



Talbot County Department of Parks & Recreation

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Mr. Michael McQuarrie
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Program Open Space
580 Taylor Avenue, E-4
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. McQuarrie:

Please find the Talbot County Program Open Space Annual Plan for fiscal year 2025. Maps are included for each project for your reference.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Gilmer".

Emily Gilmer
Talbot County Parks and Recreation Director

Program Open Space Annual Program FY 2025

The Talbot County Parks and Recreation Department has spent significant time developing a strategy for improving access to public lands as part of the Talbot County Comprehensive Plan (TCCP) and the Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP). Talbot County currently provides its residents with many opportunities to pursue recreational and leisure activities. Some of these opportunities are available through a variety of recreation programs offered by the County's Department of Parks and Recreation. Other opportunities exist in a variety of parks ranging from large County-wide park facilities to small neighborhood play areas.

The Annual Program is consistent with the goals established in Talbot County's Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan. All projects are submitted to the Talbot County Parks Advisory Board for approval before being presented to the Talbot County Council for final approval.

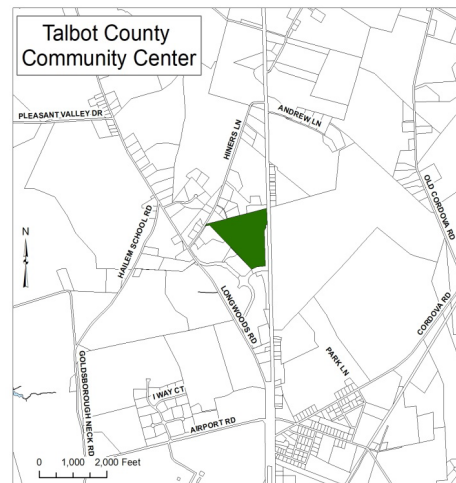
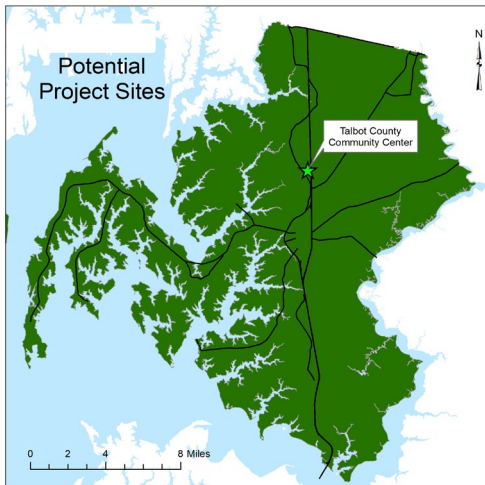
PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION FISCAL YEAR 2025

Sponsor	<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>
	LPPRP 2027				25,000	0	25,000	0

Talbot County proposed to secure a consultant to work with the Parks & Recreation and Planning & Zoning departments to complete a comprehensive LPPRP. The consultant work will include, but not be limited to: assessing current inventory of parks and amenities, identify needs and/or gaps in recreational services while outlining goals to meet current or future goals and strategies for improvement of Talbot County's recreational, natural resources and agricultural lands, conduct public meetings and surveys and complete any map updates. These are additional funds for the LPPRP.

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2025**

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	Community Center Sound/PA System	50	50	50	110,000	11,000	99,000	



Development Project – Community Center Sound/PA System

The installation of a sound/Public Address (PA) system at the Talbot County Community Center is a long-overdue essential improvement. Not only is it vital for clear and effective communication during events and programs, it is important for announcements in case of emergency and will serve as a crucial safety feature at the community center. The system will help facilitate quick and clear dissemination of information during emergencies, such as fire alarms or evacuation notices. We can ensure the message reaches everyone throughout the building, something we are not capable of currently. The sound/PA system will allow for public meetings, presentations, community gatherings, special events, classes, programs, etc. to have sound and microphones in the individual rooms. Investing in a sound/PA system is not only practical but also aligns with improving the quality of experiences at the community center. It's a long-term asset that benefits both staff and visitors. This project aligns with Talbot County's Goal 1 of the 2022 LPPRP- Maintain and enhance the system of parks and recreation facilities based on residents' needs and Goal 2- Provide public access to recreation programs and spaces that are responsive to residents' needs for both active and passive recreation activities. The estimated cost for the system is \$110,000 with funds allocated from Program Open Space and local funds.