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June 9, 2023

Dear Ms. Woods:

Attached please find one (1) original and one copy of the Fiscal Year 2024 Program Open Space Annual Program Revision as follows:

Acquisition Project

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

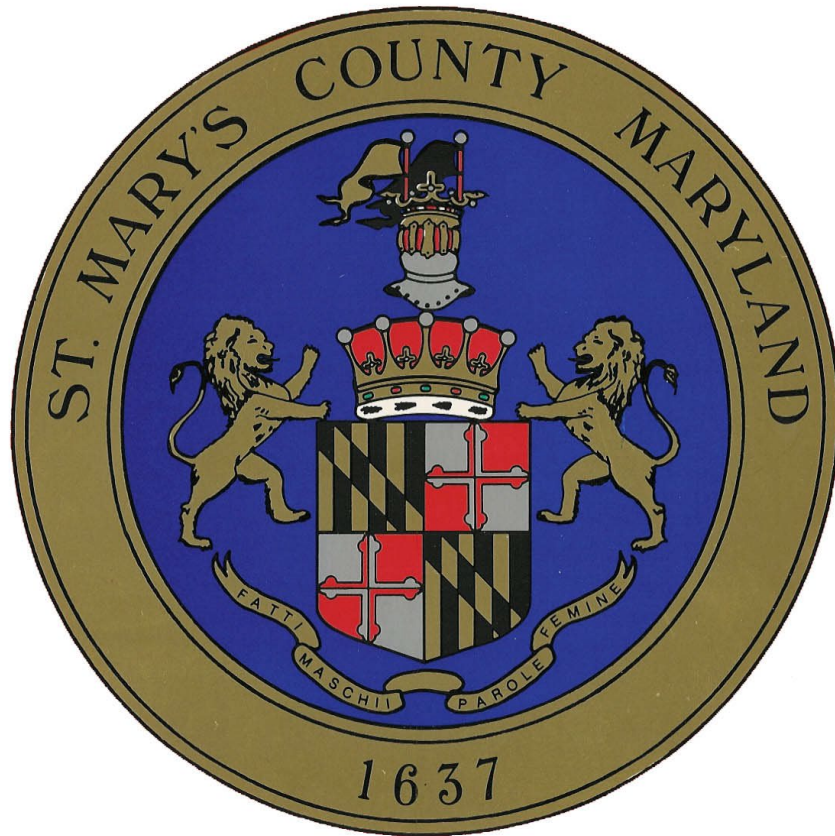
Development Project(s)

Dog Park Project, Dorsey, 5th and 7th District Parks.
Skatepark Project, Chaptico and Nicolet Parks
Lancaster Park Playground

Sincerely,

Arthur Shepherd
Director

St. Mary's County



Annual Program for Proposed Program Open Space Acquisition and Development Projects Fiscal Year 2024

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Introduction

St. Mary's County's Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Program includes one (3) development projects, and one (1) acquisition project as follows:

1. Additional funding to assist with the increased cost of design and construction of the Lancaster Park Playground.
2. Funding to assist with the cost of design and construction of three (3) dog parks to be located at 5th District, 7th District and Dorsey Parks. The Dog parks are envisioned to include, ADA accessibility, a pavilion, picnic tables, benches, water and dog play equipment.
3. Funding to assist with the cost of design and construction of two new Skate Parks located at Chaptico Park and Nicolet Park.
4. 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 2024 are consistent with goals identified in the County's Comprehensive Plan and the LPPRP. The projects are also included in the County's FY2024 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.

Acquisition Project Description

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

The County is proposing to utilize \$25,000 in Fiscal Year 2027 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).

Development Project Description

Lancaster Park Playground

The County previously obtained funding from POS for \$350,000 in Fiscal Year 2021 Program Open Space – Local funds to assist with the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Lancaster Park located at 21550 Willows Road, Lexington Park, Maryland 20653. The original playground was installed in 2001 and plans are for playground upgrades and replacements every twenty years. The project was delayed and now the cost to replace is significantly more, \$750,000. The county is requesting an additional \$200,000 in Fiscal year 2024 Program Open Space Local funds with an additional County contribution of \$50,000 to cover the cost increase for the construction of the playground.

The playground will be made of metal and plastic materials. This project will also include fencing (for safety), concrete ramps and safety surfacing to enhance ADA accessibility. The estimated cost of the playground equipment, fencing, ramps and safety surfacing is \$750,000 and will consist of County and Program Open Space – Local funds.

Dog Parks (3) – 5th District, 7th District and Dorsey Parks

The County is proposing to utilize \$427,500 in Fiscal Year 2024 Program Open Space – Local funds to design and construct three (3) dog parks to be located at 5th District (37880 New Market Turner Road Mechanicsville, MD 20659), 7th District (23035 Colton Point Road Bushwood, MD 20618) and Dorsey Parks (24275 Hollywood Road Leonardtown, MD 20650). The Dog parks are envisioned to include, ADA accessibility, a pavilion, picnic tables, benches, water access and dog play equipment. The total estimated cost of the dog parks is \$475,000 and will consist of County and Program Open Space – Local funds.

The project was recommended by a Commissioner for St. Mary's County based on requests from citizens and is consistent with the 2022 proposed Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan goal #1 to Continue to improve and enhance existing county facilities and amenities and goal #3 to Continue to look for opportunities to develop new facilities and amenities. There is one current dog park in St. Mary's County, located in the Southern District area. The additional parks will allow for an equitable distribution of this amenity type throughout the county.

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).

Skate Parks (2) – Chaptico Park & Nicolet Park

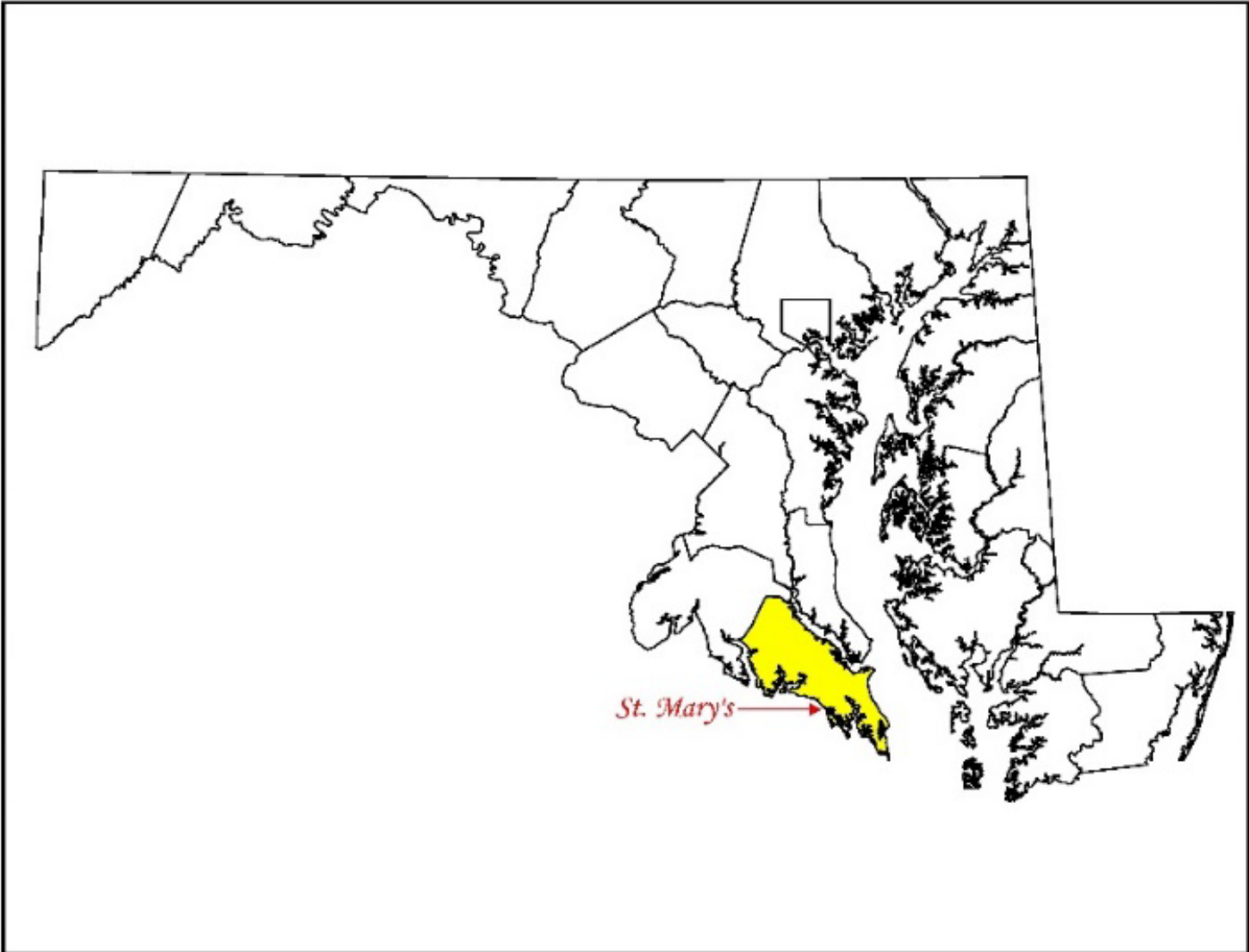
The County is proposing to utilize \$765,000 in Fiscal Year 2024 Program Open Space – Local funds to design and construct two Skateparks to be located at Chaptico Park (26600 Budd's Creek Road Mechanicsville, MD 20659) and Nicolet Park (21770 FDR Boulevard Lexington Park, MD 20653). Nicolet Park will include a renovation and addition to the existing skatepark and Chaptico Park will be a

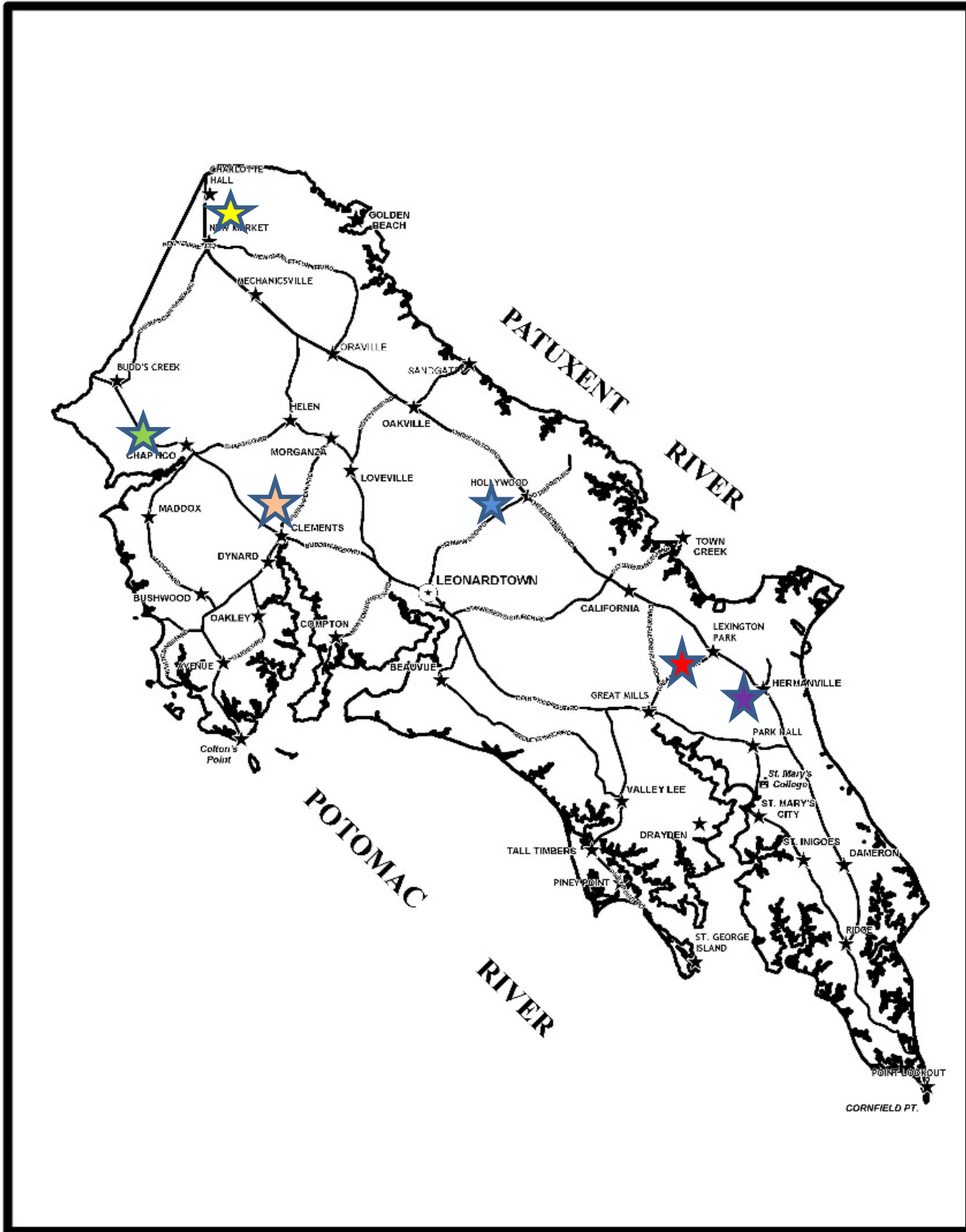
completely new amenity. The total estimated costs of the skateparks are \$850,000 and will consist of County and Program Open Space – Local funds.

The project developed based on requests from citizen groups and is consistent with the 2022 proposed Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan goal #1 to Continue to improve and enhance existing county facilities and amenities and goal #3 to Continue to look for opportunities to develop new facilities and amenities.

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).

Project Maps





MAP KEY

PLAYGROUND

Purple - Lancaster

DOG PARKS

Yellow- 5th District

Blue- Dorsey Park

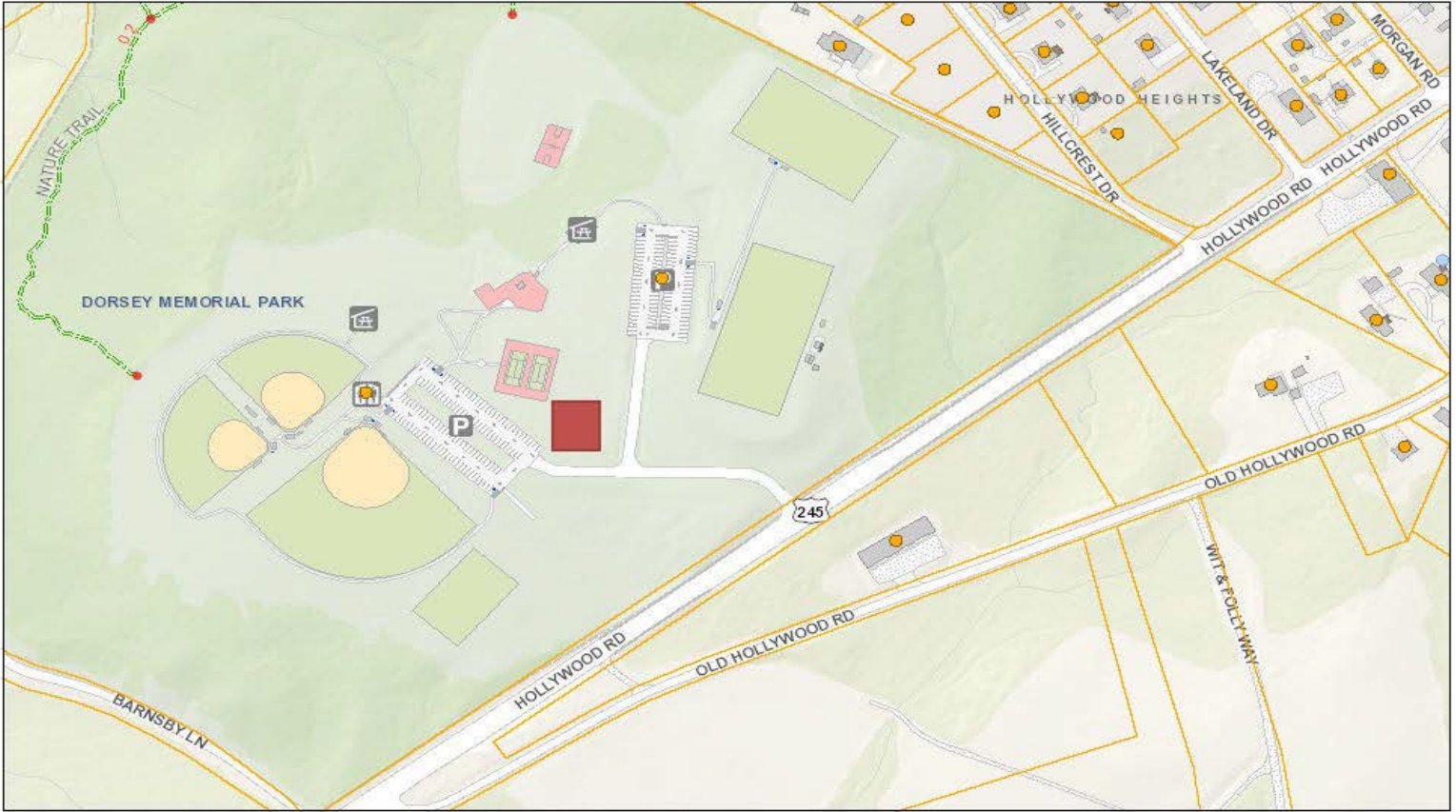
Orange – 7th District

SKATE PARKS

Green- Chaptico Park

Red- Nicolet Park

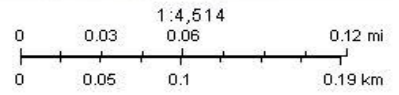
Dorsey Dog Park location



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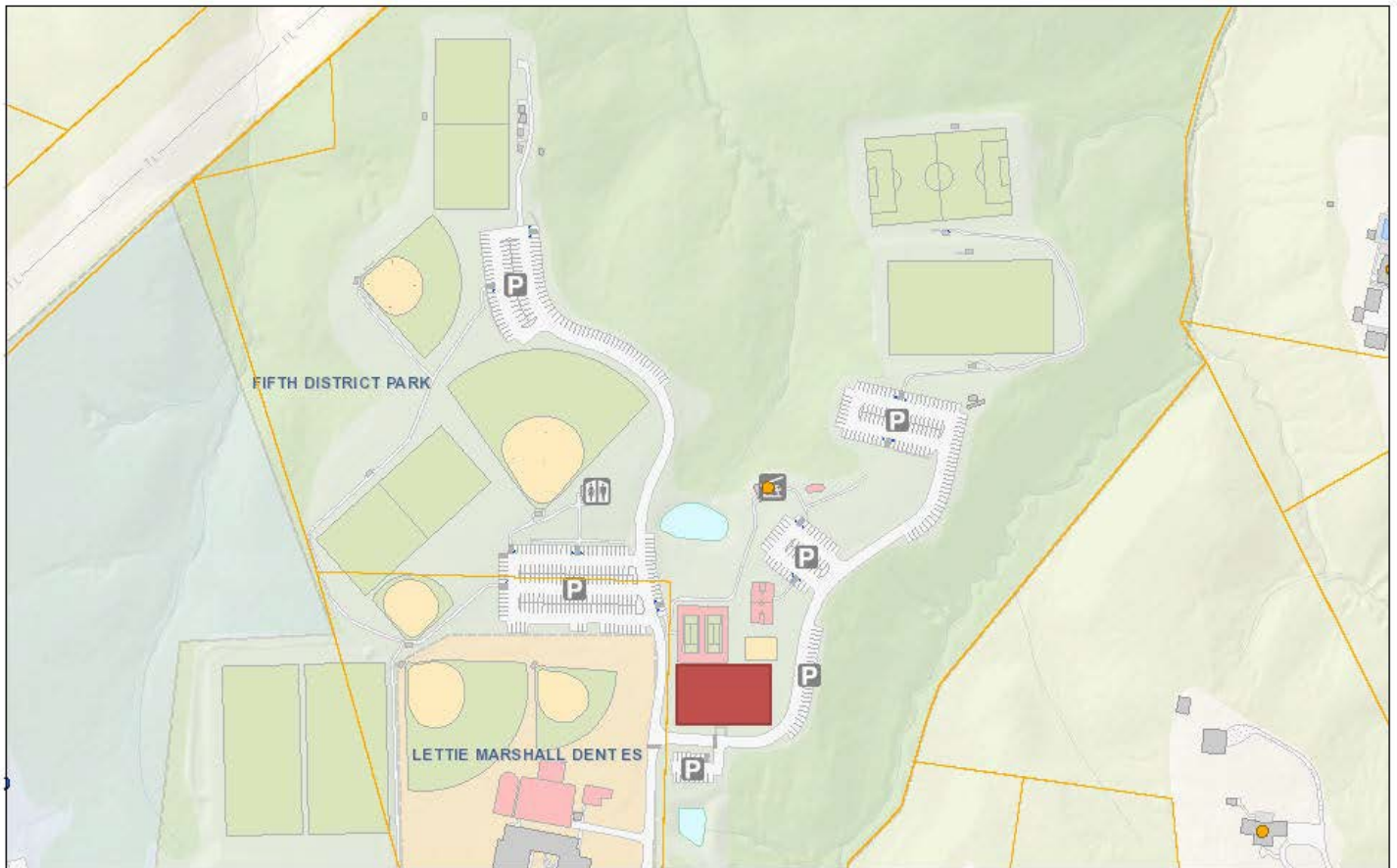
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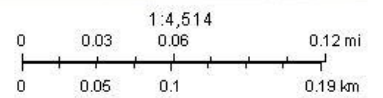
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5th District Dog Park location



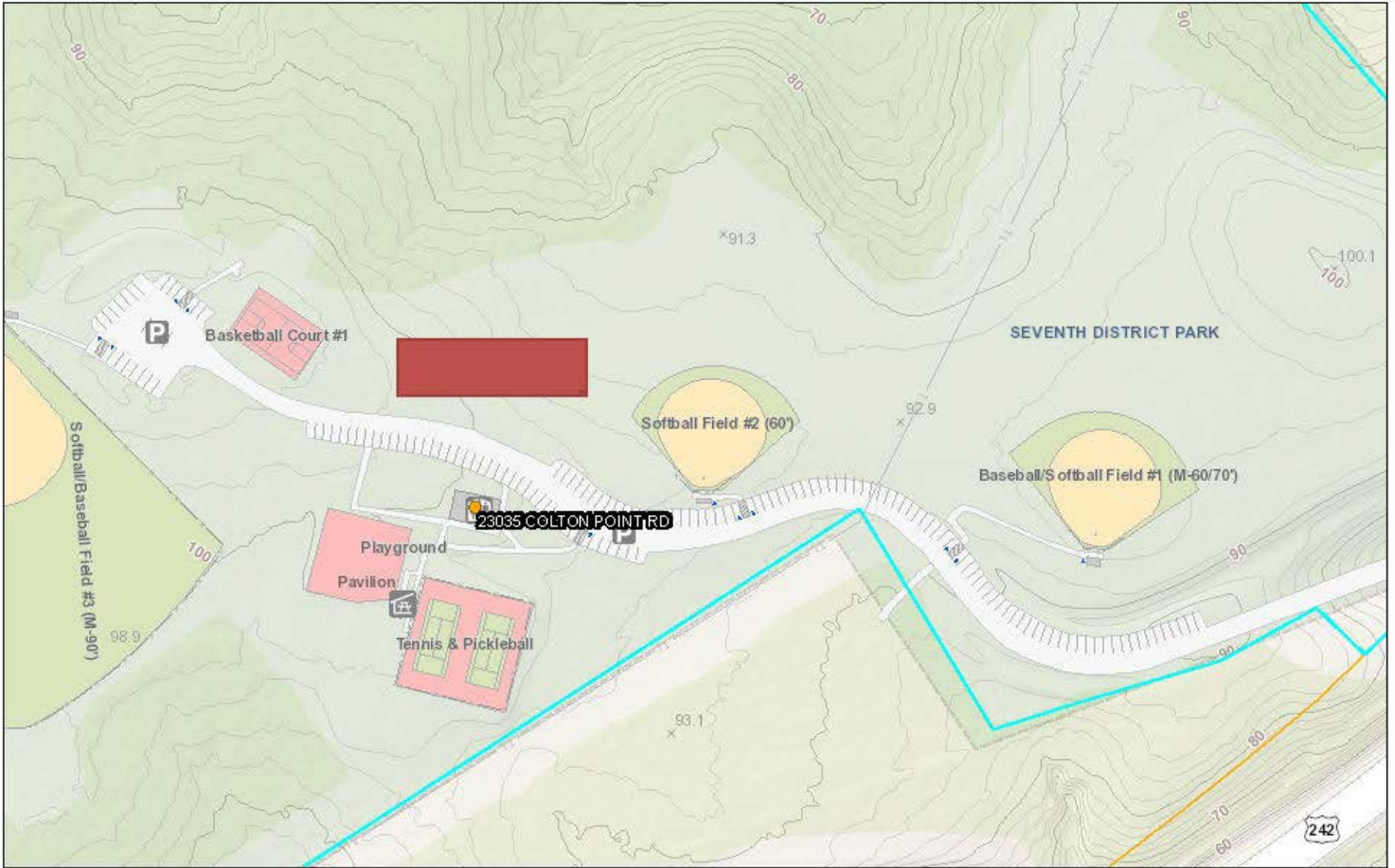
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- Property Boundaries



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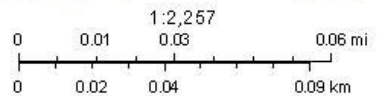
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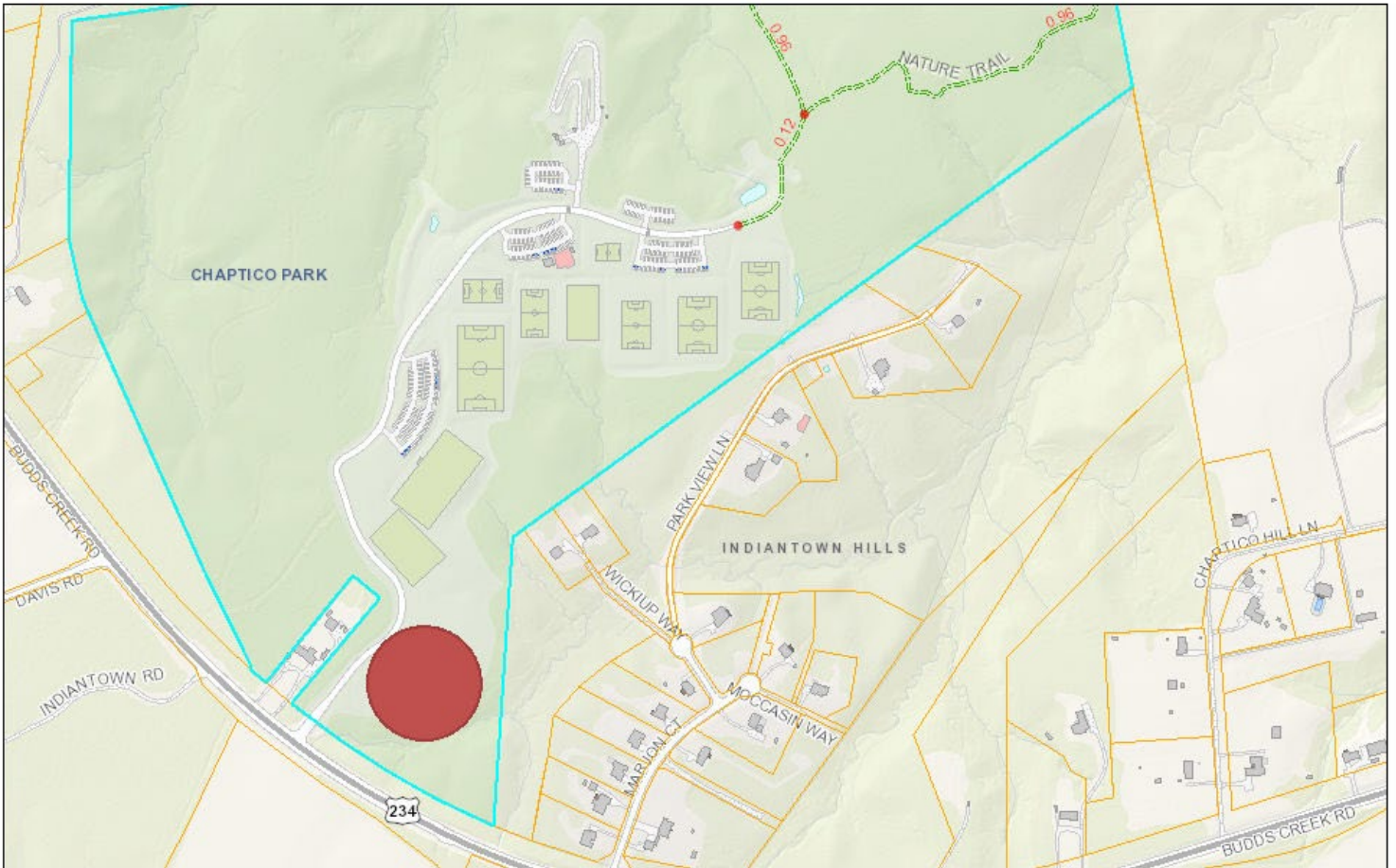
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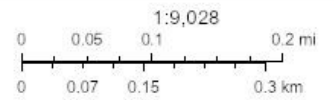
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Chaptico Park - Skatepark Location

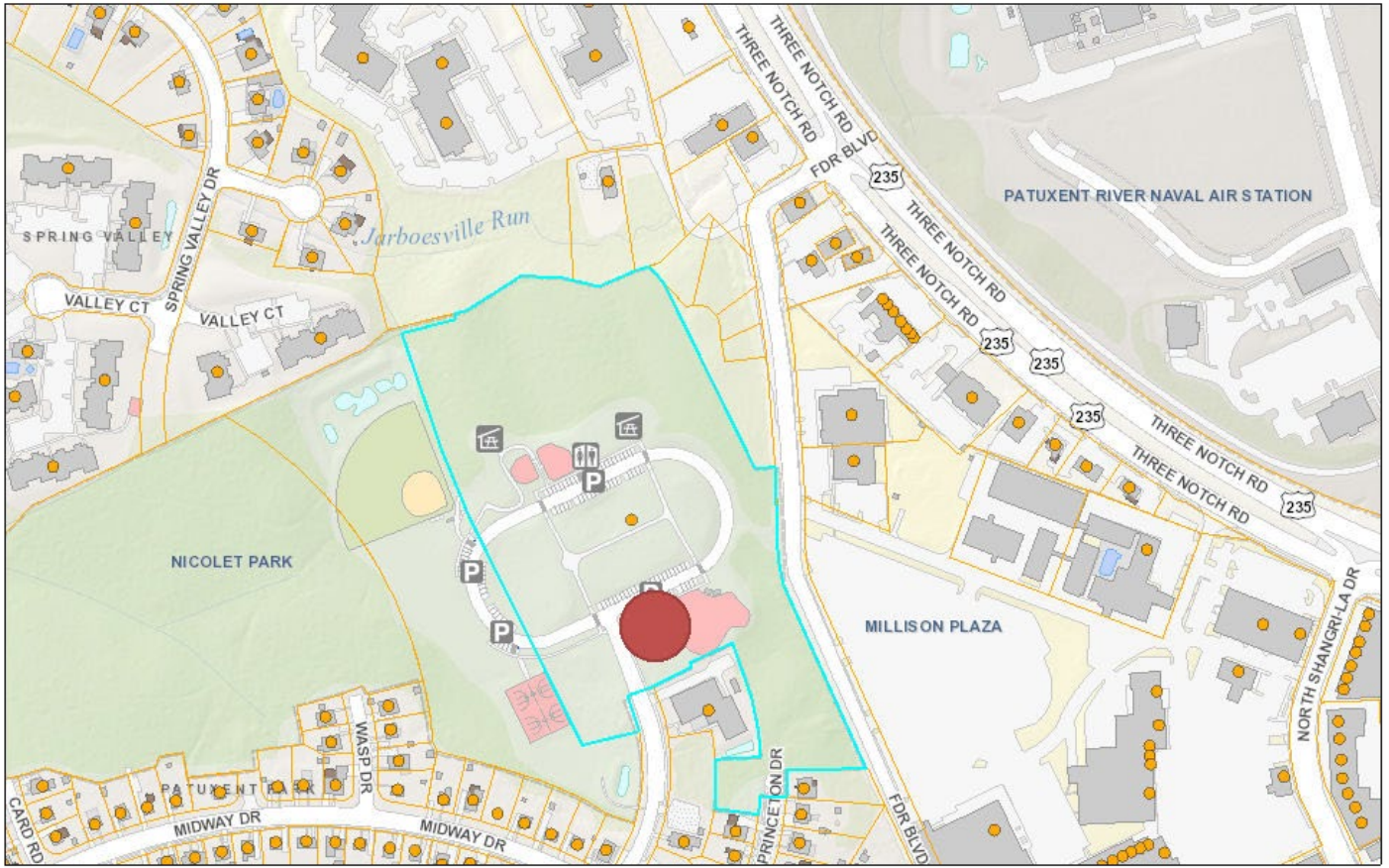


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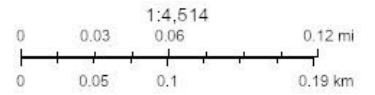
Nicolet Park- Skate Park Map



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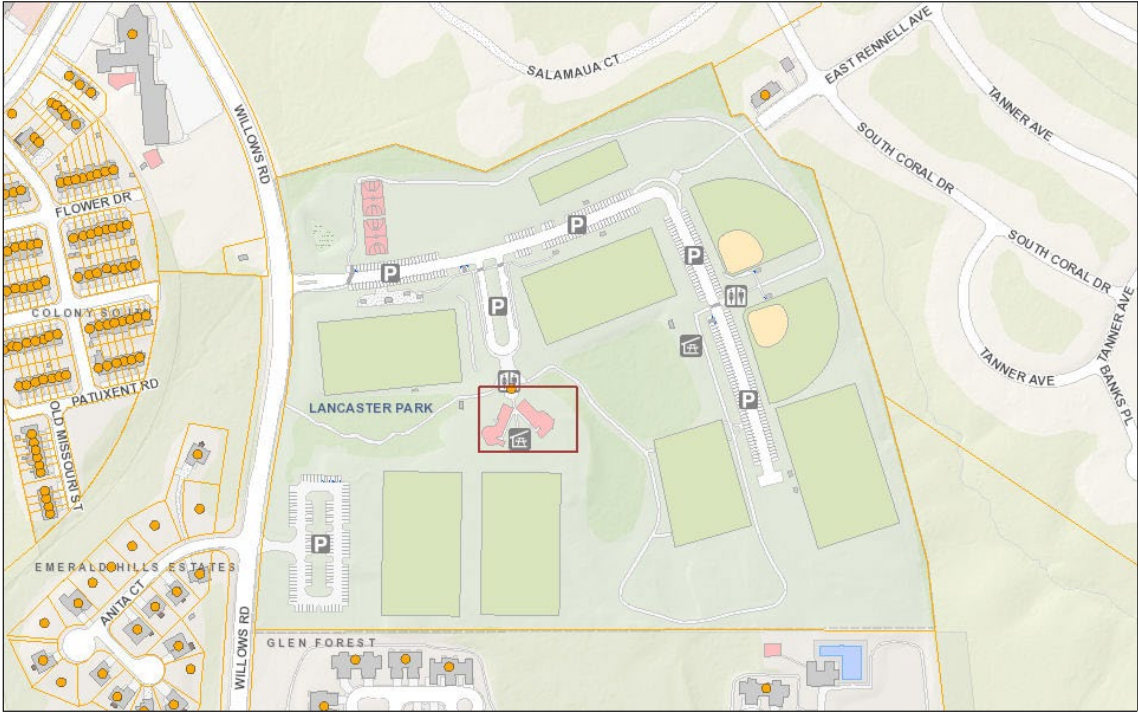
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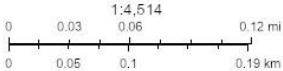
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Lancaster Park Playground



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