ANNUAL PROGRAM

for PROPOSED PROGRAM OPEN SPACE

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

FY 2020

SOMERSET COUNTY
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Dear Ms. Lhotsky:

Attached please find one (1) original copy of the Fiscal Year 2020 Program Open Space Annual Program for Somerset County, including:

Development Projects (3)
County Project Location Map (1)

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call at (410) 651-4980.

Respectfully,

Clint Sterling
Director

FY 2020 PROGRAM OPEN SPACE PLAN

The following projects are planned in Somerset County to enhance the public's access to quality recreation and safe facilities. In determining the priorities for Open Space Projects in the county the following factors were considered:

1. Number of people impacted
2. Date of last POS project completed at that site
3. How the project benefits the citizens in the outlying areas of Somerset County
4. How the project contributes to the overall fitness and opportunities for exercise of the populace

Mt. Vernon Park Enhancements

This park serves the residents of Mt. Vernon and the surrounding areas. It has a pavilion and 2 playground areas. The plan is to add a small storage shed, enhance the pavilion, install 1new piece of playground equipment and 2-3 pieces of workout equipment and improve upon the landing and surrounding areas of existing playground equipment by upgrading the surrounds and filling with a long lasting bedding.

Long Centralized Athletic Facility

This is the hub for Somerset Recreational activities hosting sports, picnics, family events, walking, playground and general fitness. The plan is to enhance the park by improving upon the surface of the ½ mile walking trail, adding 4-6 workout stations and a shaded area, and adding a multi-use surface for basketball, paddle sports and other games.

Great Hope Nature and Wellness Trail

This project in conjunction with the funds provided from the Land and Water Conservation Grant will establish a permanent nature and wellness trail at Great Hope Golf Course that will accessible to the general public. The trail will encourage a greater number of people to use the facility for activities in addition to golf and provide options for low to high impact exercise with the placement of fitness equipment on the trail. Also, a rehabilitation of the existing pavilion will create options for park type activities on site.

Somerset County is happy to present its annual plan for Program Open Space and considers the funding provided by this program to be essential in meeting our Recreational goals and providing safe and meaningful opportunities for our citizens and visitors.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
***ANNUAL PROGRAM* FOR ACQUISITION**
FISCAL YEAR 2020___

Sponsor	**Project Name,** Project Description	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State (POS Local Funds)	Federal
Somerset County	Mt. Vernon Park Enhancements	15.714	15.714	N/A	20,000	2,000	18,000	
Somerset County	Long Centralized Athletic Facility Upgrades	46.76	46.76	N/A	100,000	10,000	90,000	
Somerset County	Great Hope Nature and Wellness Trail	212.76	212.76	N/A	50,000	5,000	45,000	

2020 Program Open Space Local Plan Locations

1. Mt. Vernon Park
2. Great Hope Golf Course
3. Long Centralized Athletic Complex