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February 26, 2024

Mr. Michael McQuarrie  
Land Acquisition and Planning  
Department of Natural Resources  
580 Taylor Ave., E-4  
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Re: FY2024 Annual Program Revision – Cecil Arena Electronic Message Board  
Cecil Community Center Multi-Purpose Athletic Surface

Dear Mr. McQuarrie,

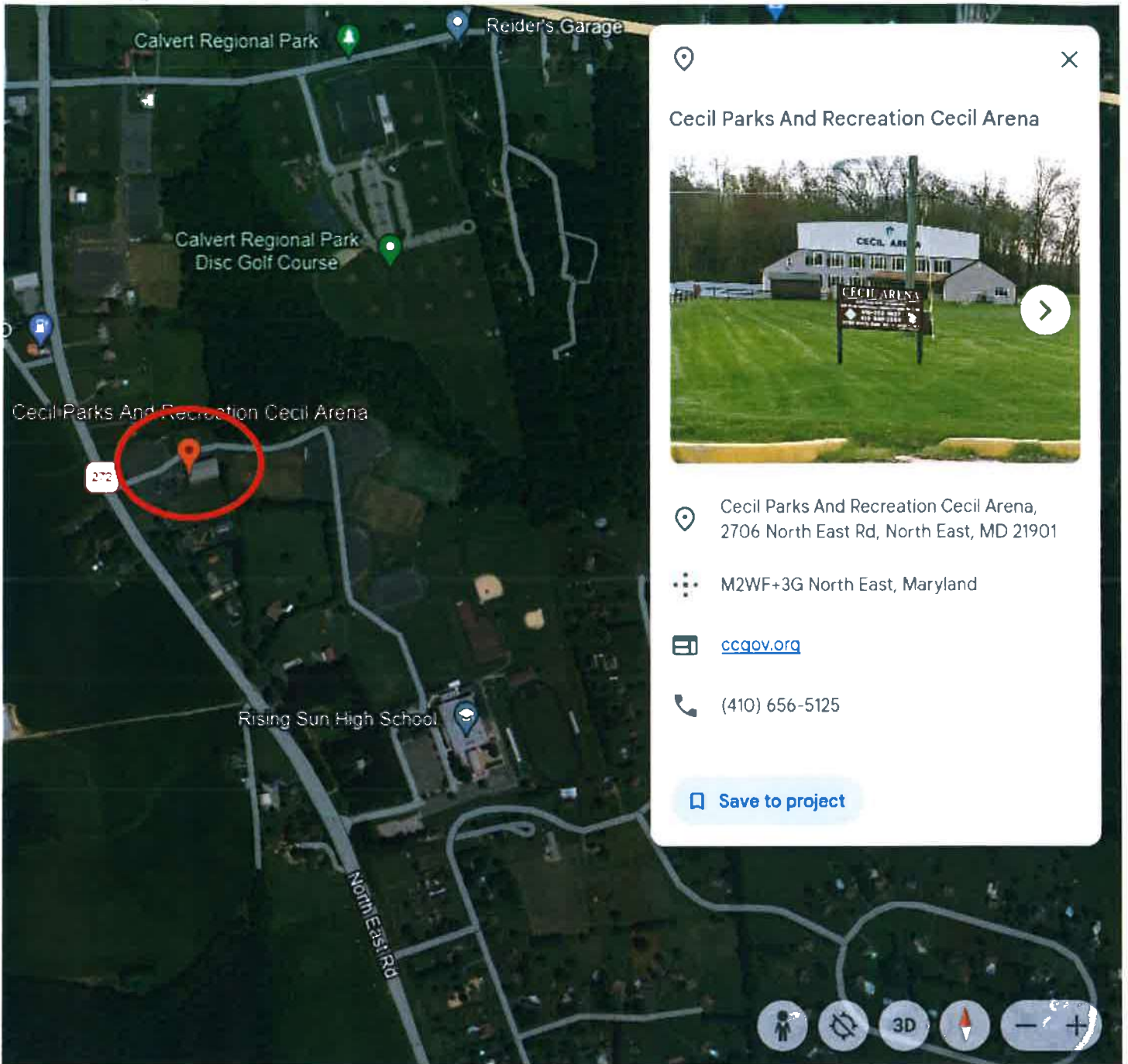
Cecil County Parks and Recreation would like to revise our FY2024 Annual Program. The first revision is the purchase and installation of an electronic message board at the Cecil Arena. The message sign board will be used to advertise upcoming programs as well as current events. This project will utilize approximately \$36,900 in Program Open Space Development funding. The second revision is the addition of a 17,000 sf multi-purpose asphalt athletic surface at the Cecil Community Center. The athletic surface would accommodate a variety of outdoor sports. This project will utilized approximately \$36,000 of Program Open Space Funding.

Sincerely,

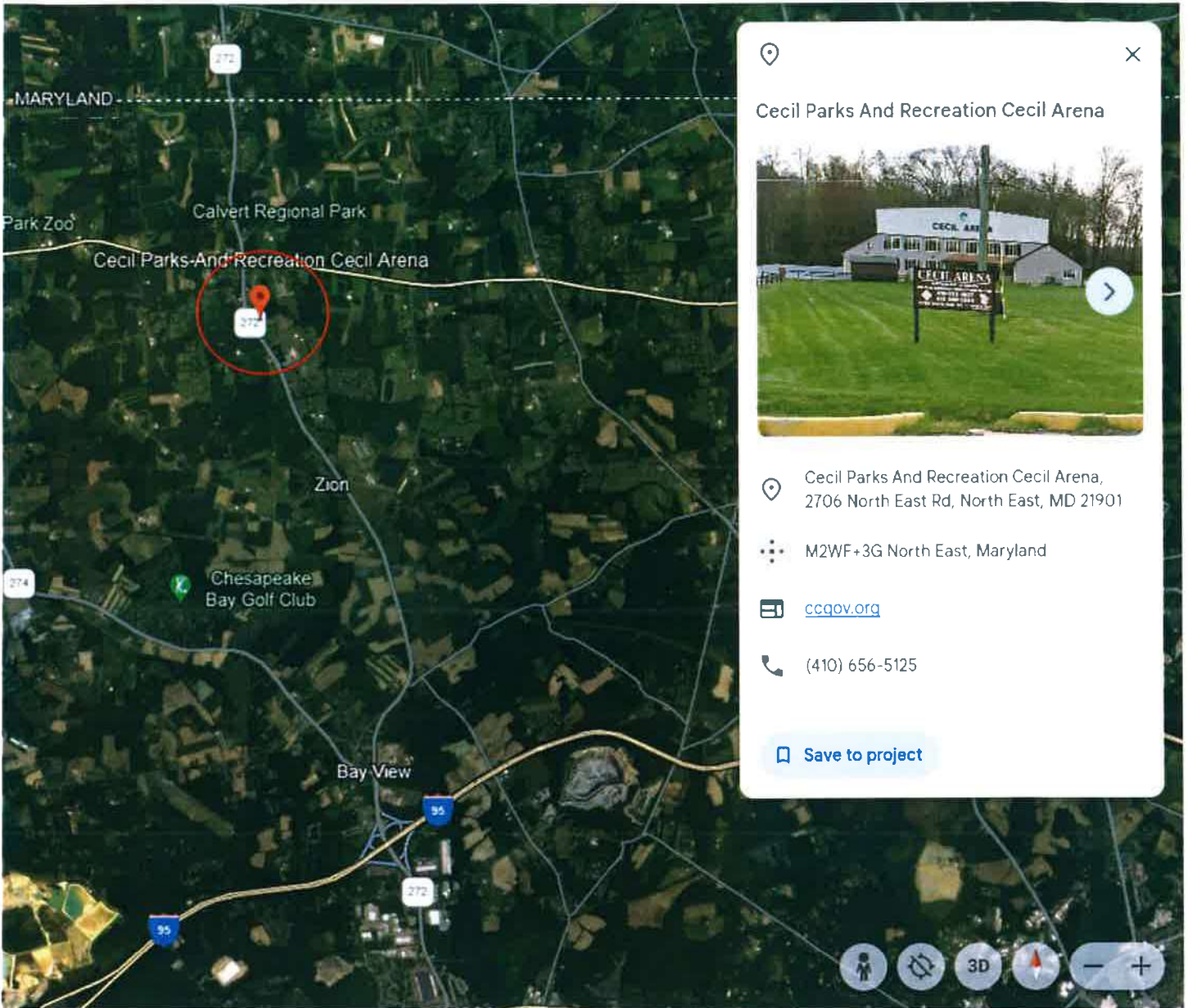
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clyde VanDyke", with a large, looping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Clyde VanDyke  
Director, Cecil County Parks and Recreation

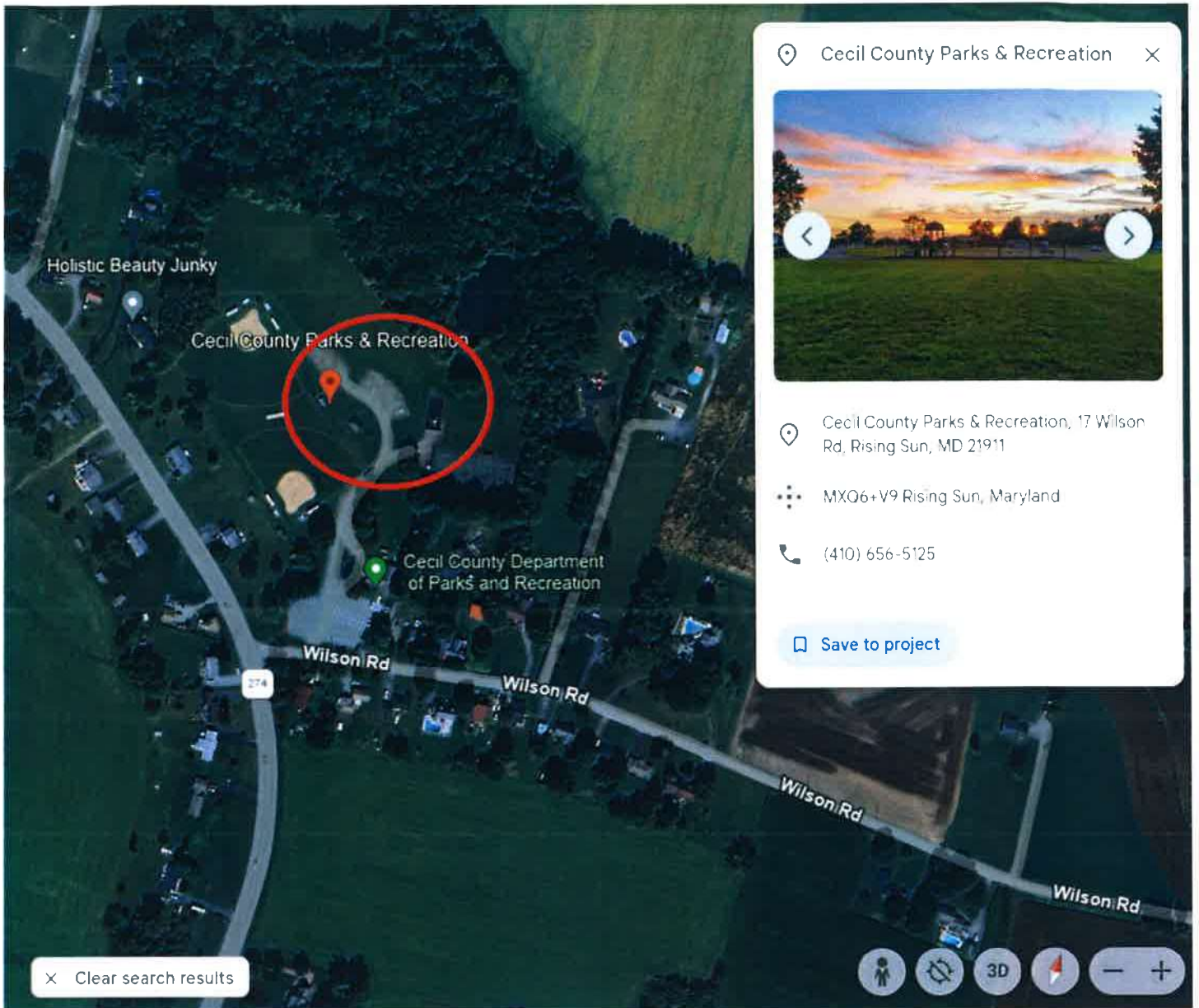
# Cecil Arena Electronic Message Board Project



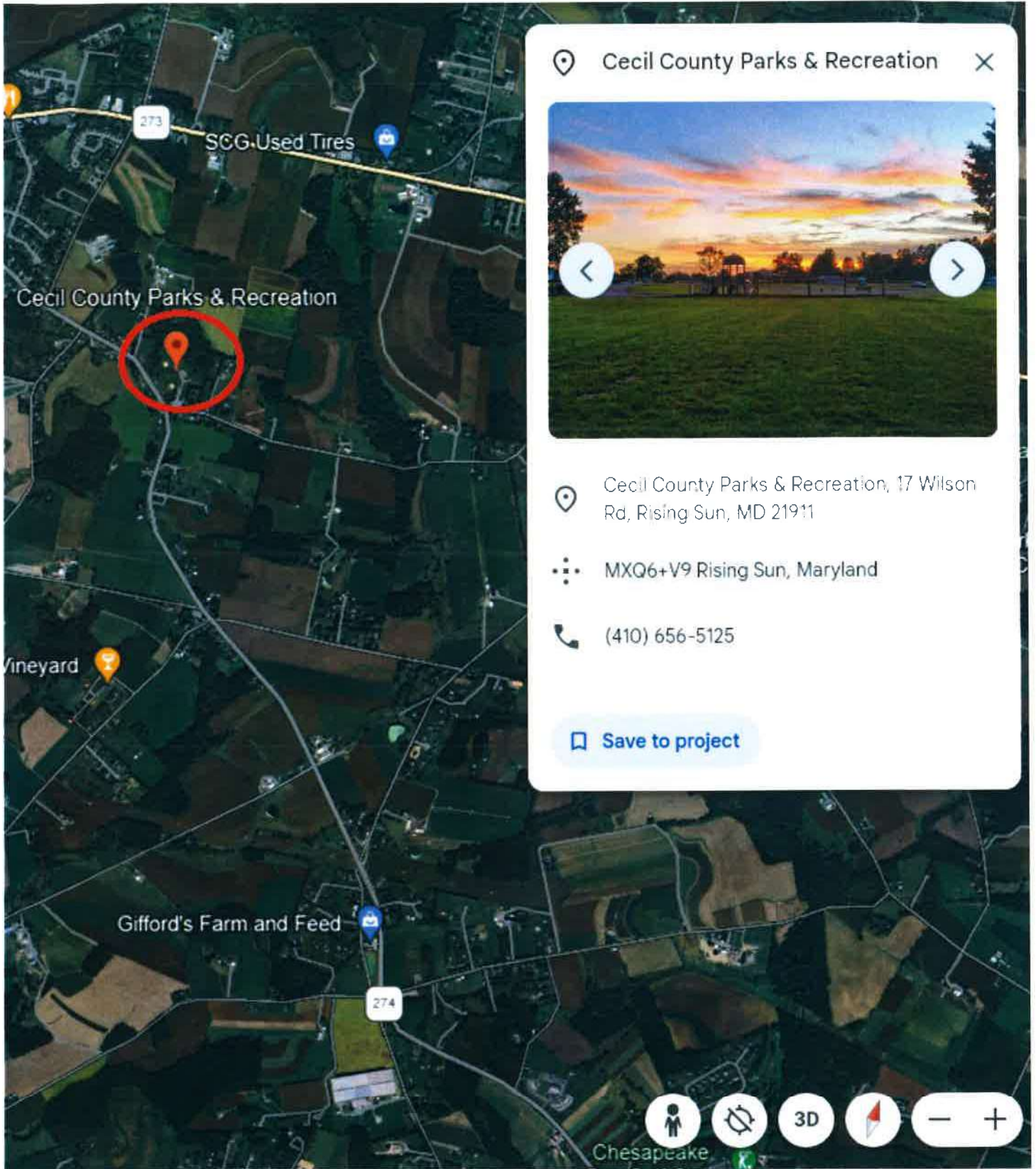
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# Maryland's Program Open Space ANNUAL PROGRAM



for  
Fiscal Year 2024



## Cecil County's Plan for Park Land Acquisition And Recreation Facility Development

Adopted by Cecil County, MD and the Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation

Adopted July 1, 2023





# Letter of Transmittal

**Clyde VanDyke**

**Director, Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation**


July 1, 2023

Charles Boyd, Director, Planning Coordination, MDP  
Hilary Bell, Deputy Director, Program Open Space, DNR



## **Cecil County's Annual Program for Fiscal Year 2024**

On behalf of Cecil County, Maryland it is the pleasure of the Department of Parks and Recreation to provide you with our Annual Program for Fiscal Year 2024. We believe you will find our project requests consistent with our county's *2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan*, and with the eight visions of Maryland's 1992 Planning Act. We ask that you join with us in the successful completion of these important projects.



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Clyde VanDyke, Director  
Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation

# **Cecil County’s Plan for Park Land Acquisition And Recreation Facility Development**

## **Introduction**

### **Methodology of Project Selection**

Cecil County Maryland, Parks and Recreation Department, is planning to enhance Brantwood Regional Park, the Cecil Arena, and the Elk River Boat Launch and Fishing Pier during the FY2024 budget term. Enhancements at Brantwood Regional Park will include Pickleball Courts and a boardwalk around the existing pond. These amenities will complement residents south of the Route 40 corridor. This enhancement will also allow for more equity among the fishing population with an ADA accessible boardwalk and a safer area for young anglers. Enhancements at the Cecil Arena will include an indoor synthetic turf field. This facility houses a variety of sports such as soccer, lacrosse, and futsal which require a safe playing surface. An electric gate will be installed at the Elk River Boat Launch and Fishing Pier to secure the facility after hours. These projects fall within the objectives of the 2022 LPPRP by providing public recreation to residents in a safe, healthy, active environment. This document has undergone public review when presented to the Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation and the County Executive.

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## **CONSISTENCY WITH THE EIGHT VISIONS OF THE 1992 PLANNING ACT**

**The 1992 Planning Act establishes Maryland's growth management policies in the form of the eight visions. The intent of the Act is to provide a unifying set of principles to guide local and State actions at all stages of activity from general comprehensive planning through implementation of those plans by means of State and local operation, regulatory, and capital programs.**

### **The Eight Visions:**

- 1. Development is concentrated in suitable areas;**
- 2. Sensitive areas are protected;**
- 3. In rural areas, growth is directed to existing population centers and resource areas are protected;**
- 4. Stewardship of the Chesapeake Bay and the land is a universal ethic;**
- 5. Conservation of resources, including a reduction in resource consumption, is practiced;**
- 6. To assure the achievement of paragraphs 1-5, economic growth is encouraged and regulatory mechanisms are streamlined;**
- 7. Adequate public facilities and infrastructure under control of the county or municipal corporation area are available or planned in areas where growth is to occur; and**
- 8. Funding mechanisms are addressed to achieve the visions.**

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE  
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION  
FISCAL YEAR 2024**

<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)</u>	<u>Federal</u>
<b>Cecil County</b>	<b>Acquisition Funding</b>							
	<b>For future acquisitions and their incidental costs.</b>				<b>\$992,439.24</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>\$992,439.24</b>	<b>-0-</b>

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE  
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2024**

<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)</u>	<u>Federal</u>
<b>Cecil County</b>	<b>Development Funding</b>							
	<b>Brantwood Regional Park -Pickleball Courts -Pond Boardwalk</b>	<b>126.9</b>	<b>126.9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$630,000</b>	<b>-0-</b>
	<b>Cecil Arena -Indoor Synthetic Turf</b>	<b>7.11</b>	<b>7.11</b>	<b>.5</b>	<b>\$220,900</b>	<b>\$22,090</b>	<b>\$198,810</b>	<b>-0-</b>
	<b>Elk River Boat Launch and Fishing Pier -Electronic Gate</b>	<b>68.53</b>	<b>68.53</b>	<b>.1</b>	<b>\$ 23,000</b>	<b>\$20,700</b>	<b>\$ 2,300</b>	<b>-0-</b>



# Cecil Arena – Indoor Synthetic Turf

## Cecil County, MD – Online GIS





Elk River Boat Launch and Fishing Pier – Electronic Gate



Cecil County, MD – Online GIS



