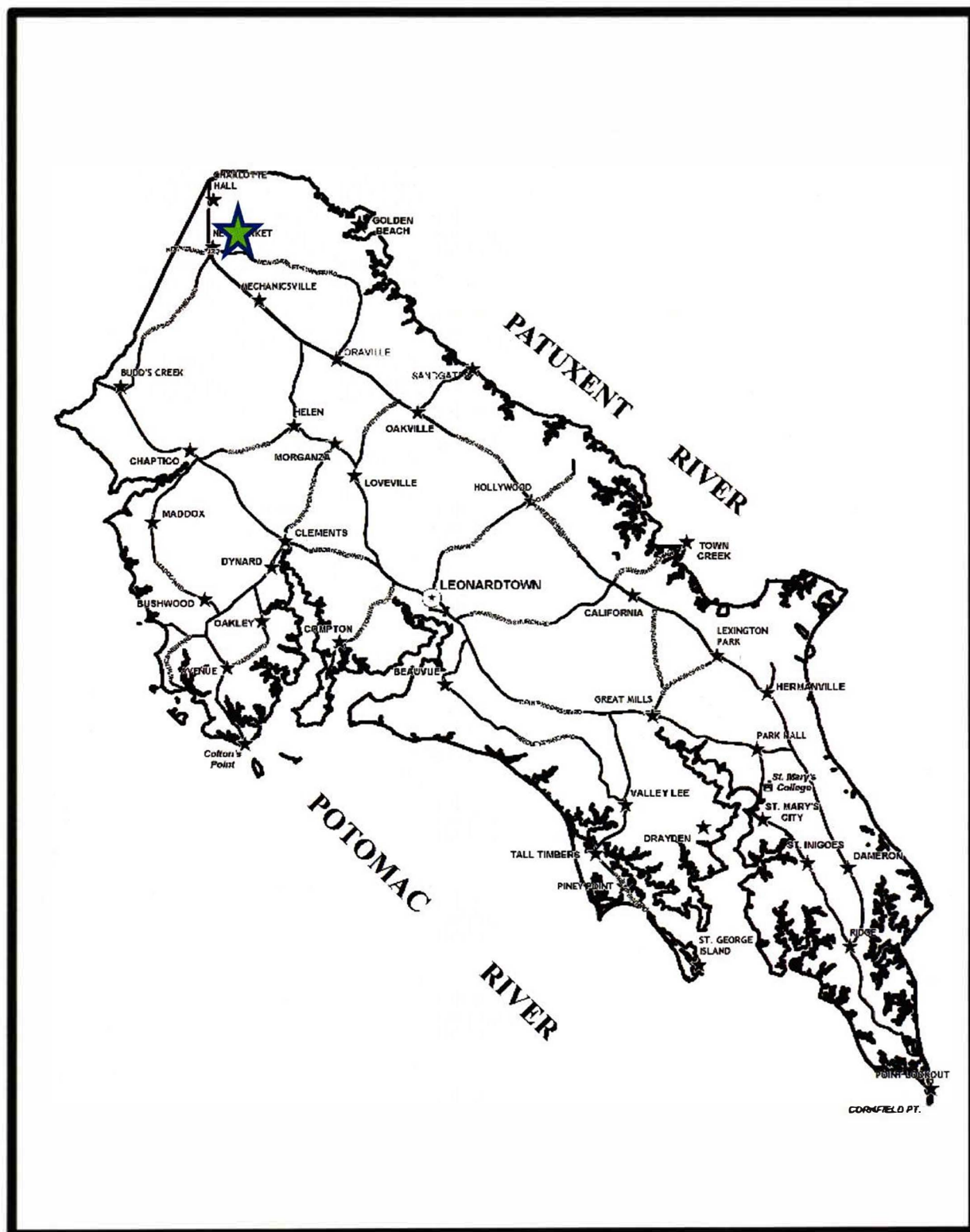
The County is proposing to utilize 647,385.30 in Fiscal Year 2026 Program Open Space – Local funds to assist with the replacement of Metal Halide Lights and poles. The project will consist of the purchase and installation of LED bulbs, electrical upgrades, rewiring and new poles. This project will improve the safety of play for citizens by giving a brighter light and practically eliminating shadows, dark spots and hot spots on the playing surface and the glare in the eyes of the players. The new LED lights will provide significant savings on energy use; estimated up to 70% savings. This project is part of the Departments internal goal to increase green initiatives and will lower maintenance needs. The lighting systems have achieved their shelf-life and are no longer providing safe levels of output. The total project cost will be \$719,317 with \$71,931.70 in county funding.

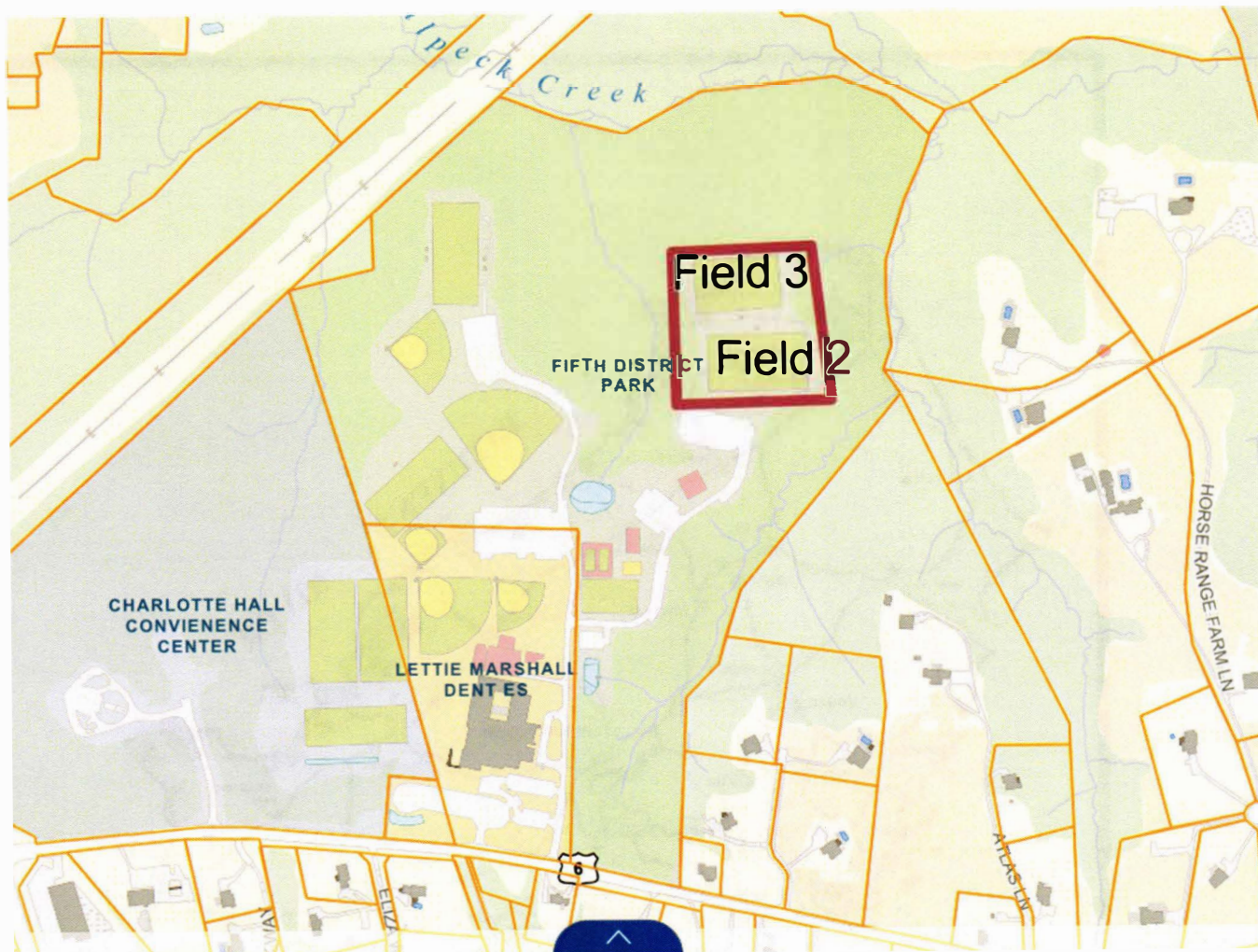
This project is consistent with the purpose of the 2022 Land Preservation, Parks goal #1 to Continue to improve and enhance existing county facilities and amenities. This Plan provides current information and establishes goals and recommendations to guide St. Mary's County in providing, improving, and best leveraging its system of parks, recreation services, and open space amenities to meet the growing needs and desires of residents and visitors.

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Project Maps







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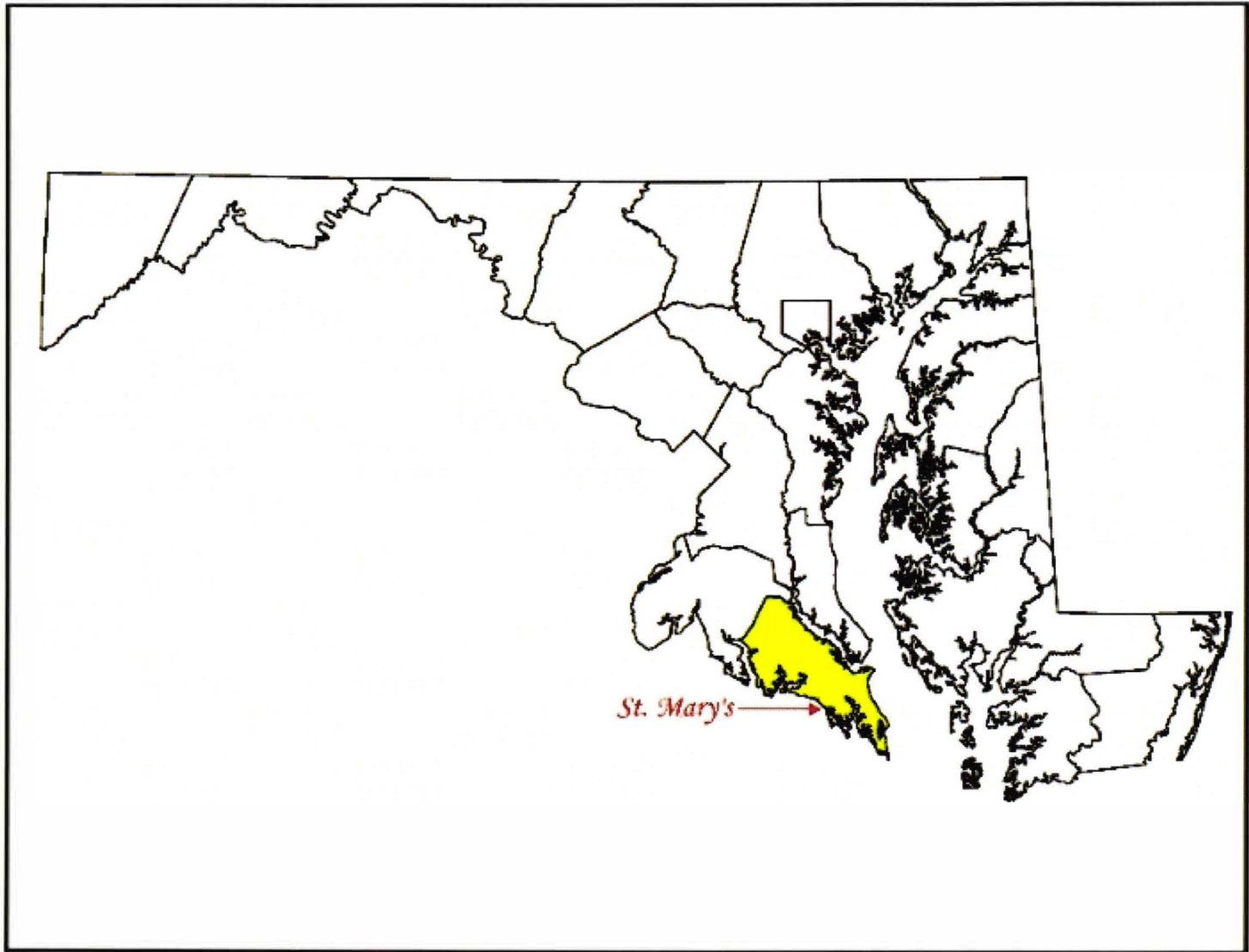
Court Renovations at Dorsey Park and Chancellors Run.

The County is proposing to utilize 225,000 in Fiscal Year 2026 Program Open Space – Local funds to assist with the complete renovation of Dorsey Park Tennis Courts and Chancellors Run Basketball Courts. Funds will be used to mill down the courts, replace the asphalt, color coating and striping and new fencing. The total project cost will be \$250,000 with \$25,000 in county funding.

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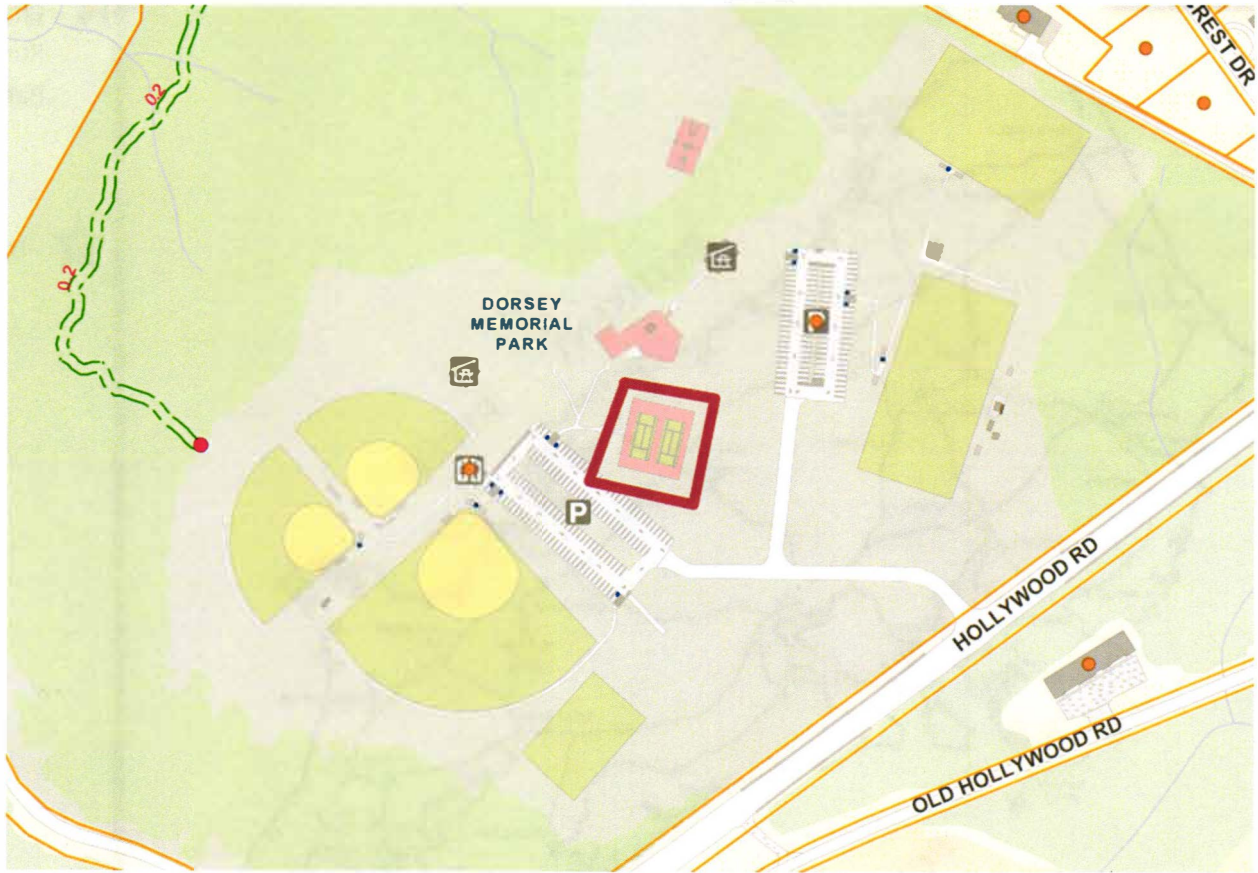


★ Chancellors Run Regional Park

★ Dorsey Park



DORSEY PARK



CHANCELLORS RUN REGIONAL PARK

