



## Talbot County Department of Parks & Recreation

10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601 – 410-770-8050

July 27, 2023

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 updated Talbot County Program Open Space Annual Plan for fiscal year 2024. Maps are included for each project for your reference.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Talbot County Parks and Recreation Director

## Program Open Space Annual Program FY 2024

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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. The projects in the 2024 Annual Program, presented below, have been approved by the Parks Advisory Board and County Council for this fiscal year.

The projects outlined in FY2024 Annual Program will fulfill the County Goals set forth in the 2022 LPPRP:

- CG1: Maintain and enhance the system of parks and recreation facilities based on residents’ needs.
- CG2: Provide public access to recreation programs and spaces that are responsive to residents’ needs for both active and passive recreation activities.
- CG3: Develop parks and facilities close to population complement and mutually support centers in alignment with Talbot County Land Use policies.

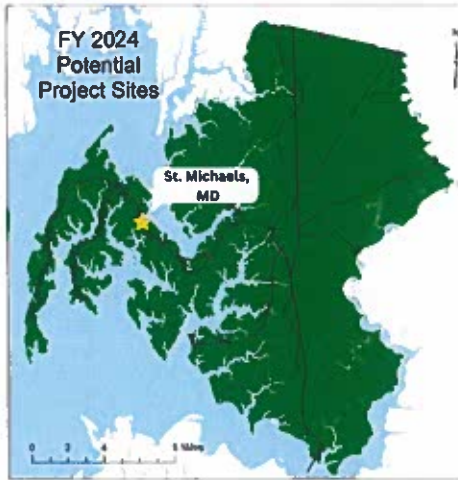
### PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION FISCAL YEAR 2024

Sponsor	Project Name, Project Description	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State (POS Local Funds)	Federal
	2027 LPPRP				25,000	0	25,000	0
	St. Michaels Property Acquisition	0	7.61	TBD	TBD	TBD	100,000	0

#### 2027 LPPRP Consultant

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 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.

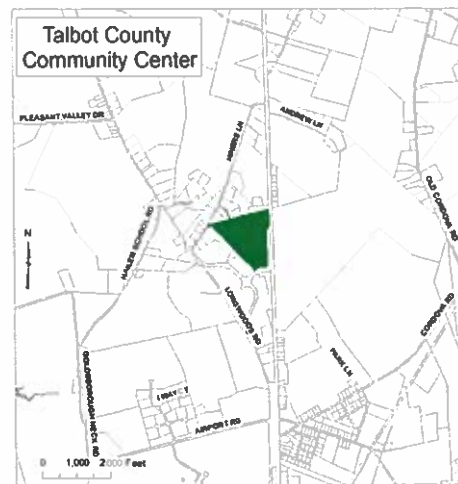


**Acquisition Project – St. Michaels Property Acquisition**

The Town of St. Michaels is pursuing the purchase of a 7+ acre property on the water to create parkland, water access and trails. Talbot County has agreed to contribute \$100,000 of POS Local funds towards this acquisition.

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	Community Center Parking Lot Re-Paving	50	50	50	300,000	30,000	270,000	



**Development Project – Athletic Field Concession Stand Replacement**

The Talbot County athletic field concession stand was built with Program Open Space funds approximately 30 years ago. The current structure is primarily wooden, needing to be renovated or replaced. The cost to replace is less than renovation, also without removing walls there is no way to assess the total age and damage to the existing structure. This structure is utilized by a local High School baseball team, several little league baseball and softball teams and by the Talbot County Parks and Recreation department. The new building would be constructed with block walls and a metal roof, making it extremely sustainable while reducing the footprint and maintenance.

**Development Project – Community Center Parking Lot Re-Paving**

The Talbot County Community Center parking lot has not been repaved in a long time. The rear area that serves the athletic fields is tar and chip which lends itself to cracks, grass and overused areas which have contributed to many potholes. The new parking lot would solve the parking issues with striping, safety in regards to potholes while improving the user group experience in the park as a whole. Talbot County Parks and Recreation has invested both local funds and

State funds in the Community Center complex, a new, safe parking surface is needed to compliment these investments to our residents and visitors.

# FIRST VERSION



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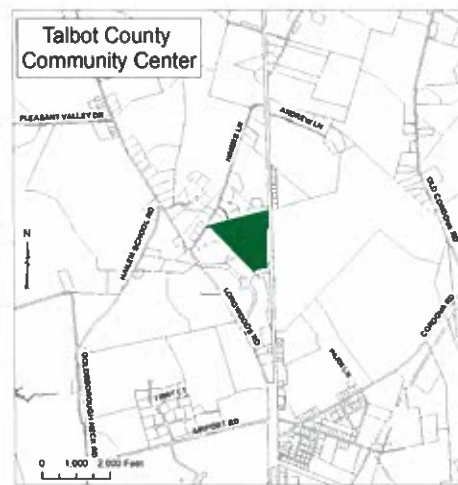
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dugouts and new turf; with a planned concession stand on the property...a new, safe parking surface is needed to complete the complex.