

**THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND
AGENDA**

July 19, 2022

6:00 PM Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Meeting Announcements

Time Is Allotted At The End Of Each Meeting For The Commissioners To Receive
Comments From The Public

Consent Items

- #1 - Regular Session Minutes, July 12, 2022
- #2 - Liquor Minutes, July 12, 2022
- #3 - Closed Session Minutes, July 12, 2022
- #4 - Betterton Volunteer Fire Company, Combined Gaming Devices, August 6, 2022
- #5 - Main Street Rock Hall, Raffle Only, October 7, 2022

Special Class C Licenses

- Downtown Chestertown Association, Beer Only, July 29 and 30, 2022
- Downtown Chestertown Association, Beer Only, August 5, 2022
- Betterton Volunteer Fire Company, Beer and Wine Only, August 5 and 6, 2022
- Downtown Chestertown Association, Beer Only, October 7, 2022

County Attorney

Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney
Public Hearing Protocols

Public Hearing

- Bill Mackey, Director, Planning, Housing and Zoning
 - Proposed Code Home Rule Bill 6-2022, A Zoning Text Amendment
- Bill Mackey, Director, Planning, Housing and Zoning
 - Proposed Code Home Rule Bill 7-2022, A Zoning Text Amendment

Recognition

Kent County Clover Calf 4-H Club Proclamation
Celebrating 100 Years

Departmental Appointments

- Bill Mackey, Director, Planning, Housing and Zoning
 - Forest Conservation Easement and Agreement Revised Template
- Myra Butler, Director, Parks and Recreation, Kat Stork, Shore Strategies

2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan
Herbert Dennis, Warden, Kent County Detention Center
Correct Rx Renewal Agreement
Herbert Dennis, Warden, Kent County Detention Center
FY2023 Correctional Mental Health Services, LLC Contract Renewal
Herbert Dennis, Warden, Kent County Detention Center
FY2023 Mid Shore Behavioral Health Agreement Renewal and Extension
Herbert Dennis, Warden, Kent County Detention Center
FY2023 Conmed, LLC Contract Renewal
Dawson Hunter, Housing and Transportation Coordinator, Kent County Local Management Board
Chestertown, Rock Hall, and Tolchester Transportation Shuttle Update
Jamie Williams, Director, Economic and Tourism Development
Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund Project Submissions
Rosemary Ramsey Granillo, Director, Kent County Local Management Board
Minary's Dream Alliance Contract First Amendment

Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement KATE

Bonnie S. Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
21 or None Tobacco Enforcement Results
Bonnie S. Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
License Updates

County Administrator

Shelley Heller, County Administrator
August Meeting Schedule Adjustment
Marty Hale, Director, Human Resources
Public Works - Environmental Operations, MEO II Vacancy
Genevieve Croker, Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Kent County
Letter of Support
Dr. Clifford P. Coppersmith, President, Chesapeake College
FY2023 Revised Budget Proposal

Public Comment/Media Review

Procedures For Public Comment

For Your Information

Maryland Department of Agriculture
Gypsy Moth Survey Report

American Rescue Plan Act Funds

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Spend Plan

Contingency Fund

Contingency and Use of Fund Balance Report

(Meetings are conducted in Open Session unless otherwise indicated. All or part of County Commissioners' meetings can be held in closed session under the authority of the MD Open Meetings Law by vote of the Commissioners. Breaks are at the call of the President. Please note that times listed for specific items on the agenda are only estimates, and that the order of agenda items may change as time dictates or allows. Meetings are subject to audio and video recordings.)



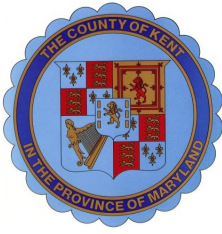
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**#1 - Regular Session Minutes, July 12, 2022
7/19/2022
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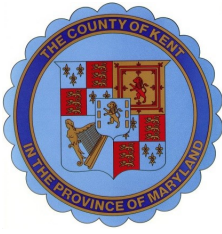
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#2 - Liquor Minutes, July 12, 2022
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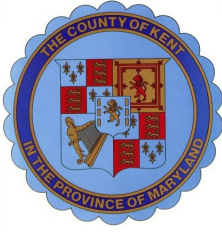
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**#3 - Closed Session Minutes, July 12, 2022
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**#4 - Betterton Volunteer Fire Company, Combined Gaming Devices,
August 6, 2022
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting**

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14-2022 Betterton Volunteer Fire Company, Combined Gaming, August 6, 2022, Application

Permit#

14-2022

MULTIPLE GAMING DEVICE AND RAFFLE PERMIT APPLICATION

Pursuant to the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Law §§ 13-1701 to 13-1706.

Name of Organization: Betterton Vol. Fire Co

Address of Organization: 2 Howell Point Rd Betterton MD 21610

Telephone: (410) 348 5678

Is the organization formed or located in Kent County?

☒ Yes

No

Does the organization serve the residents of Kent County?

☒ Yes

No

Is this organization tax exempt under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code?

Yes

No

Tax Exempt Number: 52-1720337

Person responsible for complying with permit regulations and requirements:

Name: Christina Grapes

Address: 25102 Montabello Lake Rd Worton MD 21678

E-Mail: tgrapes@bvfc5.org

Telephone: (443) 962 7900

Type of permit sought: ☐ Raffle Only ☒ Combined gaming devices used in a single fund-raising event

Location address of fund-raising affair: Betterton Beach

Are these premises owned, leased, or regularly occupied by the organization named above? Yes No

Date(s) of fund-raising: 8/6/2022

Date and Time of Drawing: 8/6/2022 Begin at: 11:00 AM End at: 4:00 pm

If you are seeking a permit authorizing only a raffle that is not conducted in combination with other gaming activity, please sign below.

If, however, you are seeking to conduct a fund-raiser using more than one gaming activity in a single event, please complete the following page.

Signature of person completing this application: Clyde E. Morris

Please Select One:

☒ Pick Up☐ Mail Permit (will be mailed to person responsible)County Commissioners
Office

Date 7-8-22 LK

Pursuant to the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Law §§ 13-1701 to 13-1706.

Check the gaming devices to be used at this fund-raising event to award merchandise or cash prizes:

☒ Raffles	☐ Chance books	☒ Paddle Wheels
☒ Wheels of fortune	☐ Card games	☐ Lotteries

☐ Other _____

Will this fund-raiser be managed and operated only by individuals domiciled in Kent County? Yes ☒ No

If no, please explain circumstances:

There is possibility that some long term members of the fire
Company have moved outside of the county but still participate in
Company fundraising.

Will alcoholic beverages be served or available for purchase at this fund-raising event? ☒ Yes No

Is the organization a religious organization? Yes ☒ No

If yes, has it conducted services regularly in Kent County for at least three (3) years? Yes No

Where are services conducted and how often? N/A

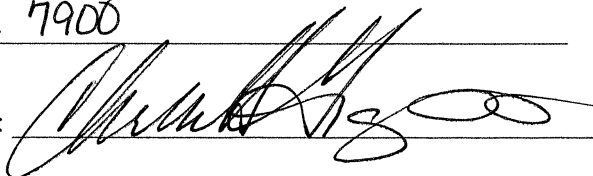
What percentage of funds derived from the multiple gaming devices will be spent or donated to:

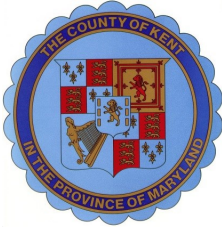
_____ % Civic _____ % Charitable _____ % Educational

Name, address and telephone of person completing application:

Christina Grapes
25102 Montabello Lake Rd.
Worton MD 21678
(443) 962 7900

Signature of person completing application:





**#5 - Main Street Rock Hall, Raffle Only, October 7, 2022
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting**

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13-2022 Main Street Rock Hall, Raffle Only, October 10, 2022

Permit# 13-2022

MULTIPLE GAMING DEVICE AND RAFFLE PERMIT APPLICATION

Pursuant to the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Law §§ 13-1701 to 13-1706.

Name of Organization: Main Street Rock Hall (FallFest)

Address of Organization: PO Box 45 Rock Hall MD 21661

Telephone: (443) 465-0681

Is the organization formed or located in Kent County?

(Yes)

No

Does the organization serve the residents of Kent County?

(Yes)

No

Is this organization tax exempt under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code?

(Yes)

No

Tax Exempt Number: 83-2278471

Person responsible for complying with permit regulations and requirements:

Name: Laurie Walters

Address: 5818 Blue Claw Ct Rock Hall

E-Mail: lewalte1@yahoo.com

Telephone: (443) 465-0681

Type of permit sought: (X) Raffle Only () Combined gaming devices used in a single fund-raising event

Location address of fund-raising affair: Main Street, Rock Hall, MD

Are these premises owned, leased, or regularly occupied by the organization named above?

Yes

(No)

Date(s) of fund-raising: September 1, 2022 - October 10, 2022

Date and Time of Drawing: 3pm October 10, 2022 Begin at: 3pm End at: 3:15pm

If you are seeking a permit authorizing only a raffle that is not conducted in combination with other gaming activity, please sign below.

If, however, you are seeking to conduct a fund-raiser using more than one gaming activity in a single event, please complete the following page.

Signature of person completing this application:

Laurie Walters

Please Select One:

() Pick Up

(X) Mail Permit (will be mailed to person responsible)

County Commissioners
Office

Date 7-6-22 LK



**Downtown Chestertown Association, Beer Only, July 29 and 30, 2022
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting**

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

4834 Downtown Chestertown Association, Application

4834

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL CLASS "C" (PER DIEM) LICENSE

Application is made by the undersigned under the provisions of Sections 4-1202, 4-1208, 4-1209, 24-503, 24-1301, 24-1307 and 24-1308 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article, for a Special Class C (Per Diem) License.

Check One: ☒ ~~Beer~~ **Beer and Wine** ☐ ~~Beer, Wine, and Liquor~~ ☐

We submit and certify to the following information and statements as required.

1. The club, society or association on behalf of which the license is desired:

DOWNTOWN CHESTERTOWN ASSOC.

Address PO BOX 745, CHESTERTOWN, MD 21620

Type of Function BEER TENT TO SUPPORT DCA ACTIVITIES

Location of Function ~~BAD ALFRED'S~~ 335 HIGHST., CHESTERTOWN, 21620

2. This function is operated exclusively for a religious, fraternal, civic, veterans', or charitable organization, association, club, or society; or hospital supporting organization.

3. The applicants are citizens of the United States, not less than twenty-one years of age, and have never been convicted of a felony.

4. The applicants have not had a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages revoked.

5. Have the applicants ever been adjudged guilty of violating the laws for the prevention of gambling in the State of Maryland and/or adjudged guilty of violating the laws governing the sale of alcoholic beverages in the State of Maryland or the United States? No Yes or No

6. The applicants will, if granted a license, conform to all laws and regulations relating to the business with respect to which such license is desired.

7. The applicants submit herewith a statement duly executed and acknowledged by the owner of the premises in which the business is to be conducted, assenting to the granting of the license applied for, authorizing the Comptroller, his duly authorized deputies, inspectors and clerks, the Board of License Commissioners (if any) for the aforesaid County, its duly authorized agents and employees, and any peace officer of said county, to inspect and search, without warrant, the premises upon which the business is to be conducted, and any and all parts of the premises where said business is to be conducted, at any and all hours.

8. The license for which this application is made is to be for the following day(s) JULY 29 & 30, 2022
Begin at: 5PM End at: 8PM and the applicant tenders herewith the sum of (\$ 5 Per Diem) (\$ 10.00)
in payment for the license.

For two (2) days

Please Select One:

☒ **Pick Up**

☐ Mail Permit (will be mailed to above address)

County Commissioners
Office

Date 7-5-22 LC

9. Applicants

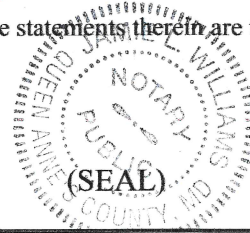
① Lance Goddard 21167 Kansas Ave Chestnut Mt
Name Residence
30 years president 443 480 1987 useful
Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. (Signature of Applicant)

STATE OF MARYLAND

This certifies, that on the 8th day of June, 2022, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared Andy Goddard the applicant(s) named in the foregoing application and made oath in the due form of law that the statements therein are true to the best of (his, their) knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Jamie J. Williams



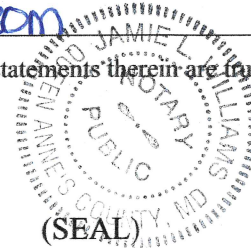
* ② Cynthia Newsome 24461 Lambs Meadow Rd.
Name Residence
63 years Secretary 443-480-3473 Cynthia Newsome
Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. (Signature of Applicant)

STATE OF MARYLAND

This certifies, that on the 8th day of June, 2022, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared Cynthia Newsome the applicant(s) named in the foregoing application and made oath in the due form of law that the statements therein are true to the best of (his, their) knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Jamie J. Williams



③ Michael Riggin 5571 Boundary Ave Rock Hall MD 21664
Name Residence
10 years Member (410) 725-7572 [Signature]
Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. (Signature of Applicant)

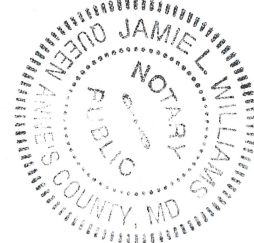
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This certifies, that on the 8th day of June, 2022, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared Michael Riggin the applicant(s) named in the foregoing application and made oath in the due form of law that the statements therein are true to the best of (his, their) knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Jamie J. Williams

(SEAL)



STATEMENT OF OWNER OF PREMISES REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LAWS OF MARYLAND

(I, WE) HEREBY CERTIFY, That (I am, we are) the owner(s) of the property named in the a foregoing application made to the aforesaid licensing authority for said county under the Alcoholic Beverages Laws of Maryland and assent to the granting of the license applied for, and hereby authorize the State Comptroller, his duly authorized deputies, inspectors and clerks, the Board of License Commissioners (if any) of said county, its duly authorized agents and employees, and any peace officer of such county, to inspect and search, without warrant, the premises upon which the business is to be conducted, and any and all parts of the building in which said business is to be conducted, at any and all hours.

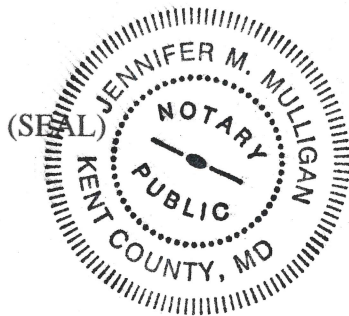
W. S. Ingersoll Signature (s)

W. S. INGERSOLL Print Name

STATE OF MARYLAND, County of Kent:

THIS CERTIFIES, that on the 3rd day of June, 2022,
before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared W. S. Ingersoll
and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing
statement to be a true act.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Jennifer A. McCann
(Formerly Jennifer M. Mulligan)
my commission expires 4/7/23

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SPECIAL CLASS "C" (PER DIEM) LICENSE AFFIDAVIT

In applying for this Special Class "C" (Per Diem) License it is important that you realize the responsibility that goes with the issuance of the license. All persons or groups using this license as authorized under Sections 4-1202, 4-1208, 4-1209, 24-503, 24-1301, 24-1307, and 24-1308 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland are covered by all the laws regarding the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Special care should be taken to be sure the following edicts are adhered to:

1. All persons must be 21 years of age or older to sell, purchase, or consume an alcoholic beverage.
2. All sales and the consumption of alcohol must stop promptly at 2:00 a.m.
3. No intoxicated person shall be served any alcoholic beverages.
4. No unnecessary noise or disturbance that could be a nuisance to the community shall occur.
5. The person(s) responsible for the function must see that order and decorum are kept at all times.
6. The application must be completed by three committee members; one member must be a Kent County resident.
7. License must be prominently displayed at the location where alcohol is being served. Failure to comply with the laws of the State of Maryland may make the responsible person(s) subject to a fine.

This license may be issued to a religious, fraternal, civic, veterans', or charitable organization, association, club, or society; or hospital supporting organization. This license shall not be transferred or reassigned.

Cost of a Special Class "C" Per Diem License: **Beer \$5.00, Beer and Wine \$15.00, and Beer, Wine, and Liquor \$25.00.** Make checks payable to: **The County Commissioners of Kent County**, along with the completed application.

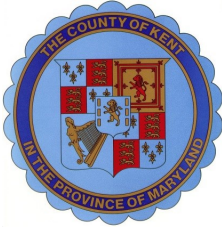
Name of organization, club, etc. DOWNTOWN CHESTERTOWN ASSOC.

Address PO BOX 745, CHESTERTOWN, MD 21620

Name Helen A Cowley Phone # 4434801987
(Please Print)

Helen A Cowley Date 6-30-22
(Signature)





**Downtown Chestertown Association, Beer Only, August 5, 2022
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting**

ATTACHMENTS:

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4835 Downtown Chestertown Association, Application

4835

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Check One: ☒ ~~Beer~~ **Beer and Wine ()** ☐ **Beer, Wine, and Liquor ()**

We submit and certify to the following information and statements as required.

1. The club, society or association on behalf of which the license is desired:

DOWNTOWN CHESTERTOWN ASSOC.

Address PO BOX 745, CHESTERTOWN, MD 21620

Type of Function BEER TRUCK TO SUPPORT DCA ACTIVITIES

Location of Function ~~BAD AVERIES~~ ³³⁵ HIGH ST., CHESTERTOWN

2. This function is operated exclusively for a religious, fraternal, civic, veterans', or charitable organization, association, club, or society; or hospital supporting organization.
3. The applicants are citizens of the United States, not less than twenty-one years of age, and have never been convicted of a felony.
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6. The applicants will, if granted a license, conform to all laws and regulations relating to the business with respect to which such license is desired.
7. The applicants submit herewith a statement duly executed and acknowledged by the owner of the premises in which the business is to be conducted, assenting to the granting of the license applied for, authorizing the Comptroller, his duly authorized deputies, inspectors and clerks, the Board of License Commissioners (if any) for the aforesaid County, its duly authorized agents and employees, and any peace officer of said county, to inspect and search, without warrant, the premises upon which the business is to be conducted, and any and all parts of the premises where said business is to be conducted, at any and all hours.
8. The license for which this application is made is to be for the following day(s) AUG 5, 2022.
Begin at: 5PM End at: 7PM and the applicant tenders herewith the sum of (\$ 5 Per Diem) (\$) in payment for the license.

Please Select One:

☒ **Pick Up**

☐ **Mail Permit (will be mailed to above address)**

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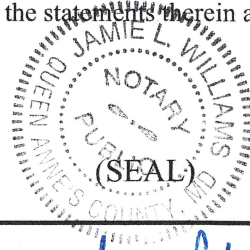
(1) Luice Goddard 21167 KANSAS Ave Chestnut
Name Residence
30 Years President 443-480-1987 Luice Goddard
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WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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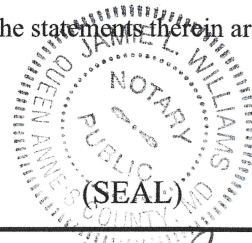
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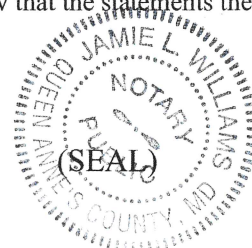
(3) Michael Riffin 5571 Boundary Ave Rock Hill MD
Name Residence
10 Years Member (410) 725-7572 Michael Riffin
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W. S. Ingersoll Signature (s)

W. S. INGERSOLL Print Name

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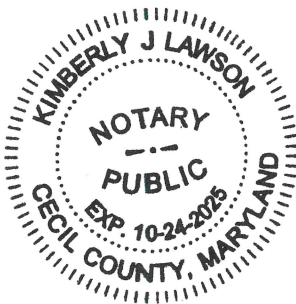
before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared _____

William S Ingersoll and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing statement to be a true act.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Kimberly J Lawson

(SEAL)



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Name of organization, club, etc. DOWNTOWN CHESTERTOWN ASSOC.

Address PO BOX 745, CHESTERTOWN, MD 21620

Name Helen A Cawley Phone # 443 480 1987
(Please Print)

Helen A Cawley Date 6-30-22
(Signature)





**Betterton Volunteer Fire Company, Beer and Wine Only, August 5 and
6, 2022
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting**

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4833 Betterton Volunteer Fire Company, Application

4833

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL CLASS "C" (PER DIEM) LICENSE

Application is made by the undersigned under the provisions of Sections 4-1202, 4-1208, 4-1209, 24-503, 24-1301, 24-1307 and 24-1308 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article, for a Special Class C (Per Diem) License.

Check One: Beer () Beer and Wine ☒ Beer, Wine, and Liquor ()

We submit and certify to the following information and statements as required.

1. The club, society or association on behalf of which the license is desired:

Betterton Vol. Fire Co.

Address 2 Howell Point Rd Betterton MD 21610

Type of Function Fundraiser

Location of Function Betterton Beach

2. This function is operated exclusively for a religious, fraternal, civic, veterans', or charitable organization, association, club, or society; or hospital supporting organization.

3. The applicants are citizens of the United States, not less than twenty-one years of age, and have never been convicted of a felony.

4. The applicants have not had a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages revoked.

5. Have the applicants ever been adjudged guilty of violating the laws for the prevention of gambling in the State of Maryland and/or adjudged guilty of violating the laws governing the sale of alcoholic beverages in the State of Maryland or the United States? NO Yes or No

6. The applicants will, if granted a license, conform to all laws and regulations relating to the business with respect to which such license is desired.

7. The applicants submit herewith a statement duly executed and acknowledged by the owner of the premises in which the business is to be conducted, assenting to the granting of the license applied for, authorizing the Comptroller, his duly authorized deputies, inspectors and clerks, the Board of License Commissioners (if any) for the aforesaid County, its duly authorized agents and employees, and any peace officer of said county, to inspect and search, without warrant, the premises upon which the business is to be conducted, and any and all parts of the premises where said business is to be conducted, at any and all hours.

8. The license for which this application is made is to be for the following day(s) 8/6/2022 + 8/5
Begin at: 10⁰⁰ Am End at: 6⁰⁰ pm and the applicant tenders herewith the sum of (\$ 15 Per Diem) (\$ 15)
in payment for the license. 30.00

Please Select One:

☒ Pick Up

() Mail Permit (will be mailed to above address)

County Commissioners
Office

Date 7-8-22 LLC

9. Applicants

(1) Christina Grapes 25102 Montabell Lake Rd Worton MD 21678
Name Residence
8 yrs. Co-Chair 443 962 7900
Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. [Signature]
(Signature of Applicant)

STATE OF MARYLAND

This certifies, that on the 7th day of July, 2022, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared Christina Grapes the applicant(s) named in the foregoing application and made oath in the due form of law that the statements therein are true to the best of (his, their) knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Kirk A. Helfferich

(SEAL)

(2) Louis Mancuso Jr 302 Ericsen Ave Beltsville MD 21610
Name Residence
36 years member (410) 722-4686
Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. [Signature]
(Signature of Applicant)

STATE OF MARYLAND

This certifies, that on the 7th day of July, 2022, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared Louis Mancuso Jr. the applicant(s) named in the foregoing application and made oath in the due form of law that the statements therein are true to the best of (his, their) knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Kirk A. Helfferich

(SEAL)

(3) Clyde E Morris 26671 Big Woods Rd Worton, MD 21679
Name Residence
54 years President 443-480-1178
Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. [Signature]
(Signature of Applicant)

STATE OF MARYLAND

This certifies, that on the 7 day of July, 2022, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared Clyde Morris the applicant(s) named in the foregoing application and made oath in the due form of law that the statements therein are true to the best of (his, their) knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Kirk A. Helfferich

(SEAL)

**STATEMENT OF OWNER OF PREMISES REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LAWS OF MARYLAND**

(I, WE) HEREBY CERTIFY, That (I am, we are) the owner(s) of the property named in the a foregoing application made to the aforesaid licensing authority for said county under the Alcoholic Beverages Laws of Maryland and assent to the granting of the license applied for, and hereby authorize the State Comptroller, his duly authorized deputies, inspectors and clerks, the Board of License Commissioners (if any) of said county, its duly authorized agents and employees, and any peace officer of such county, to inspect and search, without warrant, the premises upon which the business is to be conducted, and any and all parts of the building in which said business is to be conducted, at any and all hours.

Myra S. Butler Signature (s)

Myra S. Butler Print Name

STATE OF MARYLAND, _____:

THIS CERTIFIES, that on the 11/18 day of _____, 20____,
before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared _____
_____ and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing
statement to be a true act.

WITNESS my hand and official seal. _____

(SEAL)

NSB
7/18/2022

SPECIAL CLASS "C" (PER DIEM) LICENSE AFFIDAVIT

In applying for this Special Class "C" (Per Diem) License it is important that you realize the responsibility that goes with the issuance of the license. All persons or groups using this license as authorized under Sections 4-1202, 4-1208, 4-1209, 24-503, 24-1301, 24-1307, and 24-1308 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland are covered by all the laws regarding the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Special care should be taken to be sure the following edicts are adhered to:

1. All persons must be 21 years of age or older to sell, purchase, or consume an alcoholic beverage.
2. All sales and the consumption of alcohol must stop promptly at 2:00 a.m.
3. No intoxicated person shall be served any alcoholic beverages.
4. No unnecessary noise or disturbance that could be a nuisance to the community shall occur.
5. The person(s) responsible for the function must see that order and decorum are kept at all times.
6. The application must be completed by three committee members; one member must be a Kent County resident.
7. License must be prominently displayed at the location where alcohol is being served. Failure to comply with the laws of the State of Maryland may make the responsible person(s) subject to a fine.

This license may be issued to a religious, fraternal, civic, veterans', or charitable organization, association, club, or society; or hospital supporting organization. This license shall not be transferred or reassigned.

Cost of a Special Class "C" Per Diem License: **Beer \$5.00, Beer and Wine \$15.00, and Beer, Wine, and Liquor \$25.00.** Make checks payable to: **The County Commissioners of Kent County**, along with the completed application.

Name of organization, club, etc. Betterton Volunteer Fire Co.

Address 2 Howell Point Rd. Betterton, MD 21610

Name Christina Grapes Phone # 413 962 7900

(Please Print)

[Signature] Date 4/28/2022

(Signature)





**Downtown Chestertown Association, Beer Only, October 7, 2022
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting**

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

4836 Downtown Chestertown Association, Application

4836

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL CLASS "C" (PER DIEM) LICENSE

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Check One: ☒ Beer ☐ Beer and Wine ☐ Beer, Wine, and Liquor

We submit and certify to the following information and statements as required.

1. The club, society or association on behalf of which the license is desired:

DOWNTOWN CHESTERTOWN ASSOC.

Address PO BOX 745, CHESTERTOWN, MD 21620

Type of Function BEER TRUCK IN SUPPORT OF DCA ACTIVITIES

Location of Function ~~BAD ALERED'S~~ ³³⁵ HIGH ST., CHESTERTOWN

2. This function is operated exclusively for a religious, fraternal, civic, veterans', or charitable organization, association, club, or society; or hospital supporting organization.

3. The applicants are citizens of the United States, not less than twenty-one years of age, and have never been convicted of a felony.

4. The applicants have not had a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages revoked.

5. Have the applicants ever been adjudged guilty of violating the laws for the prevention of gambling in the State of Maryland and/or adjudged guilty of violating the laws governing the sale of alcoholic beverages in the State of Maryland or the United States? NO Yes or No

6. The applicants will, if granted a license, conform to all laws and regulations relating to the business with respect to which such license is desired.

7. The applicants submit herewith a statement duly executed and acknowledged by the owner of the premises in which the business is to be conducted, assenting to the granting of the license applied for, authorizing the Comptroller, his duly authorized deputies, inspectors and clerks, the Board of License Commissioners (if any) for the aforesaid County, its duly authorized agents and employees, and any peace officer of said county, to inspect and search, without warrant, the premises upon which the business is to be conducted, and any and all parts of the premises where said business is to be conducted, at any and all hours.

8. The license for which this application is made is to be for the following day(s) OCT. 7, 2022.
Begin at: 5 PM End at: 7 PM and the applicant tenders herewith the sum of (\$ 5 Per Diem) (\$) in payment for the license.

Please Select One:

☒ Pick Up

☐ Mail Permit (will be mailed to above address)

County Commissioners
Office

Date 7-5-22 LL

9. Applicants

(1) Luise Goddard 21167 KANSAS AVE Chestn
Name Residence
30 years President 443 480 1987 Luise Goddard
Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. (Signature of Applicant)

STATE OF MARYLAND

This certifies, that on the 8th day of June, 2022, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared Andy Goddard the applicant(s) named in the foregoing application and made oath in the due form of law that the statements therein are true to the best of (his, their) knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Jamie J. Wm (SEAL)

(2) Cynthia Newsome 24461 Lamb's Meadow Rd. Worton, Md.
Name Residence
63 years Secretary 443-480-3475 Cynthia Newsome
Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. (Signature of Applicant)

STATE OF MARYLAND

This certifies, that on the 8th day of June, 2022, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared Cynthia Newsome the applicant(s) named in the foregoing application and made oath in the due form of law that the statements therein are true to the best of (his, their) knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Jamie J. Wm (SEAL)

(3) Michael Riffin 5571 Boonding Ave Rock Hill, MD 21661
Name Residence
10 Year Member (410) 725-7572 Michael Riffin
Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. (Signature of Applicant)

STATE OF MARYLAND

This certifies, that on the 8th day of June, 2022, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared Michael Riffin the applicant(s) named in the foregoing application and made oath in the due form of law that the statements therein are true to the best of (his, their) knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Jamie J. Wm (SEAL)

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W. S. Ingersoll Signature (s)

W. S. INGERSOLL Print Name

STATE OF MARYLAND, Kent:

THIS CERTIFIES, that on the 8th day of June, 2022,

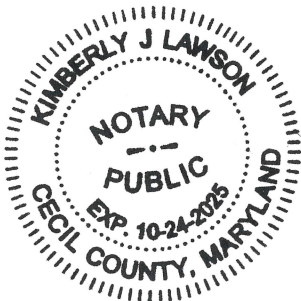
before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared _____

William S. Ingersoll and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing statement to be a true act.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Kimberly J. Lawson

(SEAL)



The Board of License Commissioners of Kent County

P. THOMAS MASON
PRESIDENT
CHESTERTOWN, MD

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ROCK HALL, MD

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WORTON, MD

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400 High Street
Chestertown, Maryland 21620
TELEPHONE 410-778-7435

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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COUNTY ATTORNEY

BRANDON MCFAYDEN
INSPECTOR

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Name of organization, club, etc. DOWNTOWN CHESTERTOWN ASSOC.

Address PO BOX 745, CHESTERTOWN, MD 21620

Name Helen A. Cowley Phone # 443 480 1987
(Please Print)

Helen A. Cowley Date 6-30-22
(Signature)





Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Public Hearing Protocols

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

07.19.22 Procedures for Testifying

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY PROCEDURES FOR TESTIFYING

It is our desire that everyone who wishes to contribute to this democratic process is given a fair and uninterrupted opportunity to be heard. To ensure equal opportunity for individual input for the topic under discussion, certain rules must be followed by all persons who are to testify.

The rules to govern our hearings are few but are intended to guide our proceedings. The hope is that each person testifying will be self-governed, thereby contributing to fairness for all.

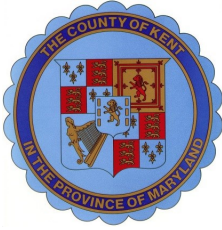
The Chair will remind anyone who testifies when he/she has violated the rules of the proceeding.

- Rule 1.** Please sign the “testimony log” if you desire to speak during the hearing(s).
- Rule 2.** All speakers must identify themselves and use the area designated for purposes of testifying and will use the microphone.
- Rule 3.** Each person testifying will have three minutes for his/her remarks.
- Rule 4.** The Chair will maintain order via voice commands.
- Rule 5.** Stick to the issues at hand.

Written comments will be accepted until Friday, July 22, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) by the following methods:

By Email:
kentcounty@kentgov.org

By letter:
The County Commissioners of Kent County
400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620



Bill Mackey, Director, Planning, Housing and Zoning
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

The proposed Code Home Rule Bill would amend Chapter 222, Zoning, of the County Code of Kent County, Maryland, also known as the Kent County Land Use Ordinance, by revising Article V., *District Regulations*, Section 7. *Village District*, 7.3 *Special Exceptions*, by adding a new sub-section 14, "Septic tank maintenance and excavation;" by revising Article VII., *Special Exceptions*, Section 6. *Procedures*, by adding the special exception as a new number 39.5 to the un-numbered sub-section that lists those uses requiring review by the Planning Commission prior to review by the Board of Appeals; by revising Article VII., *Special Exceptions*, Section 7. *Special Exceptions*, by creating a new sub-section 54.5 to provide for conditions for the special exception; and by clarifying the existing uses listed in the Land Use Ordinance by adding "and excavation" after "maintenance" in three places: Article V., *District Regulations*, Section 7. *Village District*, 7.2 *Permitted Principal Uses and Structures*, #27; Section 8. *Intense Village*, Section 8.2 *Permitted Principal Uses and Structures*, #10, and Section 9., *Intense Village Critical Area*, Section 9.2 *Permitted Principal Uses and Structures*, #13; and presented in the order that such provisions appear in the Land Use Ordinance.

The proposed amendment would add a new use to the Land Use Ordinance. Mr. Steven Green applied to amend the provisions for special exceptions in the Village District to include "septic tank maintenance and excavation." No other zoning district lists this specific use; however, "contractors' yards" are permitted in the Industrial District and as a special exception in AZD with an associated sand and gravel pit. The use "Home and business services such as grounds care, janitorial, exterminators, landscaping, and other repair and maintenance services, but not septic tank maintenance, subject to site plan review" is permitted in the Village, Intense Village, and Intense Village Critical Area zoning districts in the Land Use Ordinance. Crossroads Commercial zoning permits "home and business services such as ground care, cleaning, exterminators, landscaping, and other repair and maintenance services." There is no exclusion of septic tank maintenance, which would be interpreted to allow such a business under Crossroads Commercial.

Regarding the proposed use, special exceptions are permitted uses but due to their unique characteristics they require an additional level of review. Requiring review and approval by the Board of Appeals adds a level of protection for neighboring property owners. Consideration is given on a case-by-case basis of the impact of such uses on neighboring uses, the surrounding area, and of the particular use at the particular location. Specific conditions ensure the use's consistency with the character and activities at the location. Conditions are included in the proposed text amendment, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

On May 5, 2022, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and favorably recommended the zoning text amendment to the County Commissioners. A letter from the Planning Commission is attached. The Planning Commission noted that the public need is to support small businesses and allow their expansion in the proper places. The 2018 Kent County Comprehensive Plan recognizes the importance of supporting existing businesses and providing for more diversity in the size, number, and types of businesses by promoting the development of small, locally owned businesses.

On June 21, 2022, the County Commissioners introduced proposed CHR 6-2022, in order to schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed legislation.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

CHR Bill No. 6-2022 Septic Tank Maintenance and Excavation in the Village District DRAFT Legislation

Letter from the Planning Commission

ZTA Application by Steven Green

07.19.22 Testimony Log, Public Hearing, Code Home Rule 6-2022, Septic Tank Maintenance and Excavation in the Village District

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

_____, 2022
Legislative Session Day

Legislative Session Day
_____, 2022

CODE HOME RULE
BILL NO. 6-2022

INTRODUCED BY: P. Thomas Mason, President of the Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, Maryland.

AN ACT to amend Chapter 222, Zoning, of the County Code of Kent County, Maryland, also known as the Kent County Land Use Ordinance, by revising Article V., *District Regulations*, Section 7. *Village District*, 7.3 *Special Exceptions*, by adding a new sub-section 14, "Septic tank maintenance and excavation;" by revising Article VII., *Special Exceptions*, Section 6. *Procedures*, by adding the special exception as a new number 39.5 to the un-numbered sub-section that lists those uses requiring review by the Planning Commission prior to review by the Board of Appeals; by revising Article VII., *Special Exceptions*, Section 7. *Special Exceptions*, by creating a new sub-section 54.5 to provide for conditions for the special exception; and by clarifying the existing uses listed in the Land Use Ordinance by adding "and excavation" after "maintenance" in three places: Article V., *District Regulations*, Section 7. *Village District*, 7.2 *Permitted Principal Uses and Structures*, #27; Section 8. *Intense Village*, Section 8.2 *Permitted Principal Uses and Structures*, #10, and Section 9., *Intense Village Critical Area*, Section 9.2 *Permitted Principal Uses and Structures*, #13; and presented in the order that such provisions appear in the Land Use Ordinance.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY

P. Thomas Mason, President

INTRODUCED, read the first time, _____, 2022, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled _____, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Hearing Room, R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., Kent County Government Center, 400 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland.

By order of:

Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING HAVING been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and copies having been made available to the public and the press, a public hearing was held on _____, 2020. Reported favorably [without] amendments; read a second time and ordered to be considered on _____, 2022, a legislative session day.

A BILL ENTITLED CHR 6-2022
SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE AND EXCAVATION IN THE VILLAGE DISTRICT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND that the Kent County Land Use Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE V.

DISTRICT REGULATIONS

...

SECTION 7. VILLAGE DISTRICT

...

7.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

...

26. Data processing centers, subject to *site plan* review.
27. Home and business services such as grounds care, janitorial, exterminators, landscaping, and other repair and maintenance services, but not septic tank maintenance **AND EXCAVATION**, subject to *site plan* review
-

ARTICLE V.

DISTRICT REGULATIONS

...

SECTION 7. VILLAGE DISTRICT

...

7.3 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

...

13. *Wind energy systems, small.*

14. SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE AND EXCAVATION, SUBJECT TO SITE PLAN REVIEW

BILL NO. 6-2022

CAPITALS AND BOLD INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

~~Strike through~~ indicates matter deleted from existing law.

ARTICLE V.

DISTRICT REGULATIONS

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SECTION 8. INTENSE VILLAGE

...

8.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

...

9. Fire and rescue stations, subject to *site plan* review.
10. Home and business services such as grounds care, janitorial, exterminators, landscaping, and other repair and maintenance services, but not septic tank maintenance **AND EXCAVATION**, subject to site plan review
-

ARTICLE V.

DISTRICT REGULATIONS

...

SECTION 8. INTENSE VILLAGE CRITICAL AREA

...

9.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

...

12. Funeral homes, subject to *site plan* review
13. Home and business services such as grounds care, janitorial, exterminators, landscaping, and other repair and maintenance services, but not septic tank maintenance **AND EXCAVATION**, subject to *site plan* review
-

ARTICLE VII.

BILL NO. 6-2022

CAPITALS AND BOLD INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

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SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

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SECTION 6. PROCEDURES

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The *Planning Commission* shall review and send a recommendation to the Board of Appeals on the following special exceptions:

...

39. Seafood processing

39.5 SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE AND EXCAVATION

40. *Sewage sludge land application*

...

ARTICLE VII.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

...

SECTION 7. SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

...

54. Seafood processing, including wholesale and retail sales in M provided:

...

54.5 SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE AND EXCAVATION IN V PROVIDED:

- a. **BUILDINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE ARE NOT VISUALLY INTRUSIVE OR INAPPROPRIATE TO THE SETTING.**
- b. **NEW BUILDINGS AND EXPANSIONS SHALL BE DESIGNED IN KEEPING WITH OR TO ENHANCE THE CHARACTER OF OTHER BUILDINGS ON THE PROPERTY OR ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY.**
- c. **ALL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE BUSINESS MUST BE KEPT WITHIN A BUILDING OR SCREENED FROM THE VIEW OF PUBLIC ROADS AND ADJACENT PROPERTIES.**

BILL NO. 6-2022

CAPITALS AND BOLD INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

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- d. ALL FENCES AND LANDSCAPING MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS PART OF SITE PLAN REVIEW.**

55. *Sewage sludge land application* in AZD provided:

...

DRAFT

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the County Commissioners of Kent County that this Act shall take effect on the ____ day of _____.

Read Third Time _____

PASSED this ____ day of _____

Failed of Passage _____

By order of:

Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY

P. Thomas Mason, President

Ronald H. Fithian, Member

Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

ORDERED a fair summary thereof of the entire bill shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County, not less than three times at weekly intervals within a four-week period.

BILL NO. 6-2022

CAPITALS AND BOLD INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

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Planning Commission
Department of Planning, Housing, and Zoning

May 31, 2021

The Honorable P. Thomas Mason, President
Kent County Board of County Commissioners
400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

RE: Zoning Text Amendment related to adding “septic tank maintenance and excavation” to Village

Dear President Mason:

At its meeting on May 5, 2022, the Planning Commission reviewed an application for a zoning text amendment to amend Article V, Section 7.3 of the Village district, Special Exceptions, to include “septic tank maintenance and excavation,” which application was submitted by Steven Green of Green's Septic & Excavation, LLC.

Following a public hearing and discussion, the Planning Commission voted to make a favorable recommendation to the County Commissioners for the proposed zoning text amendment to add the use “septic tank maintenance and excavation” as a special exception to Article V, Section 7.3 as well as adding “and excavation” after the word maintenance to Section 7.2 #27, Section 8.2 #10, and Section 9.2 #13 of the Land Use Ordinance. The Planning Commission noted that the public need is to support small businesses and allow their expansion in the proper places. The Planning Commission also recommends the following conditions be added to the Special Exception:

- Buildings associated with the use are not visually intrusive or inappropriate to the setting.
- New buildings and expansions shall be designed in keeping with or to enhance the character of other buildings on the property or adjacent to the property.
- All vehicles and equipment associated with the business must be kept within a building or screened from the view of public roads and adjacent properties.
- All fences and landscaping must be approved by the Planning Commission as part of site plan review.

Sincerely,
Kent County Planning Commission

Joe Hickman
Chair

c: Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator

**APPLICATION FOR TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE
KENT COUNTY LAND USE ORDINANCE
KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Kent County Department of Planning, Housing and Zoning

Kent County Government Center
400 High Street • Chestertown, MD 21620
410-778-7423 (phone) • 410-810-2932 (fax)

Pursuant to Article XII, "Administrative Procedures" Section 6, "Amendments", of the Kent County Land Use Ordinance, I/We Steven Green

Applicant's Name

of 10600 Hyala Ct Chestertown MD 21620

Address

410-778-9294

Telephone Number

hereby petition the Kent County Commissioners to amend the Land Use Ordinance of Kent County, Maryland, as follows: Article V, Section 7.3 to add

Septic tank maintenance and excavation
and Article VII, Section 6 and Section 7
to add Septic tank maintenance and excavation

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to permit:

Septic maintenance
and excavation. TO be able to expand
an existing business.

Steven Green

Applicant's Signature

3.29.22

Date

Please Note: The application for an amendment to the text of this Ordinance shall, at a minimum state in particular, the Article, Section, and paragraph sought to be amended. The application shall contain the language of the proposed amendment.

Instructions: The Land Use Ordinance requires that five (5) copies for Zoning Text Amendment be submitted to the Executive Assistant to the County Commissioners accompanied by \$500.00 filing fee, payable to the County Commissioners of Kent County.

For Office Use Only:

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County Commissioners Action _____
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TESTIMONY LOG

PUBLIC HEARING

July 19, 2022

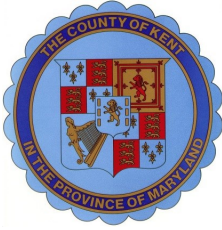
CODE HOME RULE 6-2022

Septic Tank Maintenance and Excavation in the Village District

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Bill Mackey, Director, Planning, Housing and Zoning
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

The proposed Code Home Rule Bill would amend Chapter 222, Zoning, of the County Code of Kent County, Maryland, also known as the Kent County Land Use Ordinance (LUO), Article VII, *Special Exceptions*, Section 7, *Special Exceptions*, §57.25, *Solar energy systems, utility scale*, on farms in the AZD and RCD, sub-section j and sub-section k., in order to clarify language that relates to the area of use for permitted solar arrays and the limitations set forth for adjacent properties under sub-section j., and to clarify the area developed under sub-section k.

On April 18, 2022, the Board of Appeals held a public hearing and reviewed a special exception for a *Solar Energy System, utility scale*. The Board of Appeals denied the application for the special exception and opined that the undefined term “area of use” in Section 7, §57.25 j. of the special exception provisions could be considered to include the solar array and equipment, perimeter landscaping, setback areas to the fencing, and access roadways. In order to clarify the meaning of the term “area of use,” the Board suggested that Planning staff draft a zoning text amendment to address it. Staff drafted the language and prepared to present it to the Agriculture Advisory Commission for its review and recommendation.

On May 11, 2022, the AAC met and reviewed the proposed language by staff and a letter submitted as part of the public process by the representative of the applicant for the denied special exception. The ACC voted to send a favorable recommendation to the Planning Commission and County Commissioners. The AAC noted the 10% rule applies per sub-section k., and staff made a note to address it as a text revision.

On May 18, 2022, the Board of Appeals met on another matter and discussed the proposed ZTA informally under its General Discussion item on the agenda. The Board was in favor of language that explicitly limits the area of use to those components of the energy system that are within the boundaries of the required perimeter security fence, which would not exceed 5 acres. The Board also suggested other minor edits.

On June 2, 2022, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and reviewed revised language proposed by staff based on the changes suggested by the Board of Appeals. The Planning Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the County Commissioners with one minor change to the proposed text.

On June 21, 2022, the County Commissioners introduced proposed CHR 7-2022, in order to schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed legislation.

The letters from the AAC and the Planning Commission are attached for reference.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

CHR Bill No. 7-2022 Clarification of the Five-Acre Limitation For Certain Solar Arrays DRAFT Legislation
Letter to the CC from the PC re proposed ZTA
Letter to the PC from the AAC re proposed ZTA text
07.19.22 Testimony Log, Public Hearing, Code Home Rule 7-2022, Clarification of the Five-Acre Limitation
for Certain Solar Arrays

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

_____, 2022
Legislative Session Day

Legislative Session Day
_____, 2022

CODE HOME RULE
BILL NO. 7-2022

INTRODUCED BY: P. Thomas Mason, President of the Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, Maryland.

AN ACT to amend Chapter 222, Zoning, of the County Code of Kent County, Maryland, also known as the Kent County Land Use Ordinance (LUO), Article VII, *Special Exceptions*, Section 7, *Special Exceptions*, §57.25, Solar energy systems, utility scale, on farms in the AZD and RCD, sub-section j and sub-section k., in order to clarify language that relates to the area of use for permitted solar arrays and the limitations set forth for adjacent properties under sub-section j., and to clarify the area developed under sub-section k.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY

P. Thomas Mason, President

INTRODUCED, read the first time, _____, 2022, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled _____, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Hearing Room, R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., Kent County Government Center, 400 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland.

By order of:

Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING HAVING been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and copies having been made available to the public and the press, a public hearing was held on _____, 2022. Reported favorably [without] amendments; read a second time and ordered to be considered on _____, 2022, a legislative session day.

BILL NO. 7-2022

CAPITALS AND BOLD INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

~~Strike through~~ indicates matter deleted from existing law.

**A BILL ENTITLED CHR 7-2022
CLARIFICATION OF THE FIVE-ACRE LIMITATION FOR
CERTAIN SOLAR ARRAYS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND that the Kent County Land Use Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE VII.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

...

SECTION 7. SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

Buildings, structures, and uses for which special exceptions may be authorized and the additional standards relative thereto are as follows:

1. Accessory storage *structures* with a *floor area* of more than 1,200 square feet or a height that exceed 17 feet on parcels less than 5 acres in AZD, RCD, RC, RR, CAR, and CR.

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57.25 *Solar energy systems, utility scale, on farms in AZD and RCD provided:*

- a. A solar collection device or combination of devices are designed and located to avoid glare or reflection onto adjacent properties and adjacent roadways and shall not interfere with traffic or create a safety hazard.
- b. Screening, capable of providing year-round screening, is provided along all sides that do not collect energy.
- c. Roof mounted solar collection devices shall not extend more than 10 feet from the top of the roof. The total height of the *building*, including the solar collection devices, shall comply with the height regulations established for each zoning district.
- d. Solar collection devices shall not exceed 38 feet in height.
- e. The solar collection system shall be incidental to the use of the farm.
- f. Installation of the solar collection system shall not adversely impact adjacent properties.
- g. All *structures* associated with the solar collection system shall be neither visually intrusive nor inappropriate to their setting.
- h. All solar collection devices shall register with the Department of Emergency Services and shall submit a map noting the location of the solar collection devices and the panel disconnect.
- i. Other than wire size, there shall be no alteration of utility infrastructure to accommodate the system.
- j. The area of ~~use~~ **SOLAR PANEL ARRAYS** may not exceed 5 acres ~~onsite~~. **THE AREA OF THE SOLAR PANEL ARRAYS SHALL BE MEASURED TO INCLUDE THE**

AREA WITHIN THE SOLAR PANEL ARRAYS' SECURITY FENCE. Adjacent properties shall not aggregate solar collection panels to achieve an area exceeding 5 acres.

- k. In AZD, **ONLY the FIVE-ACRE MAXIMUM area OF SOLAR PANEL ARRAYS, AS MEASURED IN SUBSECTION J.,** ~~developed by a utility scale solar energy system~~ is considered *development* and counted toward the maximum percentage of the property in lots.
- l. Tree removal shall be minimized, and any removal shall be mitigated in accordance with the Critical Area Program requirements.
- m. The applicant shall demonstrate that a utility scale solar energy system shall not unreasonably interfere with the view of, or from, sites of significant public interest such as public parks, a national or state designated scenic byway, a *structure* listed in the Kent County Historic Site Survey, an historic district, or the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries

57.5 *Solar energy systems, utility scale*, in CC, C, and CCA provided:

- a. A solar collection device or combination of devices are designed and located to avoid glare or reflection onto adjacent properties and adjacent roadways and shall not interfere with traffic or create a safety hazard.
- b. Screening, capable of providing year-round screening, is provided along all sides that do not collect energy.
- c. Roof mounted solar collection devices shall not extend more than 10 feet from the top of the roof. The total height of the *building*, including the solar collection devices, shall comply with the height regulations established for each zoning district.
- d. Solar collection devices shall not exceed 45 feet in height
- e. All solar collection devices shall register with the Department of Emergency Services and shall submit a map noting the location of the solar collection devices and the panel disconnect.
- f. The applicant shall demonstrate that a utility scale solar energy system shall not unreasonably interfere with the view of, or from, sites of significant public interest such as public parks, a national or state designated scenic byway, a *structure* listed in the Kent County Historic Site Survey, an historic district, or the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

...

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the County Commissioners of Kent County that this Act shall take effect on the ____ day of _____.

Read Third Time _____

PASSED this ____ day of _____

Failed of Passage _____

By order of:

Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY

P. Thomas Mason, President

Ronald H. Fithian, Member

Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

ORDERED a fair summary thereof of the entire bill shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County, not less than three times at weekly intervals within a four-week period.

BILL NO. 7-2022

CAPITALS AND BOLD INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

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Department of Planning, Housing, and Zoning

June 9, 2021

The Honorable P. Thomas Mason, President
Kent County Board of County Commissioners
400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

RE: Zoning Text Amendment related to *Solar Energy Systems, utility scale*, in AZD and RCD

Dear President Mason:

At its meeting on June 2, 2022, the Planning Commission reviewed an application for a zoning text amendment to amend the Land Use Ordinance (LUO), Article VII, *Special Exceptions*, Section 7, *Special Exceptions*, §57.25, *Solar energy systems, utility scale*, on farms in the AZD and RCD, sub-section j and sub-section k., in order to clarify language that relates to the area of use for permitted solar arrays and the limitations set forth for adjacent properties under sub-section j., and to clarify the area developed under sub-section k.

Following a public hearing, the Planning Commission voted to make a favorable recommendation to the County Commissioners for the proposed zoning text amendment noting the following:

- Elimination of the proposed phrase “by erecting solar panel arrays in close proximity to each other” in the second sentence of sub-section j., and
- Supporting staff’s recommendation in sub-section k.

Sincerely,

Joe Hickman
Chair

c: Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator



Agriculture Advisory Commission
Department of Planning, Housing, and Zoning

May 23, 2022

Joe Hickman, Chair
Kent County Planning Commission
400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

RE: Zoning Text Amendment to amend Article VII, *Special Exceptions*, Section 7, *Special Exceptions*, §57.25, *Solar energy systems, utility scale*, on farms in AZD and RCD, sub-section j.

Dear Mr. Hickman:

The Kent County Agriculture Advisory Commission has reviewed the proposed amendment to the *Kent County Land Use Ordinance*, Article VII, *Special Exceptions*, Section 7, *Special Exceptions*, §57.25, *Solar energy systems, utility scale*, on farms in AZD and RCD, sub-section j., in order to clarify language that relates to the area of permitted solar arrays and referred to as “area of use” and to clarify the limitations set forth for adjacent properties. The members found that there is a need to clarify the language and voted to recommend the following:

“The area of use may not exceed 5 acres onsite. **Area of use means the area within the solar array’s security fence or approved barrier.** Adjacent properties shall not aggregate solar collection panels to achieve an area exceeding 5 acres.”

If you have any questions or concerns in this regard, kindly contact our staff in the Department of Planning, Housing, and Zoning.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jennifer Debnam

Jennifer Debnam
Chair

TESTIMONY LOG

PUBLIC HEARING

July 19, 2022

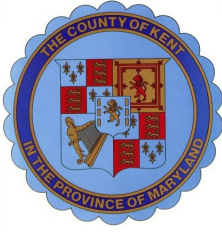
CODE HOME RULE 7-2022

Clarification of the Five-Acre Limitation For Certain Solar Arrays

PLEASE SIGN IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK:

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Kent County Clover Calf 4-H Club Proclamation 7/19/2022 County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Celebrating 100 Years

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

07.19.22 Kent County Clover Calf 4-H Club, Celebrating 100 Years, Proclamation

Kent County, Maryland



Proclamation

Kent County Clover Calf 4-H Club Celebrating 100 Years

- WHEREAS,** The Kent County Clover Calf 4-H Club is celebrating 100 years of continuous operation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Kent County Clover Calf 4-H Club was formed in 1922 under the leadership of County Agent, H.B. Derrick with six members: Stanley Sutton, Norman Pennington, W. Franklin Moffett, Walter Morris, Jr., and Billie Urie; and
- WHEREAS,** Parliamentary procedure is practiced during regular monthly meetings that helps teach manners, morals, good citizenship, and social skills that are developed through public speaking, demonstrations, and showmanship at the County, District, State, and National levels; and
- WHEREAS,** Members of the Kent County Clover Calf 4-H Club gain knowledge and learn responsibility from the many projects offered through the club such as cooking, sewing, growing vegetables and farm crops to raising and showing cows, sheep, poultry, and swine; and
- WHEREAS,** Those individuals who are involved in the Kent County Clover Calf 4-H Club are offered the opportunity and experience of learning to be respectful, responsible, quality leaders, and compassionate community members that know how to help each other.
- NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND,** do hereby commemorate 100 Years of Tradition and Continuous Operation to the Kent County Clover Calf 4-H Club and urge all to recognize their commitment "To Make The Best Better".

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

P. Thomas Mason

P. Thomas Mason, President

Ronald H. Fithian

Ronald H. Fithian, Member

Robert N. Jacob, Jr.

Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member



Bill Mackey, Director, Planning, Housing and Zoning
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

On February 22, 2022, the County Commissioners adopted the draft Forest Conservation Easement and Agreement template (marked as original) for use by applicants in the forest conservation review and approval process. In approving a template, the goal was to reduce the time required for the review process. In order to reduce process time further, staff recommends removal of the requirement for the President of the County Commissioners to sign the document, if the template is used and reviewed by the Planning Commission's Attorney. A revised draft without the President's signature lines is included for approval.

FROM THE FEBRUARY 22nd PACKET

On January 6, 2022, the Kent County Planning Commission reviewed the attached draft Forest Conservation Easement and Agreement template for use by applicants to streamline the review process. As part of Final Forest Conservation Plans, such agreements are required that ensure the permanent protection, management, and inspection of forests that are being protected. The document was prepared by Planning Commission Attorney Cynthia McCann, Esq. in order for the County to be able to adopt a standard document that will make it easier for applicants and staff to ensure that forest conservation requirements are being satisfied. The draft was compiled from a review of several existing Forest Conservation Easements from neighboring counties. Currently, each applicant's attorney drafts a document that is reviewed by Ms. McCann for sufficiency with the requirements of the law. The documents are rarely identical which requires Ms. McCann and staff to carefully review each one. If a standard template is adopted, then it will streamline the process. Applicants won't need to ask for examples of other deed restrictions, and staff won't need to spend as much time on review. The Planning Commission recommended favorably to the County Commissioners to approve the proposed County Forest Conservation Easement and Agreement template.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

REVISED Draft Kent County Forest Conservation Easement

ORIGINAL Draft Kent County Forest Conservation Easement

Letter to CC from PC re draft FC easement

DEED OF FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT
KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

THIS DEED OF FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT ("Deed of Easement and Agreement"), made this ____ day of _____, 20____, by and between _____, party of the first part, hereinafter called the "Grantor," and COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND, a body politic and corporate of the State of Maryland, hereinafter called the "County."

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Grantor, by virtue of a deed dated _____ and recorded among the Land Records of Kent County in Book No. _____, folio _____, is the owner of all that part or parcels of land consisting of _____ acres, more or less, situate, lying and being in the _____ Election District of Kent County, Maryland;

WHEREAS, Grantor has elected to engage in a regulated activity as prescribed by the Kent County Forest Conservation Law under Article IV, Section 8, *Forest Conservation*, of the Land Use Ordinance for Kent County, Maryland (hereinafter "Land Use Ordinance"), on said property, and applied to the Kent County Department of Planning, Housing, and Zoning for approval of the regulated activity, said approval having been given;

WHEREAS, as a condition of the aforesaid approval, Grantor has submitted and the County has approved Final Forest Conservation Plan No. _____ (the "Plan"), which sets forth the requirements for forest retention, reforestation or afforestation in an area located on the aforesaid property and designated on the approved final subdivision plat, site development plan or grading permit as the Protected Forest Conservation Area, and more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof. Said Plan is incorporated into and made part of this Deed of Easement and Agreement by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Final Forest Conservation Plan and the Kent County Forest Conservation Law require the establishment of a forest conservation easement in, on, over and through the Protected Forest Conservation Area, to ensure the permanent protection, management, and inspection of said area.

GRANT AND AGREEMENTS

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the covenants and promises contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration (no monetary value), the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Grantor does hereby grant and convey unto the County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland, a body politic and corporate of the State of Maryland, its successors and assigns, a forest conservation, management and access easement, of the nature and character and to the extent hereinafter set forth, in, on, over, through and across the land designated as Protected

Forest Conservation Area on the Forest Conservation Easement Exhibit of the Lands of _____, attached hereto as Exhibit B (as further described in Exhibit A). Grantor further establishes, creates, and declares the restrictions herein set forth in favor of and for the benefit of the County, its successors and assigns.

2. Except as specifically provided in Paragraph 3 and 4 herein, Grantor covenants with the County to refrain from destroying, damaging or removing anything of nature which grows in the Protected Forest Conservation Area now, or hereafter, without approval of the County as to manner, form, extent and any other aspects of the removal whatsoever, it being the express intention of the parties hereto that Grantor shall comply with the Final Forest Conservation Plan approved under the Kent County Forest Conservation Law and that the easement area shall be preserved in a manner which protects the forest thereon, existing or to be established.

3. Grantor hereby relinquishes the right to use or develop the Protected Forest Conservation Area for any purpose whatsoever, except for the following uses:

A. Planting, maintenance, and protection of the forest conservation area in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan;

B. Passive recreational activities which are consistent with and do not interfere with forest conservation and management or cause harm to forest management resources, including but not limited to walking, hiking, and bird watching;

C. Forest protection and management practices, including harvesting of trees in accordance with a written agreement with the State Department of Natural Resources; provided suitable provisions are made for the replacement of harvested trees.

4. Grantor may engage in limited clearing of the forest understory, such as may be necessary to allow a walking or hiking trail for foot traffic only; and may allow the removal of dead or dying trees, and noxious plants or weeds.

5. All rights reserved by or not prohibited to Grantor shall be exercised so as to prevent or minimize damage to the forest and trees, streams and water quality, plant and wildlife habitats, and the natural topographic character of the easement area.

6. The County, or its duly authorized representatives, shall have the right, at reasonable hours, to enter into the forest conservation area for the sole purpose of inspecting same to determine whether the Grantor is complying with the terms, covenants, conditions, limitations, and restrictions contained herein contained.

7. No failure on the part of the County to enforce a covenant or provision hereof shall discharge or invalidate such covenant or any other covenant, condition, or provision hereof or affect the right of the County to enforce the same in the event of a subsequent breach or default.

8. Upon any breach of the terms of this Deed of Easement and Agreement by the Grantor, the County's remedies shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to any other rights

available to the County at law or in equity. Upon any breach of the terms of this Deed of Easement and Agreement by the Grantor, the County may exercise any or all of the following remedies: the remedies provided in Article XII, Section 4 of the Land Use Ordinance; institution of a suit including a suit to enjoin any breach or enforce any covenant, by temporary and/or permanent injunction, and including civil penalties as authorized by § 5-1612 of the Natural Resources Article of the State Code (as amended); require the Protected Forest Conservation Area be promptly restored to the condition required by the Plan and this Deed of Conservation Easement and Agreement; enter upon the forest conservation area, correct any breach, and hold the Grantor responsible for the resulting cost; and such other legal action as may be necessary to ensure compliance with this Deed of Easement and Agreement and the covenants, conditions, limitations and restrictions herein contained. If Grantor is found to have breached any of its obligations under this Deed of Easement and Agreement, Grantor shall reimburse the County for any costs or expenses incurred, including consultant's fees, court costs, reasonable attorney's fees, and any administrative and overhead costs.

9. Interpretation of this Deed of Easement and Agreement shall be the sole province of the County, and the County may issue interpretations hereof upon request of Grantor, or at the County's discretion.

10. This Deed of Easement and Agreement does not grant the public, in general, any right of access or any right to the use of the easement area, or any other portion of the property. This easement extends only to those areas designated as the Protected Forest Conservation Area and necessary access thereto.

11. The Grantor further covenants and agrees that the easements, rights of way, covenants and agreements contained herein shall run with the Protected Forest Conservation Area and all portions thereof and shall bind the Grantor and her personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns and shall bind all subsequent owners of the property identified herein.

12. Grantor agrees to make specific reference to this Deed of Easement and Agreement in a separate paragraph of any subsequent sales contract, mortgage, deed, lease, or other legal instrument by which any interest in the Protected Forest Conservation Area is conveyed.

13. This Deed of Easement and Agreement shall be binding upon the personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said easement unto the County Commissioners for Kent County, Maryland, a body politic and corporate of the State of Maryland, its successors and assigns, forever, for the uses and purposes hereinbefore described, together with the right to enforce the terms and conditions set forth in this Deed of Easement and Agreement against the Grantor, and upon the Grantor's respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

AND the said Grantor covenants that it has not done nor suffered to be done anything to encumber the property, easement, and/or rights hereby conveyed and that he will execute such other and further assurances of the same as may be necessary and requisite.

WITNESS:

GRANTOR(S):

_____[SEAL]
Printed Name

STATE OF MARYLAND, _____ COUNTY, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this _____ day of _____, 20____,
before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared,
_____ known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name
is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the
purposes therein contained.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

Notary Public
My Commission expires:

APPROVED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Cynthia L. McCann
Attorney for the Planning Commission

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within instrument was prepared by me or under my
supervision and that I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals in the
State of Maryland.

Print Name: _____

Upon recording, please return the original to:
Kent County Department of Planning, Housing and Zoning
R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr. Kent County Government Center
400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

Exhibit A

Protected Forest Conservation Area

The Protected Forest Conservation Area shall be all that part or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the _____ Election District of Kent County, State of Maryland, being more particularly described as that area described and shown as _____ on the plat entitled “Forest Conservation Plan (FCP-_____) of the Lands of _____, prepared by _____, dated _____, and recorded among the Plat Records of Kent County, Maryland at Plat book. _____, page _____ (“Plat”).

REVISED

DEED OF FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT
KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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WHEREAS, as a condition of the aforesaid approval, Grantor has submitted and the County has approved Final Forest Conservation Plan No. _____ (the "Plan"), which sets forth the requirements for forest retention, reforestation or afforestation in an area located on the aforesaid property and designated on the approval final subdivision plat, site development plan or grading permit as the Protected Forest Conservation Area, and more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof. Said Plan is incorporated into and made part of this Deed of Easement and Agreement by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Final Forest Conservation Plan and the Kent County Forest Conservation Law require the establishment of a forest conservation easement in, on, over and through the Protected Forest Conservation Area, to ensure the permanent protection, management, and inspection of said area.

GRANT AND AGREEMENTS

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the covenants and promises contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration (no monetary value), the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

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3. Grantor hereby relinquishes the right to use or develop the Protected Forest Conservation Area for any purpose whatsoever, except for the following uses:

A. Planting, maintenance, and protection of the forest conservation area in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan;

B. Passive recreational activities which are consistent with and do not interfere with forest conservation and management or cause harm to forest management resources, including but not limited to walking, hiking, and bird watching;

C. Forest protection and management practices, including harvesting of trees in accordance with a written agreement with the State Department of Natural Resources; provided suitable provisions are made for the replacement of harvested trees.

4. Grantor may engage in limited clearing of the forest understory, such as may be necessary to allow a walking or hiking trail for foot traffic only; and may allow the removal of dead or dying trees, and noxious plants or weeds.

5. All rights reserved by or not prohibited to Grantor shall be exercised so as to prevent or minimize damage to the forest and trees, streams and water quality, plant and wildlife habitats, and the natural topographic character of the easement area.

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7. No failure on the part of the County to enforce a covenant or provision hereof shall discharge or invalidate such covenant or any other covenant, condition, or provision hereof or affect the right of the County to enforce the same in the event of a subsequent breach or default.

8. Upon any breach of the terms of this Deed of Easement and Agreement by the Grantor, the County's remedies shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to any other rights

available to the County at law or in equity. Upon any breach of the terms of this Deed of Easement and Agreement by the Grantor, the County may exercise any or all of the following remedies: the remedies provided in Article XII, Section 4 of the Land Use Ordinance; institution of a suit including a suit to enjoin any breach or enforce any covenant, by ex parte, temporary and/or permanent injunction, and including civil penalties as authorized by § 5-1612 of the Natural Resources Article of the State Code (as amended); require the Protected Forest Conservation Area be promptly restored to the condition required by the Plan and this Deed of Conservation Easement and Agreement; enter upon the forest conservation area, correct any breach, and hold the Grantor responsible for the resulting cost; and such other legal action as may be necessary to ensure compliance with this Deed of Easement and Agreement and the covenants, conditions, limitations and restrictions herein contained. If Grantor is found to have breached any of its obligations under this Deed of Easement and Agreement, Grantor shall reimburse the County for any costs or expenses incurred, including consultant's fees, court costs, reasonable attorney's fees, and any administrative and overhead costs.

9. Interpretation of this Deed of Easement and Agreement shall be the sole province of the County, and the County may issue interpretations hereof upon request of Grantor, or at the County's discretion.

10. This Deed of Easement and Agreement does not grant the public, in general, any right of access or any right to the use of the easement area, or any other portion of the property. This easement extends only to those areas designated as the Protected Forest Conservation Area and necessary access thereto.

11. The Grantor further covenants and agrees that the easements, rights of way, covenants and agreements contained herein shall run with the Protected Forest Conservation Area and all portions thereof and shall bind the Grantor and their personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns and shall bind all subsequent owners of the property identified herein.

12. Grantor agrees to make specific reference to this Deed of Easement and Agreement in a separate paragraph of any subsequent sales contract, mortgage, deed, lease, or other legal instrument by which any interest in the Protected Forest Conservation Area is conveyed.

13. This Deed of Easement and Agreement shall be binding upon the personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said easement unto the County Commissioners for Kent County, Maryland, a body politic and corporate of the State of Maryland, its successors and assigns, forever, for the uses and purposes hereinbefore described, together with the right to enforce the terms and conditions set forth in this Deed of Easement and Agreement against the Grantor, and up on the Grantor's respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

AND the said Grantor covenants that it has not done nor suffered to be done anything to encumber the property, easement, and/or rights hereby conveyed and that he will execute such other and further assurances of the same as may be necessary and requisite.

WITNESS:

GRANTOR(S):

_____[SEAL]
Printed Name

WITNESS:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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P. Thomas Mason, President

APPROVED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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Attorney for the Planning Commission

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within instrument was prepared by me or under my supervision and that I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals in the State of Maryland.

Print Name: _____

STATE OF MARYLAND, _____ COUNTY, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared, _____ known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

Notary Public
My Commission expires:

STATE OF MARYLAND, _____ COUNTY, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared, _____, President of the Kent County Commissioners, and he duly acknowledged that he executed the above instrument for the purposes therein contained and further acknowledged said instrument to be the act and deed of the County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

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My Commission expires:

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January 6, 2021

The Honorable P. Thomas Mason, President
Kent County Board of County Commissioners
400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

RE: proposed standardized Deed of Forest Conservation Easement and Agreement document

Dear President Mason:

At its January 6, 2022 meeting, the Kent County Planning Commission reviewed the proposed Deed of Forest Conservation Easement and Agreement template, prepared by Planning Commission Attorney Cynthia McCann, Esq. Following discussion, the Planning Commission voted to make a favorable recommendation to the County Commissioners for approval of the use of this template in order to streamline the review process.

Sincerely,
Kent County Planning Commission

Kim Kohl
Chairman

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cc: Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator



**Myra Butler, Director, Parks and Recreation, Kat Stork, Shore
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7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting**

Item Summary:

2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Kent LPPRP Presentation for KCC 07192022

LPPRP Planning Commission Recommendation

LPPRP Advisory Board Recommendation

2022 LPPRP Final - First Half

2022 LPPRP Final - Second Half

Kent County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation

Kent County Commissioners
July 19, 2022

Plan Development Process Review & Update



Key Areas for Consideration in Planning:

- Enrich the lives of citizens and sustain a healthy community with the provision of quality recreation and cultural activities and access to natural open space.



- Preserve the historic and cultural traditions of Kent County along with the economic well-being of its residents.



Community Engagement Highlights: Parks & Facilities



- 80% of respondents felt that parks distribution in the County met their needs.
- 78% of respondents were satisfied with parks maintenance; 22% did not feel the parks are well maintained

- Desire for additional/variety of new trails, including rail-to-trail
- Bathrooms are necessities not amenities
- Additional signage to direct park users across county, municipal, state and federal access to parks and open/green spaces
- Access and protection of open/green spaces

Community Engagement

Highlights: Recreation Activities



Recreational Priorities:

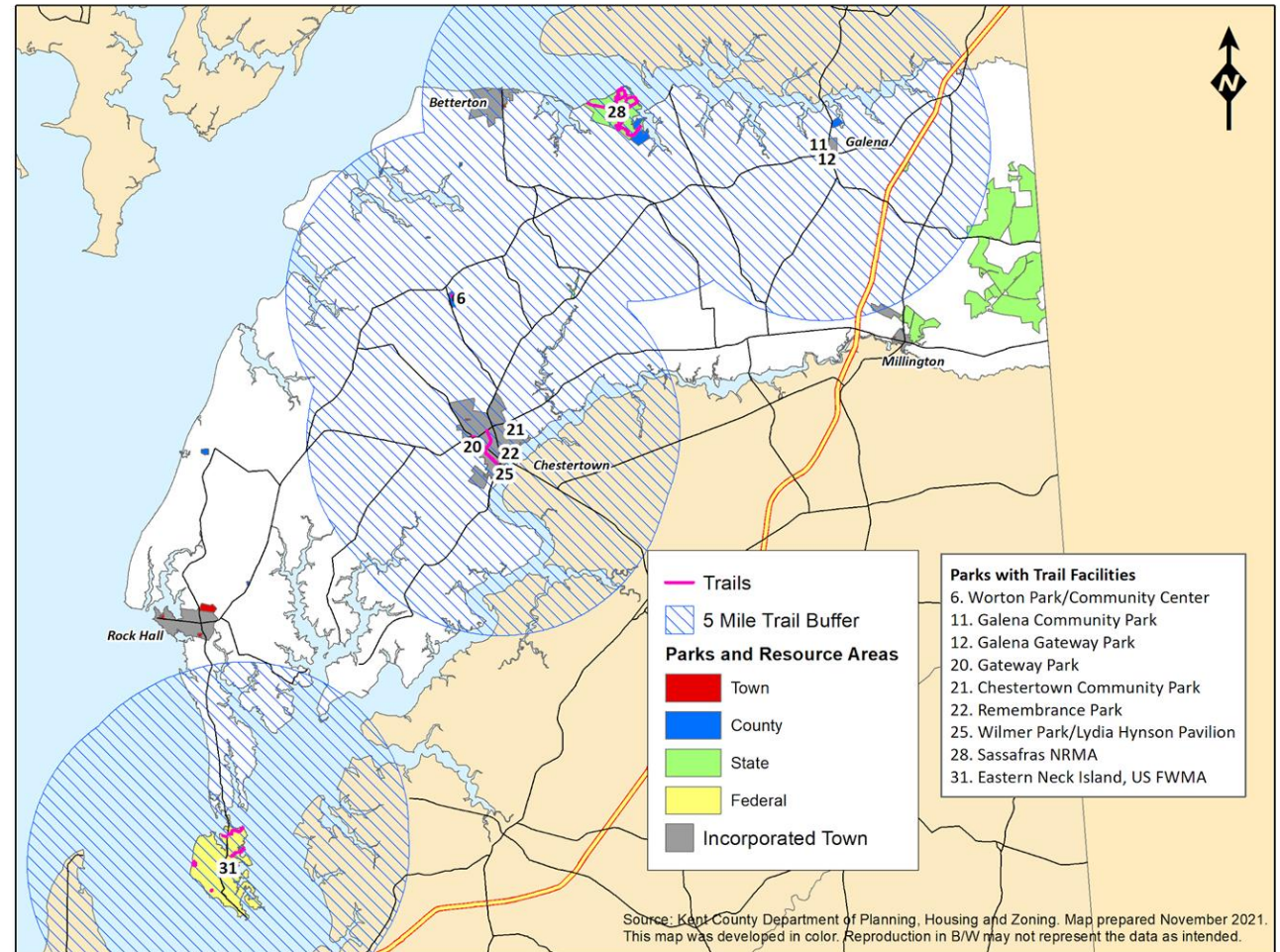
- 1) Availability
- 2) Accessibility
- 3) Variety
- 4) Affordability

Top Recreation Activities:

- Walking/hiking on trails
- Activities associated with water: boating, kayaking, fishing, wading
- Playground and picnic areas usage
- Sports
 - Basketball
 - Tennis/Pickleball
 - Soccer
 - Baseball/Softball

Proximity Analysis

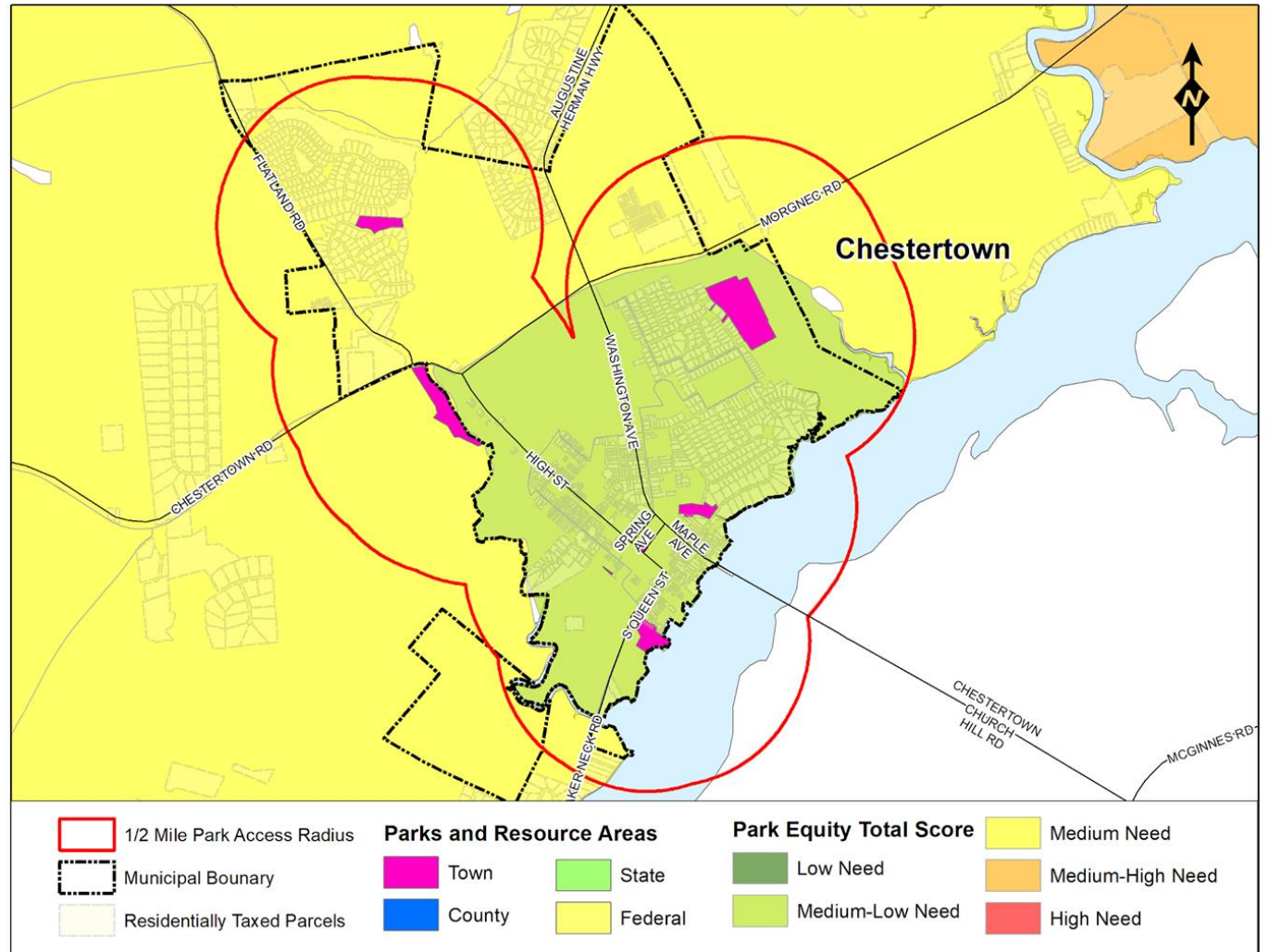
- Five Mile Buffers
- Considered variety of features - picnic areas, public water access, multipurpose fields and trails
- Water Access and picnic areas are well distributed across the county
- With the exception of the area immediately around Rock Hall there are trails within five miles of most towns



Equity Analysis

Consideration of 4 factors:

- population density
- concentration of children under 17
- older adults
- poverty



Source: Kent County Department of Planning, Housing and Zoning. Map prepared October 2021. Equity Analysis performed by Maryland DNR. This map was developed in color. Reproduction in B/W may not represent the data as intended.

County Goals for Park & Rec

1. Enhance recreational programs
2. Enhance existing parks and facilities
3. Promote preservation and use of public open space and natural resources
4. Increase opportunities for youth
5. Recruit & retain committed staff



County Strategies for Natural Resource Land Preservation

1. Support & promote the strategies in the 2018 Comp Plan and other guiding documents
2. Continue to support land preservation through programs such as MALPF, Rural Legacy and POS, Heritage areas.
3. Continue to require conservation subdivision techniques for new subdivisions
4. Support a no net forest loss strategy
5. Prepare the Phase III Local Watershed Implementation Plan



County Goals for Agricultural Land Preservation

1. Increase rate of easement acquisition
2. Continued landowner outreach regarding land protection options
3. Promote preservation and use of public open space and natural resources



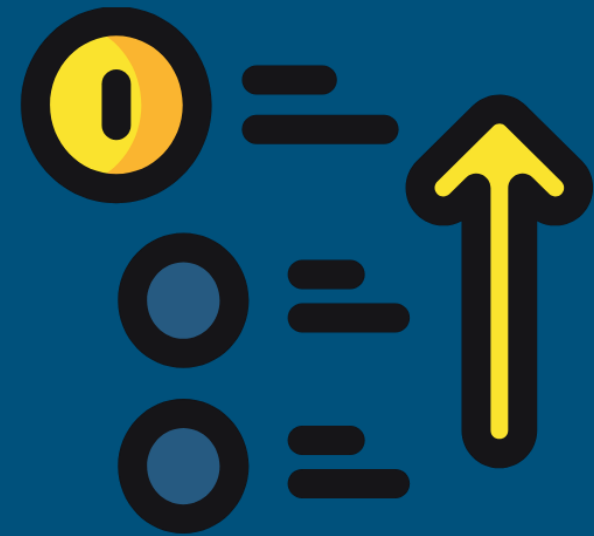
County Capital Development Priorities

- Regional Parks

- Still Pond Concept Plan & Phased Development
- Turner's Creek - Comprehensive Master Plan
- Worton Park continued redevelopment and new development of features & amenities

- Water Access

- Turner's Creek, Still Pond Station, Betterton Beach



County Capital Development Priorities

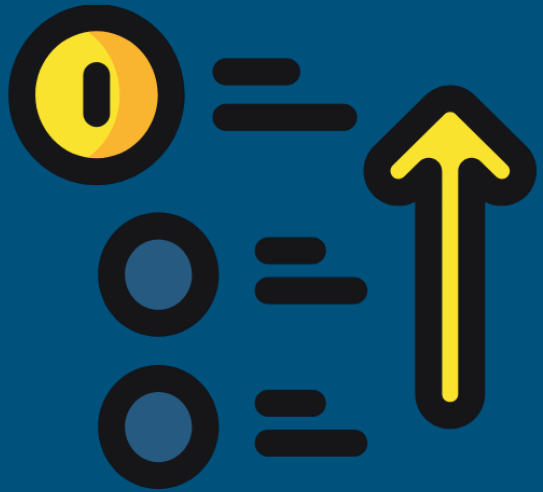
- Trails

- Addition to trail system at Turner's Creek with potential to connect to Sassafras NRMA trail system
- Continue to work with DNR to investigate continuation of Gilchrest Trail to Worton
- Work with Town of Galena to explore the development of a safe walking/biking access trail along 213 to Toal Park and Georgetown

- Other unique features: Skate/BMX Park, Dog Park, Historic Preservation at Lathim House and Granary at Turner's Creek, extend Betterton Beach boardwalk to allow water access for individuals with mobility constraints.



Current Municipal Capital Priorities



- Betterton - Tennis Court/Pickleball, Basketball court rehab, walking path development
- Chestertown - Ajax Park rehab, Wilmer playground installation, Gilcrest Rail to Trail extension
- Galena - New park signage, walkability project to connect parks
- Rock Hall - Civic Center drainage and restroom upgrades

**Questions,
comments,
observations?**

THANK YOU

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Planning Commission
Department of Planning, Housing, and Zoning

June 9, 2022

The Honorable P. Thomas Mason, President
Kent County Board of County Commissioners
400 High Street
Chestertown, Maryland 21620

RE: 2022 Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan

Dear President Mason,

At its June 2nd meeting, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to approve and recommend adoption of the draft Kent County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP). The Planning Commission found that the draft Plan is consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan. The plan has strategies to ensure a wide variety of opportunities for citizens, maintenance of existing facilities, as well as expansion of existing programs and facilities. In addition, the plan supports strategies for continued participation in land preservation programs and protection of natural resources. Overall, the Planning Commission was impressed with the draft Plan.

Sincerely,

Kent County Planning Commission

F. Joseph Hickman
Chair

cc: Myra Butler



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

June 29, 2022

The Honorable P. Thomas Mason, President
Kent County Board of County Commissioners
400 High Street
Chestertown, Maryland 21620

RE: 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan

Dear President Mason,

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the draft 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan at its February 7 and May 16, 2022, meetings. The Board recommends in favor of adopting the Plan.

Sincerely,

Mary G. Fisher

Mary G. Fisher
Chair

cc: Myra S. Butler



Kent County 2022 Land Preservation, Parks & Recreation Plan

June 2022



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Executive Summary

Every five years, each of Maryland's counties and Baltimore City are required to submit a five-year Land Preservation Parks & Recreation Plan (LPPRP) to the State's Departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Planning (MDP). The LPPRP is a requirement for county participation in Maryland's Program Open Space Local grants program. The goal of the plan is to assist in future planning at the local, state and federal levels. The information gathered in the local LPPRPs is used to compile the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan (LPRP) which serves as the Statewide Land Preservation and Recreation Plan (SCORP). The SCORP is required for Maryland to receive funding through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, which provides cost share opportunities for state agencies for the acquisition, development and planning of public outdoor recreation spaces.

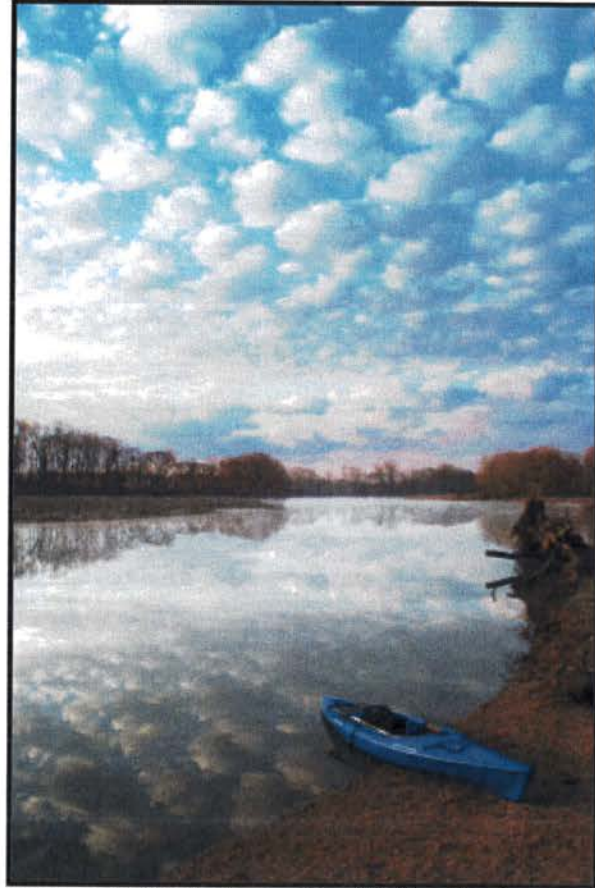


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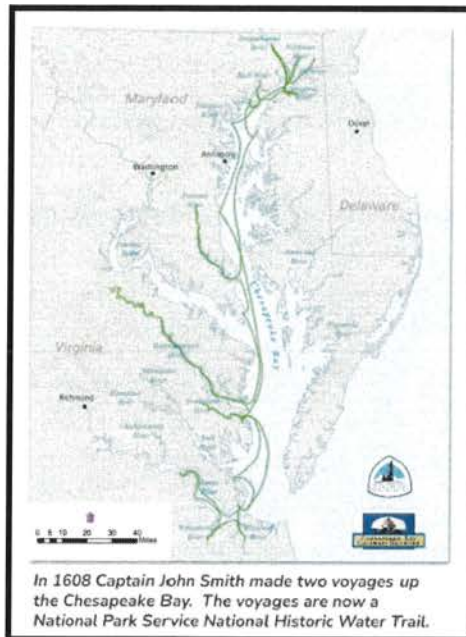
The LPPRP includes three main elements:

- Parks, Recreation and Open Space
- Natural Resource Conservation and Land Preservation
- Agricultural Land Preservation

The Kent County LPPRP is amended to the County Comprehensive Plan and is used to guide the future of park development, program improvements and parks and open space land preservation within the County as well as its incorporated municipalities.

The LPPRP incorporates work prepared by the Departments of Parks and Recreation and Planning, Housing and Zoning with input from the Department of Public Works.

Location and Physical Characteristics



Kent County is located on the northern portion of the Delmarva Peninsula on the eastern side of the Chesapeake Bay directly opposite Baltimore. The County is bordered on the north by the Sassafras River, which separates it from Cecil County, and on the south by the Chester River, which separates it from Queen Anne's County. The western border is formed by the Chesapeake Bay, and the eastern boundary is formed by the Delaware State Line. The County has a total land area of 178,428 acres, or approximately 281 square miles, and has 79,006 acres of water within its boundaries. Five incorporated towns - Betterton, Chestertown, Galena, Millington, and Rock Hall - are located in Kent County. Chestertown is the County seat.

Founded in 1642, Kent is the second oldest County in Maryland. Prior to European colonization, the area was inhabited by the Tockwogh and Wicomiss tribes. Early

European settlers were drawn to the area for its location on the Chesapeake Bay and the Chester and Sassafras Rivers, where fish were plentiful and the access to the water facilitated travel and transport. Game was plentiful in the forests, and rich soil provided agricultural opportunities. Although much has changed since then, much remains the same. The hallmarks of Kent County continue to be the Chesapeake Bay, its tributaries, and rich farmland. These resources shaped much of the economy, culture, and character, and they continue to serve as the foundation for much of Kent's planning efforts.

Population & Demographics

Kent County's population in 2020 was approximately 19,967, a decrease of 2.5%. The County is experiencing an aging of the population, with growth in the number of Kent residents aged 55 or older and a decline in the number of younger residents. In 2020, 44.8% of the population was 55 or older. Children and youth 19 and under accounted for 19.7% of the population. In 2010, 35.9% of Kent's population was 55 or older and children 19 and under made up 21.9% of the population. In real numbers there were 3,889 children and youth in the County, 7,069 between 20 and 54 years old and 8,739 residents 55 and up,

The estimated median household income in Kent County in 2019 was \$58,589, a 1% increase over the median household income reported in 2015. Kent County's household income is significantly lower than the median household income in the State of Maryland, which was \$84,805 in 2019. In 2019, the percent of the people living in Kent County who had income below the poverty level within the past 12 months increased slightly from 11.2% to 11.5%.

Comprehensive Planning

Kent County's most recent Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2018. According to this update, the vision for the County continues to be to "preserve its historic and cultural traditions, along with its high quality of life, while embracing sufficient economic opportunities to provide for the economic well-being of our citizens." The Plan focuses on protecting agriculture as the "linchpin" of this vision, as well as to continue to protect the quality of Kent's environment and quality of life in Kent County. Within the principles guiding the Comprehensive Plan and related to the Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan are the following goals of the Comprehensive Plan:

- Stewardship of Kent's land and waters
- Commitment to supporting agriculture and promoting the working landscape
- Ensure growth occurs in limited and specific locations in a way that complements and enhances each designated growth area's character
- Provision of elements that enrich the lives of citizens and sustain a healthy community including a quality set of recreation and cultural activities and a safe and inviting environment.

County Parks & Recreation Goals

Kent County is committed to developing its parks and recreation system in a manner that supports and reinforces the County's vision to preserve its historic and cultural traditions, high quality of life and the well-being of its citizens. Its network of parks and open space provides a variety of public parks and facilities including open spaces for passive recreation and enjoyment of the natural world as well as access to fields and other recreational amenities to meet the active recreational needs of the County's residents. Goals for 2022 and beyond focus on continuing to provide quality fields, outdoor courts, and swimming pools for children and families, and youth and adults to participate in active play that improves well-being, both physically and mentally. Maintaining access to natural environments provides residents and visitors with opportunities to interact with the natural world and experience the wonders of the Chesapeake Bay, its tributaries and shorelines, as well as forestland and open fields. In addition to providing residents with important access to the outdoors and physical activity, Kent County's parks and recreation spaces are attractive to visitors. Conservation and agriculturally based tourism have emerged as an important economic driver for the County.



The County's Capital Improvement Plan included in the LPPRP aligns with the goals identified through the planning process and include the following:

Regional Parks

- Still Pond Station Concept Plan and phased development of old Coast Guard Station property.
- Comprehensive Master Plan and phased completion of park development at Turner's Creek.
- Continued enhancements at Worton Park complex to include both redevelopment and new development of features and amenities.

Water Access

- Turner's Creek Park and Landing
- Still Pond Station Park
- Betterton Beach
- Other public water access locations that offer shoreline recreation opportunities

Trails

- Addition to trail system at Turner's Creek Park with the potential to connect to Sassafras NRMA trail system
- Work with DNR and other interested parties to continue to investigate continuation of the Gilcrest Trail, the additional four miles to Worton, and other longer trail options
- Work with the Town of Galena and other interested State agencies to explore the development of a safe walking/biking access trail along Route 213 between Galena and Georgetown.

Unique Special Use Features

- Identify location, develop master plan, and complete construction of a Skate/BMX Park at a to be identified location either in the County or through partnership in one of the municipalities
- Addition of a Dog Park at a County park location to be determined
- Extend the boardwalk at Betterton Beach to provide more access for individuals with mobility constraints
- Preservation of historic buildings (Lathim House and the Granary) located at Turner's Creek Park

Natural Resource Conservation & Land Preservation

The hallmarks of Kent County are the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, good soils, rich marshlands, and a landscape teeming with wildlife. These resources are the foundation from which Kent's local culture emerged. Today, they remain the foundation of Kent's economy, and are the very essence of its character. The natural resources important to Kent



County, and identified as its most valuable asset in the 2018 Comprehensive Plan, are clean air, prime agricultural land, tidal marshes, non-tidal wetlands, woodlands, large forests, ground water, the Chesapeake Bay, the Chester and Sassafras Rivers and their tributaries, ponds, mineral resources, landscapes of agriculture, waterfront, open space, historic sites, dark nighttime skies and a peaceful, unhurried atmosphere.

Through its County parks as well as State and federal green spaces, Kent County offers visitors and residents alike continued access to the natural resource lands for the physical and mental health benefits of time spent in nature.

On April 22, 2022, Earth Day, Governor Larry Hogan announced the establishment of Cypress Branch State Park as the most recent addition to Maryland's network of state parks and Kent County's second State Park. It is a 314 acre park adjacent to the town of Millington and includes a picnic area near a 3-acre fishing pond. Visitors can walk along the park's field edges and enjoy wildlife viewing and nature. Future plans for the park include restoring quail habitat and constructing hiking trails. Cypress Branch State Park is managed by Tuckahoe State Park, providing access to peaceful recreation opportunities, and the conservation of ecologically important landscapes for the benefit of our native species and the enjoyment of Kent County residents and visitors.

In addition to the new park, the State also maintains 5,319 acres of State natural resource lands in four property parcels: Millington Wildlife Management Area is the largest parcel with 3,943 acres. It provides opportunities for fishing, hiking and hunting. Kent County is also home to the Eastern Neck Federal Wildlife Management Area. This 2,284 acre property is situated on the eastern flyway for many migrating birds.

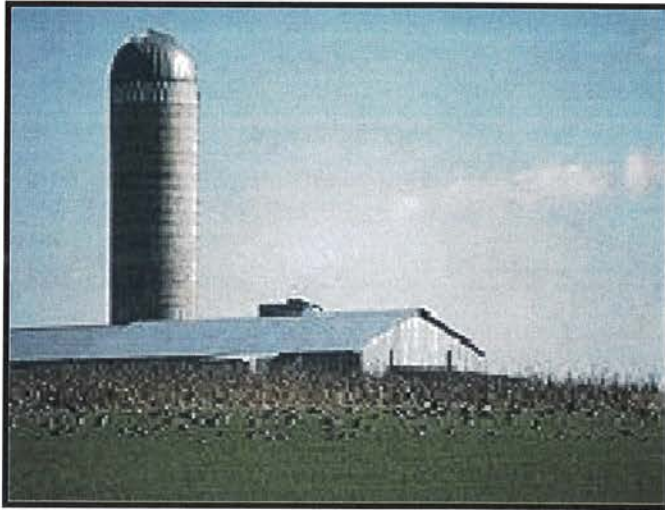
Kent County's program development strategy for natural resource conservation.

- Continue to support and promote the goals and strategies outlined in the 2018 Comprehensive Plan; the Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Report; the Hazard Mitigation Plan; the Phase II and III WIPs; Middle and Upper Chester River

WRASs; Sassafras Watershed Action Plan; the Blackbird-Millington Study; and the efforts of the Kent County Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Committee;

- Continue the strong support and County funding for land preservation and continue to participate in all State and Federal programs such as MALPF, Rural Legacy, Program Open Space, Heritage Areas, etc.;
- Identify funding sources for programs to purchase easements on sensitive area lands that do not meet the MALPF criteria;
- Promote the development of heritage and ecotourism businesses;
- Continue to require conservation subdivision techniques for new subdivisions;
- Support a no net forest loss strategy;
- Prepare the Phase III Local Watershed Implementation Plan.

Agricultural Land Preservation



Agriculture remains the County's keystone land use and is the preferred land use for most of the County. It has served as the cultural foundation for the County and is planned to continue its important economic and cultural role. Kent County's economy builds on the traditional livelihoods of farming, fishing, forestry, and hunting associated with its working landscapes and natural areas. The 2018 Comprehensive Plan identifies economic development strategies which promote and support agriculture, recognizing it as the County's primary

land-based industry with substantial potential for additional growth. This policy recognizes agriculture's key role in the County's identity and culture and its significant economic contribution. Maintenance and growth of this industry will have significant and ongoing influence on the overall prosperity and identity of Kent County. Additionally, a new generation of farmers is materializing and investing in local agriculture. Agricultural support industries and suppliers are doing likewise.

Protecting farmland and natural resources from development and encouraging growth in and around existing towns in the form of sustainable growth are fundamental goals of the Comprehensive Plan and *Land Use Ordinance*. The Comprehensive Plan emphasizes the preservation of the County's rural character and agricultural resources. Agriculture is viewed as

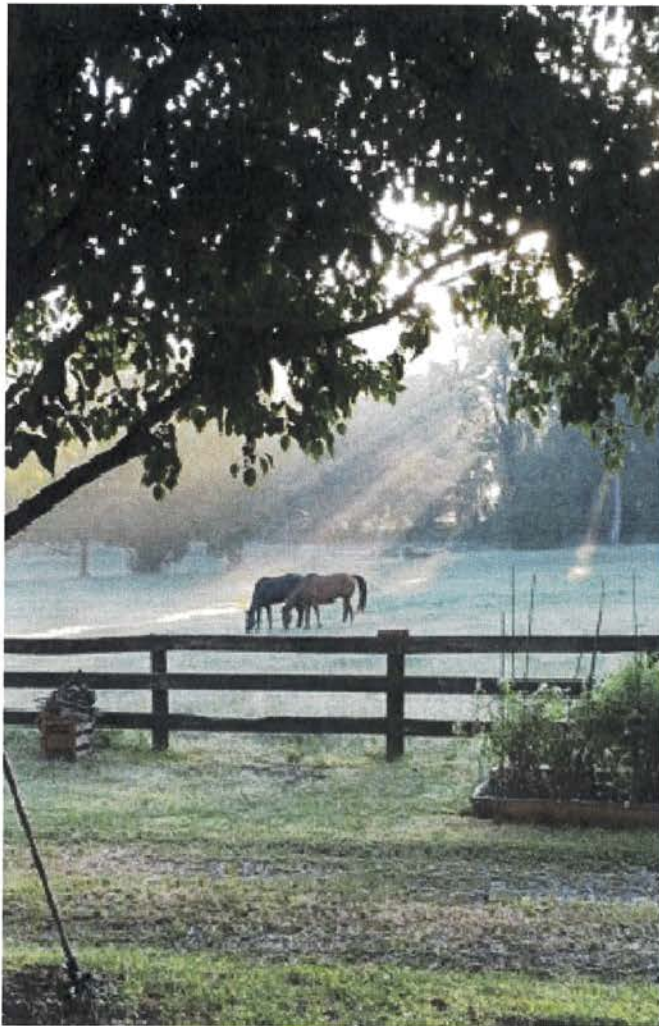
a permanent and preferred land use which is reflected in the goals and strategies within the current 2018 Comprehensive Plan and the regulations within the *Land Use Ordinance*.

Kent County has a strong agricultural community and participation in the various land preservation programs has been high. There is support at all levels to maintain a viable agricultural industry, with over 24% of the entire County being protected by some type of easement, which does not include publicly owned lands. Donated conservation easements tend to be located along the water, especially the Chester River. The protection of these sensitive lands ensures that important wildlife habitat will remain intact. Farms protected by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and Rural Legacy are located primarily in the central part of the County, which will help maintain the agricultural infrastructure. Even with the County's low rate of land conversion, the County has been able to preserve large tracts of land and anticipates a continued high-level of interest and increased participation in the various programs.

Kent County's program development strategy for agricultural land preservation is based on recommendations for the following on-going actions:

- Continued implementation of the County's Comprehensive Plan;
- Continued support from the County Commissioners through matching funds and policy decisions;
- Increased funding through MALPF and Rural Legacy for agricultural easement acquisition to meet the demand to sell easements;
- Increased rate of easement acquisition;
- Continued landowner outreach regarding available land protection options. This includes landowner meetings, mailings and press releases;
- Continued and ongoing coordination to direct growth to the towns and villages;
- Support, to the extent possible, programs that assist the agricultural industry in economic development;
- Continue to support agricultural land preservation with local funding;
- Continue to support and work collaboratively with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy.

Chapter I Framework



1. Purpose of the Plan

Every five years each county in Maryland is required to submit an updated Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) to the State of Maryland. The plans are intended to provide a common benchmark to assist the State's evaluation of each county's land preservation and recreation programs and to assist in guiding public investment in land preservation, parks and recreation. LPPRPs qualify local governments for State Program Open Space (POS) grants.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Maryland Planning, uses the information gathered through the county LPPRPs to develop a statewide plan, the Land Preservation and Recreation Plan (LPRP). The LPPRP is required for Maryland's participation in the Land & Water Conservation Fund, a critical funding source for land preservation and conservation efforts across the State.

The LPPRP planning process:

- Allows local, county, and municipal jurisdictions to plan for improving natural resource and agricultural preservation as well as planning for parks and recreation in each county.
- Evaluates State and county land preservation goals and objectives for parks, recreation and open space as well as for agricultural land preservation and natural resource conservation and identifies where they are complementary or different;
- Evaluates the ability to implement, programs and funding sources to achieve goals and objectives for each element;

- Recommends changes to policies, plans and funding strategies to better implement goals and leverage return on public investment in the three land preservation elements;
- Identifies the needs and priorities of current and future county residents for recreation as it relates to land development and management; and
- Ensures that public investment in land preservation and recreation supports the County's Comprehensive Plan, State goals, and State and local programs that influence land use and development.

The County's Parks & Recreation department staff also uses the development of this plan to analyze the recreation needs of the County as it relates to program planning and implementation.

Upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners, the 2022 LPPRP becomes an amendment to the Kent County Comprehensive Plan.

The 2022 LPPRP for Kent County was prepared in accordance with guidelines developed in 2020 by the Maryland Departments of Planning and Natural Resources. Kent County government is responsible for the preparation of the LPPRP. The effort was led by the Department of Parks and Recreation, with assistance from the Department of Planning and Zoning, and the Department of Public Works. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as well as the Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan Work Group, which is made up of representatives from county government, municipal government, and Advisory Board members, provided oversight and direction. Shore Strategies LLC, a Caroline County based consulting firm, was contracted to work with Kent County to develop the plan.



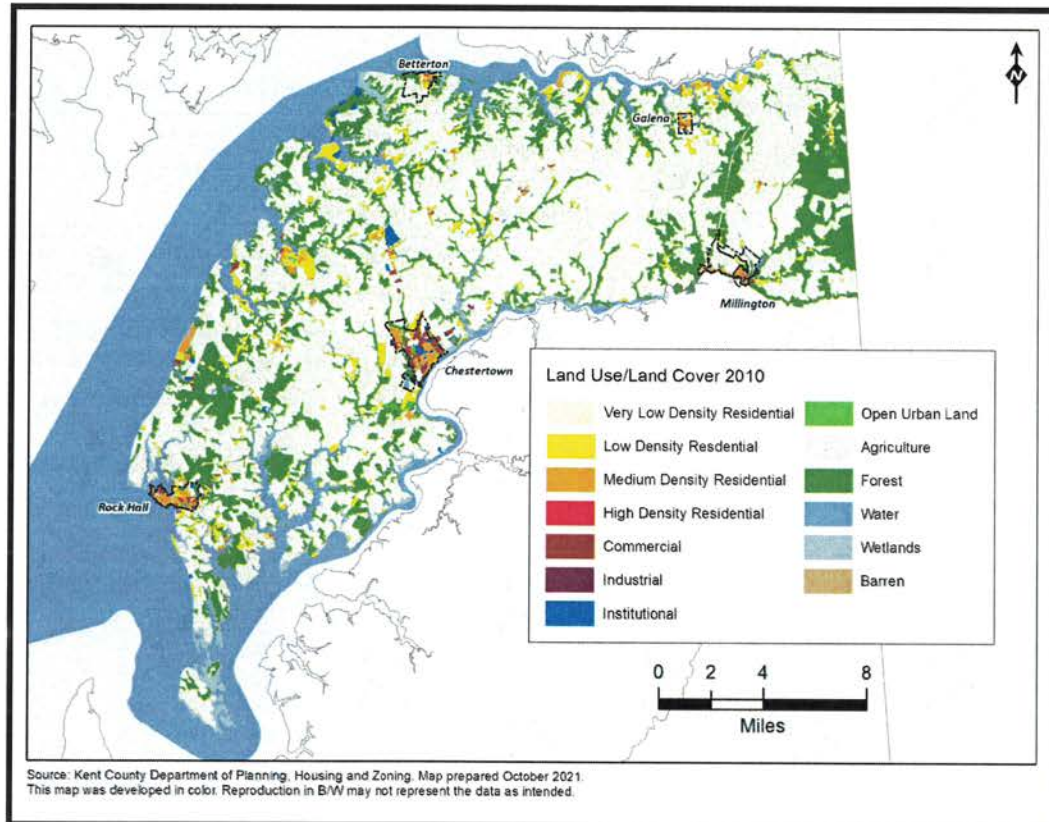
2. Physical Characteristics

A. Location

Kent County is located on the northern portion of the Delmarva Peninsula on the eastern side of the Chesapeake Bay directly opposite Baltimore. The County is bordered on the north by the Sassafras River, which separates it from Cecil County, and on the south by the Chester River,

which separates it from Queen Anne's County. The western border is formed by the Chesapeake Bay, and the eastern boundary is formed by the Delaware State Line. The County has a total land area of 178,428 acres, or approximately 281 square miles, and has 79,006 acres of water within its boundaries. Five incorporated towns - Betterton, Chestertown, Galena, Millington, and Rock Hall- are located in Kent County. Chestertown is the County seat. (See Map I-1)

Map I-1 Kent County Land Use/Land Cover



Founded in 1642, Kent is the second oldest County in Maryland. Prior to European colonization, the area was inhabited by the Tockwoghs and Wicomisses tribes. Early European settlers were drawn to the area for its location on the Chesapeake Bay and the Chester and Sassafras Rivers, where fish were plentiful and the access to the water facilitated travel and transport. Game was plentiful in the forests, and rich soil provided agricultural opportunities. Although much has changed since then, much remains the same. The hallmarks of Kent County continue to be the Chesapeake Bay, its tributaries, and rich farmland. These resources shaped much of the economy, culture, and character, and they continue to serve as the foundation for much of Kent's planning efforts.

The early development of Kent County was devoted almost exclusively to the conversion of wooded land to agricultural use. Several early settlements were established on waterways as shipping points for agricultural products. These settlements grew into the towns of Chestertown on the Chester River, Rock Hall on the Bay, and Georgetown and Betterton on

the Sassafras River. Betterton later grew more as a resort center than as a trade center or shipping point. As more land was converted to agriculture, small trading communities formed in the central County at crossroads, or later where roads crossed the Pennsylvania Railroad. Galena, Still Pond, and Fairlee are examples of the former; Massey, Kennedyville and Worton grew up at railroad crossings. Rock Hall with a good harbor off the Bay grew as a center for fishing and boat building. Millington grew around a grain mill near the headwaters of the Chester River. Chestertown developed as the center for the County and later home to Washington College and some agriculture-related industries.

In addition to the residences clustered around the towns, small groups of houses grew in isolated locations originally in strips along existing roads and later in subdivisions. Some of

these were occupied by farm workers, but an increasing number were occupied by families supported by jobs in the towns. The scattered pattern of rural, non-farm residences is supplemented by a substantial number of dwellings along the waterfront. This scattered pattern of development continued as Kent County's population began to increase and the interest in vacation and retirement homes increased. In particular, the number of waterfront and rural subdivisions increased. The desire for large rural lots increased with the desire for second homes. (See Table I-1)

Agriculture remains the County's keystone land use and is the preferred land use for most of the County. It has served as the cultural foundation for the County and is planned to continue its important economic and cultural role. Kent County's economy builds on the traditional livelihoods of farming, fishing, forestry, and hunting

associated with its working landscapes and natural areas. The 2018 Comprehensive Plan identifies economic development strategies which promote and support agriculture, recognizing it as the County's primary land-based industry with substantial potential for additional growth. This policy recognizes agriculture's keystone role in the County's identity and culture and its significant economic contribution. Maintenance and growth of this industry will have significant and ongoing influence on the overall prosperity and identity of Kent County. Additionally, a new generation of farmers is materializing and investing in local agriculture. Agricultural support industries and suppliers are doing likewise. Kent County is committed to preserving the agricultural and natural environment of the County. The County's

Table 1-1: Land Use/Land Cover Data

Land Type	Land Use in Acres		Land Use Change	
	2002*	2010**	2002-2010	
Very Low Density Residential***	3,681	4,184	503	13.7%
Low Density Residential	6,096	6,371	275	4.5%
Medium Density Residential	1,987	2,128	141	7.1%
High Density Residential	165	227	62	37.9%
Commercial	887	994	107	12.1%
Industrial	38	38	0	0.0%
Other Developed Lands/ Institutional/ Transportation***	1,465	1,518	53	3.6%
Total Developed Lands****	14,319	15,460	1,141	8.0%
Agriculture	117,228	116,526	-702	-0.6%
Forest	42,460	41,997	-464	-1.1%
Extractive/Barren/Bare	49	49	0	0.0%
Wetland	4,372	4,397	24	0.6%
Total Resource Lands****	164,109	162,968	-1,141	-0.7%
Total Land		178,428		0.0%
Water		79,006		0.0%

total land acreage is 179,840 acres. Approximately 85% of the County is within the Priority Preservation Area and is considered to be outside the County's Designated Growth Areas.

The County considers agriculture to be the preferred and primary use in the Agricultural Zoning District (AZD) and the Resource Conservation District (RCD), and the *Land Use Ordinance* limits the use of these lands for non-agricultural purposes.

Since the 1970's when the first easements were put into place through Maryland Environmental Trust, more than 38,800 acres of private land has been placed under some type of conservation easement. Kent County's agricultural community has had high participation in preservation programs and has placed a total of 38,863 acres under some type of easement. This is an increase of 4,269 acres since the last LPPRP in 2017.

Main elements of the commercial pattern are located in the towns and along the highways on the outskirts of the towns. Other small spots of commerce are located along highways or at crossroads in outlying areas. Most industry is also located near the towns and villages. Larger public and semi-public uses include the country club golf courses near Chestertown and at Great Oak on Fairlee Creek, Worton Park, Betterton Beach, Turners Creek Park, and the four wildlife reserves: the federal area on Eastern Neck Island, the two State areas – Sassafras Natural Resources Management area and the Millington Wildlife Management Area and Chesapeake Farms, a private demonstration area on the west fork of Langford Creek.



B. Land Use

Land Use/Land Cover data from the Maryland Department of Planning is shown in Table I-1 and Map I-1. There have been no changes since the last LPPRP. Overall, the County has been successful in encouraging development in areas where it is appropriate and out of the countryside.

C. Natural Resources

Located in the Atlantic Coastal Plain, Kent County is comparatively low-lying, with relief seldom exceeding 80 feet. The eastern and central portions of the County are characterized by a broad, gently rolling plain; the northwestern section is deeply incised by streams. These streams have steep banks along their shorelines and in some cases bluffs are 20 to 80 feet high. The character of the southwestern portion of the County is one of flat plains and terraces sloping toward the water.

Kent County is underlain by deposits of sand, clay, sandy clay and silt, greensand, and marls resting on crystalline rocks. These rocks slope to the south and southeast at the rate of 60-150

feet per mile. The depth of the Coastal Plain sediments ranges from 900 feet in the northeastern portion to 2,200 feet in the southeastern portion.

1. Soils

The open, flat expanses of rich fertile soil that blankets the County is a gift of immeasurable value. Approximately 57% of the County is defined as prime farmland as compared with 23% of Maryland as a whole. The County has some of the best farmland in the United States and this combined with the proximity to a variety of markets makes Kent County an ideal location for agribusinesses to thrive.

2. Natural, Historic, and Cultural Resources

The natural resources important to Kent County are clean air, prime agricultural land, tidal marshes, non-tidal wetlands, woodlands, large forests, ground water, the Chesapeake Bay, the Chester River, the Sassafras River and their tributaries, as well as ponds, mineral resources, landscapes of agriculture, waterfront, open space, historic sites, dark nighttime skies and a peaceful, unhurried atmosphere.

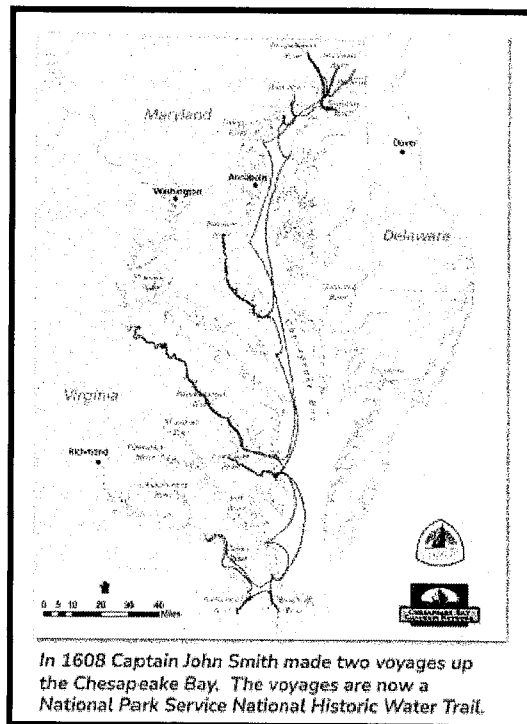
The County also values its diverse ecosystems. Kent has hedgerows, cropped fields, shorelines, meadows, forests, wetlands, submerged aquatic vegetation, and other plants. The varied wildlife includes deer, small mammals, reptiles and amphibians, waterfowl, game birds, songbirds, colonial nesting waterbirds, raptors, fish, crabs, and many species of shellfish.

The Chesapeake Bay, Chester and Sassafras Rivers, and their major tributaries are the most significant water bodies in the County. Kent is in the Upper Eastern Shore Watershed which may be divided into the Sassafras, Still Pond/Fairlee, Langford, Lower Chester, Middle Chester, and Upper Chester sub-watersheds. Each of these sub-watersheds has a diverse assemblage of sensitive species, wetlands, forest, and other significant habitat areas.

Kent County is one of the oldest working landscapes in North America and one of the last intact colonial and early American landscapes anywhere.

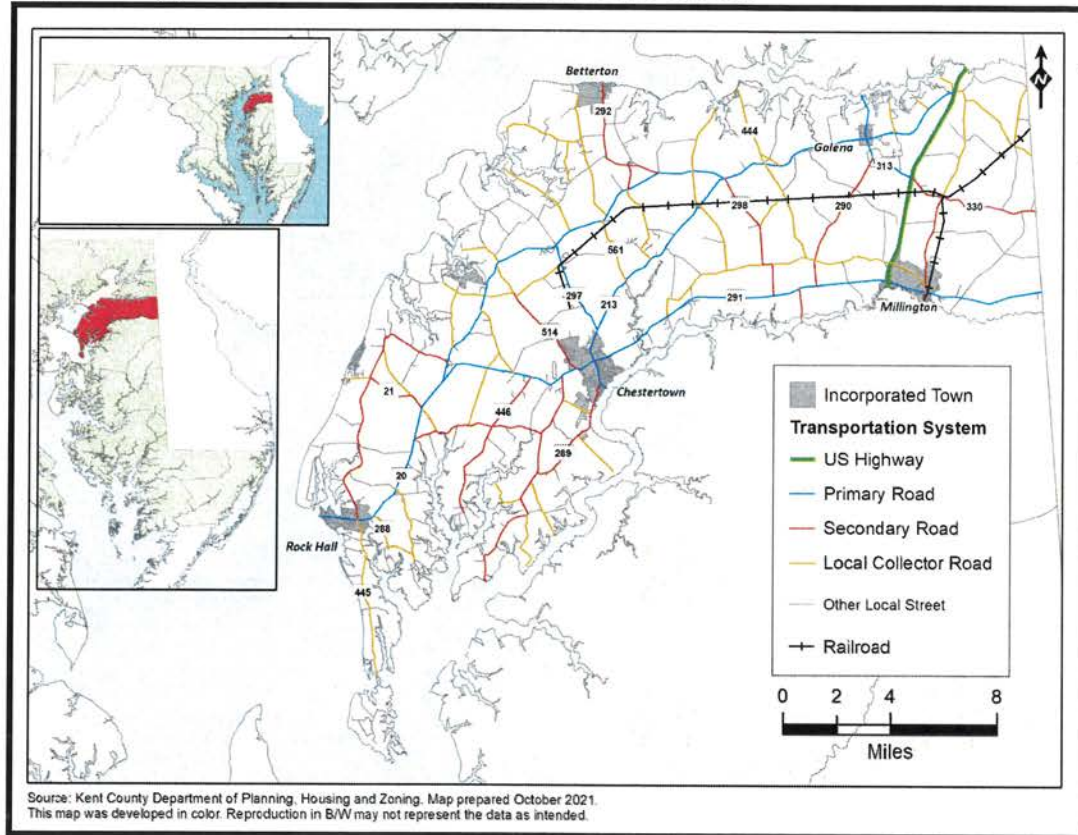
Archeological sites, historic buildings, old churches, and traditional landscapes are all evidence of Kent County's long and significant history. These historic sites and structures remind Kent Countians of its cultural richness and provide a reassuring sense of time and place. The importance of these resources has been recognized by the State and federal governments through the designation of Maryland Routes 213, 20, and a portion of 445 as a National Scenic Byway and the inclusion of the majority of the County in the Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area.

Both Maryland Route 213 (Chesapeake Country National Scenic Byway) and U.S. Route 301 cross the County in a generally north-south direction. These highways are parts of the main



connection to the Baltimore-Washington area by way of the Bay Bridge and U.S. Route 40 and Interstate 95. (See Map I-2).

Map I-2 Regional Context The Development Pattern



3. Kent's Network of Parks and Open Space

Kent County's comprehensive network of parks includes federal, state, county and municipal open spaces and parks for residents and visitors to use and enjoy. Kent County and its municipalities provide a total of 449.2 acres of parks and open space for recreational use. Federal and state lands account for 7,441 acres of natural resource lands that are accessible to the public for a variety of passive activities as well as hunting and trapping by permit.

Chestertown is the largest municipality in the County, with 26.1% of the County's residents living within its limits. It maintains 43.45 acres of parkland distributed throughout the town. It is also home to Kent County's only Rail to Trail, the Gilcrest Trail. Kent County Middle School, located in Chestertown, provides additional recreational fields and court surfaces. Rock Hall has four parks including a 60 acre ball park. Betterton, and Galena each have two park areas.

The County's premier recreational facility is located in Worton, at the center of the County and adjacent to Kent County High School. The Worton Park is home to the Kent County Community Center and swimming pool as well as nearly 70 acres of baseball, softball, football and multipurpose fields. The County owns and maintains nine additional community parks that are either within municipal limits or within 3 miles of a municipality. Kent County also has several

unique regional parks and open spaces. The County provides a total of 30 public water access points along the Bay and its tributaries.

4. Population & Demographics

Kent County's population in 2020 was approximately 19,967, a decrease of 2.5% (See Table I-2). Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) projects that by 2045 Kent's population will grow by 10.2% over the 2010 population. Real population growth since 2010 has differed significantly from original projections and demonstrates an overall downward trend in the total population of the County. The State's projections, prepared in 2020, do not consider the decrease in populations that have occurred.

A. Population Distribution

In 2020, 40.1% of Kent County residents lived in one of the County's five incorporated municipalities, while 59.9% of County residents lived in unincorporated areas (See Table I-3). Chestertown, with a population of 5,001 is the largest municipality. More than 26.1% of Kent's population live within its boundaries. Betterton, Galena, Millington and Rock Hall have a combined population of 2,697, a combined 14% of the County's total population and 35% of the population living within town boundaries.

Table I-2 Kent County Population

Year	Population	Percent Change in Population		
		Since 2010	Since 2015	Since 2020
2010	20,197	NA	NA	NA
2015	19,598	-3.0%	NA	NA
2020	19,697	-2.5%	0.5%	NA
2025*	20,399	1.0%	4.1%	3.6%
2030*	20,903	3.5%	6.7%	6.1%
2035*	21,351	5.7%	8.9%	8.4%
2040*	21,799	7.9%	11.2%	10.7%
2045*	22,249	10.2%	13.5%	13.0%

Source: Maryland Department of Planning (Population Households Total Population Projections)

*Indicates projections published December 2020

https://planning.maryland.gov/MSDC/Pages/s3_projection.aspx

Table I-3 Kent County Population by Incorporated Place in Maryland, 2020

Municipality	Total Population	Percent Population of County
Betterton	311	1.6%
Chestertown	5,001	26.1%
Galena	574	3.0%
Millington	557	2.9%
Rock Hall	1,255	6.5%
Balance of Kent	11,494	59.9%

Source: https://planning.maryland.gov/MSDC/Pages/pop_estimatepopest_muni.aspx

B. Age



The County, State, and Upper Eastern Shore region are all experiencing an aging of the population, as demonstrated by growth in the number of Kent residents aged 55 or older and a decline in the number of younger residents (See Table I-4). In 2010, 35.9% of Kent's population was 55 or older and children 19 and under made up 21.9% of the population. In 2020, 44.8% of the population was 55 or older. Children and youth 19 and under accounted for 19.7% of the population. In real numbers there were

3,889 children and youth in the County, 7,069 between 20 and 54 years old and 8,739 residents 55 and up, including 2,481 residents 75 and above (See Table I-5).

Over the next 25 years, the County's age distribution is projected to gradually continue this aging trend. By 2045, more than half (51.6%) of the County's population will be 55 or older, including 23% who will be 75+. Concurrently, the percentage of young people is projected to be 17.4% of the population (0-19) or 3,878 children and youth.

Table I-4 Kent County Percent Population Estimates and Projections by Age

	Years of Age										
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
2010	4.9%	4.8%	4.7%	7.5%	8.2%	9.1%	10.0%	14.6%	14.5%	11.4%	10.0%
2015	3.9%	5.0%	5.0%	6.4%	7.4%	9.7%	9.1%	13.3%	15.4%	14.3%	11.0%
2020	3.5%	4.2%	5.1%	6.9%	6.1%	9.3%	9.2%	11.3%	16.7%	15.1%	13.0%
2025*	3.3%	3.9%	4.2%	7.0%	6.4%	7.5%	10.0%	10.3%	15.8%	16.7%	15.0%
2030*	3.4%	3.8%	4.0%	6.0%	6.6%	7.1%	9.9%	10.5%	13.6%	18.5%	17.0%
2035*	3.5%	3.8%	3.8%	5.9%	5.8%	8.1%	8.1%	11.6%	12.6%	17.6%	19.0%
2040*	3.5%	4.0%	3.9%	5.8%	5.6%	7.8%	7.7%	11.9%	12.8%	15.3%	22.0%
2045*	3.4%	4.1%	4.0%	5.9%	5.6%	7.1%	8.7%	10.0%	14.3%	14.3%	23.0%

Source: US Census Bureau, Maryland Department of Planning

*Indicates projections published December 2020

https://planning.maryland.gov/MSDC/Pages/s3_projection.aspx

Table I-5 Kent County Population Estimates and Projections by Age

	Years of Age										
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
2010	995	978	953	1,505	1,654	1,830	2,019	2,946	2,920	2,300	2,097
2015	764	987	972	1,262	1,446	1,895	1,776	2,614	3,015	2,801	2,066
2020	695	825	1,003	1,366	1,205	1,836	1,809	2,219	3,284	2,974	2,431
2025*	680	804	850	1,435	1,302	1,529	2,037	2,104	3,218	3,404	3,036
2030*	702	786	828	1,264	1,380	1,488	2,065	2,191	2,841	3,866	3,492
2035*	738	819	812	1,251	1,228	1,738	1,734	2,476	2,685	3,750	4,120
2040*	759	865	846	1,254	1,226	1,710	1,670	2,588	2,792	3,343	4,746
2045*	762	909	898	1,309	1,243	1,582	1,943	2,225	3,188	3,182	5,008

Source: US Census Bureau, Maryland Department of Planning

*Indicates projections published December 2020

https://planning.maryland.gov/MSDC/Pages/s3_projection.aspx

C. Race

Kent County's population is becoming less diverse. In 2010, 79.9% of the population was white (See Table I-6). In 2019, 80.5% of the County's population was white in comparison to the State of Maryland where 55.5% of the population was White and 44.5% were Black and Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC). The percent of the population who are Black/African-American has decreased by nearly 1 in 10 (9.6%) from 3,084 in 2010 to 2,787 in 2019 (See Table I-7). There has been a slight increase in the number of residents who identify as Hispanic or Latino, from 4.1% to 4.4%. This represents a 4.5% increase since 2010.

Table I-6 Population by Race Kent County and State of Maryland

Race/Ethnicity	Kent County						State of Maryland					
	2010		2015		2019		2010		2015		2019	
	Total population	% Pop	Total population	% Pop	Total population	% Pop	Total population	% Pop	Total population	% Pop	Total population	% Pop
White	15,996	79.9%	16,394	82.3%	15,744	80.6%	3,396,216	59.6%	3,416,107	57.6%	3,343,003	55.5%
Black or African American	3,084	15.4%	3,064	15.4%	2,787	14.3%	1,665,235	29.2%	1,750,916	29.5%	1,799,094	29.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	68	0.3%	34	0.2%	26	0.1%	16,213	0.3%	15,579	0.3%	16,762	0.3%
Asian	182	0.9%	193	1.0%	228	1.2%	304,574	5.3%	357,616	6.0%	378,126	6.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.0%	2,977	0.1%	2,754	0.0%	3,034	0.1%
Some other race	337	1.7%	27	0.1%	266	1.4%	178,952	3.1%	211,914	3.6%	272,137	4.5%
2 or more races	351	1.8%	211	1.1%	449	2.3%	132,256	2.3%	175,652	3.0%	206,692	3.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	19,196	95.9%	19,065	95.7%	18,677	95.6%	5,266,477	92.5%	5,396,867	91.0%	5,412,366	89.9%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	822	4.1%	858	4.3%	859	4.4%	429,946	7.5%	533,671	9.0%	606,482	10.1%

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

<https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/data-profiles/2019/>

Table I-7 Change in Population by Race Kent County and State of Maryland (2010 - 2019)

Race/Ethnicity	2010	2015	2019	% Change since 2010
Total population	20,018	19,923	19,536	-2.4%
White	15,996	16,394	15,744	-1.6%
Black or African American	3,084	3,064	2,787	-9.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	68	34	26	-61.8%
Asian	182	193	228	25.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0	6	NA
Some other race	337	27	266	-21.1%
2 or more races	351	211	449	27.9%
Not Hispanic or Latino	19,196	19,065	18,677	-2.7%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	822	858	859	4.5%

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

<https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/data-profiles/2019/>

Table I-8 School Enrollment Disaggregated by Race Kent County Public Schools vs. Kent County Demographics

Race/Ethnicity	KCPS Student Enrollment		Kent County		Difference %
	2019		2019		
Total population	1,912	% Pop	19,536	% Pop	
White	1,160	60.7%	15,744	80.6%	-24.7%
Black or African American	436	22.8%	2,787	14.3%	59.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0	0.0%	26	0.1%	-100.0%
Asian	12	0.63%	228	1.2%	-46.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%	6	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race	3	0.2%	266	1.4%	-88.5%
2 or more races	135	7.1%	449	2.3%	207.2%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	166	8.7%	859	42.5%	-79.6%

Source: Maryland Report Card

<https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/Graphs/9/Demographics/Enrollment/3/17/6/14/xxxx/2019>

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

<https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/data-profiles/2019/>

While overall Kent County is predominantly White, the racial demographics for Kent County Public Schools is more diverse than the overall County population (See Table I-8). In 2019, 60.7% of the student population was White as compared to 80.6% of the total County population. Black/African American students made up 22.8% of the student population compared to 14.3% of the total population. Students identifying as Hispanic or Latino accounted for 8.7% of students as compared to 4.2% of the total population. School enrollment data provides additional information about the changing racial demographics of the County.

D. Household Economics

Kent County is neither the richest nor poorest County in the Mid/Upper Eastern Shore. Table I-9 presents selected income characteristics for Kent County, other Eastern Shore Counties, and the State. The estimated median household income in Kent County in 2019 was \$58,589, a 1% increase over the median household income reported in 2015. Kent County's household income is significantly lower than the median household income in the State of Maryland, which was \$84,805 in 2019. The County's median household income is also significantly lower than Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties and comparable to Caroline County.

Kent County's mean per capita income of \$36,813 is an increase of 22% since 2015. It is higher than Caroline and Dorchester County by roughly \$7,000, but \$7,000 less than its neighbor Queen Annes's County, where per capita income is \$44,754, higher than the State's per capita income of \$42,122. It lags behind Talbot County by more than a 33% difference where per capita income was \$49,136 in 2019.

In 2019, the percent of the people living in Kent County who had income below the poverty level within the past 12 months (See Table I-9) increased slightly from 11.2% to 11.5% after dropping from 13.1% in 2017. The estimated poverty rate of 11.5% is consistent with the household income estimates and is higher than that of Maryland and the other Upper Eastern Shore counties.¹

Table I-9 Income Characteristics of the Midshore

Location	Median Income				Per Capita Income				Percent Below Poverty Level			
	2015	2017	2019	Change	2015	2017	2019	Change	2015	2017	2019	Change
Caroline County	\$52,465	\$52,469	\$58,638	12%	\$24,943	\$25,355	\$29,624	19%	15.8%	16.5%	13.9%	-12.0%
Dorchester County	\$47,093	\$50,532	\$52,917	12%	\$27,870	\$28,911	\$30,293	9%	16.5%	15.4%	15.8%	-4.2%
Kent County	\$58,147	\$56,638	\$58,589	1%	\$30,081	\$32,217	\$36,813	22%	11.2%	13.1%	11.5%	2.7%
Queen Anne's County	\$85,963	\$89,241	\$97,034	13%	\$38,733	\$40,553	\$44,754	16%	7.5%	6.4%	5.7%	-24.0%
Talbot County	\$58,228	\$65,595	\$73,547	26%	\$38,317	\$44,785	\$49,136	28%	11.2%	10.0%	8.7%	-22.3%
Maryland	\$74,551	\$78,916	\$84,805	14%	\$36,897	\$39,070	\$42,122	14%	10.0%	9.7%	9.2%	-8.0%

Source: US Census Bureau American Community Survey

https://data.census.gov/tables?q=median%20income&q=0400000US24_0500000US24011.24019.24029.24035.24041&tid=ACST5Y2015.S1901

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<https://data.census.gov/tables?q=poverty%20level&q=0500000US24011.24019.24029.24035.24041&tid=ACST5Y2015.S1701>

¹ A Poverty Threshold (PT) is defined by federal agencies as- a specific dollar amount that represents the dividing line between non-poor and poor. There is no single PT that is used for all persons, but rather annually revised sets of poverty threshold tables. Because of the annually changing PT numbers, its rate of change is independent of the rate of change of Per Capita Income.

Another way of evaluating household sufficiency is the Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) data (See Tables I-10 and I-11). In 2019, 44% of Kent County households were below the ALICE threshold. ALICE households earn above the Federal Poverty Level but less than the cost of living in their County which is calculated using the ALICE Essentials Index, which includes essential household items (housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and a smartphone plan). Additionally, while the number of households in poverty in Kent County has stayed relatively flat, the number of ALICE households is growing, meaning that households that had been above the ALICE threshold are losing ground, due to wage stagnation and increased cost of living.

TABLE I-10 Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) Mid Shore

County	Households	% Below ALICE
Caroline	12,081	42%
Dorchester	13,264	45%
Kent	7,910	44%
Queen Anne's	18,148	38%
Talbot	16,627	35%

<https://www.unitedforalice.org/maryland>

Table I-11 Households by Income, Percentages, Kent County, MD 2010-2018

Households	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Above ALICE Threshold	55%	56%	52%	57%	56%
ALICE	34%	35%	39%	33%	33%
Poverty	10%	9%	9%	10%	11%

<https://www.unitedforalice.org/maryland>

A similar pattern can be seen among the percent of students who receive Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FaRM) in public schools (See Table I-12). The percentage of students on the FaRM program in Kent County, 66%, is higher than that of the State and the Mid/Upper Eastern Shore counties. The FaRM population increased sharply between 2007 and 2011, and has incrementally increased since then.

Table II-12 Free & Reduced-Priced Meals in Public Schools Midshore

Locale	School Year Dataset					Change SY2008 - SY2020
	SY2008	SY2012	SY2016	SY2020	SY2021*	
Maryland	34%	42%	45%	42%	48%	45%
Caroline County	45%	56%	57%	52%	59%	31%
Dorchester County	50%	62%	67%	67%	83%	67%
Kent County	40%	52%	55%	56%	66%	67%
Queen Anne's County	15%	25%	26%	25%	29%	88%
Talbot County	29%	38%	44%	47%	50%	72%

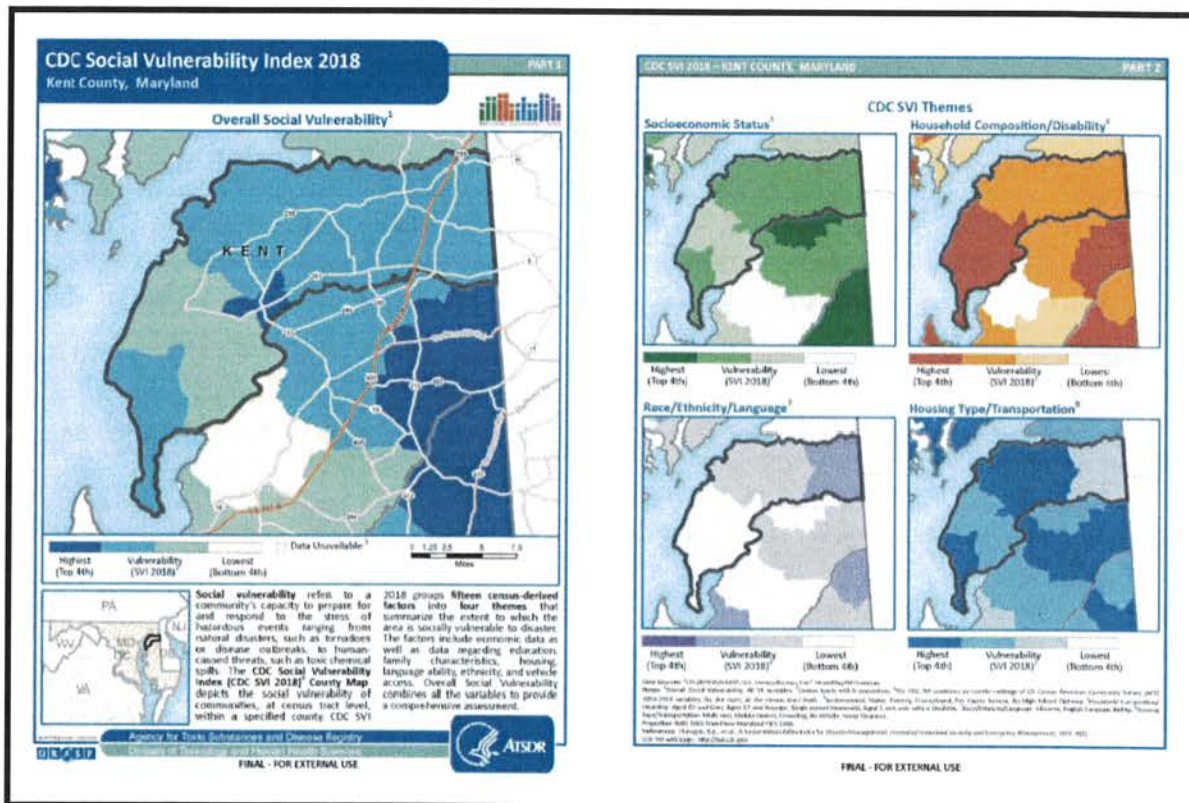
Source: Maryland State Department of Education

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/programs/SchoolandCommunityNutrition/Pages/FreeReducedPriceMealsStatistic.aspx>

*Note discrepancy due to documentation requirements in pandemic

In 2018, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) created a Social Vulnerability Index for every jurisdiction in the country. Social vulnerability demonstrates a community's capacity to prepare for and respond to the stress of hazardous events. It also demonstrates where residents are generally more vulnerable. The index uses fifteen census-derived factors grouped in four themes to display which areas of the County are most socially vulnerable to disaster. As Image I-1 below shows, overall, Kent is in the mid-range of the index. Within the four themes considered, Kent has scores that demonstrate higher vulnerability, as indicated by the darker shade, in the southernmost tip of the County, particularly as it relates to housing type and transportation as well as household composition/disability. Socioeconomically the County does not demonstrate high social vulnerability, as indicated by the lighter shade. These data provide only a broad generalization of the distribution of individuals and households across the County. As shown in the park equity analysis in Chapter II, awareness of the distribution of poverty at the town and village level is also an important consideration for park planning.

Image I-1 CDC Social Vulnerability Index



E. Characteristics of Population Below the Poverty Level

According to the Maryland Alliance for the Poor, Kent County has the highest percentage of people living in deep poverty. Deep poverty is defined as 50% of the poverty level - \$6,070 for an individual in 2018.

Based on the U.S. Census, 2019, the population living below poverty level in Kent County has the following characteristics:

- The population is nearly equally split between male and female residents.
- Children are much more likely to live in poverty – 16.9% as compared to 11.5% of the total population.
- Black, indigenous, and people of color are more than twice as likely to live in poverty compared to Kent's White population. Approximately one in 10 Whites in Kent County live in poverty as compared to nearly one in 5 (18.3% of Blacks and 19.6% of Hispanic/Latinos.)
- Nearly three in 10 Kent County residents over age 25 without a high school diploma live in poverty as compared to one in ten with a high school diploma and less than one in 20 for those with a college degree.

F. Employment

There were just under 8,000 jobs in Kent County in 2019, including approximately 5,197 service sector jobs (See Table I-14). The largest employer by industry was education and health services followed by trade, transportation and utilities (1,324); manufacturing (1,291) and government (1,075). Industries paying the highest wages in the County included professional and business services, followed by financial activities and manufacturing.

Table I-13 Employment by Industry Kent County, 2019 Calendar Year

Industry	Average Number of Reporting Units	Annual Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage Per Worker
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	718	7,930	\$331,054,729	\$803
GOVERNMENT SECTOR TOTAL	34	1,075	\$49,018,433	\$876
Federal Government	11	61	\$3,136,206	\$985
State Government	7	257	\$11,316,590	\$847
Local Government	16	757	\$34,565,637	\$878
PRIVATE SECTOR TOTAL	684	6,854	\$282,036,296	\$791
GOODS PRODUCING	129	1,657	\$84,442,610	\$980
Natural Resources and Mining	32	276	\$12,691,376	\$883
Construction	73	471	\$22,912,297	\$936
Manufacturing	24	910	\$48,838,937	\$1,032
SERVICE PROVIDING	554	5,197	\$197,593,686	\$731
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	137	1,324	\$44,919,604	\$653
Information	5	41	\$1,732,491	\$821
Financial Activities	46	262	\$14,722,820	\$1,080
Professional and Business Services	97	500	\$33,556,310	\$1,290
Education and Health Services	97	1,855	\$72,903,470	\$756
Leisure and Hospitality	93	967	\$21,896,077	\$435
Other Services	77	248	\$7,862,914	\$610

Source: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Industry Series Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) - OWIP

<https://www.dlir.state.md.us/lmi/emp/ky/kent2019eq.shtml>

Since 2011, Kent County unemployment rates have been falling, reaching a low of 4.2% in 2019 according to the U.S. Census American Community Survey (See Table I-15). In the second quarter of 2020, Kent County's unemployment rate rose to 8.1% following stay-at-home orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic (See Table I-16). Currently, Kent's rate has decreased to 6.2% in Quarter 2 of 2021, 2% higher than 2019's rate.

Table I-14 Unemployment Rate for Population 16 Years and Over

Locate	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	Change 2011 - 2019
Maryland	7.3%	8.2%	7.4%	6.1%	5.1%	-30%
Kent County	6.4%	7.9%	7.2%	4.8%	4.2%	-34%

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey
https://data.census.gov/tables/?tid=ACST5Y2019&g=0400000US24_C500000US24011_24029_24041&tid=ACST5Y2019.S1501

Table I-15 Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2021 Q1	2021 Q2
Kent County	3.5%	4.7%	8.1%	5.5%	6.4%	5.5%	6.2

Source: Maryland Department of Labor
<https://www.dlr.state.md.us/mi/laus/>

G. Educational Attainment

Table I-16 Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over

Highest Level of Educational Attainment	Kent County			Maryland		
	2010	2015	2019	2010	2015	2019
No High School Diploma	14.0%	13.0%	11.4%	12.2%	10.7%	9.8%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	33.4%	33.2%	29.8%	26.4%	25.5%	24.6%
Some College, No Degree	17.0%	17.4%	17.6%	19.3%	19.5%	18.7%
Associate's Degree	5.4%	6.5%	6.0%	6.3%	6.4%	6.7%
Bachelor's Degree	17.8%	16.4%	19.5%	19.8%	20.6%	21.5%
Graduate or Professional Degree	12.4%	13.6%	15.6%	16.0%	17.3%	18.6%
High School Graduate or Higher	86.0%	87.0%	88.6%	87.8%	89.4%	90.2%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	30.2%	30.0%	35.1%	35.7%	37.9%	40.2%

Source: US Census Bureau, Maryland Department of Planning

https://data.census.gov/tables/?tid=Educational%20Attainment&g=0400000US24_C500000US24011_24029_24041&tid=ACST5Y2019.S1501

In 2019, 88.6% of the Kent County population aged 25 years and older held a high school diploma or higher (See Table I-17). Just over one-third, 35.1% of the County's population held a bachelor's degree or higher. In comparison to the State, Kent

continues to lag behind in educational attainment. Overall, 40.2% of the State's population hold bachelor's degrees or higher. It should be noted that since 2010 Kent County has made steady progress, with more young people graduating from high school and more going on to complete higher education degrees.

This demographic information about the people and municipalities in Kent County is important to consider within the context of providing access to parks and recreation and to land preservation efforts as well. Other considerations to be undertaken in Chapter II of this plan include analysis of equitable accessibility of parks to residents, particularly to residents who have been marginalized by race and socioeconomic and other factors as well as consideration of equity in planning for development as well as land preservation and conservation efforts.



5. Comprehensive Planning Framework

Kent County's most recent Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2018. According to the Comp Plan, the vision for the County is to "preserve its historic and cultural traditions, along with its high quality of life, while embracing sufficient economic opportunities to provide for the economic well-being of our citizens." The Plan focuses on protecting agriculture as the "linchpin" of this vision, as well as to continue to protect the quality of Kent's environment and quality of life in Kent County. Within the principles guiding the Plan that related to the Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation's Plan are the following from the goals of the Comprehensive Plan:

- Stewardship of Kent's land and waters
- Commitment to supporting agriculture and promoting the working landscape
- Ensure growth occurs in limited and specific locations in a way that complements and enhances each designated growth area's character
- Provision of elements that enrich the lives of citizens and sustain a healthy community including a quality set of recreation and cultural activities and a safe and inviting environment.

A. General Planning Strategy

The Comprehensive Plan provides the County's policy framework for land use management. Plan elements address land use, water resources, resource conservation, priority preservation areas, community facilities, transportation, economic development, and housing.

The land use goals direct development to growth centers while seeking to preserve the agricultural rural character of the surrounding landscape. The Comprehensive Plan identifies the five towns (Betterton, Chestertown, Galena, Millington, and Rock Hall) as "the best locations for future residential, commercial, and business centers. It also identifies the 10 villages and 11 additional communities where potential growth could occur.

The Comprehensive Plan recognizes the importance of public services, especially water and sewer, in determining the extent and type of growth the County will experience. Policies support expansion of public water and sewer systems in the towns to accommodate future development.

The Comprehensive Plan also identifies that development of major public and private facilities including health care facilities, schools and other facilities that support the public will be directed toward the growth areas in towns. Additionally the plan identifies "adding new and enhancing existing public amenities, such as parks, open spaces, pedestrian paths, landscaping, bikeways, water access, public parking, pedestrian trails, community centers, and other agricultural recreational facilities in the designated town growth areas and in the villages."

B. Town Comprehensive Plans

The Comprehensive Plans for Kent County's towns were last updated as follows: Betterton (2009), Chestertown (2015), Galena (2009), Millington (2018) and Rock Hall (2011). Betterton, Galena and Rock Hall will be updating their plans within the next few years. Each town has included recreation and open space planning in its Comprehensive Plans to some degree. Comprehensive plans can be found at <https://planning.maryland.gov/Pages/OurWork/CountyDashboard.aspx?County=Kent%20County>.

C. Implications for Land Preservation and Recreation

The County's physical features, demographics, and planning framework have implications for land preservation and recreation policies.

Some major characteristics of the County that impact this plan are as follows:

Natural Resources and Planning Framework

- Kent County is rural. Population densities are low; automobile travel is expected and essential for most of the population.
- Farming is a stable, healthy and dominant industry.
- Rivers and streams, both tidal and non-tidal, are very important environmental and recreational resources.
- The municipalities provide services, varied housing, and opportunity for limited new growth for the County.
- The area of greatest residential growth potential is in and around its towns.

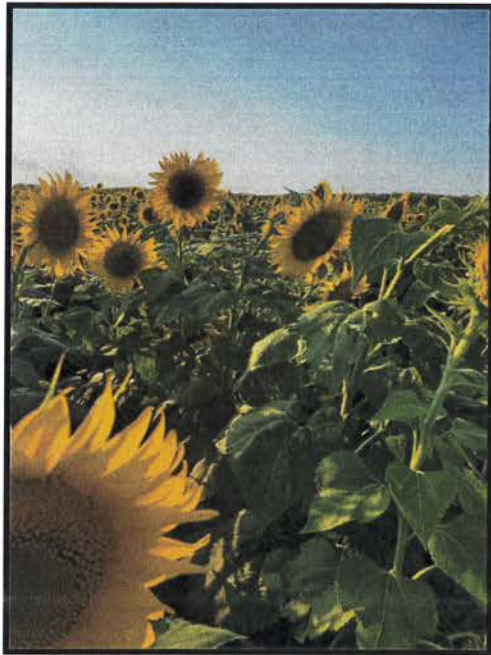
Demographic Characteristics

- County population is decreasing although official State projections continue to anticipate population growth through 2045.
- Median household incomes in the County are lower than in the State and two of its three bordering counties. Poverty levels are correspondingly higher than the State and its neighbors.
- The proportion of the population over the age of 55 is expected to increase at a moderate rate, while the 35-54 population is expected to decline. The proportion of younger age groups is expected to change little.
- The racial demographics of the County are changing with 8.7% of school age residents identifying as Hispanic/Latino as compared to only 4.2% of the overall population. White residents make up 80.6% of the County's overall population but only 60.7% of the student population.

- Education levels are modest; however there has been progress at each attainment level.
- Racial and ethnic diversity is expected to increase at a modest rate.
- ALICE households make up a significant number of the households in Kent County, living above the federal poverty level, but struggling to cover basic needs. Individuals with income below the poverty level are more likely to be either unemployed or not in the labor force; children are more likely to be in single parent households.

Chapter II Recreation, Parks, and Open Space

1. Executive Summary



This chapter identifies Kent County's goals and objectives for parks and recreation, and evaluates them in the context of the future needs and priorities for parks and open space acquisition, facility development, and programming. The County's goals and priorities are established based on:

- User demand
- A proximity and equity analysis
- Engagement with local leadership
- State goals for recreation and parks
- National Recreation & Parks Association goals
- Kent County's Comprehensive Plan, 2018

A. Mission

The work of the Department is guided by its mission and its alignment with the National Recreation & Park Association's (NRPA) mission and vision.

Mission

The mission of Kent County Parks and Recreation (KCPR) is to create balanced opportunities for our patrons to play, learn, and grow through our programs and parks.

Alignment with National Recreation & Parks Association Mission & Vision

In pursuing its mission, the KCPR is guided by the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) three pillars:

Well-being: Leading the nation to improve health and wellness through parks and recreation.

Kent County provides access for people of all ages to participate in healthy physical activity.

Conservation (Climate Readiness): Protecting open space, connecting children to nature, and engaging communities in conservation practices.

Kent County's planning efforts tie directly to the rich agricultural and natural resources that provide the basis for the County's quality of life. This includes a commitment to good environmental stewardship practices.

Environmental stewardship is valued for the critical role it plays in protecting the County's most valuable resources - its rich agricultural lands and its critical role in the health of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Social Equity: Ensuring all people have access to the benefits of local parks and recreation.

KCPR seeks to provide a network of recreation programs, parks and facilities distributed through the County so that all residents have convenient access. For County parks and facilities, this refers to parks within a short driving distance. Within municipalities, "convenient access" includes neighborhood parks and other recreation facilities within ½ mile walking distance.

Overarching Concepts for Land Preservation & Recreation

The County's physical features, demographics, and planning framework have implications for land preservation and recreation policies. Overarching concepts are as follows:

- The County intends to provide parks and recreation services that are distributed throughout the County and accessible for all County residents.
- The towns play a major role in the provision of recreation facilities and services in the County. Pedestrian access to parks in the towns is important in the towns.
- The projected age distribution in the County will result in stable demand for recreation services from all age groups, with increasing demand from the 55 and older age group.
- Public recreation programs and parks are important resources for lower-income residents who cannot easily afford private or fee-based recreation. Equitable access to parks, recreation, and open spaces needs to be a priority in planning efforts.
- Farmland is interspersed with forests and water resources (bay, rivers, streams and wetlands). This land use pattern requires a coordinated approach to land preservation that addresses both agriculture and environmental resources.
- The Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries contribute greatly to the sense of place in the County, and are a significant recreational and natural resource asset. Climate change, sea level rise, and storm surge need to be a part of land planning at all levels.
- Continued commitment to the preservation of agricultural and natural resource lands is important to maintaining the County's quality of life and environmental quality, which are closely linked.

2. Park Land and Recreation Inventory

The County has updated its inventory of parks and recreation land. Maps II-1 through II-4 include the locations of this inventory across the County. The inventory includes publicly owned land by the County, municipalities, State government and federal government. The diversity of lands as shown in the amenity data for each location includes athletic fields and sport courts, swimming facilities, recreation centers, picnic facilities, playgrounds, trails and paths, and public landings/water access, and includes natural resources and agriculturally preserved lands. A detailed inventory that includes additional information about parks and open space parcels can be found in Appendix B. Table II-1 below indicates total Recreation and Resource Land by Owner.

Table II-1 Recreation and Resource Land by Owner in Acres

Owner	Recreation	Resource	Total
Local Recreation and Resource Lands Total	449.2		449.2
Kent County Parks	289.0		289.0
Kent County Water Access	27.8		27.8
Town of Betterton	4.5		4.5
Town of Chestertown	43.5		43.5
Town of Galena	2.6		2.6
Town of Millington	3.2		3.2
Town of Rock Hall	78.7		78.7
State and Federal Recreation and Resource Lands Total		7441.0	7441.0
State	0.0	5158.0	5158.0
Federal	0.0	2283.0	2283.0
Private/Quasi-Public Recreation and Resource Lands	139.7		139.7
Board of Education*	139.7		139.7
TOTAL - ALL RECREATION & RESOURCE LANDS			8029.9

County and Municipal Land: Recreation land is currently developed for public use; resource land is currently unimproved, but is reserved to be developed and used in the future for public recreation. This includes Special Use acreage. Currently there are 449.2 acres of recreation land maintained by the County and its municipalities.

State Land: Kent does not have any State parks located within its boundaries. All State land in the County is considered resource land and includes wildlife management areas and other environmental conservation lands.

Federal: This includes natural resource lands owned and maintained by the federal government.

Private/Quasi-public: These lands are privately owned but are accessible to the general public and include Board of Education owned land. Recreation land includes outdoor areas that are available and developed for public education and outdoor

community use. This includes outdoor playing fields, playgrounds, grass areas, paths, parking areas, etc.

State and quasi-public resource land is shown in Table II-1 but is described in more detail in Chapter III Natural Resources. This chapter focuses on recreation land.

A. County and Town Land

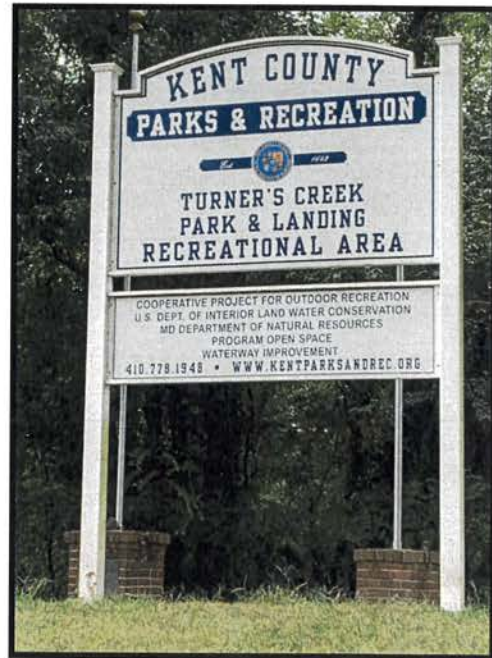
Kent County maintains 288.96 acres of land developed for recreational use. This includes all developed County parks. There has been no change since the 2017 Plan in the number of recreational and resource acreage owned by the County.

1. Regional Parks

Regional parks provide a wide variety of recreation opportunities including ball fields, field sports, boat ramps, picnic areas and playgrounds. The County has two regional parks.

Worton Park and Community Center & Pool are located close to the geographic center of the County. This 97 acre park is the epicenter of youth recreation activities in the County, with an outdoor swimming pool and multipurpose fields, ball fields, sport courts and the indoor community facility.

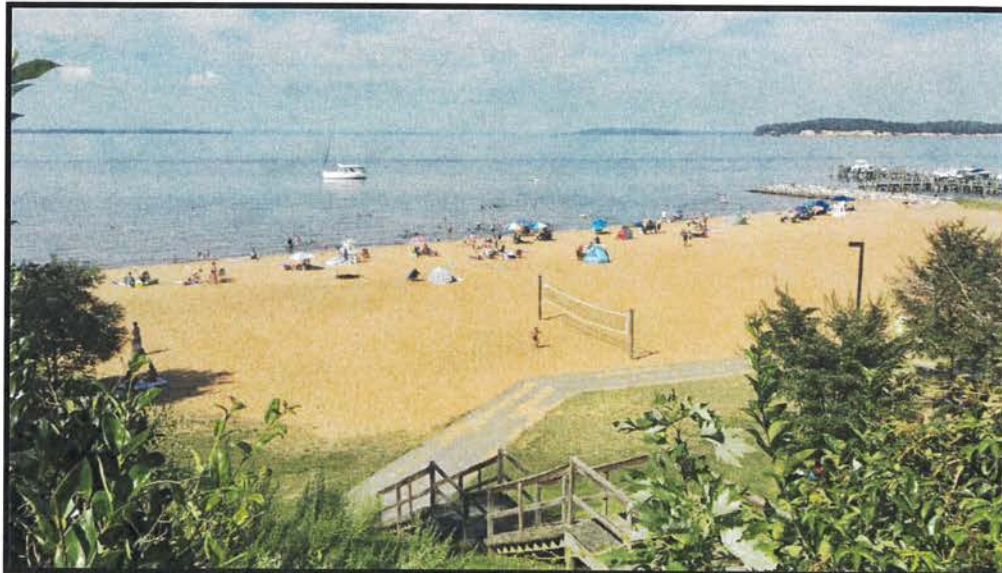
Turner's Creek Park is a 147 acre park located on the Sassafras River, which borders the Sassafras Natural Resource Management Area (NRMA). It includes nature trails, a pavilion, and several historic structures.



2. Community and Neighborhood Parks

Community and neighborhood parks provide swimming pools, ball fields (baseball, softball, and multi-purpose), basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts, playgrounds and picnic areas. The five County-owned community parks are generally larger than the neighborhood parks and provide facilities that serve a larger geographic population. These parks include:

- Betterton Beach, a popular destination for County residents and visitors located on the Chesapeake Bay in the Town of Betterton. It is bordered by a County-owned and maintained boat ramp and pier.



- Toal Park, located just outside of Galena on Route 213, is 37.5 acres and includes a multipurpose field, ball diamond, playground and picnic area as well as two short undeveloped natural trails.
- Edesville Park is located in the unincorporated area known as Edesville on Route 20, approximately 2 miles from the town of Rock Hall and offers a playground, volleyball court, ball field and a picnic shelter..
- Bayside Landing Park & Pool in Rock Hall and Millington Park & Pool provide small community pools for County residents.
- Still Pond Station Park provides a small beach for wading and fishing but does not allow swimming. It is anticipated the park will be developed within the next 2 to 3 years and will include a picnic shelter, restrooms, playground with swings, and parking lot improvements.



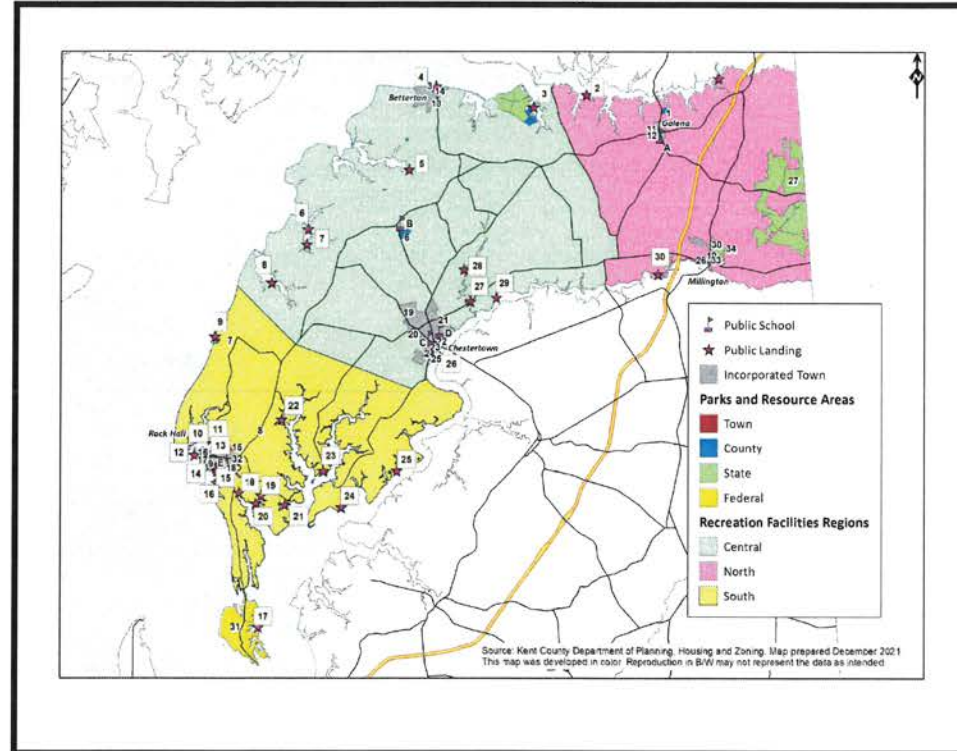
There are also several community parks located in Kent's towns. In particular, Chestertown is home to Margo G. Bailey Community Park and Phillip G. Wilmer Park. Chestertown is also home to four neighborhood parks - Louisa Carpenter D'Andelot Park, Fountain Park, Gateway Park and Ajax Park. Betterton, Galena, Millington and Rock Hall also have neighborhood parks.

3. Other Recreation Sites

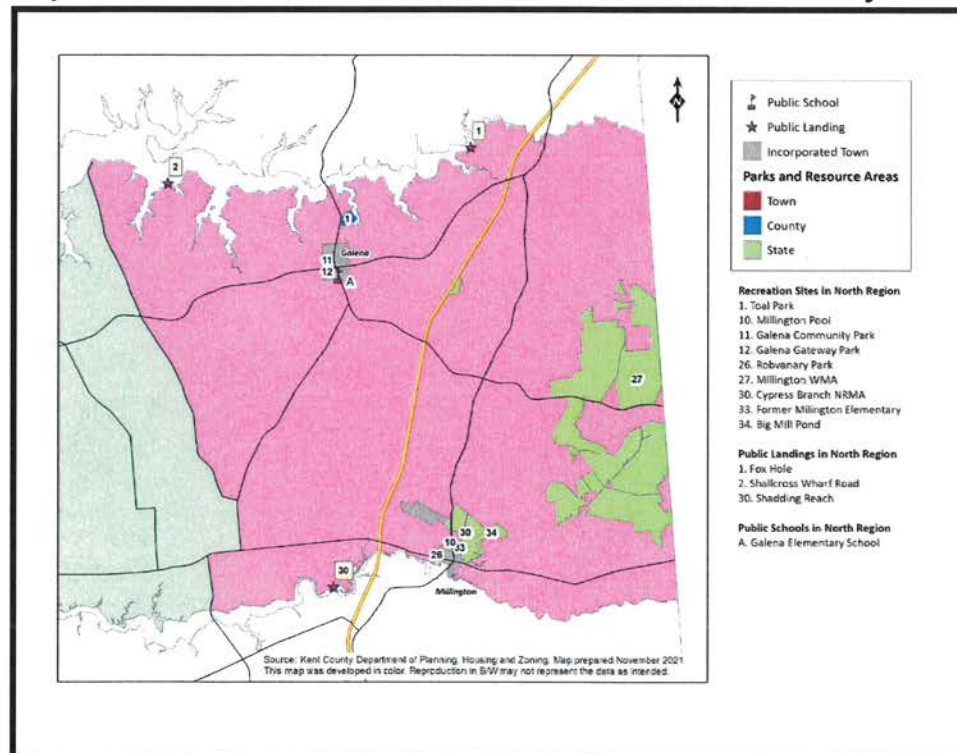
Other recreation sites include a number of special-use properties including:

- Kent County Agricultural Center - Located on Tolchester Road, the 22.6 acre property contains unique facilities, including pavilions, show rings and several buildings. It is the home of the annual Kent County Fair and the County's 4-H programs..
- Francis Cann Demonstration Woodlot - Located off of Still Pond Creek Road in Worton, this 8 acre property is a special use area for educational purposes such as horticulture, nature, and the environment. Use must be scheduled in advance and coordinated with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

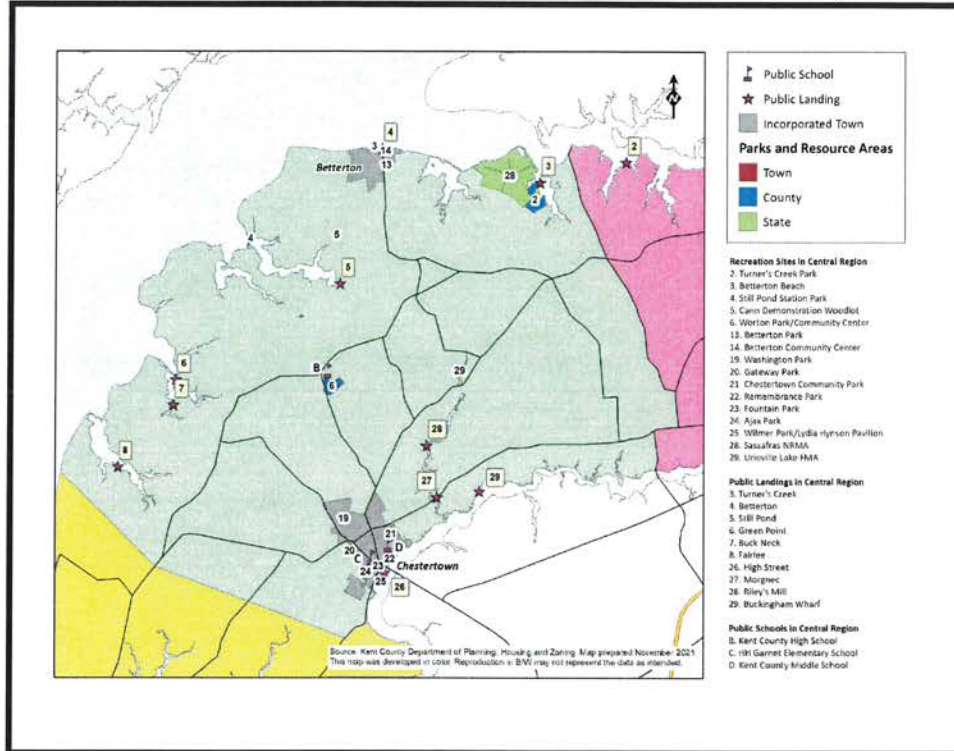
Map II-1 Recreation Sites in Kent County



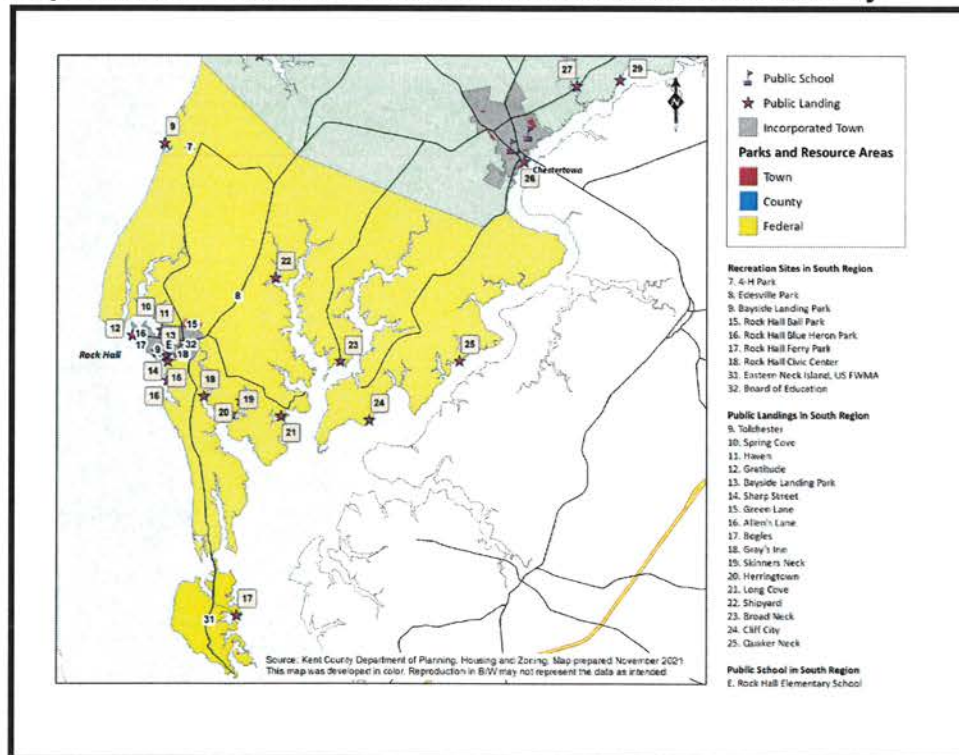
Map II-2 Parks and Recreation Sites in Northern Kent County



Map II-3 Parks and Recreation Sites in Central Kent County



Map II-4 Parks and Recreation Sites in Southern Kent County



B. State Land

There are 5,158 acres of land owned by the State in Kent County. These include Millington Wildlife Management Area, Sassafras Natural Resource Management Area, Cypress branch



NRMA and Urieville Lake Fishing Management Area. These areas provide access to fishing, hiking, hunting and picnicking as well as wildlife viewing.

Sassafras NRMA - This 1,008 acre property is open to the public and popular for a variety of activities including hiking, biking, horseback riding, and birding. The property includes Knock's Folly Visitor Center.

C. Federal Land

The Eastern Neck Island National Wildlife Refuge is a 2,283 acre refuge originally set aside for migrating and wintering waterfowl. There are several short hiking trails as well as a paddling trail around the island. Recreation activities include hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and photography.

D. Private Quasi-Public land and Facilities

Private/quasi-public lands make a significant contribution to recreational opportunities in Kent County. They include open space areas in subdivisions, marinas, golf courses, and Washington College. These private/quasi-public organizations are not always available to the public and may be fee-based for use of the facility. Vitally important for filling niche recreation needs, they are important in the overall open space of Kent's resources, but are not included in the overall County inventory of County recreation land.

Board of Education property accounts for an additional 140 acres of recreational land, 30 percent of the County's locally-owned recreation land.

E. Water Access

Public access to rivers and lakes for boating and fishing is an important component of the County's recreation facilities. Table II-3 summarizes County-owned public landings. These are managed by the Kent County Environmental Operations Division of the Department of Public Works.

There are a total of 30 publicly owned water access points in Kent County. These vary from undeveloped access points at the end of a road to commercial boat ramps with piers and boat slips.

Table II-2 Kent County Public Landings

Landing	Location	Linear Feet of Shoreline	Boat Ramp	Pier	Bulk head	Boat Slips	Vehicle Spaces	Trailer Spaces	Additional Information
Allens Lane	Near Rock Hall	45	0	0	0	0	3	0	N/A
Bayside Landing Park	Rock Hall		1	3	1	42	46	82	Water 6'2", Concrete Ramp, Pier & Bulkhead Load/Unload Only, Waiting List for Slip Rental
Betterton	Betterton		1	1	0	11	52	6	Water 1'8", Sectional Slab Ramp, Pier Load/Unload Only Transient Slips
Bogles	Eastern Neck Island		1	2	1	0	50	40	Water 1'7", Concrete Ramp, Pier & Bulkhead Load/Unload Only
Broad Neck	Near Chestertown	45	1	0	0	0	3	3	Water 2'6", Dirt Ramp
Buck Neck	Near Melitota		0	0	1	0	6	0	Bulkhead Load/Unload Only
Buckingham Wharf	Near Chestertown	72	1	0	0	0	6	6	Water Less than 1'6", Dirt Ramp
Cliffs City	Near Chestertown		1	1	1	0	20	25	Water 2'1", Sectional Slab Ramp, Pier & Bulkhead Load/Unload Only
Fairlee	Near Fairlee		1	1	1	0	20	10	Water 3', Sectional Slab Ramp, Pier & Bulkhead Load/Unload Only
Foxhole	Near Galena	30	1	0	0	0	3	3	Water less than 1'6", Dirt Ramp
Gratitude	Rock Hall	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	No Facilities, End of Road Only
Grays Inn	Near Rock Hall	30	1	0	0	0	3	3	Water less than 1'6", Dirt Ramp
Green Lane	Rock Hall		1	0	1	0	8	8	Water 5'5", Concrete ramp, Bulkhead Load/Unload Only
Green Point	Near Worton		1	0	0	0	0	0	Water 3', Sectional Slab Ramp
Harrington	Near Rock Hall	75	1	0	0	0	2	2	Water less than 1'6", Dirt Ramp
Haven	Rock Hall	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	No Facilities, End of Road Only
High Street	Chestertown		0	1	1	0	22	0	Pier & Bulkhead Load/Unload Only
Long Cove	Near Rock Hall		1	2	1	37	32	16	Water 4'2", Concrete Ramp, Pier & Bulkhead Load/Unload Only, Waiting List for Slip Rental
Morgnec	Near Chestertown	300	0	0	0	0	10	0	Fishing and Kayak Access
Quaker Neck	Near Chestertown		1	1	0	16	8	6	Water 2'4", Sectional Slab Ramp, Pier Load/Unload Only, Waiting List for Slip Rental
Rileys Mill	Near Chestertown	270	0	0	0	0	10	0	N/A
Shadding Beach	Near Millington	36	1	0	0	0	3	3	Dirt Ramp
Shallcross	Near Galena	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	No Facilities, End of Road Only
Sharp Street	Rock Hall		0	1	0	0	0	0	Pier Load/Unload Only
Shipyard	Near Rock Hall		1	0	1	0	10	6	Water 4'7", Concrete Ramp, Bulkhead Load/Unload Only
Skinnners Neck	Near Worton		1	1	0	13	16	5	Water 1'6", Sectional Slab Ramp, Pier Load/Unload Only, Waiting List for Slip Rental
Spring Cove	Rock Hall		1	1	0	14	4	0	Water 6', Sectional Slab Ramp, Pier Load/Unload Only, Waiting List for Slip Rental
Still Pond	Near Still Pond	150	1	0	0	0	3	3	Water less than 1'6", Dirt Ramp
Tolchester	Tolchester	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	Fishing Access Only
Turners Creek	Near Kennedyville		1	2	4	0	42	51	Water 5'6", Concrete Ramp, Pier Transient Use, Bulkhead Load/Unload Only
Urleville Lake	Near Worton		1	0	0	0	4	3	Boating and fishing, State owned

3. Accomplishments & Challenges since 2017

Kent County Parks & Recreation has experienced a number of challenges over the past five years which have slowed down progress in meeting goals established in 2017. In addition to the challenges related to the pandemic that all parks and recreation departments have experienced since March 2020, the Department has also navigated staff shortages at all staffing levels from managerial to camp staff and lifeguards. Additionally parks development and maintenance are managed through the Department of Public Works which has also experienced leadership changes and staffing shortages over the past five years. The impact of these operational challenges delayed final revisions to the 2017 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan which in turn impacted development projects.

Despite the challenges discussed above, the Recreation & Parks department working with Public Works was able to complete a number of projects begun prior to 2017. The following rehabilitation and enhancements were made at County Parks including installation of:

- Installation of video surveillance systems at Bayside Landing Park & Pool, Betterton Beach Park, Millington Park & Pool and Worton Park.
- Construction of maintenance facility, ball diamond, additional parking spaces, and picnic tables as well as installation on ball diamond and field at Worton Park
- Creation of a Concept Plan for Still Pond Park that includes picnic pavilion, restroom and playground.
- Added broadband access at all county public parks to support access for families during the COVID-19 school closures.
- Chestertown, Galena and Betterton completed Community Parks and Playground projects. (Carpenter Park, Betterton Park, Galena Community Park).



4. Measuring User Demand

This section examines park land and recreation facility needs in the County using six sources of information:

- Community input: survey and focus groups.
- County and municipal staff input.
- State surveys and priorities.
- National trends.
- Proximity analysis: determining whether parks and recreation facilities are distributed throughout the County so that all residents have reasonably convenient access.
- Park equity analysis: closely related to the proximity analysis, an evaluation of the availability of parks and recreation facilities in geographic areas with higher concentrations of population, children, seniors and low-income residents.

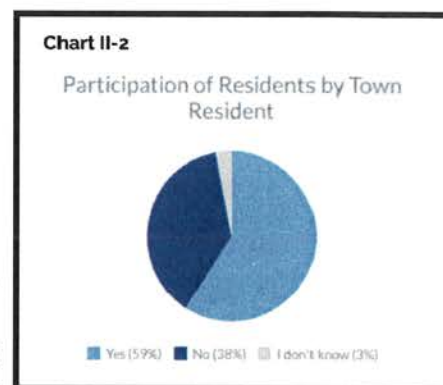
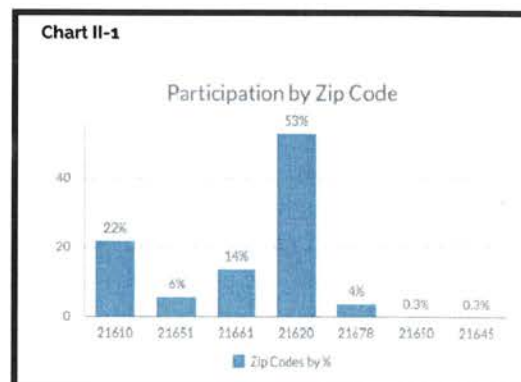


A. County Community Engagement

During the Summer of 2021 Kent County Parks & Recreation hosted a series of community engagement opportunities for County residents and stakeholders to share their impressions and suggestions about parks and recreation in the County. The series included:

- Interviews with a variety of stakeholders in the County representing a diverse range of interests from youth sports to tourism and health.
- In person focus groups held in five municipal locations that included a total of 52 participants.
- Community-wide on-line survey with participation by 402 County residents.

Survey responses came from across the County. Chart II-1 demonstrates the geographic distribution of respondents by zip code. Chart II-2 represents the breakdown between whether respondents lived within their town boundaries or



in the County. Nearly six in ten respondents lived in towns as compared to about 40% of the County's total population. The majority of respondents (75%) identified as female, 22% as male and 3% as gender variant/non-conforming or preferred not to answer.

Survey participants, for the most part, accessed and utilized parks and open spaces in the County (Chart II-3). Interview, focus group, and survey prompts focused on these basic questions:

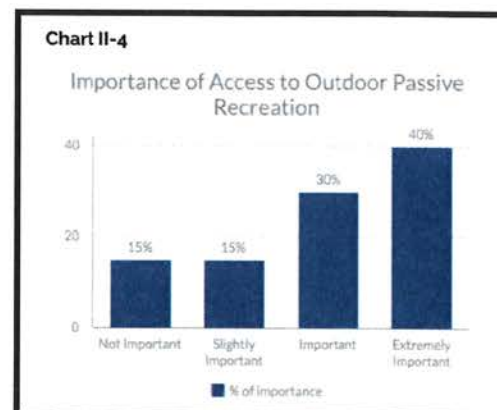
- Are parks/open space available and accessible?
- Do they offer the features and amenities desired by users?
- Are recreation programs and activities available and accessible?
- Do recreation programs and activity opportunities meet the varied recreation needs of County residents?



Parks are Available & Accessible

Spatial analysis demonstrates that Kent County has a network of outdoor parks and open spaces that are broadly distributed across the County. As Maps II-1 through II-4 indicate, there are parks/open spaces available across the County from North (Toal Park) to South (Eastern Neck). At the center of the County is the comprehensive Worton Park and Kent County Community Center and complex.

For the most part survey respondents agreed that parks are geographically well-distributed across the County, although approximately one-third were not satisfied with the distribution. In focus group discussions and written responses to open-ended survey questions as well as stakeholder interviews, County residents identified several deficits related to availability of parks and related features. In particular, participants were most interested in additional, longer distance and varied walking and hiking trails around the County, and placed high importance on access to outdoor passive recreation opportunities (Chart II-4).



Responses related to accessibility were also mixed. This was particularly clear in the focus groups and stakeholder interviews. Of particular note in focus groups in Rock Hall and Galena, participants shared that while there were ample municipal parks, recreation activities for youth sports have all been primarily centralized in Worton and municipal multipurpose

fields are underutilized. As the youth population of Kent has decreased, towns no longer have the numbers of players for municipal teams in sports like baseball, softball and soccer because there are too few participating youth. Therefore, some municipal and town parks with multipurpose fields and ball diamonds may be underutilized. Focus group participants shared ideas about how these open spaces could be better utilized - either by increasing youth sports participation or utilizing the open space for other activities.

Individuals and residents who live within a ½ mile of parks may also face limited accessibility if the walking route does not have adequate sidewalks or walking paths for park users to safely travel to the park location. Examples of the barriers to accessibility were given throughout the network of parks including SState, County and municipally owned parks.

Features & Amenities and Accessibility

Features - The features that community members want in their parks directly correlates to what activities they and family members enjoy in the park.

Most utilized features include:



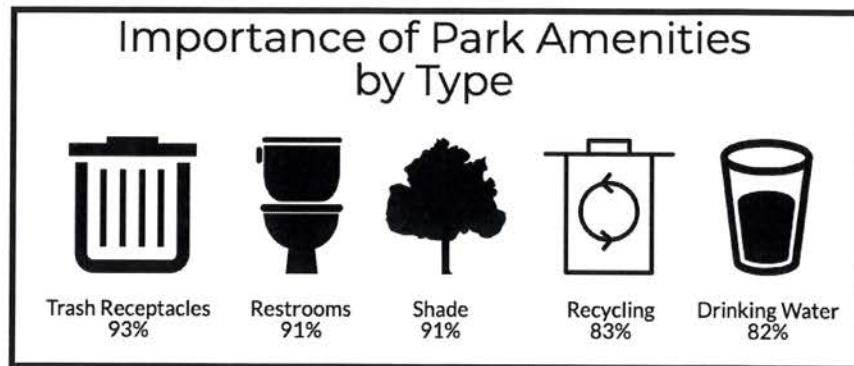
- Walking/Hiking/Biking Trails
- Picnic Areas
- Playgrounds
- Water Access (for boating, kayaking, fishing, crabbing, and wading)
- Sports fields (soccer, lacrosse, and baseball/softball)
- Paved Courts (basketball, tennis, and pickleball)

Features noted as needs across the County's network of parks are:

- Longer hiking/walking/bike trails
- Tennis courts that are in good condition for play
- Additional courts for pickleball use (either sole use or dual use with tennis)



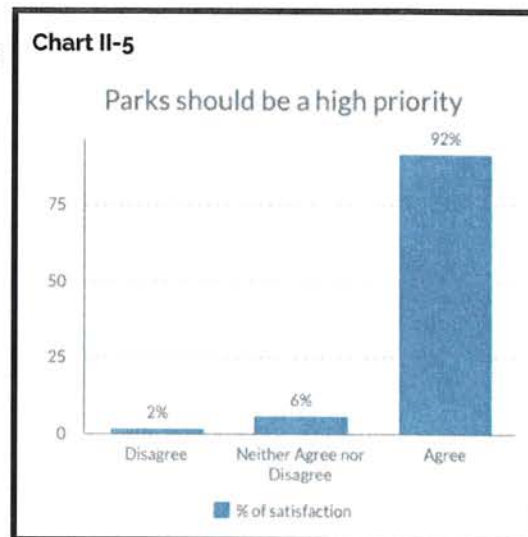
Amenities - In surveys, focus groups and stakeholder interviews, respondents identified their top priorities as restrooms, trash receptacles, and shade, followed by drinking water and recycling.



Across stakeholder interviews, focus groups and the community surveys, participants placed a significant amount of importance on amenities. Topping the list is the need for built restroom facilities at regional and community parks and full-year access to portable facilities where built restroom facilities are not available. Community members also indicated that shade structures are needed at many of the parks. Toal Park and Edesville Park were specifically identified as locations that would be improved by built restroom facilities. Additional shade structures at Worton Park were also mentioned.

Accessibility within the parks was an area mentioned in interviews and focus groups. There were several mentions that the parks were not designed for those who use mobility devices or those who struggle with balance when walking and could be improved upon with these modifications. Mulch, grass or stone dust paths are difficult to navigate with mobility devices. Paved paths are often narrow. Playground equipment for differently abled children was also observed as a feature that should be available in more parks. More playgrounds do not have these types of equipment than playgrounds that do have these types of equipment. Participants also noted that adults with mobility issues cannot access many of the fields where sporting activities occur because there are no maintained walkways within parks except perimeter trails. Water access for differently abled was also raised as an accessibility concern. This included shoreline access as well as access to kayak launches designed for users with special physical needs. With an increasing aging population, this was of particular concern to older residents who participated in focus groups and who want to be able to continue to access parks and open spaces as they continue to age.

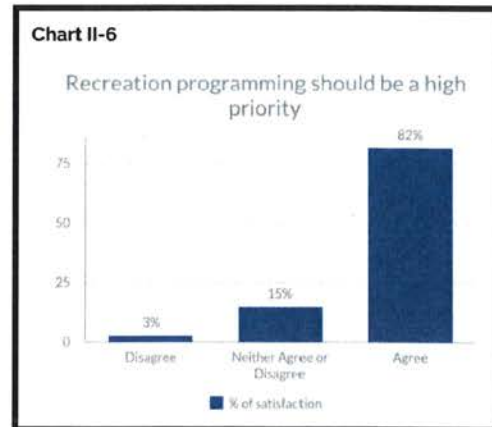
Overall, 92% of survey respondents indicated that parks should be a priority for the County (See Chart II-5).



Recreation Availability and Accessibility

Overall, community engagement participants indicated that they were most satisfied with the activities available for preschool and elementary age youth in the County and with programs for adults ages 50-64. However 41% of survey respondents felt that there were not enough recreation offerings for teens.

Overall, 82% of survey respondents indicated that recreational programming should be a high priority for the County (See Chart II-6).



Maintenance & Upkeep - The majority (59%) of community survey responses demonstrated that County residents are generally satisfied with the maintenance at parks and facilities, 19% were ambivalent and 22% were not satisfied with the maintenance and upkeep of the parks and facilities. In stakeholder calls and focus groups there were cautionary recommendations that existing parks, fields and facilities should be upgraded and well maintained before new properties are acquired or developed.

Advisory Board & Community Stakeholder Workgroup

The LPPRP has been an agenda feature of the County Commissioner-appointed citizen Advisory Board for Parks and Recreation since late 2020. The Parks & Recreation Director also established a LPPRP Work Group that met three times during the Plan development. These work sessions and general meeting discussions yielded similar themes and objectives reflected in previous sections.

Staff Observations

To provide a comprehensive perspective on parks and recreation, Shore Strategies held staff level focus groups with both the Department of Public Works supervisors with responsibility for parks maintenance and capital improvements as well as with the Recreation Division staff. During a focus group in September 2022, DPW supervisors identified the following priorities from their perspectives:

- Create formal comprehensive engineered master plans for any development projects.
- Enhance maintenance staff during prime outdoor recreation months of April through October to meet the high demand for mowed and lined fields for recreation usage and care for Betterton Beach, a County maintained public beach with high usage.

In October 2021, Recreation Division staff met with Shore Strategies to discuss goals and priorities for recreation programming. This staff felt the priorities for the Department are:

- Maintain/enhance existing fields in the County.
- Expand programming options in County parks and municipalities.

Trends in County Recreation Program and Facility Utilization

Analysis of registration data from Kent County Parks & Recreation demonstrates that the department routinely fills its classes and programs and often carries waiting lists for participation, particularly in programs like youth summer camp. Program offerings include an array for all ages from preschool through senior adults. Swimming lessons, summer camps, and youth basketball are consistently filled.



Table II-3 Kent County Youth Programs and Activities Registrations

Program Name	Ages	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Track and Field	7 to 14	Not Offered	27	24	Not Offered	Not Offered
Hoop Jam	5 & 6	15	18	11	Not Offered	Not Offered
Co-Ed Rookies	7 & 8	17	25	31	Not Offered	20
Basketball (Boys)	9 to 11	85	85	84	Not Offered	48
Basketball (Girls)	9 to 13	25	28	17	Not Offered	10
Girls Indoor Field Hockey	5th - 12th grade	33	32	28	Not Offered	Offering Jan 2022
Start Smart (all sports)	2 to 5	10	10	15	Not Offered	7
Quick Ball	4 to 6	Not Offered	Not Offered	Not Offered	Not Offered	2
Junior Wrestling	K - 8th grade	28	28	28	Not Offered	20- Reg still Open
Middle School/High School Age Drop In Rec Center	12 to 18	58	51	48	Not Offered	20
Elementary After School (Garnet, Galena & Rock Hall)	pre-K - 5th Grade	82	79	76	Not Offered	29
Indoor Soccer	16 and Up	71	17	22	Not Offered	22
Platform Tennis	18 and Up	18	22	20	23	25
Ping Pong	16 and Up	8	12	8	Not Offered	10

Table II-4 Kent County Summer Camp Registrations

Program Name	Ages	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Leaders Club	7th - 9th grades	23	25	Not Offered	Not Offered	Not Offered
Summer Camp-Session 1	3 1/2 to 12	114	102	99	Not Offered	44
Summer Camp-Session 2	3 1/2 to 12	112	103	97	Not Offered	41
Summer Camp-Session 3	3 1/2 to 12	114	102	99	Not Offered	44
Summer Camp-Session 4	3 1/2 to 12	114	103	99	Not Offered	44
Summer Camp-Session 5	3 1/2 to 12	114	103	99	Not Offered	42
Summer Camp-Session 6	3 1/2 to 12	114	103	99	Not Offered	44
Summer Camp-Session 7	3 1/2 to 12	114	103	98	Not Offered	44
Summer Camp-Session 8	3 1/2 to 12	114	103	99	Not Offered	44
Last Days of Summer Rec. Club	6 to 10	29	27	27	Not Offered	9

Table II-5 Kent County Swim Lesson Registrations

Program Name	Ages	2017	2018	2019
Adult Swim Lessons	16 and Up	6	12	13
Youth Swim Lessons-Session 1	4 to 13	16	14	16
Youth Swim Lessons-Session 2	4 to 13	33	30	23
Youth Swim Lessons-Session 3	4 to 13	22	26	20
Youth Swim Lessons-Session 4	4 to 13	27	18	20
Aqua Fitness	16 and Up	8	7	10

The Kent County Community Center located in Worton is well utilized and requires a membership card to access. Currently 494 adults and 134 youth under age 22 have memberships. The swimming pool in Worton is busy throughout the summer. Typically, Bayside Pool in Rock Hall and Millington Pool are also well accessed during the summer months, however in 2020 all pools remained closed due to the pandemic. In

Table II-6 Kent County Pool and Beach Attendance Summer 2017-2021

Pool	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Bayside Pool	1,928	1,132	1,036	CLOSED	CLOSED
Kent County Community Center Pool	13,739	13,433	16,005	CLOSED	9,195
Millington Pool	5,615	5,370	5,711	CLOSED	CLOSED
Betterton Beach	NA	NA	10,380	16,864	17,680

Table II-7 Kent County Pool Capacity

Pool	Capacity
Bayside Pool	43
Kent County Community Center Pool	335
Millington Pool	241

2021 the Community Center Pool reopened, however KCPR was unable to open the two smaller pools due to a significant shortage of lifeguards.

KCPR does not currently have a system that tracks utilization of parks over time, however, anecdotal discussions with staff indicate that parks usage as measured by pavilion reservations has been consistent between 2018 and 2021, except during the height of COVID in 2020. From mid-April through mid-October the sports fields at Worton Park are reserved by youth and adult sports leagues. Developing tracking measures for field and facility utilization is an internal goal for the Department for the 2022-2026 years included in this Plan.

B. Priorities from Community Feedback

The following key points emerge from the analyses of need and demand and current usage trends provided in this section.

1. User Satisfaction

County parks and programs are well-used and are an important asset to Kent County. Ongoing maintenance and rehabilitation of existing parks facilities and expansion of features and amenities are primary concerns when considering capital investments in parks and open spaces in the County.

2. Land Acquisition Needs

As shown in Table II-1 the County and towns currently have about 450 acres of parks and open space land. While Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) population trends indicate that Kent County will experience small gains in population over the next 10 years, trends from the past decade demonstrate a decrease in population. Through the comprehensive community engagement process, Kent residents indicated a desire for the development/redevelopment of features and amenities within existing parks as well as maintaining an inventory that can be properly maintained. Parks and recreation sites are

well-distributed through the County and towns. Kent County's Capital Improvement Plan 2022-2030 does not include any acquisitions.

3. Program Priorities

Responses from the community engagement process as well as Advisory Board and staff discussions indicate that the County, in concert with the towns, should focus on providing additional access to places and spaces that support the health and wellness of County residents as well as meet their recreational programming needs. This includes:

- Expanding access to programs for youth, in particular continued investigation of the possibility of incorporating the Sassafras Environmental Education Center program into the KCPR program portfolio.
- Developing programming opportunities for adults, with special emphasis on programming that appeals to older residents as this is the demographic of the County that is growing, but also considering the needs of youth.
- Promoting good physical and mental health by promoting activities and programs that engage residents of every ability in parks and open spaces.
- Seeking opportunities to provide access to youth and family programming within towns that are further away from the Community Center nexus of the County parks system. In particular focusing on providing free activities to meet the needs of youth from low-income households as evidenced by Free and Reduced Meal data.

4. Facility Needs

The community-wide recreational facility needs as identified through the Community Engagement process include:

- Longer multi-use trails (rails to trails type)
- Picnic areas/playgrounds, especially ADA accessible areas and equipment
- Pickleball courts/dual-use pickleball-tennis courts
- Additional built restrooms; rehabilitation of existing restroom facilities
- ADA certified kayak/canoe launches for recreators with physical disabilities
- Skateboard/BMX facility within the County or a municipality

It is important to note that participants in the community engagement process also stressed that development should be focused on properties that are already in the inventory and expansion and enhancement of features and amenities should be balanced with the County and towns' ability to upkeep and maintain the properties within the inventory.

Beyond these particular types of facilities, the following needs have been identified as priorities:

- Retaining and enhancing park areas for unstructured, outdoor activities such as walking, picnicking and nature appreciation.
- Developing and improving multi-purpose fields with lights and associated service buildings (restrooms, etc.)
- Continuing to emphasize public access to waterfront locations in development of public lands. Long-term projects should focus on joint efforts between the Parks & Recreation Division and the Parks & Grounds Maintenance and Environmental Operations Divisions of DPW. Address both the interest in pathways and the goal of public access to water by seeking opportunities for paths or boardwalks along publicly owned shorelines.
- Continuing partnership and investment in rehabilitation and expansion of park assets in municipalities, in response to current and anticipated recreation activity demands.
- Coordinating with the Town of Betterton, the Environmental Operations Division, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police and other public agencies and private residents to address citizen concerns about perceived over-usage and safety at Betterton Beach and the Betterton boat ramp.
- Developing a multi-phase comprehensive master plan that identifies a 10+ year plan for Turner's Park that includes rehabilitation of the historic structures located at the park - the Granary and the Lathim House. Explore partnerships with historic preservation organizations to complete this project. With its proximity to the Sassafras NRMA, this park has the potential to be a destination that attracts visitors to the County and enhances the lives of County residents.

C. State of Maryland Initiatives

1. *Economic Impact*

The 2018 Kent County Comprehensive Plan indicates that developing recreation and tourism drivers is a County goal, while still protecting the rural nature of the County.

In 2022 the County Commissioners adopted the [2022 Kent County Economic Development and Tourism Strategic Plan](#) which identifies tourism as a key strategy for the County in their future efforts. Kent County relies on its pastoral beauty and access to the natural world as primary in attracting both short-term visitors and those looking to purchase a second home or relocate. Retail trade is among the top five industry



sectors for the county according to data in the strategic plan. This industry relies on the purchasing power of residents and visitors. In December 2019, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Department of Commerce released the [Maryland Outdoor Recreation Economic Commission Final Report](#), which resulted in the creation of the Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation in September 2021. This report found that outdoor recreation in Maryland is an economic engine. Kent County's water access, pastoral landscapes, and various recreation opportunities make Kent County a potential destination for outdoor recreation enthusiasts. In the last Statewide survey of residents regarding outdoor recreation participation, completed in 2018 as part of the [2019 – 2023 Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan](#), respondents identified their favorite activities as walking, hiking, biking, playgrounds, team sports, running/jogging. This is similar to the finding in the 2021 Kent County Community Survey which identified water and shoreline activities, walking, hiking, biking, picnicking and playing on playgrounds as favored activities among survey participants.

The most recent Statewide economic impact study of parks was completed in 2010. The [2010 Maryland State Parks Economic Impact and Visitor Study](#) surveyed approximately 3,400 Maryland State Park visitors, including visitors to Tuckahoe and Martinak State Parks. Respondents at the time ranked hiking/walking as the most popular activity in the State parks. This report study also identified that for every \$1 the State invests in State parks, \$29.27 is generated in economic activity.

The study demonstrated the substantial economic benefit of State parks by gathering data on spending by park visitors within the communities outside the park. Seventy percent of spending impacts were found to be concentrated within a 20-minute drive of parks. Statewide, the average daily spending outside of the park was \$37 per person for day visitors and \$53 per person for overnight visitors.

While County-specific information was not provided and Kent County does not have a State park, extrapolating from the survey results indicated that parks in the Eastern Region, in which Kent is a part, resulted in \$82 per person for day visitors and \$61 per person for overnight spending. It is important to note however that in addition to Kent County, the Eastern Region includes the beach areas of Wicomico County. As home to Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge, Sassafras NRMA, and 30 public water access points, Kent is situated to capitalize on outdoor recreation revenue opportunities.

2. Project Green Classrooms (Children in Nature)

In 2017, through executive order, Governor Larry Hogan created Project Green Classroom (PGC) building on the State's "Children in Nature" initiative begun in 2008, through a partnership of several State and private agencies, including the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Education, and Natural Resources. The goals of the initiative are to ensure that Maryland's youth experience, understand, and learn to conserve the natural environment and to promote outdoor activities and environmental education in schools, communities and public lands.

Within its [2021 Progress Report and Recommendations](#), PGC has three focus areas:

1. Supporting environmental literacy programs in schools;
2. Increasing access to nearby nature; and
3. Promoting the use of the outdoors for learning, discovery, healthy play and career exploration.

In Kent County, there are many opportunities to support this initiative. As indicated later in this chapter in the 2022-2027 Goals, Kent County Parks & Recreation will be focused on increasing involvement in partnerships with other community stakeholders to expand youth involvement in the environment and natural world. Engaging with the natural environment has been found to improve physical health, mental health, and academic outcomes for children and youth

D. National Trends in Outdoor Program Participation and Organized Youth Sports

By participation, the most popular outdoor activities nationally are running, hiking, fishing, biking and camping. According to the [2020 Outdoor Participation Report](#) published by the Outdoor Foundation, in 2020, 53% of Americans age 6+ participated in outdoor recreation activity at least once, the highest participation rate on record. The COVID-19 pandemic has



increased outdoor recreation to its highest level ever. Participation in outdoor activities had already been trending up prior to the shutdown, increasing 3% annually over the past three years. While participation overall has increased, the frequency of participation has continued to fall. Whites still participate in outdoor activities far more than other races. Three in four outdoor participants (75%) are White as compared to 60% of the American population. Participation in outdoor activities among children ages 6 to 17 continues to trend down, on average

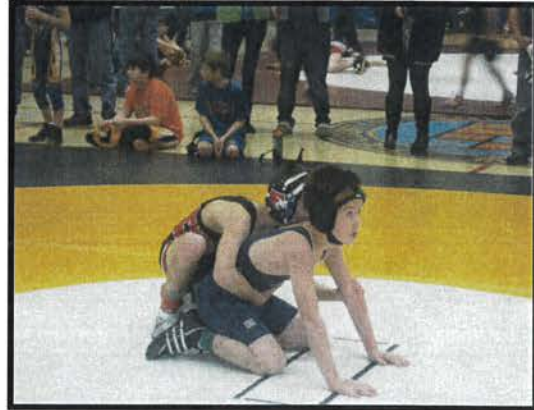
children spent time in outdoor activities 77 times in 2020 compared to 91 in 2012.

According to the [Youth Sports Facts: Participation Rates — The Aspen Institute Project Play](#), 61% of children ages 6 - 12 played some team sport at least casually. However, the percentage of children who participated on a regular basis has continued to fall from 41.4% in 2012 to 38.1% in 2019. Before the COVID-19 shutdown, there had been participation gains in a number of sports. Baseball after a significant decline was up 6% with its highest rate since 2011. Soccer was up 3%. Tackle football, after years of drops in participation over concussion



concerns, increased participation 5%. Children from higher income families continue to be more likely to play organized sports. There was a 21.6% difference in participation between children from households with incomes under \$25,000 as compared with households with incomes above \$100,000 during 2019. This gap has continued to widen since 2012 when it was 15 points.

The transition from elementary to middle school has been a turning point in youth sports participation for years. In 2019, significant decreases in participation occurred in baseball, soccer, gymnastics, and basketball between ages 11 and 13. Sports that experienced minimal increases at the elementary to middle school junction included wrestling, field hockey and tennis.



One additional consideration in the report indicates trend changes may occur with COVID-19 with a shift to more outdoor individualized (cycling/hiking) or smaller team sports tennis/pickleball because it is easier to accommodate social distancing,

A 2016 Social Issues in Sports found that team sports participation peaks at age 11, and many participants drop out of the sports programs before high school. Possible causes cited include the stress on high performance that translates into longer hours of practice and greater specialization in one sport; expenses for training, traveling teams, sports camps, and equipment; injuries; lack of training for youth coaches; and earlier starts in youth sports, leading to boredom with a sport after several years.

The Aspen Institute [State of Play 2020](#) report includes recommendations for stakeholders in youth sports. It calls on community recreation groups and local recreation providers to “proactively build programs that represent its diversity.” The authors suggest allocating free/reduced roster spots or facility space based on Free and Reduced Meal (FaRM) rates within communities. In 2021 in Kent County, 66% % of school age youth were eligible for free or reduced meals.



Additionally, the authors suggest ensuring that funding of open space development supports the development of parks and recreation spaces that are open and accessible to all youth, carefully taking into consideration not only proximity but also equity. Finally, they encourage a collective impact model in designing community sports and recreation opportunities for youth that engage the entire community.

5. Level of Service Analysis

A. Proximity Analysis

This section evaluates the extent to which residents in all areas of Kent County have access to parks and recreation facilities. It examines whether parks and recreation facilities are concentrated in a few areas of the County or in a few towns, and whether the facilities support the County's land use policies.

Maps II-5, II-6, II-7, and II-8 show the location of four types of park facilities within the County that are important in providing access to nature and access to recreational sports leagues. A five-mile radius is shown around each location. Map II-5 indicates picnic areas are well-distributed. Trails, the feature that per the community engagement survey and focus groups are the most frequently used and most desired, are shown on Map II-6 and demonstrate that trails are well-distributed across each region of the County with the exception of in or near the towns of Rock Hall in the south eastern part of the county and Millington in the northwestern part. Eastern Neck Island, which offers several trail options, is located 6 miles from Rock Hall. Millington Natural Resource Management Area offers hiking opportunities however it does not have any formal trails. Populations in both of these areas of the County are relatively low with approximately 74 people per square mile in each of these areas. Both towns lost population between 2010 and 2020. It is also important to note that the trails available across the County are relatively short and survey respondents and focus group participants expressed desire for longer trails. Map III-7 shows locations of shoreline access or boat ramps, features that are important to enhance appreciation of nature and of the County's natural environment. These maps, in conjunction with Maps II-1 through II- 4 above, illustrate that the County has a well-distributed system of park land.

Pedestrian access to local parks is very important within the municipalities. Maps II-10 through II-14 show that each town has neighborhood parks - and often community parks - accessible within a ½ mile. What these maps do not demonstrate is that other barriers which may exist, including lack of sidewalks or safe shoulders along roadways. This is further discussed in the Park Equity section of this Plan.

Maps II-1 through II-4, which show park and recreation facilities by type, lead to the following observations:

- Regional facilities: Kent County's two parks identified as regional parks offer different features. Worton Park & Kent County Community Center is located in the middle of the County and adjacent to Kent County High School. The majority of youth and adult recreational team sports (football, soccer, field hockey, baseball and softball) take place at this complex. It is five miles from the center of Chestertown. For residents of other municipalities and population centers, driving distance ranges from 8-15 miles and 15 to 30 minutes. The other regional park, Turner's Creek, offers two short nature trails, picnicking areas, a boat ramp, pavilion, and access to passive recreation in a natural setting. It is also home to National & Historic Tree Grove and shares a boundary with

the State's Sassafras NRMA. It is 11 miles from Chestertown and 21 miles from Rock Hall, with shorter distances to travel for residents in the areas around Betterton, Millington and Galena.

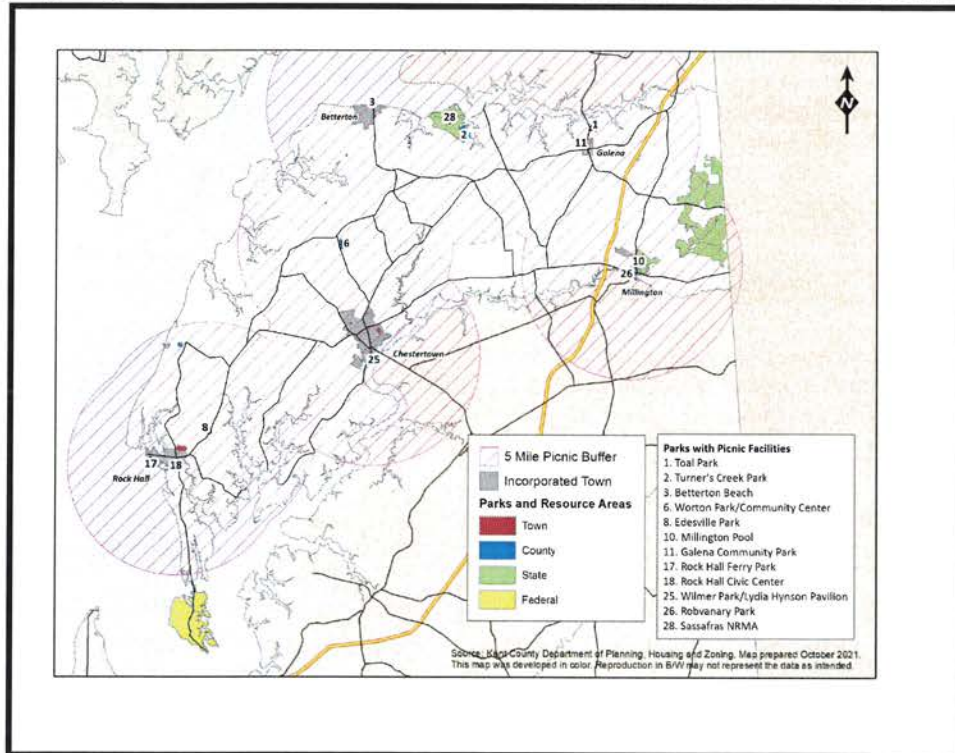
- Community parks: The six County-owned and maintained community parks are well-distributed and located in or near municipal centers. These include: Toal Park (Galena), Betterton Beach (Betterton), Edesville Park (outside Rock Hall); Bayside Landing Park & Pool (Rock Hall) and Millington Pool & Park (Millington). In addition, Chestertown has two community parks: Bailey Park and Wilmer Park. Rock Hall's Civic Center Park is also identified as a community park.
- Neighborhood parks are located in several municipalities as well: Rock Hall Ball Park and Ferry Park, Chestertown's Washington Park, Gateway Park, Fountain Park and Ajax Park, Galena Community Park, and Millington's Robvanary Park.



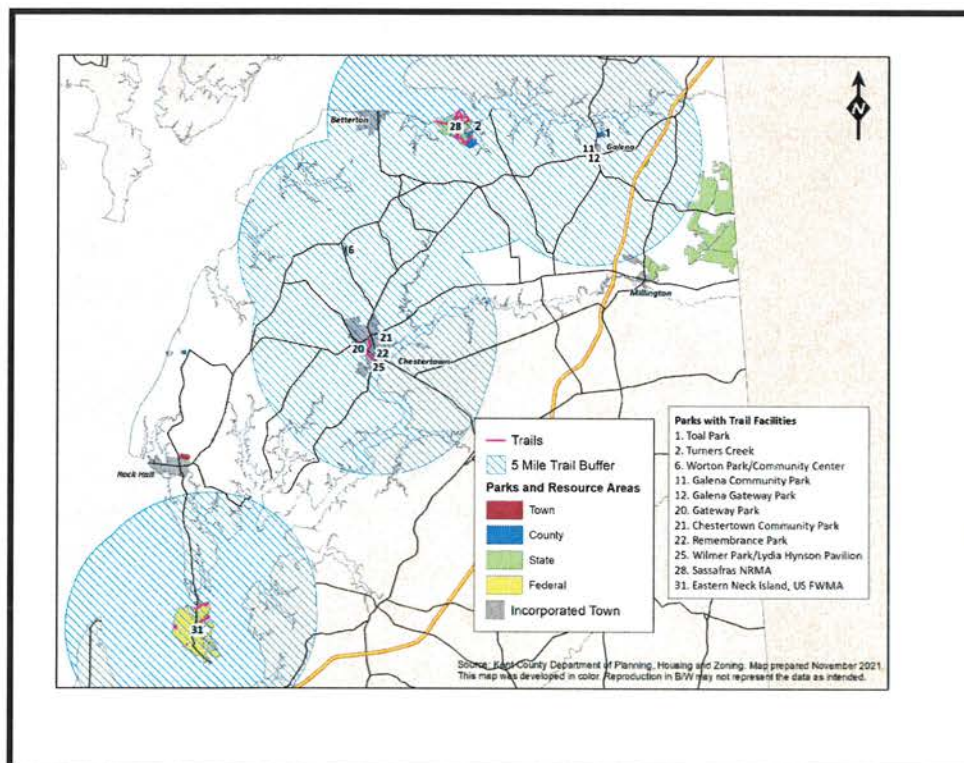
- With 30 public landings, water access points are also well-distributed along the County's waterways, providing access to the Chesapeake Bay, Sassafras River and many Creeks throughout the County.
- The majority of County and municipal parks offering active recreation are appropriately concentrated within or near the incorporated municipalities, in proximity to the largest share of population, while both County and SState green spaces for passive recreation are located in more remote areas of the County, for example, Turner's Creek Park and Sassafras NRMA, and Still Pond Station Park.
- County school sites provide additional outdoor play space and indoor space for recreation programs throughout the County. KCPR maintains a Memorandum of Understanding with Kent County Public Schools for priority use of school facilities. Increased opportunities for communities to access school facilities during non-school hours would expand access to recreation for many youth and families who may not be able to access the Community Center complex in Worton due to distance and transportation limitations.



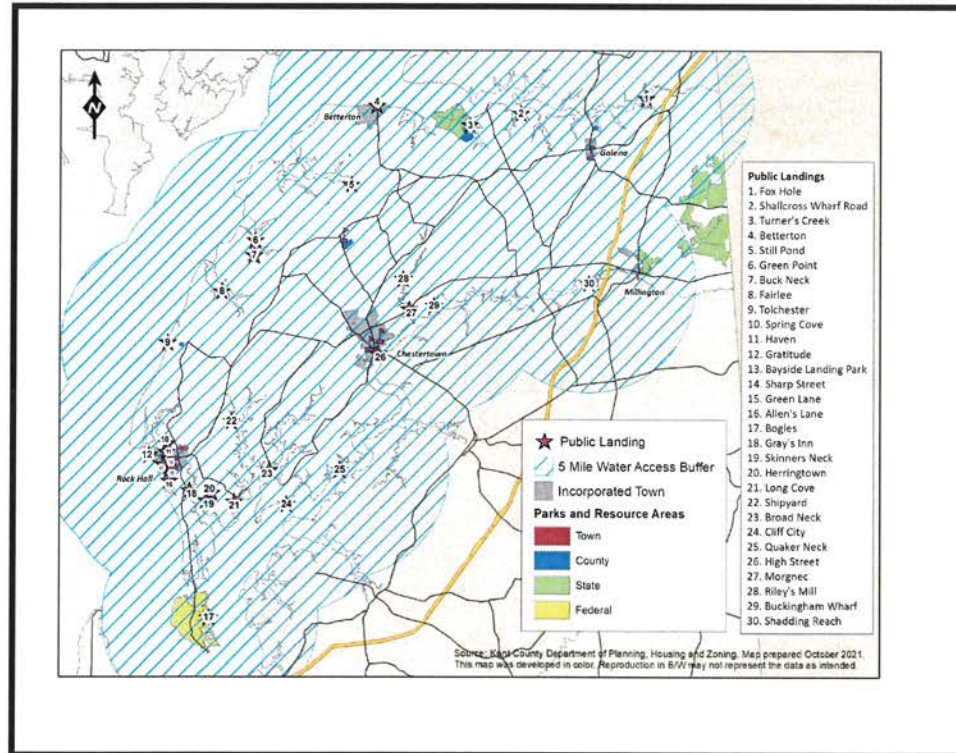
Map II-5 Areas within Five Miles of Recreation Facilities with Picnic Areas



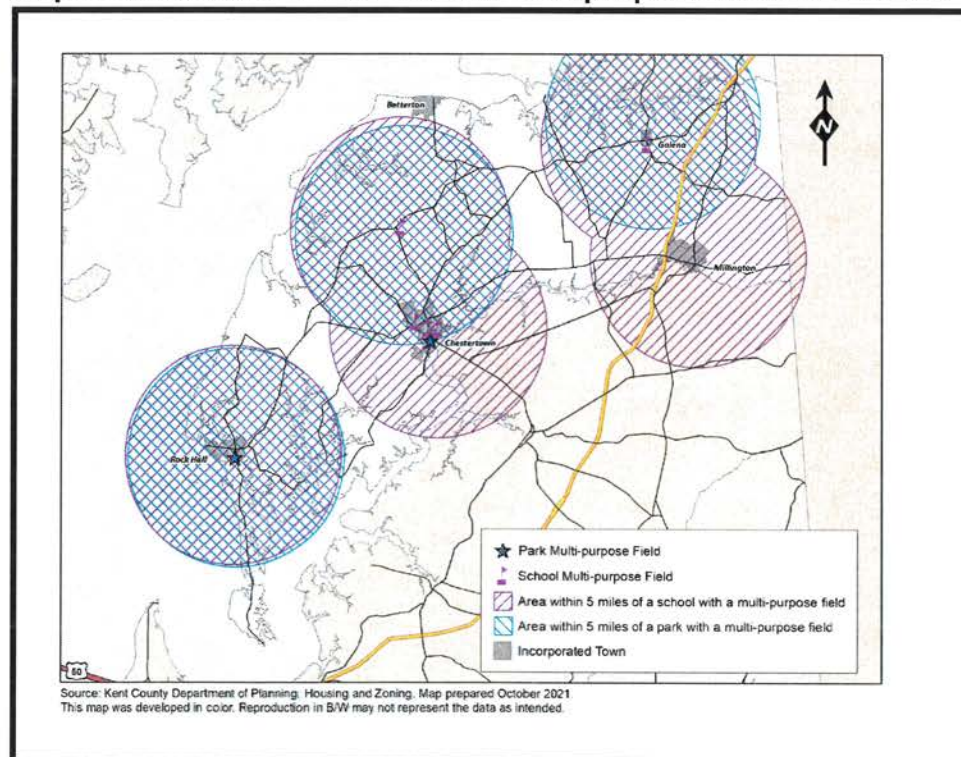
Map II-6 Areas within Five Miles of Recreation Facilities with Trails



Map II-7 Areas within Five Miles of Public Water Access Locations



Map II-8 Areas within Five Miles of Multipurpose Fields Locations



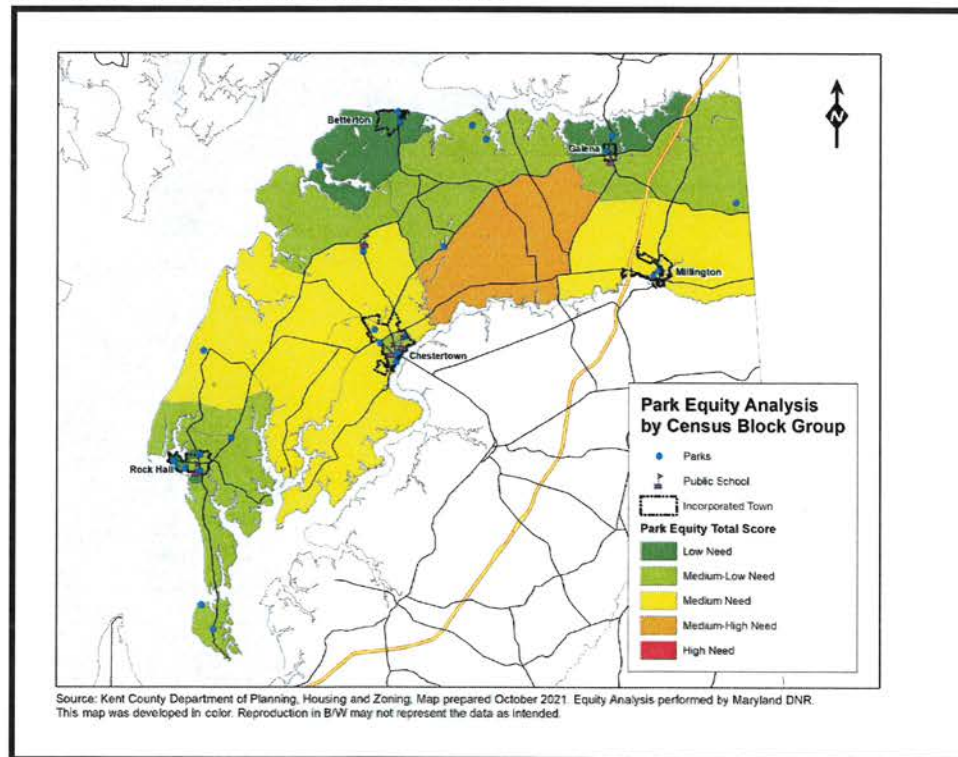
B. Park Equity Analysis

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has provided a tool to assist in the evaluation of park land needs. The “Park Equity Analysis” uses Census data in conjunction with mapped GIS layers showing State and local parks to prioritize park land needs based on four factors:

- Concentration of children under age 17;
- Concentration of older adults;
- Concentration of the population with incomes below the poverty threshold; and
- Population density.

Using the Park Equity Mapper, Map II-9 demonstrates that overall, the County has only one significant area of medium/high need and two areas with medium need. Parks are well-distributed and primarily located in or near municipalities. The areas indicated as medium-high need on Map II-9 is located in a sparsely populated area of the county and is also served by Worton Park and Community Center, located at the center of the county and adjacent to Kent County High School. With a shrinking population and land planning that locates any new growth in or near existing municipalities and population centers there is no current need for additional park land acquisition in these low to medium need areas. Parks are well distributed within the existing municipalities.

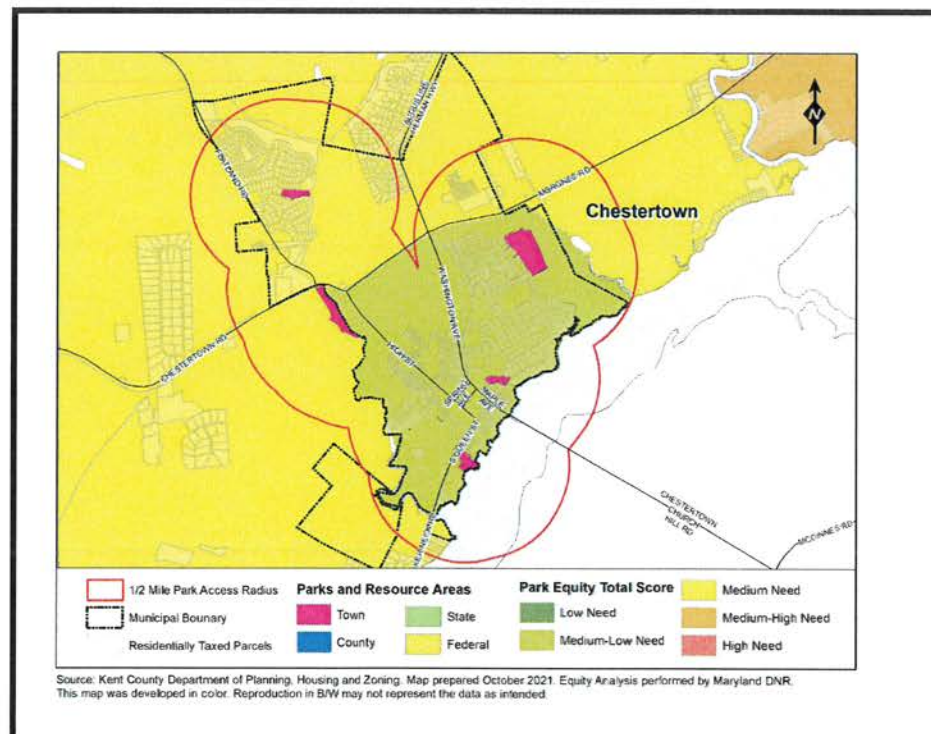
Map II-9 Park Equity in Kent County



The results of the analysis draw attention to Chestertown, which is considered to be a medium low to medium need area. (See Map II-10) By proximity, Chestertown's parks are well-distributed with six parks located throughout its municipal area. At least one park is accessible within a ½ mile walk of any point in the town. Ajax Park and Gateway Park are located on the Gilchrest Rail Trail, a rail-to-trail project that now extends from what was an old train station near Wilmer Park to Morgnec Road/SR 291. Another section of the trail will be completed in 2022, across Morgnec Road and another ¼ mile to Foxley Manor. There is interest in extending the inactive rail tracks that continue out of Chestertown to Worton. This connector provides safe access to parks for town residents. Additionally, housing developments along Flatland Road also have safe access to reach Bailey Park.

Chestertown has had several controversial park projects in the last year that could be equity related. Currently, the only playground on the Cannon Street side of Chestertown is a pocket park that includes a small one-hoop basketball court, an outdated piece of climbing equipment and a swingset. There has been considerable community engagement about the park's future, with one faction wishing to replace the small basketball and playground areas with a larger full basketball court and another faction wishing to see the primary use of the park be a playground for children and families with a smaller court surface and one hoop. There is a full-size basketball court at Gateway Park located about a ½ mile from Ajax and accessible by walking or biking on the Gilchrest Trail. An earlier version of a larger (non-regulation) two-hoop basketball court at Ajax was a community recreation and social meeting place for Chestertown's Black residents for many years and has significant historic perspective. After scheduled rehab, Ajax will retain a basketball court and updated playground.

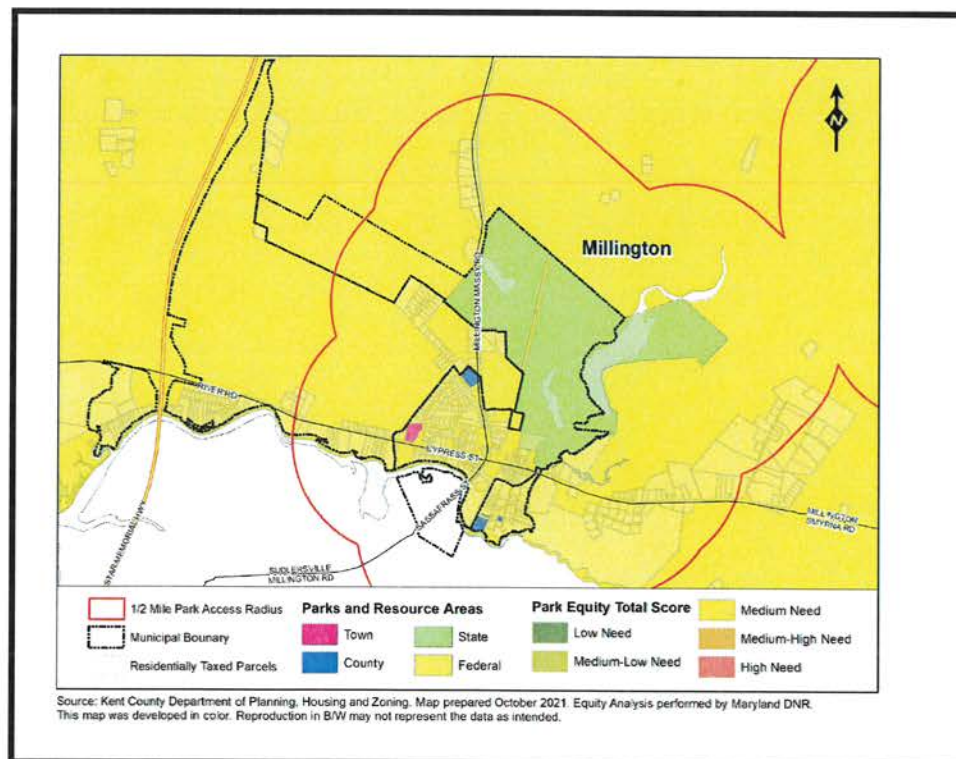
Map II-10 Park Equity in Chestertown



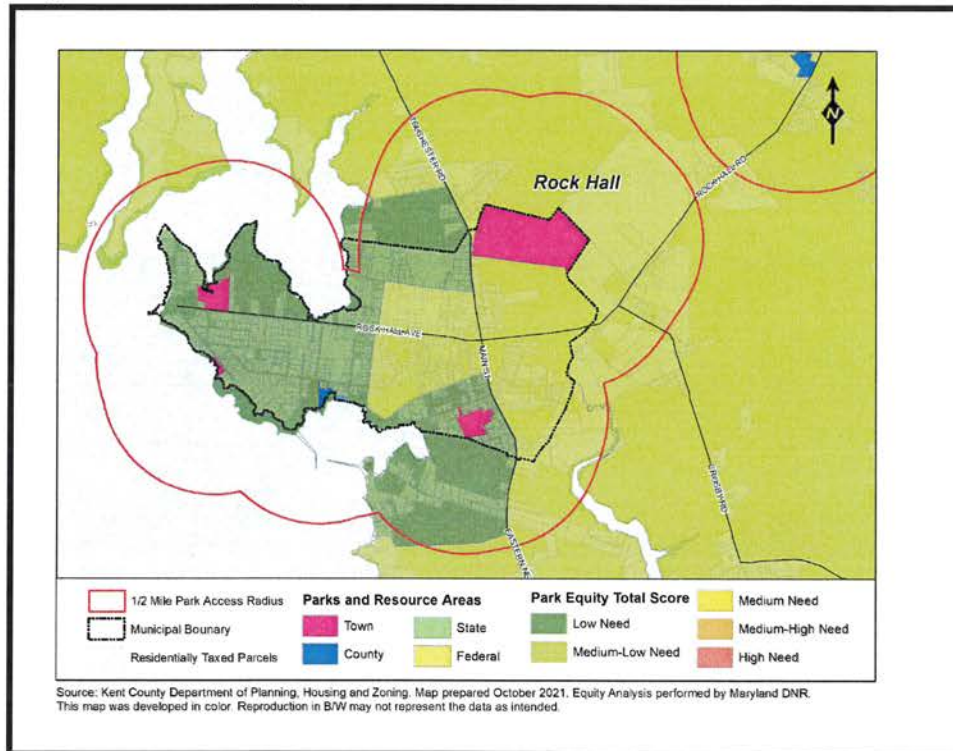
Wilmer Park, often considered a destination park, has a metal installation that is both a piece for art and play, but the park does not include any traditional playground equipment. Residents are split on whether the addition of a playground is appropriate for the park, with homeowners along the park boundary concerned that a playground detracts from the other parks usages. At both the Chestertown focus group and in written comments on the community survey, some participants indicated that a playground would enhance the attractiveness of the park to visitors as well as provide a playground for residents within walking distance. Chestertown has secured State Community Parks and Playground funding for the playground installation. Wilmer Park is well situated along the shoreline of the Sassafras River, however sidewalks are not consistent between downtown Chestertown and the park, and there are areas where there is no sidewalk along routes to access points into the park. Parks within Chestertown are well maintained.

Rock Hall and Millington are both located within medium-medium-low need areas. (See Maps II-11 and II-12). Both towns have neighborhood parks with varied and well-maintained features which are accessible within ½ mile of the majority of residents via sidewalks. Both of these communities also have access to a County park with a public outdoor swimming pool. However, neither pool opened in summer 2021 due to a shortage of lifeguards. The only pool to open in the County was the community pool at the Community Center and Worton Park complex. This pool has limited accessibility without access to transportation.

Map II-11 Park Equity in Millington



Map II-12 Park Equity in Rock Hall

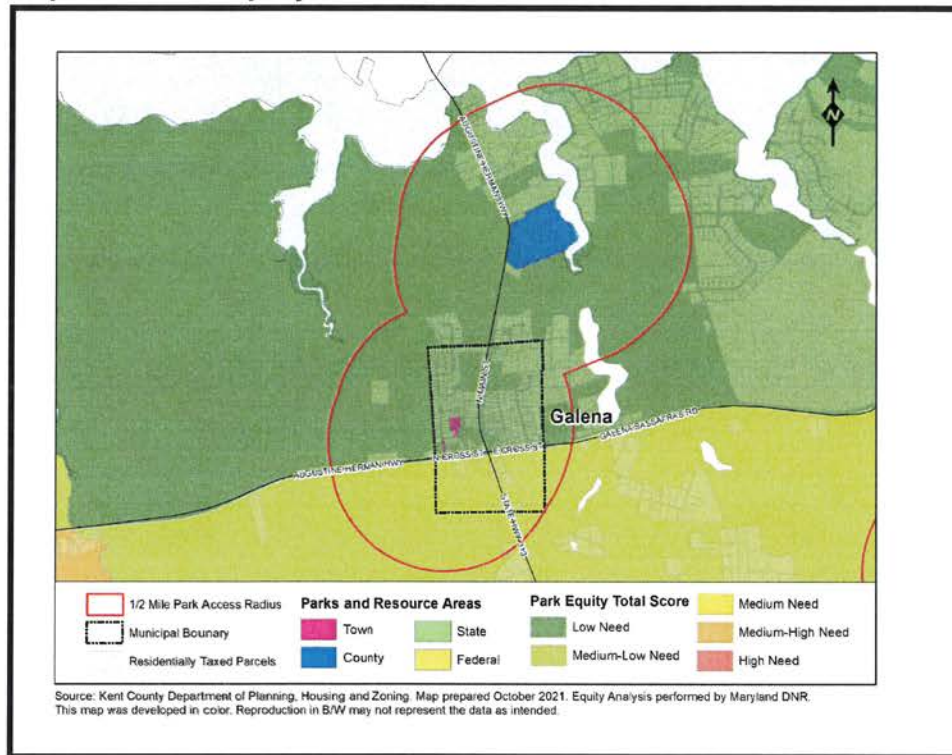


Galena and Betterton (See Maps II-13 and II-14) are both located in low need to medium-low need areas of the County. Galena has recently completed a Community Parks & Playground rehabilitation at Galena Park, which is centrally located and within ½ mile walking distance of all areas of the municipal residences. Additionally, town staff and elected officials are currently working to develop a phased in Safe Routes project that will improve safe walking accessibility within the town limits to connect

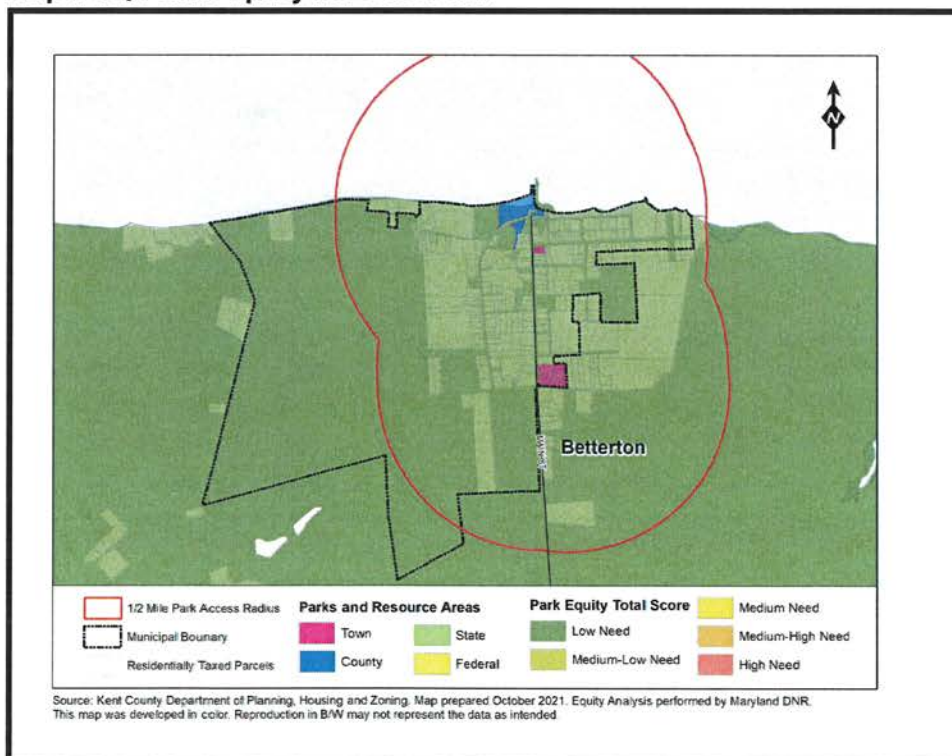
various key community locations. While still in very preliminary planning stages, this safe walking route structure could potentially connect to Toal Park, a larger community park less than a mile from Galena's downtown. Betterton also provides residents with access to town parks within close proximity.



Map II-13 Park Equity in Galena



Map II-14 Park Equity in Betterton



In reviewing the maps of the County, it is clear that there is a gap in accessible open space/recreation opportunities in the central/Western part of the County, however population density in these areas is low as well.

C. Other Equity Considerations

Worton Park & Kent County Community Center are located on the edge of a medium-high need - medium-low need area. (See Map 11-9) The Community Center was opened in 2010 in response to County-wide resident desire for indoor community recreation space. Located next to Kent County High School, it is an after school community hub for youth and the primary location for youth and adult sports leagues. However, its use relies heavily on access by private transportation and therefore has the potential to create disparities for families and youth from lower economic groups who do not have reliable transportation.

Overall, the location of other County parks and pool facilities in municipalities as well as municipal park locations, provides a good balance of equity to all Kent County citizens. KCPR could also consider utilizing its parks and open spaces to promote opportunities for community building. For the past several years, a group called Kent Social Action Committee for Racial Justice has been working to raise awareness and address disparities within the County. Stakeholder discussions about community controversy over the development projects at Ajax Park and Wilmer Park could be connected to equity related to race and class. Generally, open spaces play a critical role in providing space for communities to come together and both KCPR and municipalities have an opportunity to promote the use of its parks as places to build community.

6. Goals & Objectives for Parks & Recreation

A. County Goals

Kent County is committed to developing its parks and recreation system in a manner that supports and reinforces the County's vision to preserve its historic and cultural traditions, high quality of life and the well-being of its citizens, as established in the policies of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan. Kent County's network of parks and open space provides a variety of public parks and facilities including open spaces for passive recreation and enjoyment of the natural world as well as access to fields and other recreational amenities to meet the active recreational needs of the County's residents. Goals for 2022 and beyond focus on continuing to provide quality fields, outdoor courts, and pools for children, youth and adults to participate in active play that improves well-being both physically and mentally. Additionally, maintaining access to natural environments provides residents and visitors with opportunities to interact with the natural world and experience the wonders of the Chesapeake Bay, its tributaries and shorelines, as well as forestland and open fields. In addition to providing residents with important access to the outdoors and physical activity, Kent County's parks and recreation spaces are attractive to visitors. Conservation and agriculturally based tourism have emerged as an important economic driver for the County.

B. Progress Towards 2017 Goals & Objectives

The goals and objectives for recreation and parks programming and facilities, described below, support the Department's Mission Statement and are reflected in the most recent Kent County Comprehensive Plan. These guide the ongoing work of the Parks & Recreation Department and have been carried forward from the previous LPPRP with minor changes.

Over the past five years Kent County Parks & Recreation has worked toward the goals outlined in the 2017 plan. These goals were:

- Goal 1: Enhance existing and provide new recreational programs to meet the recreational needs of all County residents.
- Goal 2: Provide for the varied recreational needs and interests of citizens and visitors in Kent County by developing and enhancing parks and recreation facilities throughout the County.
- Goal 3: Enhance and promote the preservation and recreational use of public open space and natural resources.

Accomplishments since 2017 have focused on rehabilitation and enhancements in County parks and include progress as follows:

STATE Goal	Goals & Objectives Progress 2017-2021
1. Make a variety of quality recreational environments and opportunities readily available to all its citizens and thereby contribute to their physical and mental well-being.	Kent County made progress toward State Goals with continued provision of access to quality recreational programs through the Recreation Division and capital improvements. The following rehabilitation and enhancements were made at County Parks: • video surveillance systems at Bayside Landing Park & Pool, Betterton Beach Park, Millington Park & Pool and Worton Park. • maintenance facility, ball diamond, additional parking spaces, and picnic tables at Worton Park • pavilion, playground, basketball court and trail completed at Washington Park within the town limits of Chestertown. • Created a Concept Plan for Still Pond Park that includes picnic pavilion, restroom and playground. The distribution of parks throughout the County and the availability of neighborhood and community parks in municipalities provides County residents with access to parks and open space. Kent County Commissioners voted to utilize approximately half of its Local Parks and Playground Infrastructure Grant funds to invest in parks improvements in Chestertown, Betterton and Rock Hall, as well as several projects in County-owned parks. More than 85% of Kent County land is located in an Agriculturally Zoned District and is protected from development. Between 2017 and 2021 no additional acres were added to the inventory of protected lands..
2. Recognize and strategically use parks and recreation facilities as amenities to make communities, counties, and the State more desirable places to live, work, play and visit.	
3. Use State investment in parks, recreation and open space to complement and mutually support the broader goals and objectives of local comprehensive/master plans.	
4. To the greatest degree feasible, ensure that recreational land and facilities for local populations are conveniently located relative to population centers, are accessible without reliance on the automobile, and help to protect natural open spaces and resources.	
5. Complement infrastructure and other public investments and priorities in existing communities and areas planned for growth through investment in neighborhood and community parks and facilities.	
6. Continue to protect recreational open space and resource lands at a rate that equals or exceeds the rate that land is developed at a Statewide level.	

C. 2022 - 2027 Goals

In 2022, Kent County's goals for parks and recreation remain consistent with the goals included in the 2018 Comprehensive Plan. Strategies to continue to meet these goals have been modified and updated to reflect the information gathered in preparation for this Plan.

Goal 1: Enhance existing and provide new recreational programs to meet the recreational needs of all County residents. Strategies include:

1. Promote cooperation among recreation-related agencies and community organizations to increase recreation opportunities throughout the County.
2. Increase use of County parks for outdoor recreation by facilitating activities in parks and open spaces.
3. Support youth recreational sports through provision of specialized clinic opportunities and technical assistance to youth sports organizational leadership.

Goal 2: Provide for the varied recreational needs and interests of citizens and visitors in Kent County by developing and enhancing parks and recreation facilities throughout the County. Strategies include:

1. Promote multiple use of existing facilities to more effectively serve community needs.
2. Focus on development of recreation facilities in towns and villages in close proximity to population centers by supporting municipal efforts to expand and/or enhance their parks and facilities.
3. Focus on creating inviting parks and open spaces that are accessible for all.
4. Collaborate with the public and partner agencies to identify and develop longer land and water trail systems.

Goal 3: Enhance and promote the preservation and recreational use of public open space and natural resources. Strategies include:

1. Coordinate development of public parks and open spaces with other natural resource protection programs within the County.
2. Improve public access to the Chesapeake and its tributaries by exploring opportunities to enhance public water access points with additional park features (i.e. picnic tables, benches, etc.) for scenic viewing, etc.
3. Develop parks and open space features and amenities in a manner that keeps pace with the changing needs in the demographics of the County population.
4. Meet regularly with municipal leadership to collaborate on future land use planning related to public recreation needs and opportunities.

Goal 4: Increase opportunities for youth to be actively engaged in their communities and the natural environment. Strategies include:

1. Expand partnership with Kent County Public Schools and Kent County community based organizations to expand out-of-school programming opportunities.
2. Seek additional grant funding sources for afterschool and summer learning programs that promote environmental education and preservation.

3. Explore the opportunity to embed the Sassafras Environmental Education Center (SEEC) outdoor classroom/recreation program into KCPR program offerings.

Goal 5: Recruit, retain and reward a workforce of committed, passionate parks and recreation professionals. Strategies include:

1. Foster an environment that promotes each staff member to find their own work - home balance.
2. Promote a passion for recreation and parks while providing opportunities to enhance workplace skills.
3. Provide high quality professional development, training and educational opportunities for all staff.

D. Alignment with State Goals

The State's goals for recreation, parks, and open space complement and provide guidance to the County's recreation goals. The State goals are listed below in Table II-1. County goals and objectives complement State goals as well as incorporate the input of County residents and stakeholders.

State Goals and Complementary County Goals

State Goal	Complementary County Goals and Objectives
1. Make a variety of quality recreational environments and opportunities readily available to all its citizens and thereby contribute to their physical and mental well-being.	Goal 1: Enhance existing and provide new recreational programs to meet the recreational needs of all County residents.
2. Recognize and strategically use parks and recreation facilities as amenities to make communities, counties, and the State more desirable places to live, work, play and visit.	Goal 2: Provide for the varied recreational needs and interests of citizens and visitors in Kent County by developing and enhancing parks and recreation facilities throughout the County.
3. Use State investment in parks, recreation and open space to complement and mutually support the broader goals and objectives of local comprehensive/master plans.	Goal 3: Enhance and promote the preservation and recreational use of public open space and natural resources.
4. To the greatest degree feasible, ensure that recreational land and facilities for local populations are conveniently located relative to population centers, are accessible without reliance on the automobile, and help to protect natural open spaces and resources.	Goal 4: Increase opportunities for youth to be actively engaged in their communities and the natural environment.
5. Complement infrastructure and other public investments and priorities in existing communities and areas planned for growth through investment in neighborhood and community parks and facilities.	Goal 5: Recruit, retain and reward a workforce of committed, passionate parks and recreation professionals.
6. Continue to protect recreational open space and resource lands at a rate that equals or exceeds the rate that land is developed at a Statewide level.	

7. County Implementation Program

This section describes the framework in which Kent County plans, acquires, develops, and operates recreation and parks facilities and open space, including sources of funding.

A. Organizational Structure

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Kent County Commissioners appoint a 10-member board to work in an advisory role with the Parks and Recreation Department on developing a comprehensive program of public recreation and parks. According to the ordinance/law establishing the Advisory Board, this Board, subject to budgetary policies, appropriations and approval of the County Commissioners, may initiate, adopt, direct or cause to be conducted or directed a program of public recreation in schools, parks or other lands or buildings, either publicly or privately owned. Further, it may develop, equip, operate, maintain and issue permits for use of any facilities made available to the Board and suggest to the County Commissioners charges where appropriate.

2. Parks & Recreation Division

As noted earlier, the mission of the Kent County Department of Parks and Recreation (KCPR) is to create balanced opportunities for patrons to play, learn and grow through its programs and parks..

The Kent County Departments of Parks and Recreation and Public Works, jointly, are the major providers of public recreational spaces for citizens for active play. The Director of Parks and Recreation oversees the Recreation Division. Comprising eight full-time staff, the Recreation Division is responsible for coordinating and scheduling recreation programs and activities. The Director of Public Works oversees the Parks and Grounds Maintenance Division and its six full-time staff. The Maintenance Division is responsible for implementation of new development, rehabilitation and maintenance of all County parks and recreation facilities. The Directors act as liaisons between the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the County Commissioners, and department staff.

The Parks and Grounds Maintenance Division is responsible for maintaining 12 County parks and three recreational facilities totaling 349 acres. These parks and facilities include playgrounds, athletic fields, ball diamonds, beaches, pools, natural areas, historic sites, forestry demonstration areas, picnic pavilions, restroom facilities, and other park amenities.

The Recreation Division is responsible for providing a comprehensive array of programs and activities for all citizens of the County. It facilitates youth sports programs and leagues, adult leagues, elementary after school programs at school recreation centers, and summer day camp programs. It also coordinates classes for all age groups, such as tumbling, dance, art, line dancing, swimming, certification courses, and fitness and exercise. In addition, adult drop-in programs, such as basketball, tennis, pickleball, and soccer, are organized by the Division. The

Recreation Division also staffs pool operations and lifeguarding at the three County pools and lifeguarding at Betterton Beach.

3. Incorporated Towns

Incorporated towns play an important role in providing parks, open space and recreation services for County residents. Nearly half the recreation land in the County lies within the incorporated towns of Betterton, Chestertown, Galena, Millington and Rockhall. Both the development and ongoing maintenance of municipal parks are coordinated through municipal government. Park development within these municipalities has occurred primarily through funding from the Community Parks and Playground program through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and with support from each municipality's capital budget. At times the County has partnered with town officials to accomplish parks development projects.

4. Other County, State, and Non-Governmental Organizations

The County Parks & Recreation division works closely with other County agencies, private organizations, individuals and State agencies to coordinate comprehensive access and support for parks, open space and recreation activities. Key partnerships include:

- Collaboration with the County Department of Public Works on both the ongoing maintenance and the capital reconstruction projects at established parks and facilities.
- Partnership with local community organizations such as Minary's Dream Alliance, Echo Hill Outdoor School, Kent Cultural Alliance, Kent County Judy Center, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Cecil and Harford Counties.
- Coordination with volunteer youth sports organizations to provide broad access to County residents for recreational opportunities.

B. Funding

The County funds its park and recreational programs from a variety of sources. The County's total Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget for parks and recreation was approximately \$2M; approximately \$1.2 for the Recreation Division and \$800,000 for the Parks Division.

Traditionally, funding for capital and development projects has been based primarily on Program Open Space yearly allocations and the County's required matching funds. The construction of future project funding options are anticipated through Program Open Space, additional State, federal and private funding opportunities, depending on the nature of projects. The County's allocation from the Program Open

**Table II-8 Kent County Program
Open Space Apportionments,
FY 2012-2021**

Year	POS Apportionment
2012	\$ 69,667.00
2013	\$ 286,946.00
2014	\$ 156,036.00
2015	\$ 86,369.00
2016	\$ 72,204.00
2017	\$ 71,341.00
TOTAL 2012-2017	\$ 742,563.00
2018	\$ 122,393.00
2019	\$ 179,985.00
2020	\$ 161,940.00
2021	\$ 149,097.00
TOTAL 2018-2021	\$ 613,415.00

Space Grant program for 2018-2021 has been \$613,414. In addition, the County received a one-time Local Parks & Playground Infrastructure allocation of \$1 million in FY2022.

**Table II-9 Kent County
Waterway Improvement
Grant Funding, FY2012-2021**

Fiscal Year	Grant Funding
2012	\$ 299,289
2013	\$ 12,624
2014	\$ 8,022
2015	\$ 111,808
2016	\$ 85,405
2017	\$ 69,517
TOTAL 2012-2017	\$ 586,665
2018	\$ 7,200
2019	\$ 7,200
2020	\$ 485,767
2021	\$ 104,700
TOTAL 2018-2021	\$ 604,867

Public waterway access is managed by the Environmental Operations Division within the Department of Public Works. A number of the public waterway accesses/boat ramps are located in park locations and all public water access points enhance the both residents' and visitors' opportunities to experience Kents waterwayDs. These are supported through County general funding allocations and through Waterway Improvement funding. Total Waterway Improvement allocations for 2018-2021 is \$604,868.

The County also assists its municipalities in applying for funds from the Community Parks and Playgrounds program, a competitive State grant program that provides funds for development, improvement, or expansion of municipal parks. The towns of Chestertown, Rock Hall and Galena have received grants through this program in the past five years.

1. Cost Estimates

The program priorities through 2026 (Table II-5) include 10 County projects that would cost approximately \$1.63 million. Cost estimates are approximate and based on recent project and facility development and rehabilitation costs.

2. County and State Funds

The County expects to rely heavily on existing funding sources to meet recreation facility needs, especially Program Open Space and County capital budget funds. In the longer range projects included in Appendix C, the County also proposes to expand to other funding sources hitherto untapped, including working with the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, Historic Preservation funds, and other private, State and federal funding opportunities.

3. Funding for Town Projects

The County proposes within its goals and strategies for this LPPRP to improve and expand collaboration with municipalities, recognizing that municipal parks are destinations for all County residents and visitors. Municipal projects address a vital need in the County's network of parks and open spaces. KCPR will continue to work closely with the incorporated towns to support their efforts to secure and invest Community Parks and Playgrounds (CPP) funds to support rehabilitation of existing parks and open spaces within towns and will direct County Program Open Space funds toward County projects located in parks within town boundaries. This is important to the County goals, as the parks inside town limits are often the most easily accessible. Currently, Chestertown has a CPP grant for improvements at Wilmer Park and Betterton has an application pending for Betterton Community Park for FY23 funding.

4. Diversifying Funding

As noted above in section B, the County will also investigate new and varied funding sources to support ongoing park development. In particular, exploring preservation funding for the historic structures at Turner's Creek, State and federal transportation funds for projects like extension of the Gilcrest Trail from Chestertown to Worton and for safe routes to parks on the outskirts of towns like Toal Park, less than a mile from downtown Galena.

5. Land Use Management Authority

The Kent County Land Use Ordinance requires the set aside of open space at a rate of 1/10 acre per lot or dwelling unit at the time of the subdivision. If the land is not of significant quality or size for the purpose of providing parks and recreational facilities, a developer may be permitted to pay a fee-in-lieu. The rate of payment is currently set at \$250 per lot or dwelling unit. Currently, the fund contains approximately \$27K which can be used for park land acquisition or facility development. These requirements provide some limited funds (through the fee-in-lieu option) but are not likely to result in significant contributions to public recreation in the County as new development outside municipal boundaries is limited.

8. Capital Improvement and Acquisition Priorities

A. Capital Projects

Table II-5 outlines a program for development of parks and recreation facilities, including estimated costs. A five-year time frame is included in this table. For the longer capital improvement plan see Appendix C. Based both on spatial analysis of proximity to parks throughout the County and within municipalities, Kent's parks are well-distributed. Included in this spatial analysis was proximity of locations that offered the top parks and recreation features desired by residents as identified through both the community survey and focus groups. Top priority parks features (trails, multi-purpose/ball fields, and water access) as well as proximity to neighborhood and community parks within town limits, demonstrate that Kent County has an adequate inventory of parks and open spaces to meet the needs of its residents. Additional analysis using the Equity Mapper Tool demonstrates that Kent County and its municipalities provide equitable access to parks and open spaces. Community residents, through both completion of the on-line survey and in focus groups, indicated that park distribution is adequate, however features and amenities within parks are not. Therefore, Kent County's Parks & Recreation leadership have determined that Kent does not currently have a need to acquire additional parcels of land to meet need, but should invest its capital resources in developing (and in some instances re-developing) existing inventory.

**Table II-10 Kent County 2022 LPPRP CIP Priority Projects Based on Allocation
Estimates through 2026**

Project	Location	Description of Land Preservation and Recreation Park Recommendations	Estimated Total Cost
Betterton Beach Pavilion Steps Replacement & Boardwalk Rehab	Betterton	Project included in FY22 POS, Approved by BPW 7/2021	\$ 175,000
Betterton Beach Pavilion Roof	Betterton	Project included in FY22 Local Park and Playground Infrastructure Grant - Replace deteriorated wood and shingles on the roof of the pavilion. Anticipated Completion: 2022	\$ 20,000
Betterton Beach	Betterton	Extend boardwalk to increase ADA accessibility to beach/sand/shoreline	\$ -
Still Pond Station Park Site Plan	Worton	Site Development/Concept Plan- Project included in FY22 POS, Approved by BPW 7/2021	\$ 30,000
Still Pond Station Park Development	Worton	Parking Lot, Pavilion, Playground and Restrooms	\$ -
Worton Park Enhancement	Worton	Project included in FY22 POS funding request. Replace the existing backstops on four of six ballfields, installing fencing for team benches, and replacing sideline fencing on one ballfield. Park benches will be installed around the existing walking path and at the playground area. Additionally, a digital messaging board to display notices, advise of field assignments and pavilion reservations will be installed. Anticipated Completion: 2022	\$ 210,000
Worton Park Enhancement	Worton	Project included in FY22 Local Park and Playground Infrastructure Grant. Install multi-purpose athletic field lighting on one field; Replace thirty year old playground equipment and swings with ADA accessible play equipment; Replace pavilion roof shingles; Replace concession stand roof shingles. Anticipated Completion: 2022	\$ 509,000
Worton Park	Worton	Second restroom facility (rear park); Second picnic pavilion (rear park). Dog park (rear park)? Rear park defined parking area. E Diamond Softball Field Lighting. Phase II Multi-purpose field lighting. Orem Field Lighting Upgrade. Resurface basketball courts, posts and backboards. Volleyball Court Rehab - lighting, quality sand. Tennis Court Resurfacing (tennis/pickleball lines).	\$ -
Toal Park	Galena	Project included in FY22 POS funding request. - Replace the existing backstop on the ballfield, installing fencing for team benches, and replacing sideline fencing. Park benches will also be installed at the playground area. Anticipated Completion: 2022	\$ 38,000
Toal Park Trail Rehab	Galena		\$ -

Turner's Creek Park	Kennedyville	Granary Preservation; Latham House Preservation, Restrooms Rehab, Remove wooden steps from pavilion to shoreline and install fencing to prevent future access to entry point. National and Historic Tree Grove Restoration. Nature trails signage rehab. Low ropes course. Disc golf course. Replace all existing signage, including Chesapeake Bay Gateways interpretative panels.	\$ -
Edesville Park Rehab	Rock Hall	Convert existing ball field to multi-purpose field. Convert grass volleyball court to sand court. Convert existing picnic shed to traditional pavilion. Rehab existing walking path, perimeter trail.	\$ -
Edesville Park Swings	Rock Hall	Project included in FY22 Local Park and Playground Infrastructure Grant - Install swings inside existing playground area. ADA handicap swing. Anticipated Completion: 2022	\$ 10,000
Bayside Landing Park & Pool Flooring	Rock Hall	Project included in FY22 Local Park and Playground Infrastructure Grant - Install slip proof flooring inside bath house restrooms. Anticipated Completion; 2022	\$ 15,000
Millington Pool Replastering	Millington	Replaster the pool. Anticipated Completion; 2022	\$ 45,000
Millington Pool Enhancement	Millington	Repave parking lot; Half basketball court rehab; Tennis court resurfacing (tennis/pickleball lines); Rehab picnic area - regrade grass / improve picnic surface areas, tree removal/trimming	\$ -
Community Center Pool	Worton	Replace underwater lights and replaster shallow end of pool; pool storage room shelving. Anticipated Completion; 2022	\$ 55,000
TOTAL			\$1,127,000

Table II-11 Kent County 2022 LPPRP CIP Projects Based through 2027 (based on Municipal Planning)

Project	Location	Description of Land Preservation and Recreation Park Municipal Projects	Estimated Total Cost
Betterton Park	Betterton	Betterton Park - 6th Avenue - LPPI Project underway to rehabilitate tennis courts and add pickleball lines. LPPI Project - Anticipated Completion: 2022 CPP Proposal under review to replace basketball court (cost not included).	\$ 95,800
Rigby Walk		Walking path development. County is currently developing engineered plans related to critical areas protection. Town interested in further developing the walkway as an amenity for residents and visitors.	TBD
Planned acquisition of 30-acre property in town limits for mixed use		Preliminary concept plans include open space as well as residential housing, solar array.	\$ 550,000
Louisa Carpenter D'Andelot Park	Chestertown	Installation of park benches and concrete chess table. LPPI Project - Anticipated Completion: 2022	\$ 5,000

Margo G. Bailey Community Park	Chestertown	Expansion of parking lot and addition of chess tables. LPPI Project - Anticipated Completion: 2022	\$ 46,000
Ajax Park		Rehabilitation of pocket park to include replacement of tot lot playground and swing set with ADA playground for young children. New 1/2 court basketball court. Completion TBD	\$ 75,000
Phillip G. Wilmer Park		Installation of playground, park benches and chess tables in this destination park. LPPI Project - Anticipated Completion: 2022	\$ 209,395
Gilcrest Rail to Trail		.3-mile extension of Gilcrest Rail Trail, the final section to be completed within town limits. To include 400 feet of fencing on both sides of the Trail where steep slopes require it. LPPI Project - Anticipated Completion: 2022	\$ 194,660
Galena Community Park	Galena	ShoreRivers will be submitting an application for a grant in December 2021n behalf of the Town. The project is to create bioswales for stormwater retention at the park. A new welcome sign will be installed in 2022.	\$ 1,000
Galena Gateway Park		Two new park signs will be added in the spring 2022. This is a dog friendly park. The cost of the signs were funded through DHCD Grant.	\$ 1,000
Galena Walkability Project		Safe Walking routes between parks and other destinations within the Town of Galena and continuing outside of town along Route 213 to Toal Park. A letter of Intent will be submitted before April 1, 2022 for approval from SHA.	TBD
Galena Walking Path		8 ft wide walking path around the perimeter of the school yard. Distance: 1,800 linear feet. Construction is estimated to begin in summer of 2022.	\$ 90,000
Robvinary Park	Millington		
Rock Hall Civic Center	Rock Hall	Drainage and Restroom Upgrades (LPPI Project) Anticipated Completion: 2022	\$ 250,200
TOTAL			\$ 948,265

B. Acreage Goals

Based on the community engagement, proximity, and equity analysis completed as a part of this planning process, Kent County has determined that it does not currently have any acquisition needs and will focus on development of existing properties within its inventory. Municipalities are also focusing efforts on development of existing properties, with the exception of Betterton which is in the preliminary phase of exploring a new property acquisition and development project that could potentially include green space/park development.

Table II-12 Kent County 2017 Parks and Recreation Acreage Goals Updates

Open Space and Parks and Recreational Land Goals Established in 2017	Type and Specific Location	Acreage Needed	Acreage Acquired
In 2017, Kent County did not have any acquisition goals. At the time the Plan was completed, according to the previous 30 acre/1,000 resident formula, Kent had met its acquisition goals and focused its efforts on capital improvement to properties in the County inventory.	---	0	---

Table II-13 Kent County 2022 Land Acquisition Goals Plan

Open Space and Parks and Recreational Land Goals 2022	Type and Specific Location	Acreage Needed	Plan for Meeting Need
With a shrinking population, particularly in specific areas of the County (Rock Hall and Millington) Kent County and its municipalities currently have adequate inventory of parks and open space that is well-distributed throughout the County. Overall Kent County has a shrinking population, and the county has a density of 74 residents/square mile. The populations of both of these communities fell between 2010 and 2020. Utilizing information gathered and considered through the Proximity and Equity Analyses of Kent County, combined with responses to the community engagement process, Kent County has met its acquisition goals and will be focusing its efforts on continued development/redevelopment of existing parks/open space. For details see narrative on this page of the Plan.	---	0	---

C. Summary of Capital Priorities

In summary, the short (five year) and longer term (ten year) capital project priorities are identified in Tables II-10 and II-11 as well as in Appendix C. Additionally, however, there are a number of projects that are not far enough along to be added to the Capital Improvement Plan but that there is merit in continuing to explore. These are included below, along with the larger projects included in Table II-10.

1. Regional Parks

- Still Pond State Master Plan and development of old Coast Guard Station property.
- Comprehensive Master Plan and phased completion of park development at Turner's Creek.

- Continued enhancements at Worton Park complex to include both redevelopment and new development of features and amenities.

2. Water Access

The Department of Parks & Recreation will explore how the Department can work with the County's Public Landings and Facilities Board, which is charged with regulating public water access, to leverage State Waterway Improvement grants with other resources to develop the shoreline at County-owned public water access points, particularly within or adjacent to public parks as potential destinations for public recreation. At this time these are not all included in the Capital Improvement Plan as exploration of joint development opportunities are still in the planning stage.

- Turner's Creek Park and Landing
- Still Pond Station Park
- Betterton Beach
- Other public water access locations that offer shoreline recreation opportunities

3. Trails

- Addition to trail system at Turner's Creek Park with the potential to connect to Sassafras NRMA trail system
- Work with DNR and other interested parties to continue to investigate continuation of the Gilchrest Trail, the additional four miles to Worton as well as other longer trail options
- Work with the Town of Galena and other interested State agencies to explore the development of a safe walking/biking access trail along Route 213 between Galena and Georgetown.

4. Unique Special Use Features

- Identify location, develop master plan, and complete construction of a Skate/BMX Park at a to be identified location either in the County or through partnership in one of the municipalities
- Addition of a Dog Park at a County park location to be determined
- Extend the boardwalk at Betterton Beach to provide more access for individuals with mobility constraints
- Preservation of historic buildings (Lathim House and the Granary) located at Turner's Creek Park

D. Operational Strategies

This section addresses the capacity of the County to effectively maintain and operate the park system. These two sections are equally important; capital expansion must be balanced with the capacity to maintain operations, conditions and safety standards at all County parks and facilities. In developing the project priorities in Table II-10, consideration was given to:

- Developing the parks and recreation system in a manner that respects the rural nature of the County, incorporates good environmental stewardship practices that protect the land and waters of Kent County.
- Aligning with the County Goals and Objectives outlined in the 2018 Comprehensive Plan, which includes additional emphasis on the County assets that increase the numbers of visitors to Kent County and meeting the recreational needs of residents.
- Emphasis on addressing the priorities identified by residents who participated in the community engagement process.

1. Department of Parks & Recreation

Within the Parks & Recreation general operations and capital improvement project management, the December 2021 retirement of the County engineer is anticipated to have an impact on future operations and project planning. This position currently has supervisory responsibility for the development and implementation of capital projects, supervision of the Maintenance Supervisor, as well as the day-to-day operations of the Parks & Grounds Maintenance Division within the Department of Public Works. The County has had the position advertised since July 1, 2021 without attracting a qualified candidate to fill the position. The KCPR Director will work closely with DPW leadership to meet the immediate maintenance and operations demands and the long-term planning goals for parks and open space.

Over the past five years KCPR has undergone significant staff turnover within the Recreation Division and anticipates additional changes over the next few years. In particular, the Recreation Division will be onboarding new staff into critical management positions: two Recreation Program Coordinators, two Facility Monitors, and two Administrative Specialists.

The COVID-19 pandemic, the recent and anticipated personnel, and the opening of the new 52,000 square foot YMCA in Chestertown are expected to continue to impact the operational direction of the Department. As evidenced in the goals, the Department will focus on enhancing partnerships with municipalities and community organizations to support affordable recreation opportunities for all ages throughout the County, with special emphasis on youth development and environmental education as well as physical activities.

2. Coordination

Because of the dispersed nature of recreation facility provision between the County, towns, State and federal agencies, the County will strive to take on an increasingly strong supportive leadership role with respect to recreation and parks with the continued development of

County-municipal partnerships. This will be integral to meeting the future needs of the County's residents – both those within and outside of municipal boundaries.

3. Towns

This Plan proposes that the County develop both formal and informal partnerships with municipalities that enhance the County's and municipalities' commitment to work together to plan and develop future public parks and open space projects and opportunities.

4. Non-Governmental Sector

KCPR has included a new goal for 2022-2027 to further support youth engagement by working with Kent County Public Schools and community based organizations as well as Kent County Public Schools to improve access to after school programs for young people. KCPR will pursue partnerships with KCPS, the Sultana Foundation, Echo Hill Outdoor School, Minary's Dream Alliance, Shore Rivers, Washington College, and more to further expand and enhance youth involvement in environmental education. This includes playing an active role in exploring keeping the Sassafras Environmental Education Center a viable youth development and environmental education opportunity for the County's young people.

5. Summary of Operational Action Items

The planning process for this LPPRP has resulted in the development of a series of operational action items that can be undertaken by the Department of Recreation & Parks to enhance access to parks, open spaces and recreational services in Kent County and better serve its citizens. These action items are as follows:

- Implement data tracking measures for both recreation programs and park use to increase understanding of participation and park usage. Explore use of counters at park entrances to track usage. Include integration of an annual public satisfaction and needs assessment survey.
- Establish formal partnership agreements with the incorporated municipalities that define the working relationships between the County and the municipality as it relates to parks and open space development and management.
- Refine KCPR Recreation Division's role to include a larger outreach presence in the community and additional focus on collaboration with towns and community-based-organizations to expand resources for children, youth, families and individuals in Kent County.
- Expand KCPR's active participation on various County-wide initiatives that are working to improve the well-being of County residents.
- Exploration, including cost/benefit analysis, of reuniting the Parks & Grounds Maintenance Division of DPW and the Recreation Division under one County Department.

Chapter III Natural Resources Conservation

1. Executive Summary

This chapter identifies Kent County's goals and strategies for natural resources and evaluates their effectiveness to achieve the State and County goals for protecting and conserving natural resource lands. Natural resource lands contain forest, wetlands, floodplains, stream buffers, and other sensitive natural features that form the County's character.

Kent County is blessed with a rich natural resource base that sustains the County's rural character as well as the physical attractiveness of the developed areas, while providing wildlife habitat, natural filtration for air and water pollution, and opportunities for resource-based recreation. These natural resource lands also provide flood, erosion, and sediment control. Natural resource lands require few government services, provide opportunities for ecotourism, and help enhance property values. The County seeks to maintain and improve these natural resources through the practice of sustainability in its development regulations and policies and its own facilities and operations. This is achieved through the goals and strategies articulated in the Comprehensive Plan; the regulations of the Land Use Ordinance; the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP); the Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Report; the Hazard Mitigation Plan; and the efforts of the Kent County Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Committee.



The hallmarks of Kent County are the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, good soils, rich marshlands, and a landscape teeming with wildlife. These resources are the foundation from which our local culture emerged. Today, they remain the foundation of Kent's economy and are the very essence of its character. These irreplaceable resources are the basis upon which we will continue to thrive and maintain our heritage. The 2018 Comprehensive Plan update identifies Kent County's natural resources as its most valuable asset. Through its County parks as well as State and federal green spaces, Kent County offers visitors and residents alike

continued access to the natural resource lands for the physical and mental health benefits of time spent in nature.

Kent County's primary challenge in protecting natural resource lands is lack of funding for easement acquisitions. Eastern Shore Land Conservancy has continued to be committed to preserving land in the County and works with both the county and private landowners to leverage Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Funding (MALPF) and Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) funds to secure easements. The county's plans, policies and zoning ordinances are designed to preserve its rural landscapes and way of life.

2. Natural Resource Land Inventory

Table III-2 Inventory of Natural Resource Lands					
Site Name	Property Size (Acres)	Outdoor Recreation Amenities	Trails / Interpretive Trails	Water Access	Owned / Managed
Millington Wildlife Management Area (WMA); includes the 131-acre Massey Pond Heritage Conservation Fund (HCF) Site, and the 48-acre Golts Ponds HCF Site	3,943	Fishing; Hiking; Hunting	Yes	No	Wildlife & Heritage Service / Maryland Park Service
Sassafras Natural Resources Management Area (NRMA)	1,008	Picnicking; Knock's Folly Visitors Center; Hunting; Fishing; Youth Group Camping	Hiking; Mountain Biking; Equestrian Trail Riding	Yes	Maryland Park Service
Urieville Lake FMA	54	Boat Ramp; Fishing; Picnicking	N/A	Yes	Maryland 4-2 DNR Fisheries Service
Cypress Branch Natural Resources Management Area (NRMA) [Big Mill Pond Public Fishing Area was transferred to the Cypress Creek NRMA]	314	Fishing	N/A	Yes	Maryland Park Service
Eastern Neck Island U.S. FWMA	2,284	Hunting; Fishing; Boat Launch; Wildlife Viewing	Yes	Yes	Federal
STATE TOTAL	5,319				
STATE AND FEDERAL LANDS TOTAL	7,603				

Source: Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Fiscal Year 2016 DNR Owned Lands Acreage

Kent County's natural resource lands are all State lands and federal lands. They include 5,319 acres of State lands in four property parcels: Millington Wildlife Management Area is the largest parcel with 3,943 acres. It provides opportunities for fishing, hiking and hunting. Sassafras Natural Resources Management Area is a 1,008 acre parcel and is improved with the Knock's Folly Visitors Center. It provides access to hunting, fishing, youth group camping, hiking, mountain biking and equestrian trail riding. Urieville Lake FMA offers a boat ramp, fishing and picnic area. The Cypress Branch Natural Resources Management Area is open only for fishing.

Kent County is also home to the Eastern Neck Federal Wildlife Management Area. This 2,284 acre property is situated on the eastern flyway for many migrating birds. In particular it is known as a stop over for migrating Tundra Swans. In addition to opportunities to view birds and other wildlife, it provides a boat launch, short hiking trails, and fishing.

3. Natural Resource Land & Conservation Goals

This section discusses the interrelationship between the State's and County's goals for natural resource conservation. These goals carry over from the 2017 LPPRP and align with the 2018 update to the Comprehensive Plan. Kent County continues to support and promote natural resource land protection and conservation through the various means available.

A. State Goals for Natural Resource Land Conservation

- Identify, protect, and restore lands and waterways in Maryland that support important aquatic and terrestrial natural resources and ecological functions, through combined use of the following techniques:
 - Public land acquisition and stewardship;
 - Private land conservation easements and stewardship practices through purchased or donated easement programs;
 - Local land use management plans and procedures that conserve natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas and minimize impacts to resource lands when development occurs;
 - Support and incentives for resource-based economies that increase retention of forests, wetlands, or agricultural lands;
 - Avoidance of impacts on natural resources by publicly funded infrastructure development projects; and
 - Appropriate mitigation response, commensurate with the value of the affected resource.
- Focus conservation and restoration activities on priority areas, according to a strategic framework such as the Targeted Ecological Areas (TEAs) in GreenPrint (which is not to be confused with the former easement program also called GreenPrint).
- Conserve and restore species of concern and important habitat types that fall outside the green infrastructure (examples include: rock outcrops, karst systems, caves, shale barren communities, grasslands, shoreline beach and dune systems, mud flats, non-forested islands, etc.)
- Develop a more comprehensive inventory of natural resource lands and environmentally sensitive areas to assist State and local implementation programs.
- Assess the combined ability of State and local programs to:
 - Expand and connect forests, farmlands, and other natural lands as a network of contiguous green infrastructure;
 - Protect critical terrestrial and aquatic habitats, biological communities, and populations;
 - Manage watersheds in ways that protect, conserve, and restore stream corridors, riparian forest buffers, wetlands, floodplains, and aquifer recharge areas and their associated hydrologic and water quality functions;

- Adopt coordinated land and watershed management strategies that recognize the critical links between growth management and aquatic biodiversity and fisheries production; and
 - Support a productive forest land base and forest resource industry, emphasizing the economic viability of privately owned forestland.
- Establish measurable objectives for natural resource conservation and an integrated State/local strategy to achieve them through State and local implementation programs.

B. County Goals

Kent County's Comprehensive Plan was adopted in April 2018. The County's Vision for the future as expressed in the Plan is to protect our environment and the County's inherent quality of life while facing growth and change. Many of the guiding principles support this vision including:

- Stewardship of our lands and waters is a universal ethic;
- Continue and reaffirm our commitment to supporting agriculture and promoting working landscapes.;
- Preserve our cultural, historic, and archeological resources as they are essential to maintain our sense of place;
- Preserve the County's unique quality of life; growth is planned to occur slowly and deliberately at a manageable rate which does not exceed the County's historic growth rate;
- Ensure growth occurs in limited and specific locations in a way that complements and enhances each designated growth area's character. These locations will be a result of mutually agreed upon boundaries established by working with existing communities.

The 2018 Comprehensive Plan lists a series of goals and strategies to achieve the County's Vision. The goals describe the County's policy. The strategies describe concrete actions that the County may take to achieve the goals and vision. The natural resources important to Kent County are clean air, prime agricultural land, tidal marshes, non-tidal wetlands, woodlands, large forests, ground water, the Chesapeake Bay, the Chester and Sassafras Rivers and their tributaries, ponds, mineral resources, landscapes of agriculture, waterfront, open space, historic sites, dark nighttime skies and a peaceful, unhurried atmosphere.

The Comprehensive Plan includes a Water Resources Element, or WRE. In addition to identifying safe and adequate drinking water sources as well as wastewater treatment facilities needed to support existing and future development, it also establishes the County's water resource goals to protect and restore water quality and meet water quality regulatory standards in the County's tributaries.

The County also values its diverse ecosystems. We have hedgerows, cropped fields, shorelines, meadows, forests, wetlands, submerged aquatic vegetation, and other plants. The

varied wildlife include deer, small mammals, reptiles and amphibians, waterfowl, game birds, songbirds, colonial nesting waterbirds, raptors, fish, crabs, and many species of shellfish.

C. Implementing the Plan

The Kent County Land Use Ordinance is one tool the County uses to implement the goals identified in the Comprehensive Plan. Each zoning district includes a series of environmental standards – both general and specific – to provide for the proper stewardship of the County's natural resources. These standards address forest conservation, natural heritage areas, anadromous fish, habitat, forest interior dwelling birds, non-tidal wetlands, sensitive species, stormwater management, water quality, and stream buffers.

D. Comparison between State and Local Goals

State and County Goals are fully compatible. Both recognize the role of natural resources in maintaining a healthy environment and the overall character and quality of life that our citizens enjoy. Both goals recognize the cultural and economic benefits that natural resources provide. Both address the need to protect and manage natural resources. Both identify techniques such as easements and land purchase that may be used for land protection.

4. Current Implementation Program

A. Comprehensive Planning Context

The County's 2018 Comprehensive Plan has multiple goals and objectives to support natural resource based use and conservation. This section describes the steps that are currently being taken in the County to implement these goals and objectives.

B. Designated Conservation Areas, Inventories and Maps of Resources

Most of Kent County is a designated conservation area. In addition to the lands included in the Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area, the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, the Priority Preservation Area, and the Chesapeake Country National Scenic Byway, the County has identified the followings areas and habitats as protection areas:

- All designated Habitat Protection Areas, buffers and protective zones including:
 - Colonial waterbird nesting sites;
 - Historic waterfowl staging and concentrations areas in tidal water, tributary streams or tidal and non-tidal wetlands;
 - Riparian forest;



- Forested areas of 50 acres or more and forest corridors connecting these areas;
 - Anadromous fish spawning areas;
 - Threatened and endangered species and Species in Need of Conservation with their habitat;
 - Non-tidal wetlands;
 - Minimum 100-foot buffer and 100-foot stream protection corridor.
- Other areas which because of their unique wildlife habitat types and plant communities are of local significance. These shall be managed to protect the unique habitat or community.
 - Lloyd Creek Habitat for proposed State threatened species;
 - Andover Branch;
 - Sandy Bottom - St. Paul's Lake;
 - Churn Creek (Still Pond Creek Headwaters);
 - Big Marsh;
 - Swantown Creek;
 - Jacobs Creek;
 - Upper Sassafras;
 - Sassafras Lake;
 - Mill Creek (wooded swamp, 1118-555 on the Maryland Coordinated Grid System);
 - Still Pond Creek (inland open fresh water, 1050-540 on the MCGS);
 - East Langford Mill Pond (Shrub swamp, 1050-495 on the MCGS);
 - Langford Creek East Fork Headwaters (inland shallow fresh marsh, 1055-499 on the MCGS);
 - N/W Fork Morgan Creek (inland shallow fresh marsh, 1077-536 on the MCGS);
 - Tavern Creek.
- Any natural heritage areas as may be designated by the State of Maryland.

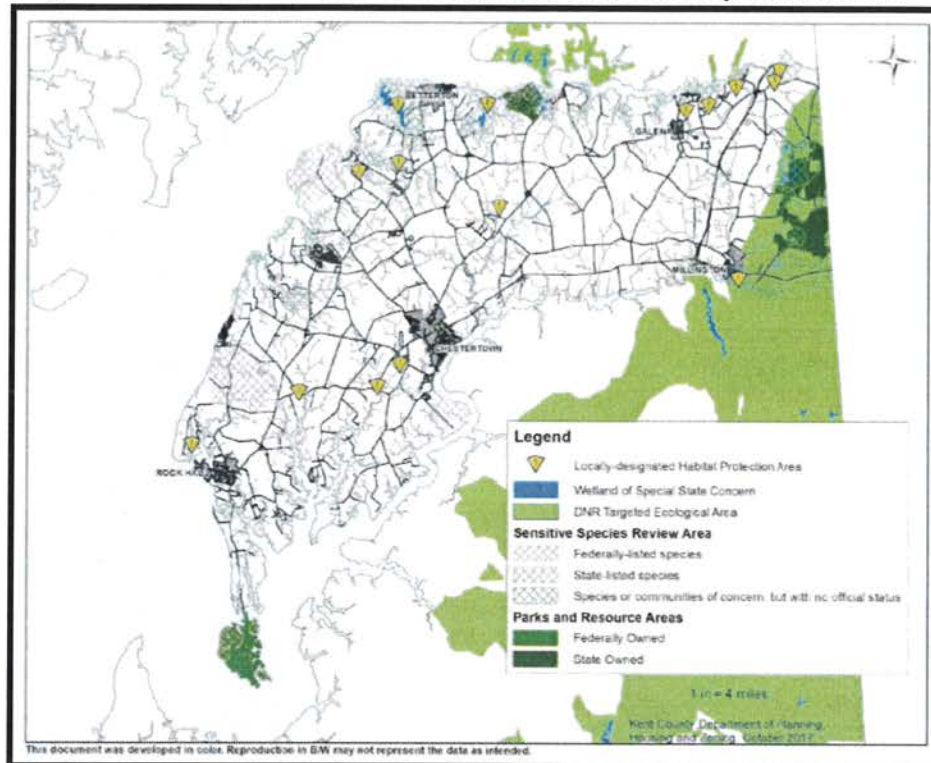
Protective zoning in the countryside and specific environmental standards are in place to protect these unique resources. Kent County also has several natural resource areas that deserve special attention (Map III-1). These include:

- Eastern Neck Island National Wildlife Refuge;
- Sassafras River Natural Resource Management Area and Turners Creek Park;
- Sassafras Rural Legacy Area;
- Millington Wildlife Management Area.

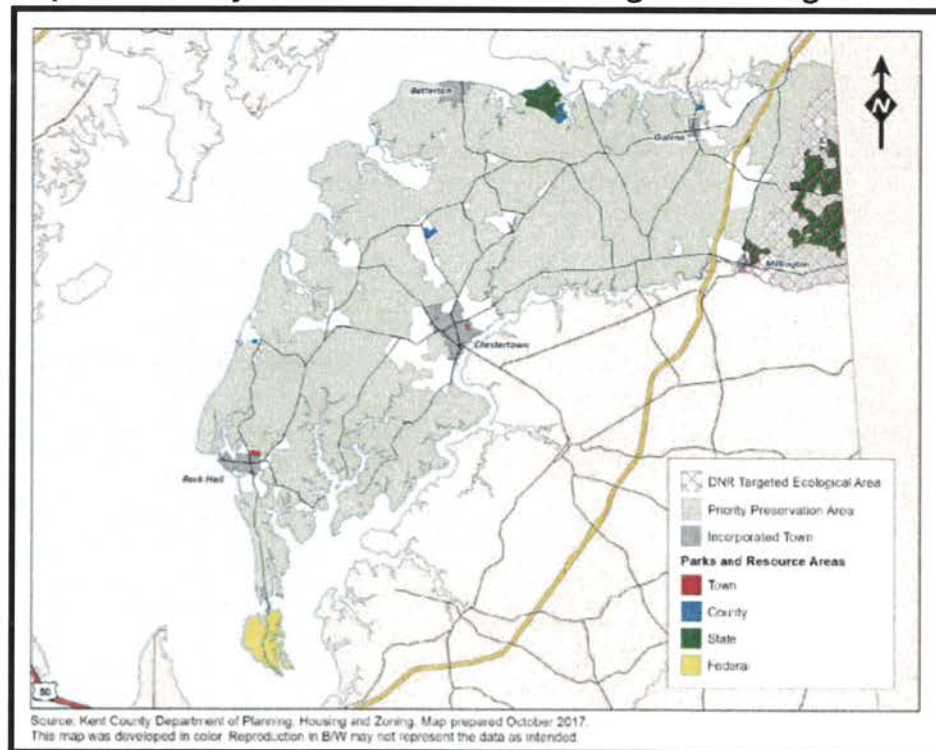


While the County does not have a program specifically directed toward DNR's Targeted Ecological Area, the Priority Preservation Area overlaps this area. In addition, much of the DNR Targeted Ecological Area is already within the Millington Wildlife Management Area as reflected on Map III-2.

Map III-1 Habitat Protection Areas and Sensitive Species Areas



Map III-2 Priority Preservation Area and Targeted Ecological Area



C. Easement Acquisition, Funding, Planning and Land Use Management

The primary components of Kent County's strategy to implement its natural resource goals are its land use authority, watershed restoration action strategies, the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP), Baywide Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Report, and partnerships with private organizations such as Shore Rivers, the Nature Conservancy, and the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy. The Kent County Land Use Ordinance includes conservation subdivision techniques that require a substantial amount of subdivisions to include open space that is located so as to enlarge and connect to other open space and natural areas. These documents also incorporate protection for sensitive natural areas such as:

- Forest – retention of high quality forest, reforestation or afforestation of 15 to 20 percent of the net tract area;
- Natural Heritage Areas – preserved during subdivision and site plan review;
- Anadromous Fish – preservation of spawning streams and identification and removal of fish blockages;
- Habitat – creation and preservation of wildlife corridors, avoidance of habitat fragmentation, development of hedgerows;
- Forest Interior Dwelling Birds – safe building and harvest times, canopy preservation;
- Nontidal Wetlands – buffers, net increase in quality and quantity;
- Sensitive Species – checked and federal or State guidelines followed on all permits and projects;
- Buffers and Stream Protection Corridors – 100-foot buffers.



Kent County has completed three watershed restoration action strategies – the Middle Chester River, the Upper Chester River and the Sassafras River. Kent County also partnered with Kent County Delaware and the Nature Conservancy to develop a plan for the conservation of the Blackbird-Millington Corridor which includes large forested areas, Delmarva Bays, prime farmland, and habitat for numerous rare, threatened, and endangered species. Each includes strategies for stream restoration, education, agricultural best management practices, and suburban and urban best management practices.

The Kent County Phase II WIP (Phase II) was completed in 2011. The TMDL program is designed to have bodies of water meet water quality standards. The Kent County WIP identifies its strategy for taking water quality improvement actions. The County will work cooperatively with adjacent jurisdictions to develop and implement watershed restoration action strategies and to update and implement Phase II WIP strategies. However, the WIP notes that significant funding and staffing shortfalls exist unless additional resources are made available. Therefore, the County will continue to work with the State and federal governments to secure sufficient funding and/or techniques to overcome local resource shortfalls to fully achieve the TMDL. Also, the County will continue its collaborative efforts with neighboring jurisdictions and nonprofit organizations to explore regional support and approaches to implement nutrient load reduction goals.

D. Easement and Funding

Although the County's easement programs are geared primarily toward agricultural lands, easement acquisitions tend to protect both farmland and natural resource areas. The County participates in the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program, the Federal Farmland and Ranchland Preservation Program, the Maryland Rural Legacy Program and partners with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, Maryland Environmental Trust, Conservation Fund, and the American Farmland Trust to hold easements on both natural resource and agricultural lands.

E. Other Programs, Eco-Tourism, and Resourced-based Recreation

The 2018 Comprehensive Plan includes several strategies to promote eco-tourism and other resource-based recreation. The overall goal is to enhance and expand locally based tourism that is rooted in the unique natural, cultural and historic features and qualities of Kent County. Strategies that are outlined in the Comp Plan align with the LPPRP.



5. Evaluation of the Natural Resource Land Conservation Program

This section examines the ability of the County to achieve its natural resource goals. The Comprehensive Plan continues to be a major strength. The Plan was developed after extensive public involvement and moves from vision to goals to strategies with priority actions clearly identified. Most of Kent County is a designated conservation area. The County has long standing protection measures included in its ordinances, and partnerships with organizations such as the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy achieves protection through easement, and The Nature Conservancy has led to preservation of sensitive areas such as Delmarva Bays.

No action has been taken to develop a Greenways Plan, a Biological Management Plan, or a Green Infrastructure Assessment, and no timeline has been identified to begin these projects.

However, the County still actively works to protect our natural resources and to evaluate the impacts of proposed development projects, including administering the Forest Conservation Act. Table III-1 reflects the acreage in forest protection easements or the amount paid through a fee-in-lieu when the required afforestation would not provide an adequate forested area for the years 2018 through 2021. Additionally, there are many day-to-day activities, such as requiring native plantings in the Critical Area or enforcing floodplain regulations, that cumulatively have a positive effect on preserving important natural resources. In addition, Shore Rivers, a non-profit watershed organization, is active in the community promoting the health and sustainability of the County's watersheds.

Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act requires Maryland to assess and identify impaired waters and set Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) restoration goals. The TMDL program began in 1998 with many partnerships such as the Maryland Department of the Environment, Department of Natural Resources, Army Corps, Maryland Geological Society, U.S. Geological Survey, local government and non-profit environmental groups. Kent County has an active TMDL Committee that was established in November 2006. Since that time, the committee has completed two plans:

- The Local Tributary Strategy Basin Implementation Plan was completed in March 2008. It represents a snapshot in time, and the Kent County Plan was based on the State model which evolved into the phases of the Maryland Watershed Improvement Plan.
- The Phase II WIP was completed in November 2012 and will inform the County's Phase III Plan.

In 2010, Statewide TMDL development focused on the Chesapeake Bay Priority Watershed and the main pollutants of nitrogen and phosphorus. Other pollutants such as bacteria, mercury, PCBs and chlorides were addressed with the goal of working towards healthy aquatic ecosystems.

The 2016 TMDL prioritization is to monitor and assess impaired waters and to continue developing TMDLs by setting pollution limits. The 2016-2022 Maryland's Priority Listings focus on addressing impairments affecting the following: 1) Chesapeake Bay, 2) Public Life and 3) Aquatic Life. First, the Chesapeake Bay is monitored for nutrient loads. Second, public life is monitored for bacteriological impairments affecting shellfish harvesting areas and beaches. Third, chlorides are a potent stressor to aquatic life. Promoting aquaculture is essential.

Table III-1 Forest Conservation 2018-2021

Project	Acreage in Easements	Fee-In-Lieu
Creafill Fibers Corporation	0.800	
Melinda Pinder	3.500	
PB Land Trust	0.700	
Ross Swope	1.100	
Animal Care Shelter	1.200	
County Commissioners of Kent County (Worton Maintenance Building)	1.180	
William Davidson	0.500	
Jimstown, LLC	0.400	
Fifth Investments, LLC	6.200	
CK Property Management, LLC (Greenscapes Land Care LLC)	0.600	
Dixie Land Energy		\$2,325.00
Delmarva Power (Chestertown Substation)		\$4,782.70
Henlyn Farm, LLC	10.120	
Mervin Lapp	4.978	
TOTAL	31.278	\$7,107.70

Kent County's 2015 Local Programmatic Milestone Report reflected that the County's focus is two-fold. The County needs to devise a tool to track, and, then, report best management practice implementation. Therefore, the County will strive to create a best management practice data collection form for ease of quarterly reporting. Data will be organized according to location, practice, volume/acres treated, and installation date. The County activity engages with its neighbors in the Healthy Waters Roundtable. It is this collaborative effort which will best-suit non-MS4 counties in developing such a tracking mechanism.

The County adopted its Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) in November 2012. The WIP strives to meet the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) targets. The WIP includes both municipal and County level efforts to improve water quality. Below is a listing of some of the more significant County efforts addressing water quality enhancement:

- Major and minor wastewater treatment plant upgrades;
- Septic system upgrades to best available technology systems, septic system pump out program and connections of existing septic system uses to public sanitary sewer systems;
- Stormwater management retrofits including rain gardens, rain barrels, living shorelines, implementing current stormwater management regulations, applying the Critical Area Program of a 10% pollution reduction, street sweeping, stream restorations, tree canopy and forest expansions, wetland restorations, and streamside forest buffers;
- Middle Chester River Watershed Restoration Action Strategy;
- 2010 Trust Fund Middle Chester Partners Local Implementation Grant;
- Upper Chester River Watershed Restoration Action Strategy;
- Sassafra Watershed Action Plan;
- Early Action Compact;
- Hazard Mitigation Plan;
- Kent County Bay Restoration Fund Program;
- Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Report.



The details of the TMDL program are presented in the County's current Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP). These programs assist landowners in the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to help achieve the TMDLs; however, no one landowner or government agency can solve the water quality issues independently. Achieving TMDLs and improving water quality of the Bay and its tributaries requires the long-term cooperation of State and federal agencies, counties, and individual stake-holders.

6. Program Development Strategy

This section describes Kent County's program development strategy for natural resource conservation.

- Continue to support and promote the goals and strategies outlined in the 2018 Comprehensive Plan; the Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Report; the Hazard Mitigation Plan; the Phase II and III WIPs; Middle and Upper Chester River WRASs; Sassafras Watershed Action Plan; the Blackbird-Millington Study; and the efforts of the Kent County Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Committee;
- Continue the strong support and County funding for land preservation and continue to participate in all State and Federal programs such as MALPF, Rural Legacy, Program Open Space, Heritage Areas, etc.;
- Identify funding sources for programs to purchase easements on sensitive area lands that do not meet the MALPF criteria;
- Promote the development of heritage and ecotourism businesses;
- Continue to require conservation subdivision techniques for new subdivisions;
- Support a no net forest loss strategy;
- Prepare the Phase III Local Watershed Implementation Plan.

Chapter IV Agricultural Land Preservation

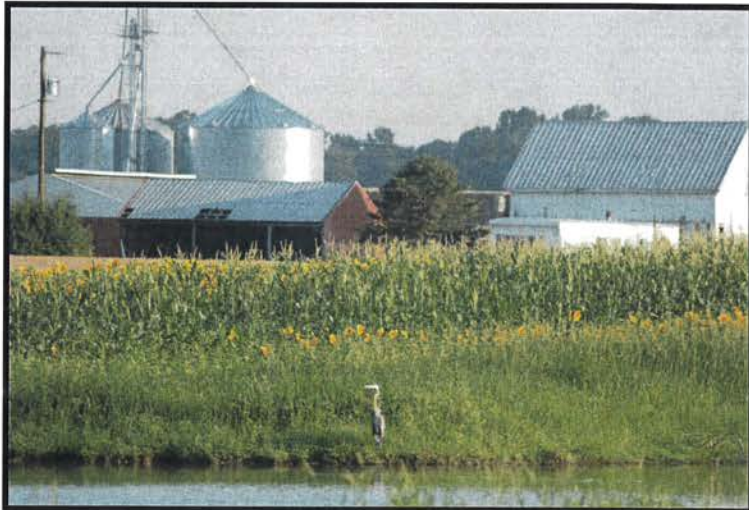
1. Executive Summary

Kent County is blessed with large, open, flat expanses of fertile soil that blanket the County, which is a gift of immeasurable value. The County has some of the best agricultural land in the United States, and its proximity to a variety of markets makes Kent County an ideal location for agribusiness to thrive. In addition to being an important component of the local economy, agriculture also provides a picturesque agrarian landscape, which contributes to the tourism industry and the overall quality of life for Kent County residents.

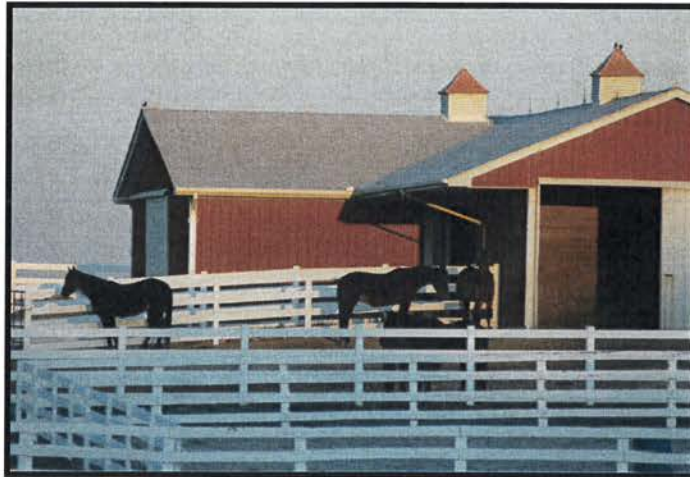
Agriculture remains the County's keystone land use and is the preferred land use for most of the County. It has served as the cultural foundation for the County and is planned to continue its important economic and cultural role. Kent County's economy builds on the traditional livelihoods of farming, fishing, forestry, and hunting associated with its working landscapes and natural areas.

The 2018 Comprehensive Plan identifies economic development strategies which promote and support agriculture, recognizing it as the County's primary land-based industry with substantial potential for additional growth. This policy recognizes agriculture's keystone role in the County's identity and culture and its significant economic contribution. Maintenance and growth of this industry will have significant and ongoing influence on the overall prosperity and identity of Kent County. Additionally, a new generation of farmers is materializing and investing in local agriculture. Agricultural support industries and suppliers are doing likewise.

The 2017 Census of Agriculture found that the land in farms, and average farm size increased from the 2012 Census. The number of farms decreased. The 2017 Census reported 134,262 acres, or 75% of the total land area, in Kent County is in farms. The total number of farms was 346, the average farm size was 388 acres, and the median farm size was 123 acres. The market value of production was \$111.2 million (down 1% from 2012). Crop sales accounted for \$68.9 million and livestock sales totaled \$42.1 million. The County consistently ranks near the top statewide for crop production and in 2017, ranked 5th for crop production and 10th for livestock, poultry, and products.



Not only does staff promote the traditional industry, but it also has been directly engaged in the support of burgeoning agricultural industries such as Chesapeake Fields (the 2002 value-added initiative), Crow Vineyard, and in 2020, adoption of a text amendment to allow farm breweries. In 2014, County staff sat on the Governor's Intergovernmental Committee on Agriculture's Agritourism subcommittee and assisted in the drafting of a model definition and guidance for Agritourism in the State.



Protecting farmland and natural resources from development and encouraging growth in and around existing towns in the form of sustainable growth are fundamental goals of the Comprehensive Plan and *Land Use Ordinance*. The Comprehensive Plan emphasizes the preservation of the County's rural character and agricultural resources. Agriculture is viewed as a permanent and preferred land use which is reflected in the goals and strategies within the current 2018

Comprehensive Plan and the regulations within the *Land Use Ordinance*.

On April 27, 2010, the County adopted a Priority Preservation Area Element that was incorporated as an Appendix to the 2006 Comprehensive Plan and likewise included in the 2018 Comprehensive Plan. Based on the acreage calculated for the Priority Preservation Area (PPA) Element, there is now 36.7% of the undeveloped portion of the PPA protected through conservation easements. Since the 1970s when the first easements were donated to the Maryland Environmental Trust, almost 44,000 acres of private land has been placed under some type of conservation easement.

Kent County has a strong agricultural community and participation in the various land preservation programs has been high. There is support at all levels to maintain a viable agricultural industry. Over 24% of the entire County is now protected by some type of easement, not including publicly owned lands.

Table IV-1 presents the total acreage of lands protected through the various land preservation programs in Kent County between 2017 and 2021. This reflects that the acreage of protected land grew by more than 5,000 acres, which is more than a 12% increase since 2017.

Table IV-1: Change in Preserved Land 2017-2020 in Acres

Land Preservation Program	2017 Total Acres	2020 Total Acres	Increase Acres
Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF)	19,085.41	23,362.74	4,277.33
Maryland Environmental Trust / Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (MET / ESLC)	12,541.68	13,170.81	629.13
The Conservation Fund / American Farmland Trust (TCF/AFT)	3,300.00	3,300.00	0.00
Chesapeake Country National Scenic Byway	1,663.98	1,663.98	0.00
Rural Legacy	2,205.16	2,205.16	0.00
ESLC/ ACUB*	23.52	176.97	153.45
NRCS**	43.88	43.88	0.00
Other private preserved lands	312.58	312.58	0.00
Total Preserved Lands	39,176.21	44,236.12	5,059.91

*ACUB = Army Compatible Use Buffer Program/Aberdeen Proving Ground

**NRCS = Natural Resources Conservation Service

2. Agricultural Land Preservation Goals

Kent County's Agricultural Preservation Program is certified by the Maryland Department of Planning and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, with the most recent recertification approved in 2018. The County recognizes the important economic role and other long-term benefits of agriculture and shares the State of Maryland's goals for farmland protection:

- Permanently preserve agricultural land capable of supporting a reasonable diversity of agricultural production.
- Protect natural, forestry and historic resources and the rural character of the landscape associated with Maryland's farmland.
- To the greatest degree possible, concentrate preserved land in large, relatively contiguous blocks to effectively support long-term protection of resources and resource-based industries.
- Limit the intrusion of development and its impacts on rural resources and resource-based industries.
- Ensure good return on public investment by concentrating State agricultural land preservation funds in areas where the investment is reasonably well supported by both local investment and land use management programs.
- Work with local governments to achieve the following:
 - Establish preservation areas, goals and strategies through local comprehensive planning processes that address and complement State goals;
 - In each area designated for preservation, develop a shared understanding of goals and the strategy to achieve them among rural landowners, the public-at-large and State and local government officials;
 - Protect the equity interests of rural landowners in preservation areas by ensuring sufficient public commitment and investment in preservation through easement acquisition and incentive programs;
 - Use local land use management authority effectively to protect public investment in preservation by managing development in rural preservation areas;
 - Establish effective measures to support profitable agriculture, including assistance in production, marketing and the practice of stewardship, so that farming remains a desirable way of life for both the farmer and public-at-large.



In accordance with these goals, Kent County continues to have one of the lowest rates of land conversion in Maryland. Since the County's initial certification of its Agricultural Preservation Program in the Spring of 1997 and submission of the first report commencing in Fiscal Year 1998, only 1,506 acres have been converted during these past 20 years. This low rate of agricultural land conversion reflects a successful achievement in preservation of the County's agricultural land.

1. Comprehensive Plan

Kent County's 2018 Comprehensive Plan recognizes that agriculture is the keystone to Kent County's heritage and its future. Therefore, the Plan includes long-term goals and strategies that emphasize the preservation of the County's rural character and agricultural resources. Implementation of the Plan's goals and strategies is continuous and on-going. As articulated in the Comprehensive Plan, agriculture is viewed as a permanent and preferred land use for the majority of Kent County.

3. Current Implementation Program

Kent County recognizes that a successful farmland preservation program requires a comprehensive approach, which integrates a variety of techniques, promotes the purchase of farms by farmers, and minimizes the potential conflicts between farmers and their non-farm neighbors. The following describes the key elements of the program.

A. Land Use Management

Approximately 85% of the County is within the Priority Preservation Area and is considered to be outside the County's Designated Growth Areas. The County considers agriculture to be the preferred and primary use in the Agricultural Zoning District (AZD) and the Resource Conservation District (RCD), and the *Land Use Ordinance* limits the use of these lands for non-agricultural purposes. The base density in the AZD is 1 dwelling unit per 30 acres. Under certain limited and restrictive conditions, enclave developments are allowed at a density of 1 dwelling unit per 10 acres. The *Land Use Ordinance* also limits development in the AZD to 10% of the property and a maximum of two new lots fronting onto a public road. In the RCD, development is limited to 1 dwelling unit per 20 acres. Although the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals regularly consider the impact of development on scenic viewsheds, no formal guidelines have been adopted to evaluate or protect these viewsheds.

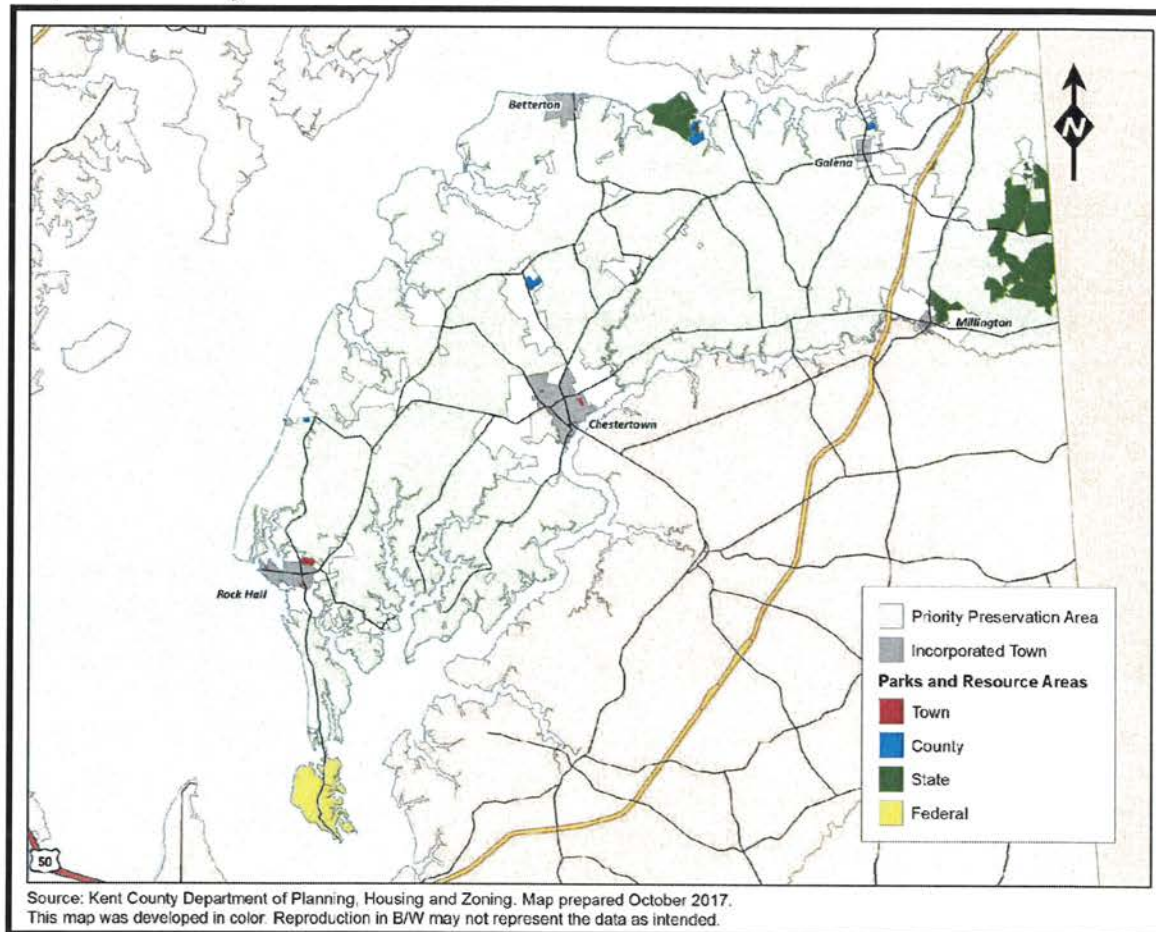
The Comprehensive Plan calls for investigating a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program. During the last comprehensive rezoning in 2002, the Planning Commission included a TDR Program in the draft Ordinance. However, the County Commissioners felt that the time was not right for implementing a TDR Program and asked the Planning Commission to remove it. In addition, no formal steps have been taken to actively reduce the number of undeveloped lots in the countryside.

In addition, the Plan calls for the County to adopt an "Economic Resource Bill of Rights" that includes the right to farm, the right to fish, and the right to hunt. The County first adopted a right to farm law in 1989. This law was revised and strengthened in 2004. The law limits the circumstances under which agricultural and forestry operations may be deemed a nuisance and established an Agricultural Resolution Board. The law also requires that a right to farm statement be added to subdivision plats where appropriate, contains a provision for notice to go to all taxpayers and requires a real estate disclosure statement be signed at the time of settlement. The Agricultural Resolution Board has not heard a single case and the right to farm disclosures are routinely signed and added to plats. In 2009, the County adopted a right to fish

ordinance that protects fishing and seafood operations adhering to generally accepted industry practices. No action has been taken to adopt a right to hunt ordinance.

Maryland's Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 required the adoption of a Growth Tier Map, which designates all land into one of four tiers. Within Tier IV, which are resource areas, major subdivisions are prohibited unless an exemption is granted by the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP). In April of 2013, Kent County was granted an exemption upon finding that the established zoning and subdivision rules as articulated in the *Land Use Ordinance* already limit residential subdivision such that there was no need for the additional restrictions that would be imposed by Tier IV restrictions. This finding was based on MDP's estimate that the actual overall yield for the cumulative Tier IV area in Kent County would be less than one dwelling unit per twenty (20) acres, and that this yield was likely to continue into the future. MDP's finding was further supported by the established record of the County's land use and preservation plans, rules, policies, and funding to limit subdivision and development, as well as the vitality of resource-based industries in the Tier IV areas and particularly agriculture, as along with the County's available development capacity outside of the Tier IV areas.

Map IV-1 Priority Preservation Area



B. Designated Preservation Areas

In the 1980s the Kent County Agricultural Advisory Commission created a map showing the County's Agricultural Priority Area. The Agricultural Priority Area was defined as areas of critical or special concern for the continuance of agriculture in Kent County and was reviewed every 3-5 years. The area was defined using the following criteria:

- Areas of large contiguous acreage
- Areas that contain predominantly Class I, II or III soils
- Protection of areas needed for market or support services
- Some environmentally sensitive areas
- Farms considered essential to agriculture in Kent County
- Properties surrounding current district or easement properties
- Farms that will help maintain the agricultural infrastructure
- Farms with a high degree of operability

In 2010, the County adopted the Agricultural Priority Preservation Area Element as an appendix to the 2006 Comprehensive Plan. The Agricultural Priority Area map was the basis for the Priority Preservation Area (PPA). The PPA contains approximately 151,350 acres and at the time of designation approximately 142,925 acres were considered undeveloped. The goal to preserve at least eighty percent (80%) of this remaining undeveloped land within the PPA through easements and zoning translates to approximately 114,340 acres. Map 3-1 is a map of the Priority Preservation Area.

Based on the acreage calculated for the Comprehensive Plan's Priority Preservation Area (PPA) Element, almost 37% of the undeveloped portion of the PPA is protected through conservation easements. Since the 1970s when the first easements were donated to the Maryland Environmental Trust through MALPF FY2021 offers, almost 44,000 acres of private land has been placed under some type of conservation easement. Table 3-2, at the end of this chapter, is an inventory spreadsheet of these preserved lands.

C. Easement Acquisition Mechanisms

Kent County relies primarily upon three programs to purchase/extinguish development rights on farmland.

1. *Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation*

The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) program is a voluntary purchase of development rights program. The property must meet certain size, location and soil requirements. Following the change in State law to eliminate districts, Kent County elected to require establishment of a local district as a prerequisite to applying to sell a perpetual easement to the State.

As of September 2021, Kent County had 9,160 acres enrolled in 54 Agricultural Land Preservation Districts and had permanently protected 23,363 acres in 124 MALPF Easements. Kent County has participated in the MALPF Program since 1983 and interest continues to remain high. In the FY2022 easement acquisition cycle there were 17 easement applications. The County dedicates local funding to the farms selected to receive easements. The County contributed approximately \$28,000 in local match funds toward the most recent MALPF easement cycle. The modest amount contributed as matching funds is a reflection of the low level of land conversion in the County.

2. Rural Legacy Program

The goal of this program is the protection of areas that are rich in agricultural, natural and cultural resources, thereby preserving resource-based economies, greenbelts and greenways. The Rural Legacy Program provides the funding necessary to protect large contiguous tracts of farms, forests and natural areas through cooperative grant agreements with the State and a local sponsor. The protection of natural resources is accomplished through the voluntary acquisition of property through easement or fee simple purchase. Kent County has participated in this program from the beginning through a regional partnership with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy and Cecil, Talbot, Caroline, and Dorchester Counties known as the "Agricultural Security Corridor" partnership. There are eleven (11) easements covering 2,205 acres which have been acquired in the Sassafras Rural Legacy Area in Kent County.

3. Land Trusts and Other Private Conservation Efforts

Conservation groups have pursued the preservation of agricultural and environmental lands throughout Kent County. The groups have used various preservation methods including conservation easements. Kent County works closely with the Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) and the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) in obtaining donated conservation easements. The Eastern Shore Land Conservancy is a non-profit organization founded in 1990 to preserve farmland and unique natural areas on Maryland's Middle Eastern Shore. The ESLC and MET have protected over 13,170 acres in Kent County through conservation easements. In addition the Conservation Fund and the American Farmland Trust have preserved 3,300 acres through the donation of the Chesapeake Farms property and another property on the Chesapeake Bay. Kent County has almost 16,784 acres permanently preserved through privately donated easements, one of the highest totals in the State of Maryland.

4. Funding for Acquisition

Placing conservation easements on private land from willing landowners is the chief mechanism for permanently protecting agricultural land in Kent County. The majority of these easements have been purchased through MALPF or Rural Legacy with the State of Maryland providing a large majority of the funding. Kent County has had a "certified" agricultural land preservation program since 1998.

Since Fiscal Year 1985, the County has committed over \$1.24M towards easement acquisition, mostly from retained agricultural transfer taxes. The County dedicates local funding to the farms selected to receive easements. The County contributed approximately \$28,000 in local matching funds toward the most recent MALPF easement cycle. The County Commissioners have shown support for agricultural preservation through past allocations from the general fund. Given the State of the economy over the past several years, the County has taken no

action to further develop a Purchase of Development Rights Program or explore a tax credit incentive program.

5. Farming Assistance Programs

Kent County is active in a variety of ways to promote and support agriculture. Since 1980, the County has had a seven-member Agricultural Advisory Commission whose role is to advise the Planning Commission and County Commissioners on any proposals or zoning changes that affect agriculture. In 2021, the number of members was increased to 9 due to demand from citizens to serve on the Commission. The members must be actively engaged in agriculture. Other County Boards and Commissions also routinely include at least one member who is actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. These boards and commissions work to promote agriculture as a viable industry and support the development of farm-based businesses.

Kent County is known throughout the region for having a strong commitment to agriculture from both the government and citizens. In 2014, the



County was granted a Maryland Sustainable Growth Award for its Farmland Preservation Program. Farming assistance programs mainly exist in State and federal agencies, such as the Kent County Soil and Water Conservation District, the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, and the USDA Farm Service Agency. While the County does not have an agricultural marketing specialist, agricultural interests are represented on the Economic and Tourism Development Advisory Board.

The Maryland Cooperative Extension maintains an office in Chestertown. The Kent County Soil and Water Conservation District, the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service and the USDA Farm Service Agency operate from a joint location to provide assistance and services to local farmers. The Upper Shore Regional Council, in partnership with Washington College, also offers a searchable on-line Eastern Shore Harvest Directory, of which print copies are also available. The County will continue to work with regional partners to expand opportunities and promote natural resource-based industries.

4. Evaluation of the Land Preservation Program

A. Overall Strategy

Kent County has a strong agricultural community and participation in the various land preservation programs has been high. There is support at all levels to maintain a viable agricultural industry, with over 24% of the entire County being protected by some type of



easement, which does not include publicly owned lands. Donated conservation easements tend to be located along the water, especially the Chester River. The protection of these sensitive lands ensures that important wildlife habitat will remain intact. Farms protected by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and Rural Legacy are located primarily in the central part of the County, which will help maintain the agricultural infrastructure. Even with the County's low rate of land conversion, the County has been able to preserve large tracts of land and anticipates a continued high-level of interest and increased participation in the various programs.

B. Funding

Although Kent County has limited financial resources, the County remains committed to agricultural preservation and participates in all available programs. Since Fiscal Year 1985, the County has committed over \$1.24M towards easement acquisition, mostly from retained agricultural transfer taxes. The County relies primarily on State funding for purchasing easements and there is always more landowner interest than funding available. As land values continue to rise, the dollars available will buy fewer acres. The County accepts donations toward the purchase of development rights, although active solicitation of monies has not occurred in several years. All donations to the program are used to supplement the County's match in the MALPF matching funds program. The County intends to continue the availability of this program to generate the funds needed to remain certified.

C. Land Management Tools

Kent County's protective agricultural zoning was adopted in 1989 and additional restrictions were adopted in 2003. In combination with relatively low development pressure, this zoning has been generally effective in helping to protect the County's agricultural land base. Although growth pressure has greatly diminished since 2008, the County recognizes that growth must be carefully managed. The 2018 Comprehensive Plan calls for growth to occur slowly and deliberately at a manageable rate which does not exceed the County's historic growth rate.

D. Combined Performance of Preservation Tools

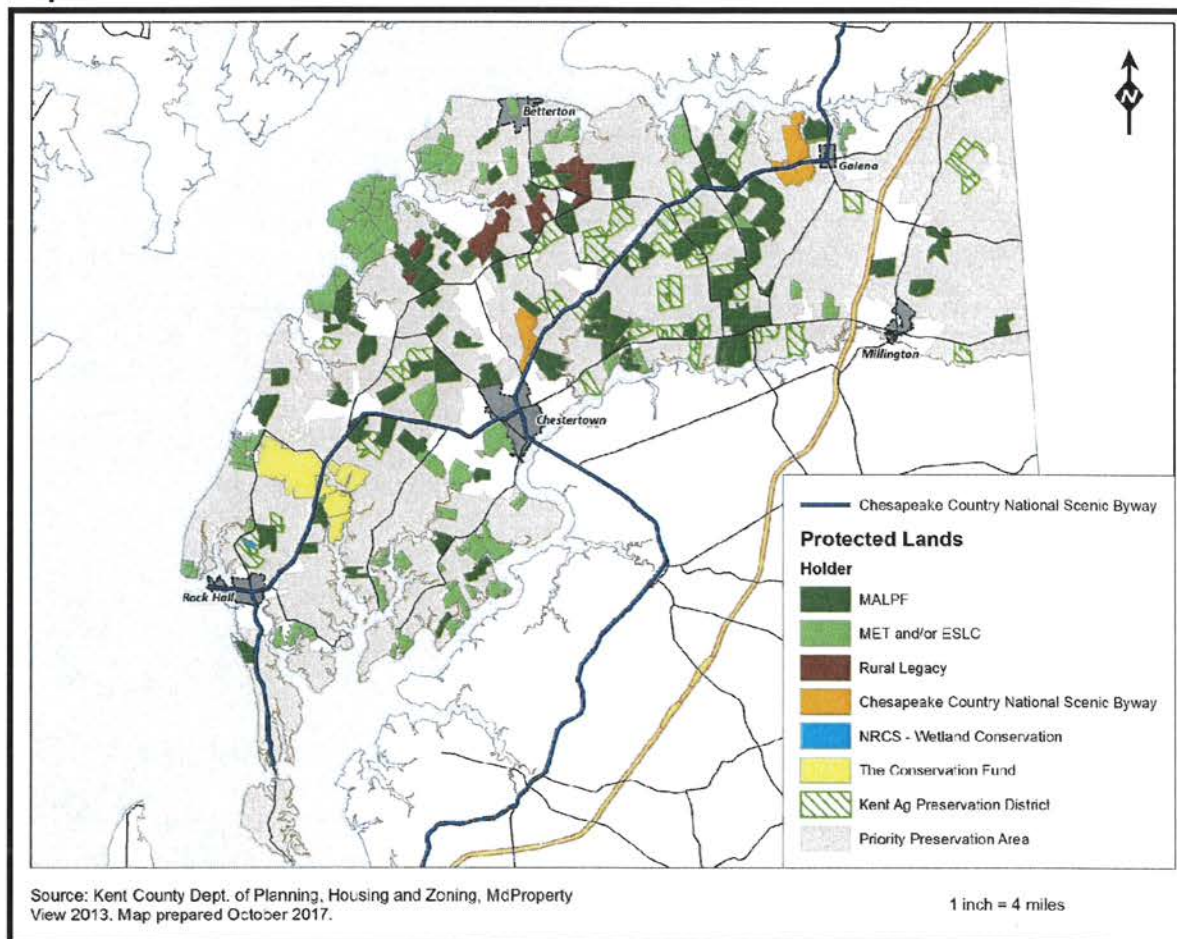
The tools Kent County is currently using have been partially successful in preserving farmland. The County has one of the lowest rates of farmland conversion; since July 1997, agricultural

transfer taxes have been collected on only 1,506 acres. In that same time, over 44,000 acres have been preserved through purchased or donated easements, such that more than 36% of the undeveloped land in the Priority Preservation Area is protected. This includes land protected through easements since 2017. See highlights in Table 3-2.

E. Effects of Potential Development on Land Markets

Since 2000 the majority of new houses and new lots have been built or located in the development areas and not within the Priority Preservation Area, which is targeted for protection. Although development pressure has significantly declined since 2008, there remains a potential for large scale development projects, that even when located in our growth areas could affect the viability of the agricultural industry. It should be noted that 24 of the "lots" created in the PPA in 2020, represent the subdivision of an existing development to establish individual lots to replace a condominium ownership structure. It is the site of the military housing associated with a former NIKE missile base. The County's goals and policies for new development in both the incorporated towns and unincorporated villages direct that growth should occur at a rate and scale that is compatible with our rural heritage.

Map IV-2 Protected Lands



5. Program Development Strategy

This section describes Kent County's program development strategy for agricultural land preservation. The following on-going actions are recommended:

- Continued implementation of the County's Comprehensive Plan;
- Continued support from the County Commissioners through matching funds and policy decisions;
- Increased funding through MALPF and Rural Legacy for agricultural easement acquisition to meet the demand to sell easements;
- Increased rate of easement acquisition;
- Continued landowner outreach regarding available land protection options. This includes landowner meetings, mailings and press releases;
- Continued and ongoing coordination to direct growth to the towns and villages;
- Support, to the extent possible, programs that assist the agricultural industry in economic development;
- Continue to support agricultural land preservation with local funding;
- Continue to support and work collaboratively with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy.

COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUPS

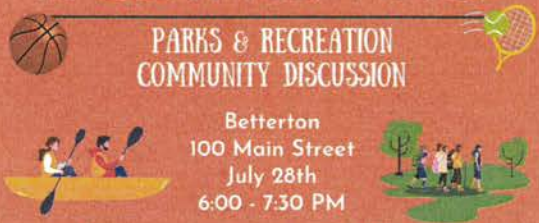
SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE
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PARKS & RECREATION
COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Betterton
100 Main Street
July 28th
6:00 - 7:30 PM



Register at: <https://forms.gle/jSxla1RAIcVdPxj7>



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE
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PARKS & RECREATION
COMMUNITY DISCUSSION
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Chestertown Council Office
118 N Cross St Floor 2
August 17, 2021
6:00 - 7:30 PM



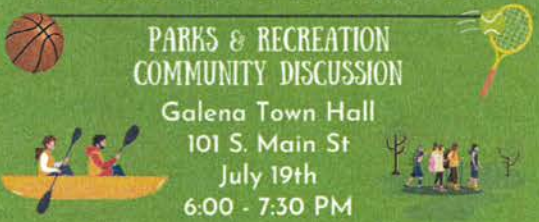
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Galena Town Hall
101 S. Main St
July 19th
6:00 - 7:30 PM



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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE
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**PARKS & RECREATION
COMMUNITY DISCUSSION**

Millington
Robvanary Park
348 Cypress St
July 26th
6:00 - 7:30 PM



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**PARKS & RECREATION
COMMUNITY DISCUSSION**

Rock Hall Community Center Pavilion
(Rain Location St. John's Hall)
July 20th
6:00 - 7:30 PM



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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE
TO SEE IN YOUR PARKS?

**PARKS & RECREATION
VIRTUAL COMMUNITY DISCUSSION**

August 3, 2021
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



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COMMUNITY FLYERS



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE
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PARKS & RECREATION
COMMUNITY DISCUSSION



Betterton
100 Main Street
July 28th
6:00 - 7:30 PM



REGISTER
TODAY!



Kent County
MARYLAND



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Rescheduled!



Chestertown Council Office
118 N Cross St Floor 2

August 17, 2021

6:00 - 7:30 PM



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Kent County
MARYLAND



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COMMUNITY SURVEY PROMOTION

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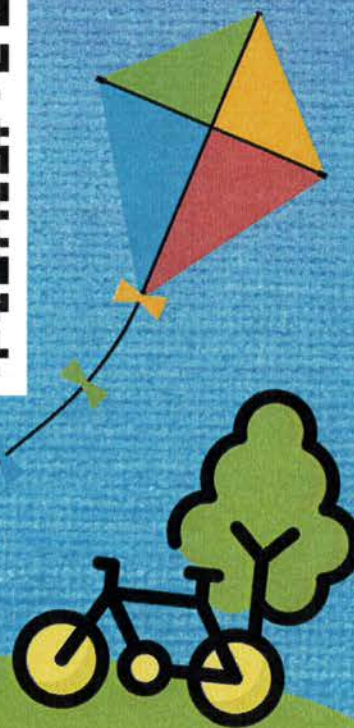
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WEBSITE GRAPHICS



EMAIL PROMOTION





LPPRP
Work Group Kickoff Meeting
June 15, 2021

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Kent County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan
 - Content Overview
 - Review of Program Guide Summary
- Community Survey
- Community Focus Groups
- Key Dates
- Q&A and Action Commitments

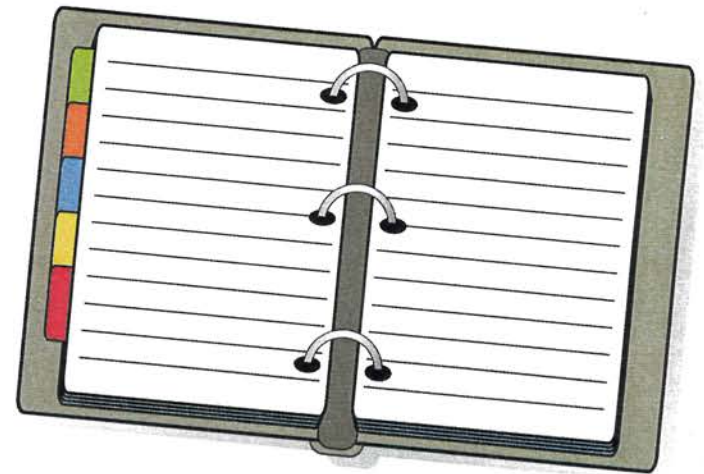
Welcome & Introductions

- Welcome
 - Myra
- Introductions
 - Name
 - Affiliation
 - Favorite recreational activity



Kent County LPPRP Content Overview

- Plan Introduction
- Parks & Recreation
- Natural Resource Land
Conservation
- Agricultural Land Preservation
- Optional/Other



Kent County LPPRP

Program Guide Summary



Community Survey



Municipal Leaders ...

- Can each town host a Community Focus Group?
- Can you send dates/times that work from July 19th - 30th?
- How many people can you accommodate in your facility?

Community Focus Groups



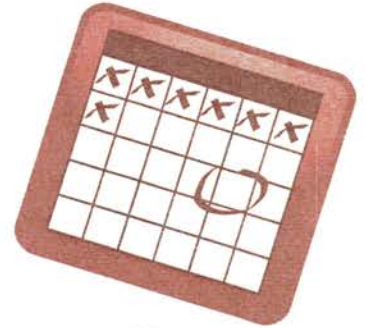
Kent County LPPRP Key Dates

- Community Survey open for public participation 6/21 - 8/20/2021
- Discovery Calls with Stakeholders (10-12) 7/15 - 8/20/2021
- Community Focus Group in Each Town (5) 7/19 - 7/30/2021
- Virtual Countywide Focus Group (1) 8/3/2021
- Draft Plan Delivered to WorkGroup for Review 10/15/2021



Kent County LPPRP Key Dates

- Final Draft Delivered to MDP/DNR for Review 12/17/2021
- County Receives State Feedback on Draft Plan 3/1/2022(est)
- Final Draft Submitted for County Zoning Approval 4/01/2022
- Final Draft Submitted to Commissioners 5/01/2022
- Public Release of Plan/Event 5/15/2021





Questions & Answers

Action Commitments

- All - Provide feedback on community survey
- Municipalities - share dates and potential locations to host focus groups
- Complete Work Group Member Survey
- Complete Doodle Poll (coming to your inbox soon!)



Kent County LPPRP Kick-off Meeting Attendance List

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		Advisory Board		
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Owen	Bailey	Eastern Shore Land Conservancy	Town Projcets Manager	obailey@eslc.org
Matt	Weegman	Eastern Shore National Wildlife Refuge	Widlife Biologist	matthew_weegman@fws.gov



Kent County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation



Interim Update for Kent LPPRP
Workgroup
October 12, 2021



Objective:

Share outcomes of
the community
engagement process
Discuss 2017 Goals
related to recreation



Community Engagement Process Overview



Community Engagement Efforts

Parks:

- Availability
- Accessibility
- Amenities/Features



Recreation:

- Availability
- Accessibility
- Align with needs/desire for programs?



Community Engagement Efforts

- Community-wide online survey - 402 responses
- 10 community stakeholder interviews
- 5 Municipal Focus Groups
- Meetings with municipal staff, volunteers



Community Survey

Community Survey Respondent Highlights

- 75% of households had 2 adults
- 12% were single headed households
- 12% had three or more adults in the home.



- 42% of households had children under 18 in the home including
- 9% with preschoolers
- 18% with elementary students
- 13% with middle schoolers
- 13% with High Schoolers
- 8% with young adults (19+)

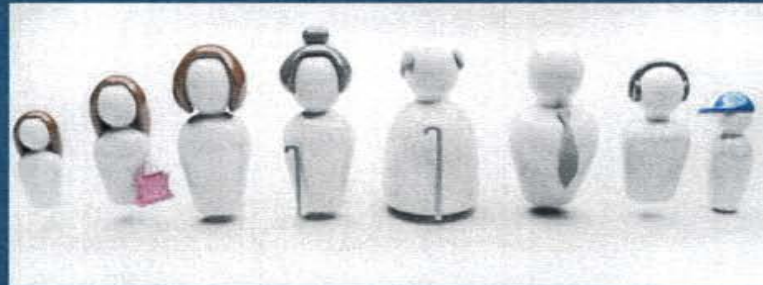
Community Survey Respondents

- Most responses by zip code were from Chestertown
- 59% lived in within a town boundary
- 38% live in the county
- 38% - \$100,000+ Household Income
- 45% - \$53,001-100,000
- 18% - \$53,000 or less Household Income (200% of poverty and the threshold for many assistance programs)



Community Survey Respondent Highlights

- 70% respondents identified as Female
- 27% respondents identified as Male
- 3% respondents identified as Gender Variant/Non-conforming or prefer not to answer



- 22% respondents were 65+
- 29% respondents were 50-64 years old
- 46% respondents were 25-50 years old
- 4% respondents were under the age of 24

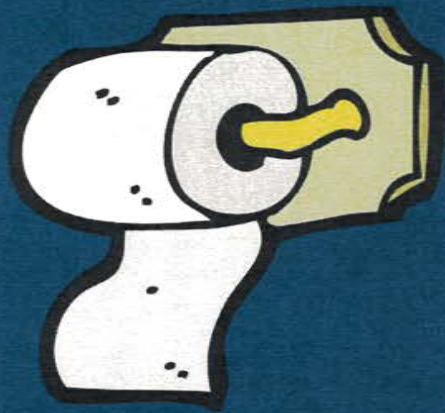
- 90% White
- 10% Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC)
- 13 individuals preferred not to identify
- 2% of respondents identified as Hispanic.

Parks Visitation in last 2 years

- 30% of respondents had visited a town park
- 29% had visited a Kent Parks & Rec park
- 23% had visited Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge
- 15% visited Sassafras Resource Management Area
- Of those who visited parks, 71% went at least once a month, and one in five went to the park at least once per week.

Park Amenities Priorities

Bathrooms



Trash
Receptacles



Shade



Popular Activities

1. Walking/Hiking/Biking
2. Play at playgrounds
3. Swimming
4. Water Activities (Boating, kayaking, fishing, crabbing, wading)
5. Running/Jogging
6. Team Sports (soccer, football, lacrosse, fieldhockey)
7. Court activities (basketball, tennis, pickleball)
8. Arts programs

Bocce was inadvertently left out of the offered choices but was mentioned in numerous written comments

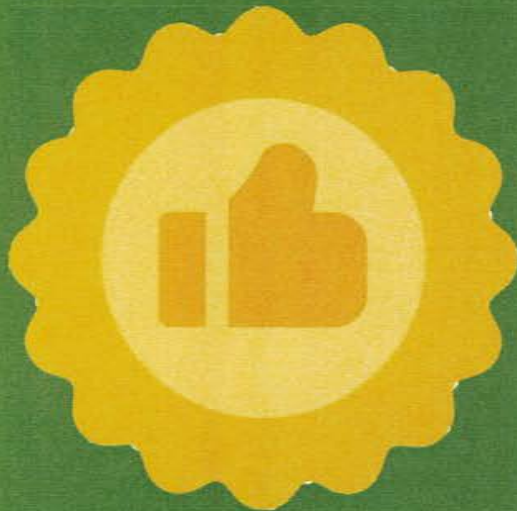


Parks & Facilities Satisfaction

- Nearly half (45%) of respondents were satisfied with the geographic distribution of parks, however 35% were ambivalent and 20% were not satisfied
- 59% of respondents were satisfied with parks maintenance; 22% did not feel the parks are well maintained and 19% were ambivalent

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Recreational Offerings Satisfaction



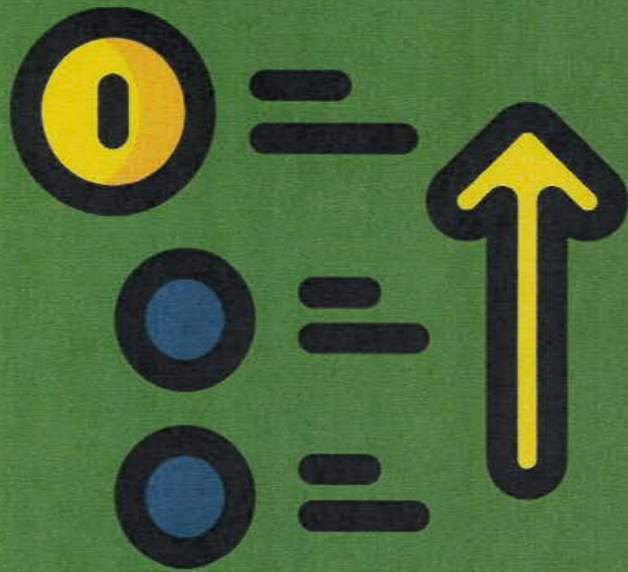
- 26% were satisfied or very satisfied with the activities available for different ages
- 20% were “somewhat satisfied” with what is offered depending on the age group.
- Respondents were most satisfied with activities for children 5 and under and elementary age (6-12) and with programs for adults ages 50-64.

Recreational Offerings Satisfaction

- There was a high level of dissatisfaction in offerings for teens with 41% responding unfavorably
- For other age groups, dissatisfaction with variety of program offerings was between 17% and 25%
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Survey Respondent Priorities



- 92% felt that parks should be a priority for the County.
- 82% of respondents indicated that recreation programming should be a high priority for the County.

Regional Focus Groups

Regional Focus Groups

- Conducted one in each municipality during July and August 2021.
- Total of 52 participants
- Generally, participants were more focused on discussing specific municipal parks & projects
- Overall, positive support for the collective parks and open space opportunities in the county

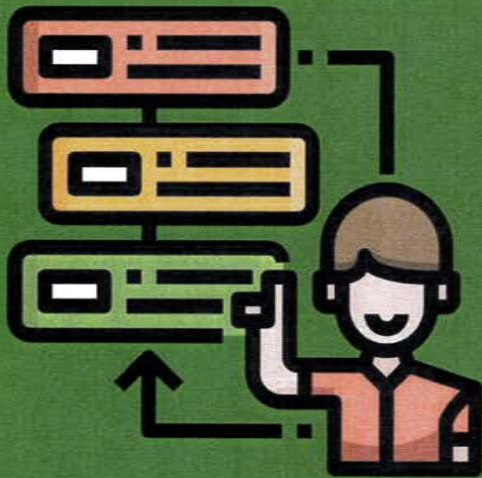


Parks & Facilities Feedback



- Desire for additional/variety of new trails, including rail-to-trail.
- Bathrooms are necessities not amenities
- Additional signage to direct park users across county, municipal, state and federal access to parks and open/green spaces
- Access and protection of open/green spaces

Recreational Offerings Feedback



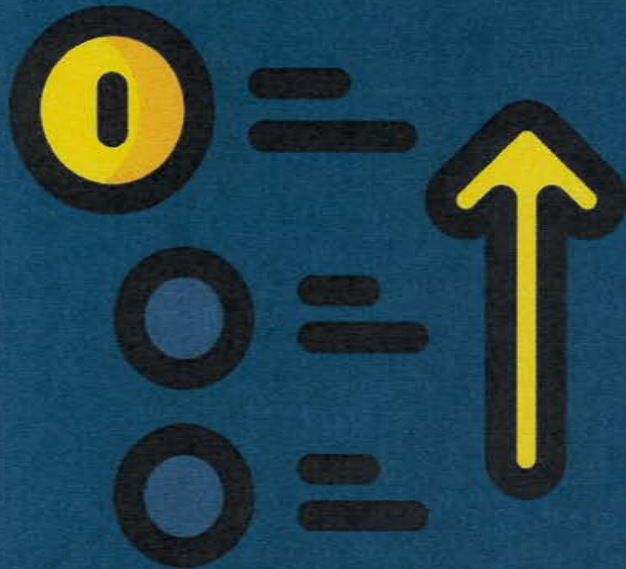
Recreational Priorities:

- 1) Availability
- 2) Accessibility
- 3) Variety
- 4) Affordability

Top Recreation Activities

- Activities associated with water: boating, kayaking, fishing, wading
- Walking/hiking on trails
- Playground and picnic areas usage
- Participants indicated that there was not enough accessibility for afterschool and summer youth programs, classes or workshops particularly for those who cannot afford to pay to play.

Focus Group Priorities



- Priority for participants was on the features and amenities available in the parks
- Top priority for park features were:
 - Water access
 - Walking/hiking/biking trails
 - Picnic areas/playgrounds
 - Pickleball/Paved Court Surfaces

Stakeholder Feedback

Stakeholder Standouts

- Kent Parks & Rec do a great job with Worton Park and the programs/services offered.
- Municipal elected officials, staff and parks/recreation boards are committed to providing access to quality parks & playgrounds within their borders and are eager for additional partnership to be able to do more.
- Walkability/distance are barriers to accessibility for all.
- Maintenance of existing parks and facilities needs to be a priority.
- Recognition that Kent County population is aging and programming for adults is an area for expanded opportunity/variety



Stakeholder Standouts



- Desire to have access to longer trail systems/more multi-use trails/rails-to-trails is high
- Bathrooms are not an amenity, but a necessity at parks - county and municipal
- Need for additional ADA accessible playground equipment and trails
- Additional recreation opportunities for young teens (middle school) are needed
- More and varied opportunities for adults are needed

Questions, comments,
observations?

Next Steps



- Work with county Parks & Rec leadership and staff to review goals and set objectives for 2022-2027.
- Utilize community feedback to inform recreation and capital planning for 2022-2027
- Submit full draft of plan to Workgroup, Planning Commission, Maryland Departments of Natural Resources and Maryland Department of Planning by 12/15/2021.

Default Report

Explore the data behind your survey responses. Gain a better perspective of your survey data and uncover insights for further planning.



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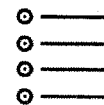
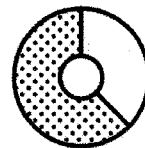
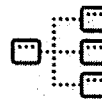
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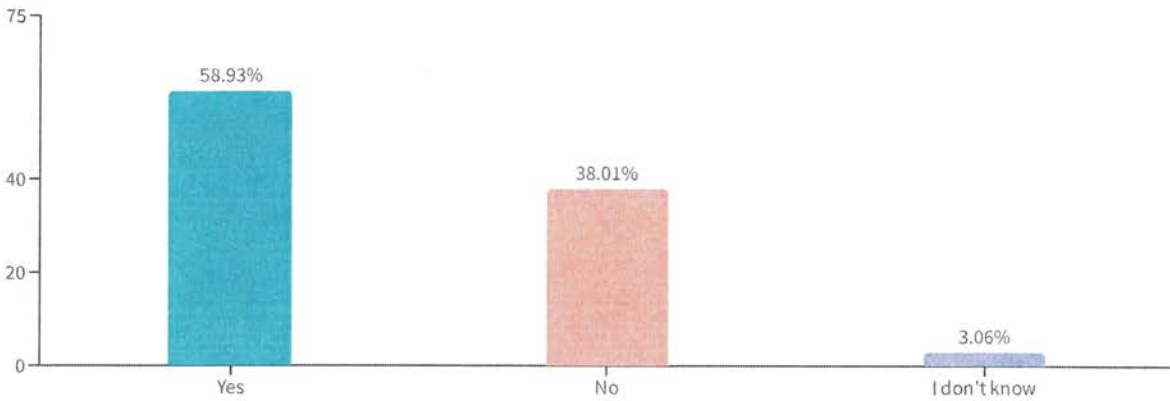
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QUESTION 02 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

Do you live in a town's limits?

Answered: 392 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES ▾

RESPONSES ▾

RESPONSE PERCENTAGE ▾

Yes

231

58.93%

No

149

38.01%

I don't know

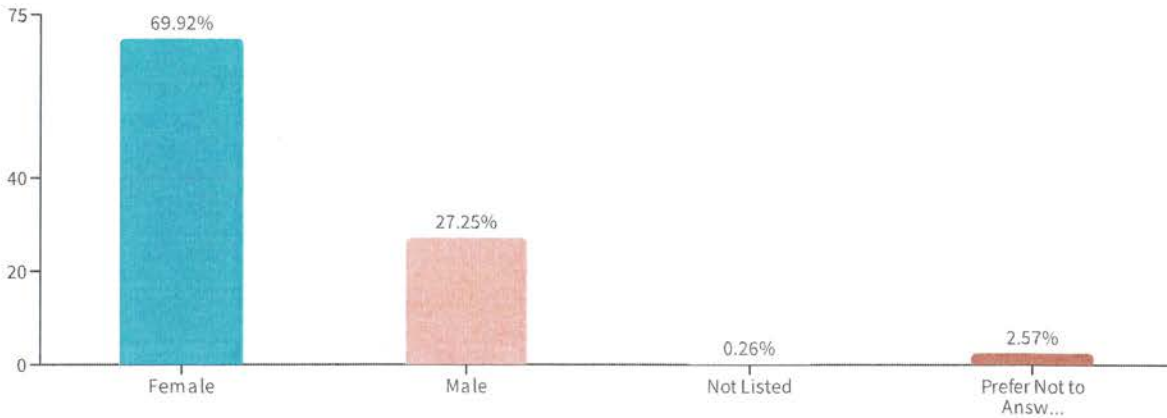
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QUESTION 03 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

To which gender identity do you most identify?

Answered: 389 Skipped: 6

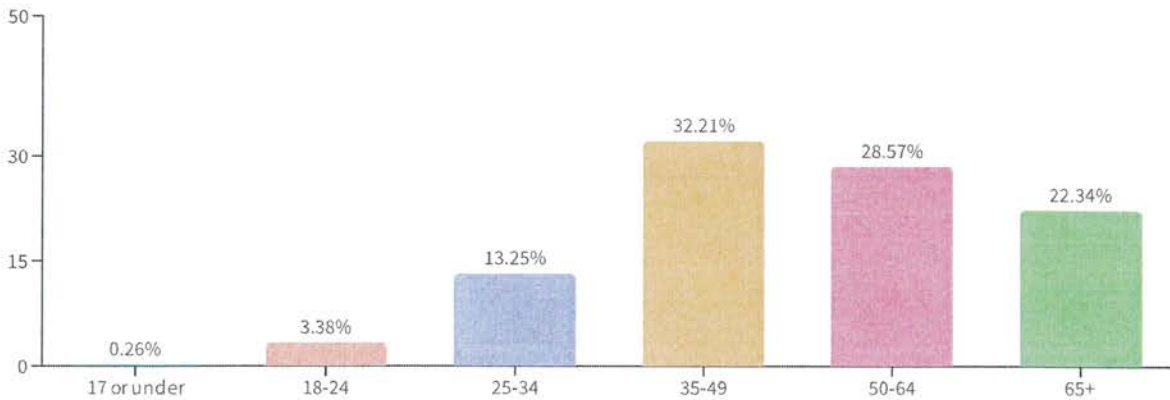


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
Female	272	69.92%
Male	106	27.25%
Not Listed	1	0.26%
Prefer Not to Answer	10	2.57%

QUESTION 04 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

What is your age?

Answered: **385** Skipped: **8**

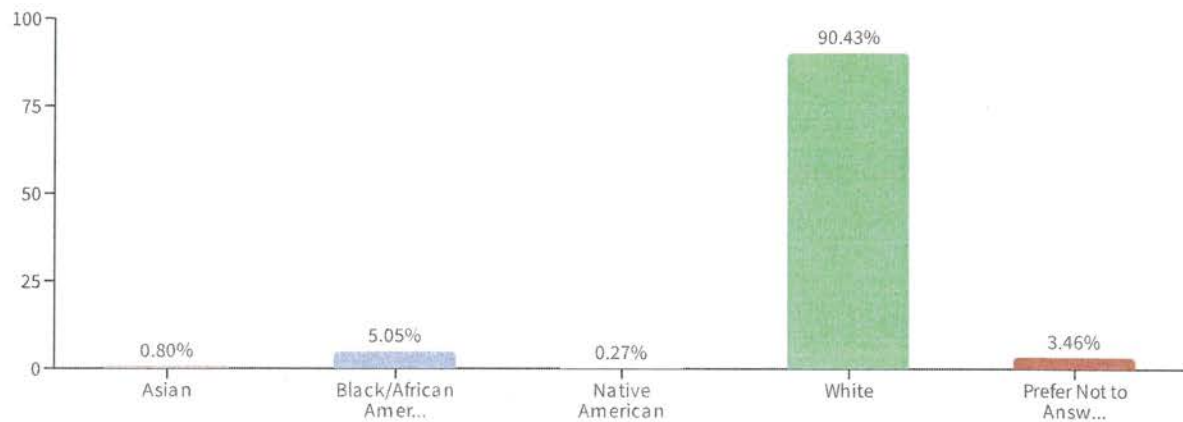


ANSWER CHOICES ▾	RESPONSES ▾	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE ▾
17 or under	1	0.26%
18-24	13	3.38%
25-34	51	13.25%
35-49	124	32.21%
50-64	110	28.57%
65+	86	22.34%

QUESTION 05 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

What is your race?

Answered: **376** Skipped: **14**



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
Asian	3	0.80%
Black/African American	19	5.05%
Native American	1	0.27%
White	340	90.43%
Prefer Not to Answer	13	3.46%

QUESTION 06 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

What is your ethnicity?

Answered: 363 Skipped: 28

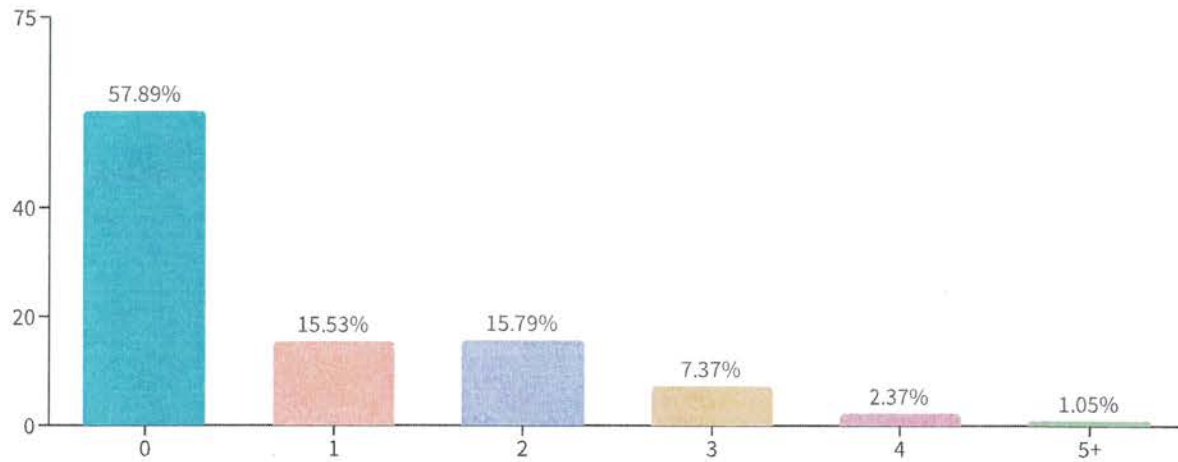


ANSWER CHOICES ▾	RESPONSES ▾	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE ▾
Hispanic	6	1.65%
Non-Hispanic	357	98.35%

QUESTION 07 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

How many children under 18 years old live in your home?

Answered: 380 Skipped: 10

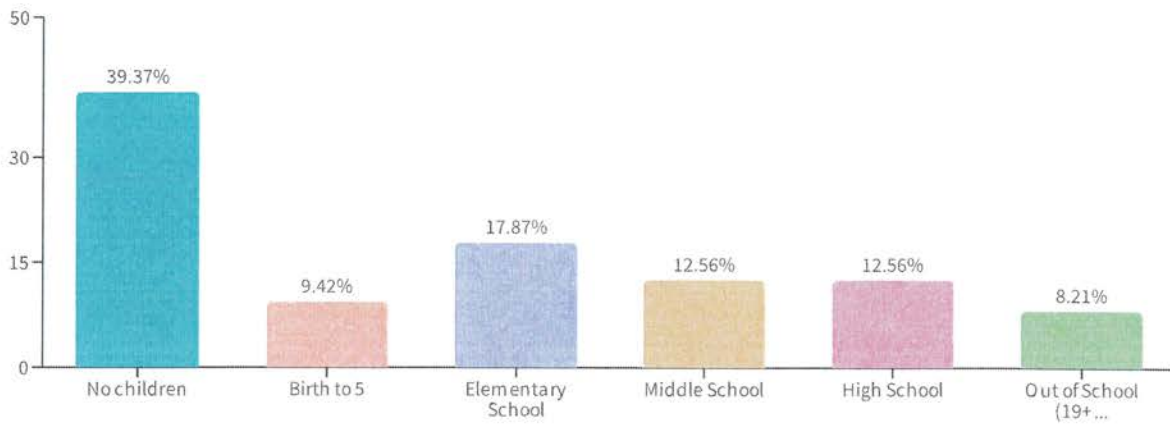


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
0	220	57.89%
1	59	15.53%
2	60	15.79%
3	28	7.37%
4	9	2.37%
5+	4	1.05%

QUESTION 08 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

What are the ages of the children living in your home?

Answered: 337 Skipped: 24

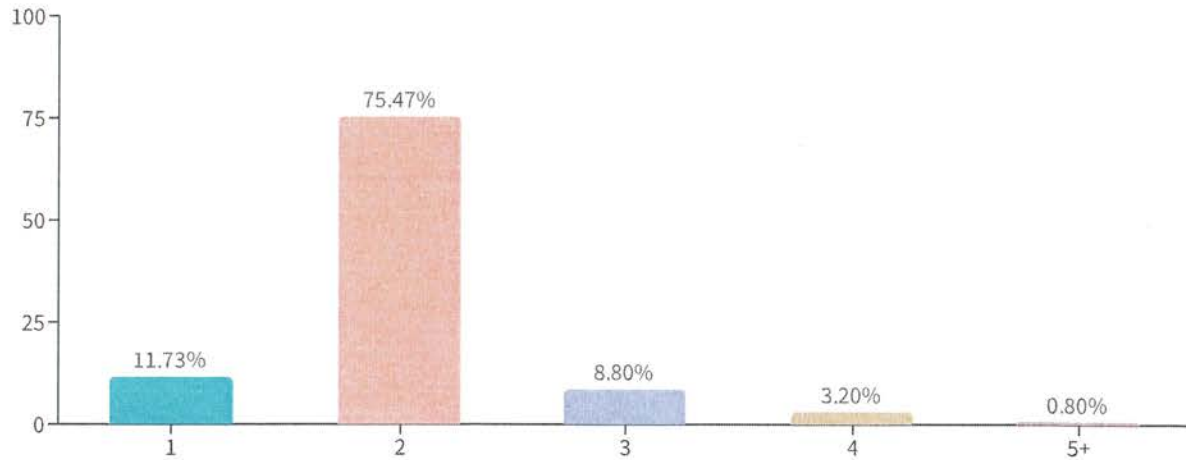


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
No children	163	39.37%
Birth to 5	39	9.42%
Elementary School	74	17.87%
Middle School	52	12.56%
High School	52	12.56%
Out of School (19+)	34	8.21%

QUESTION 09 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

How many adults live in your home?

Answered: 375 Skipped: 8

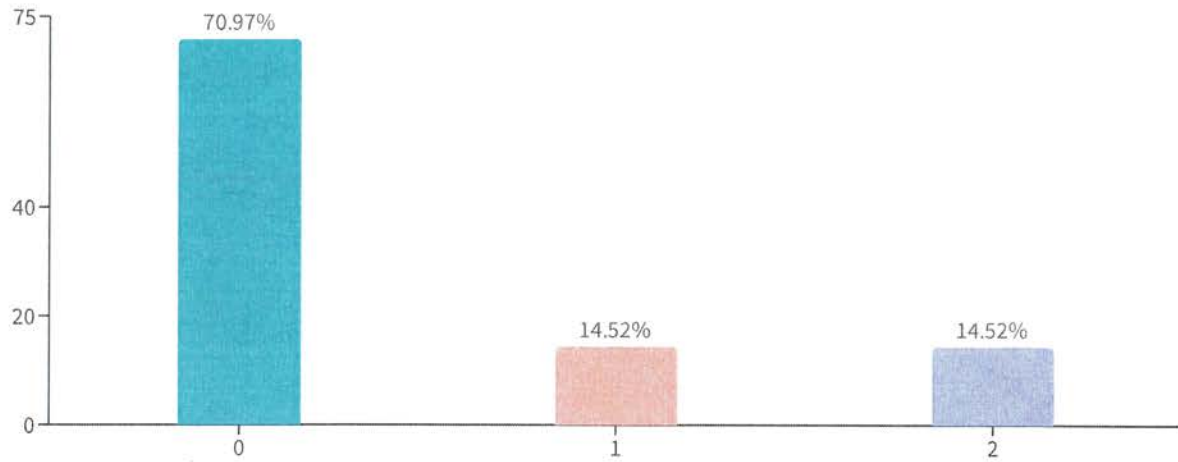


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
1	44	11.73%
2	283	75.47%
3	33	8.80%
4	12	3.20%
5+	3	0.80%

QUESTION 10 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

How many adults over 65 years old live in your home?

Answered: 372 Skipped: 11

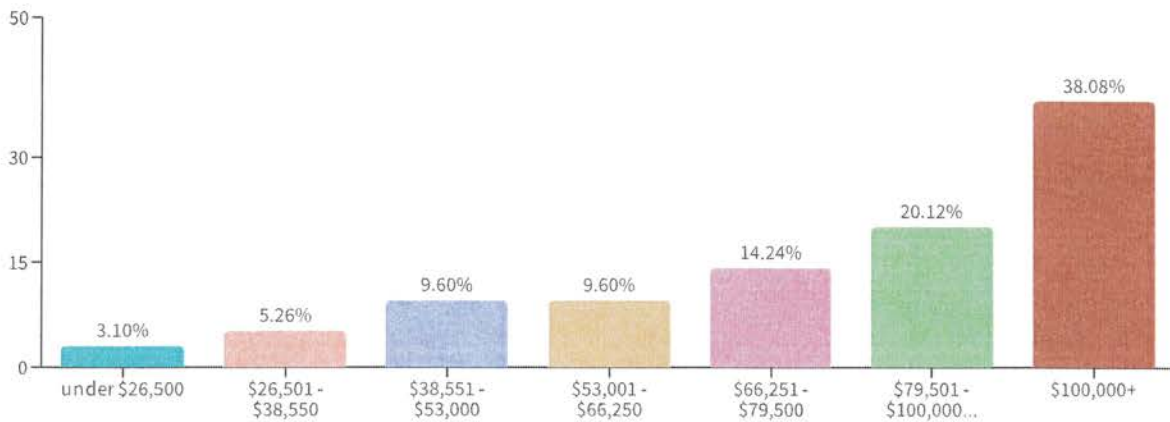


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
0	264	70.97%
1	54	14.52%
2	54	14.52%

QUESTION 11 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

What is your household income?

Answered: **323** Skipped: **56**



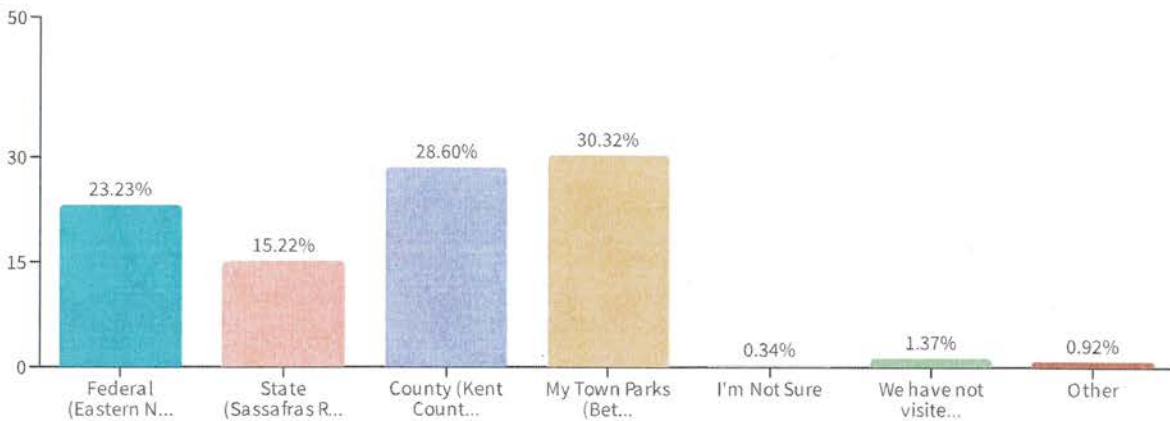
ANSWER CHOICES ▴ ▾	RESPONSES ▴ ▾	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE ▴ ▾
under \$26,500	10	3.10%
\$26,501 - \$38,550	17	5.26%
\$38,551 - \$53,000	31	9.60%
\$53,001 - \$66,250	31	9.60%
\$66,251 - \$79,500	46	14.24%
\$79,501 - \$100,000	65	20.12%
\$100,000+	123	38.08%

QUESTION 12 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

Have you or members of your household visited any of the following parks during the past 24 months?

Please check all that apply

Answered: **343** Skipped: **7**

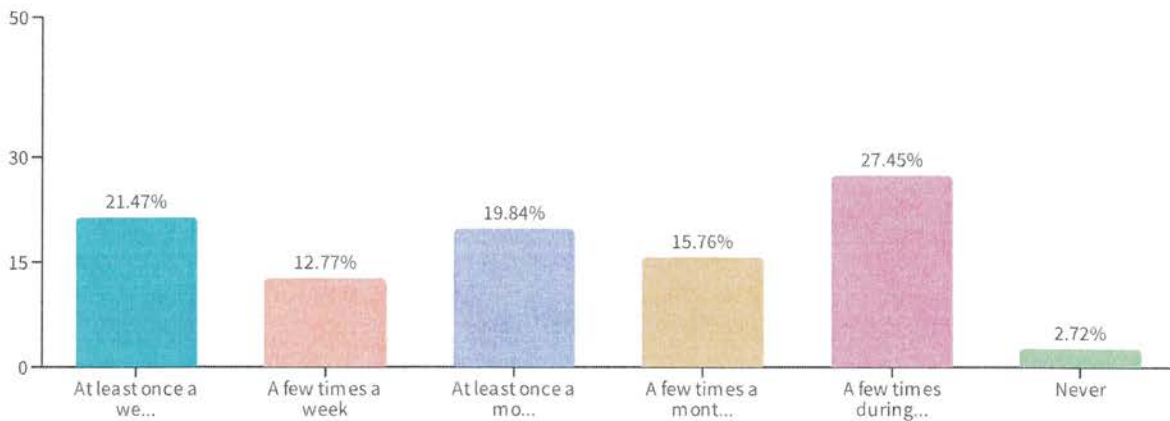


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
Federal (Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge)	203	23.23%
State (Sassafras Resource Management Area)	133	15.22%
County (Kent County Parks & Recreation)	250	28.60%
My Town Parks (Betterson, Chestertown, Galena, Millington, Rock Hall)	265	30.32%
I'm Not Sure	3	0.34%
We have not visited any parks	12	1.37%
Other	8	0.92%

QUESTION 13 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

How often did you or members of your household visit a park during the past 24 months?

Answered: **368** Skipped: **8**

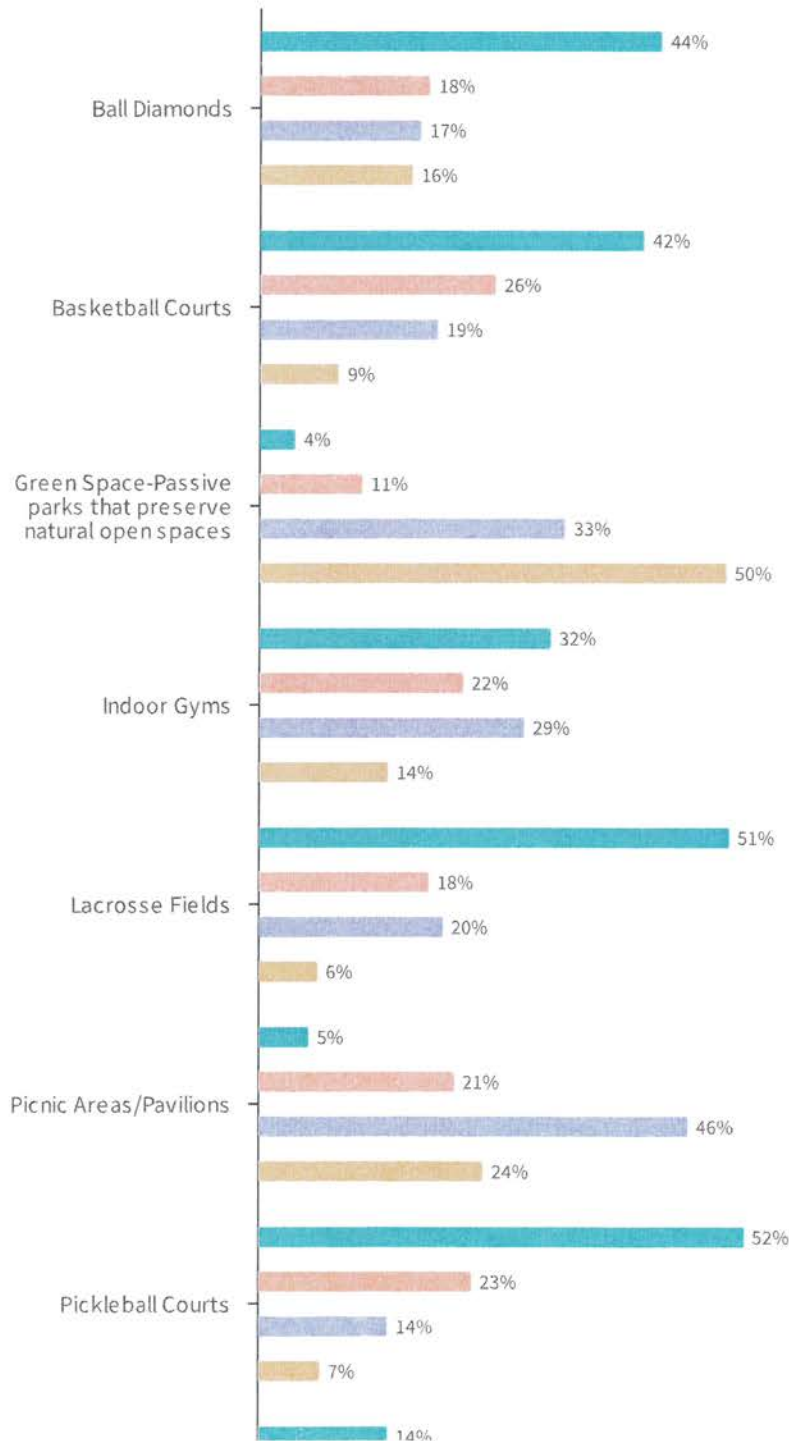


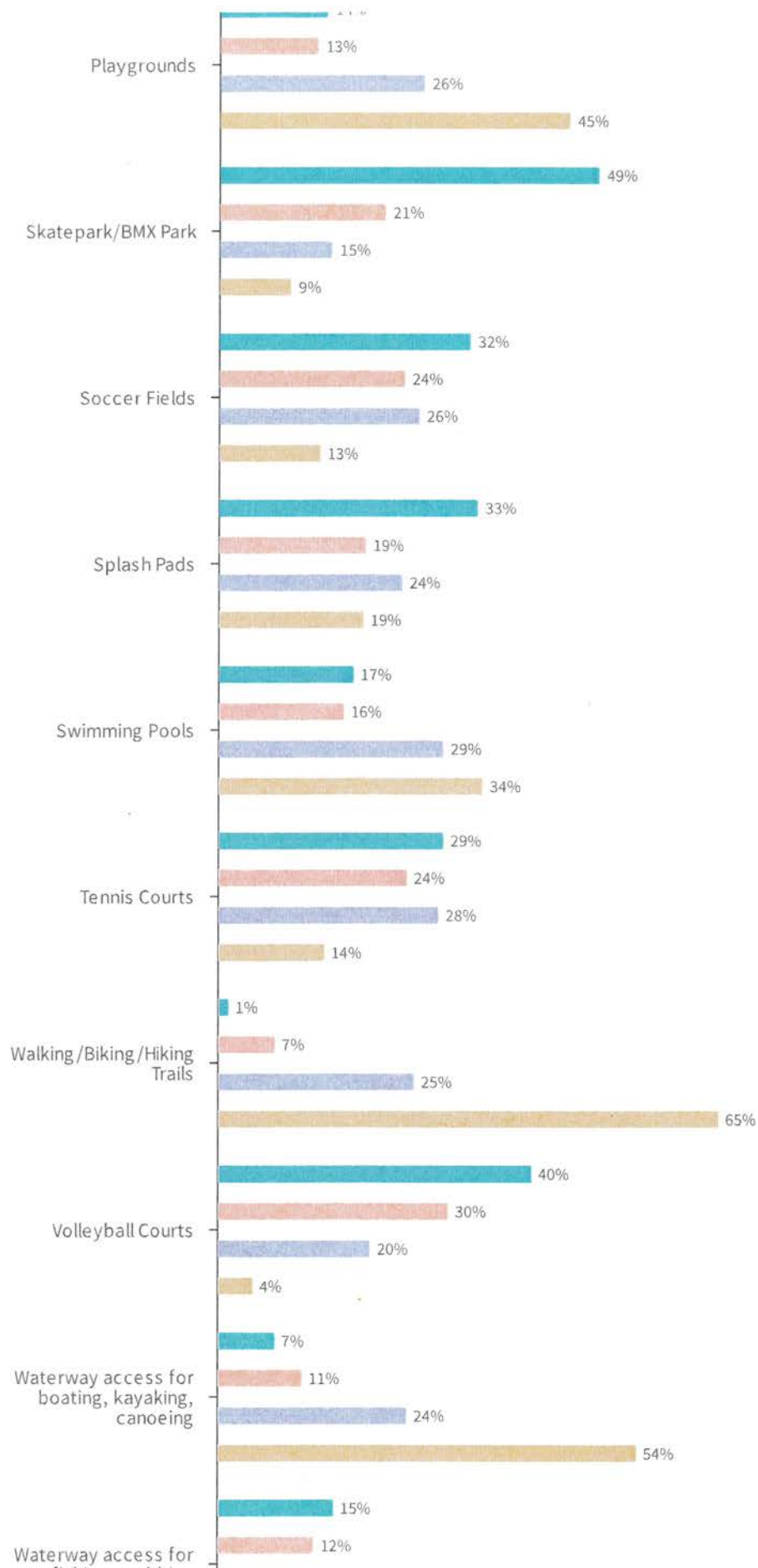
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
At least once a week	79	21.47%
A few times a week	47	12.77%
At least once a month	73	19.84%
A few times a month	58	15.76%
A few times during the year	101	27.45%
Never	10	2.72%

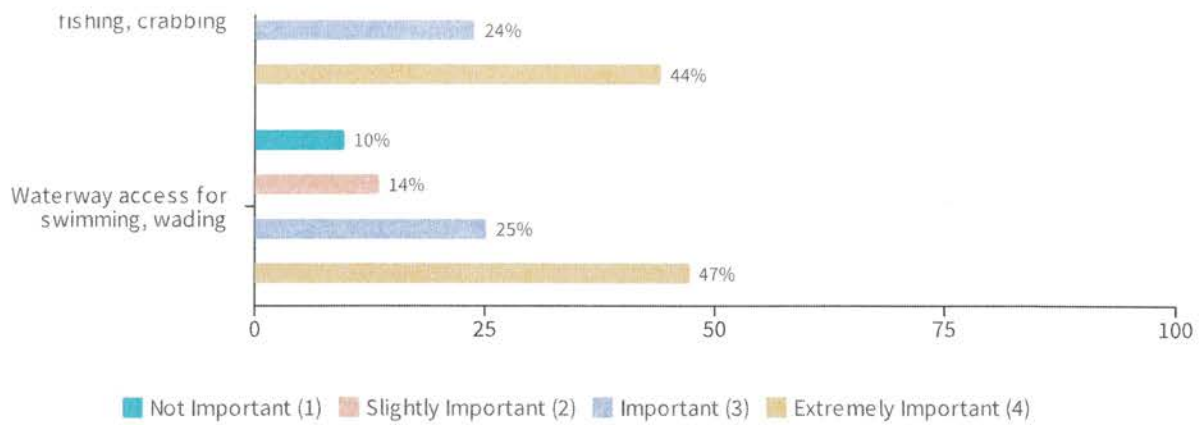
QUESTION 14 | MATRIX

In general, how important are the following recreation spaces to your household?

Answered: 317 Skipped: 5







	NOT IMPORTANT (1)	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT (2)	IMPORTANT (3)
Ball Diamonds	138 (43.53%)	58 (18.30%)	55 (17.35%)
Basketball Courts	132 (41.64%)	81 (25.55%)	61 (19.24%)
Green Space-Passive parks that preserve natural open spaces	12 (3.79%)	35 (11.04%)	105 (33.12%)
Indoor Gyms	100 (31.55%)	70 (22.08%)	91 (28.71%)
Lacrosse Fields	161 (50.79%)	58 (18.30%)	63 (19.87%)
Picnic Areas/Pavilions	17 (5.36%)	67 (21.14%)	147 (46.37%)
Pickleball Courts	166 (52.37%)	73 (23.03%)	44 (13.88%)
Playgrounds	44 (13.88%)	40 (12.62%)	84 (26.50%)
Skatepark/BMX Park	156 (49.21%)	68 (21.45%)	46 (14.51%)
Soccer Fields	103 (32.49%)	76 (23.97%)	82 (25.87%)
Splash Pads	106 (33.44%)	60 (18.93%)	75 (23.66%)
Swimming Pools	55 (17.35%)	51 (16.09%)	92 (29.02%)
Tennis Courts	92 (29.02%)	77 (24.29%)	90 (28.39%)
Walking/Biking/Hiking Trails	4 (1.26%)	23 (7.26%)	80 (25.24%)

	 NOT IMPORTANT (1)	 SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT (2)	 IMPORTANT (3)
Volleyball Courts	128 (40.38%)	94 (29.65%)	62 (19.56%)
Waterway access for boating, kayaking, canoeing	23 (7.26%)	34 (10.73%)	77 (24.29%)
Waterway access for fishing, crabbing	47 (14.83%)	39 (12.30%)	76 (23.97%)
Waterway access for swimming, wading	31 (9.78%)	43 (13.56%)	80 (25.24%)
Total	1515 (26.55%)	1047 (18.35%)	1410 (24.71%)

	 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT (4)
Ball Diamonds	52 (16.40%)
Basketball Courts	27 (8.52%)
Green Space-Passive parks that preserve natural open spaces	160 (50.47%)
Indoor Gyms	44 (13.88%)
Lacrosse Fields	20 (6.31%)
Picnic Areas/Pavilions	77 (24.29%)
Pickleball Courts	21 (6.62%)
Playgrounds	144 (45.43%)
Skatepark/BMX Park	29 (9.15%)
Soccer Fields	41 (12.93%)
Splash Pads	59 (18.61%)
Swimming Pools	108 (34.07%)

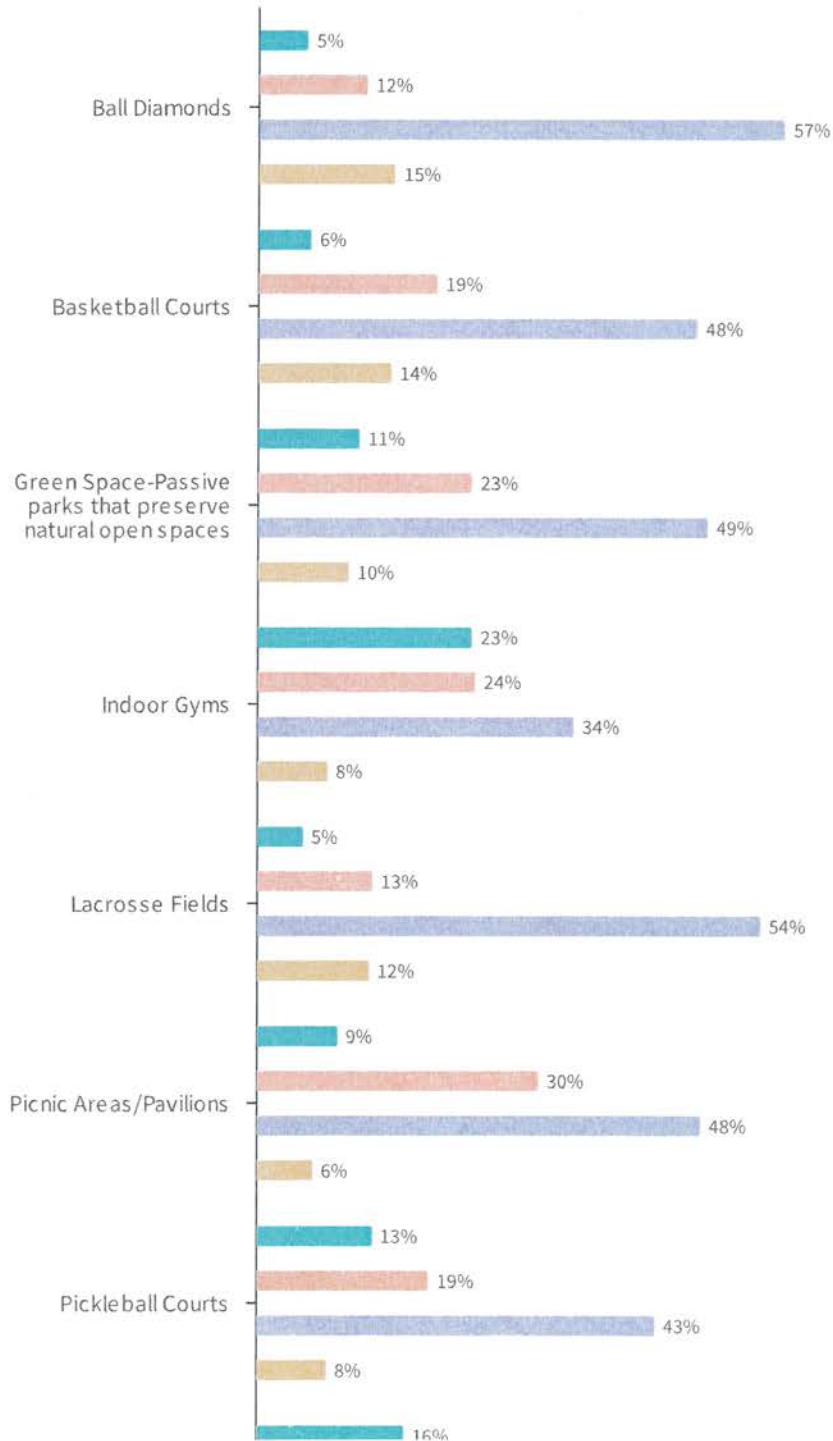
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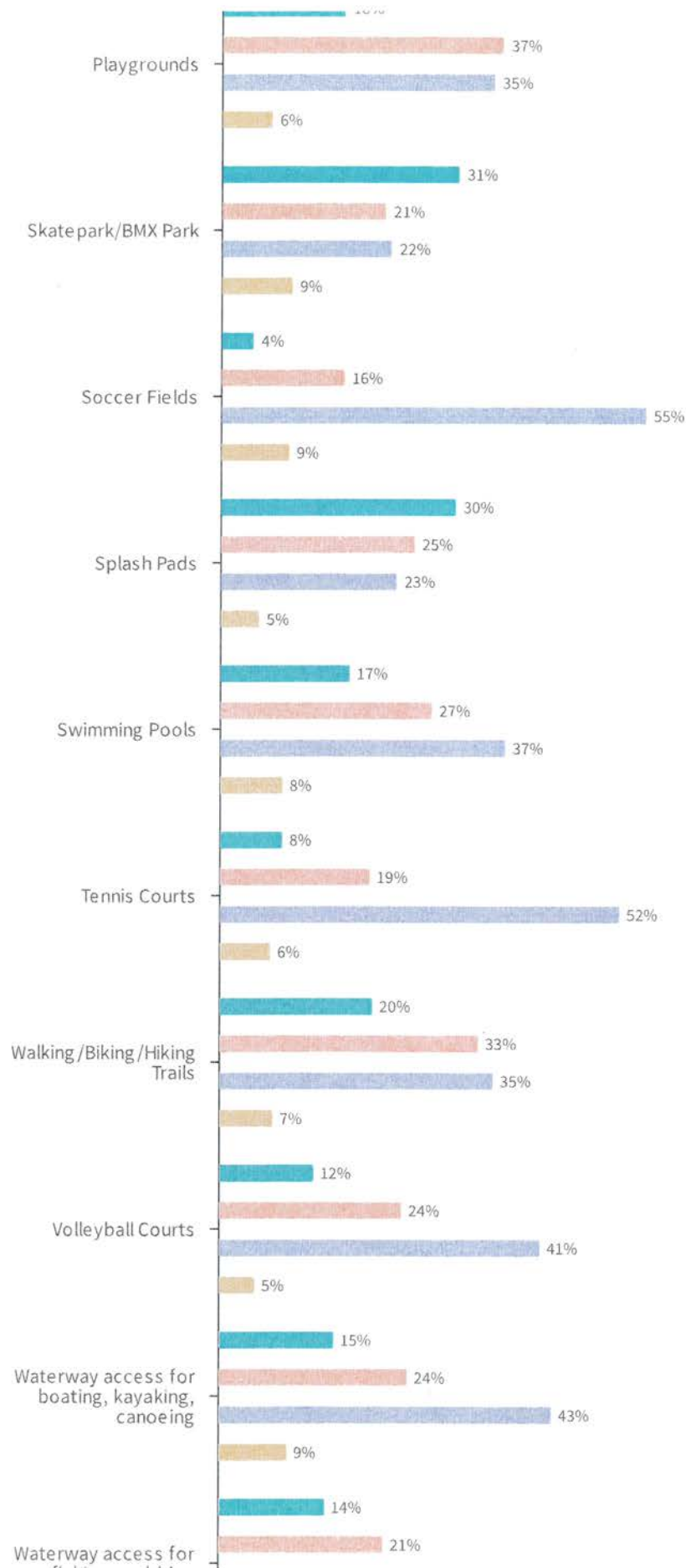
Tennis Courts	43 (13.56%)
Walking /Biking/Hiking Trails	205 (64.67%)
Volleyball Courts	14 (4.42%)
Waterway access for boating, kayaking, canoeing	171 (53.94%)
Waterway access for fishing, crabbing	140 (44.16%)
Waterway access for swimming, wading	150 (47.32%)
Total	1505 (26.38%)

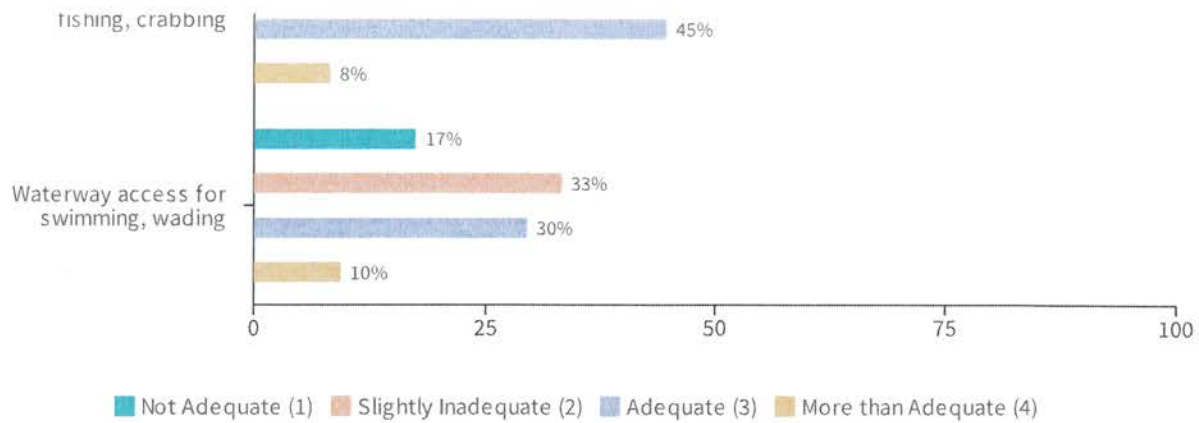
QUESTION 15 | MATRIX

Do you feel there is adequate availability of the following facilities in Kent County?

Answered: 263 Skipped: 29







	NOT ADEQUATE (1)	SLIGHTLY INADEQUATE (2)	ADEQUATE (3)
Ball Diamonds	14 (5.32%)	31 (11.79%)	150 (57.03%)
Basketball Courts	15 (5.70%)	51 (19.39%)	125 (47.53%)
Green Space-Passive parks that preserve natural open spaces	29 (11.03%)	61 (23.19%)	128 (48.67%)
Indoor Gyms	61 (23.19%)	62 (23.57%)	90 (34.22%)
Lacrosse Fields	13 (4.94%)	33 (12.55%)	143 (54.37%)
Picnic Areas/Pavilions	23 (8.75%)	80 (30.42%)	126 (47.91%)
Pickleball Courts	33 (12.55%)	49 (18.63%)	113 (42.97%)
Playgrounds	42 (15.97%)	96 (36.50%)	93 (35.36%)
Skatepark/BMX Park	81 (30.80%)	56 (21.29%)	58 (22.05%)
Soccer Fields	11 (4.18%)	42 (15.97%)	145 (55.13%)
Splash Pads	80 (30.42%)	66 (25.10%)	60 (22.81%)
Swimming Pools	44 (16.73%)	72 (27.38%)	97 (36.88%)
Tennis Courts	21 (7.98%)	51 (19.39%)	136 (51.71%)
Walking/Biking/Hiking Trails	52 (19.77%)	88 (33.46%)	93 (35.36%)

	 NOT ADEQUATE (1)	 SLIGHTLY INADEQUATE (2)	 ADEQUATE (3)
Volleyball Courts	32 (12.17%)	62 (23.57%)	109 (41.44%)
Waterway access for boating, kayaking, canoeing	39 (14.83%)	64 (24.33%)	113 (42.97%)
Waterway access for fishing, crabbing	36 (13.69%)	56 (21.29%)	118 (44.87%)
Waterway access for swimming, wading	46 (17.49%)	88 (33.46%)	78 (29.66%)
Total	672 (14.20%)	1108 (23.41%)	1975 (41.72%)

	 MORE THAN ADEQUATE (4)
Ball Diamonds	39 (14.83%)
Basketball Courts	38 (14.45%)
Green Space-Passive parks that preserve natural open spaces	26 (9.89%)
Indoor Gyms	20 (7.60%)
Lacrosse Fields	32 (12.17%)
Picnic Areas/Pavilions	16 (6.08%)
Pickleball Courts	20 (7.60%)
Playgrounds	17 (6.46%)
Skatepark/BMX Park	24 (9.13%)
Soccer Fields	23 (8.75%)
Splash Pads	13 (4.94%)
Swimming Pools	21 (7.98%)

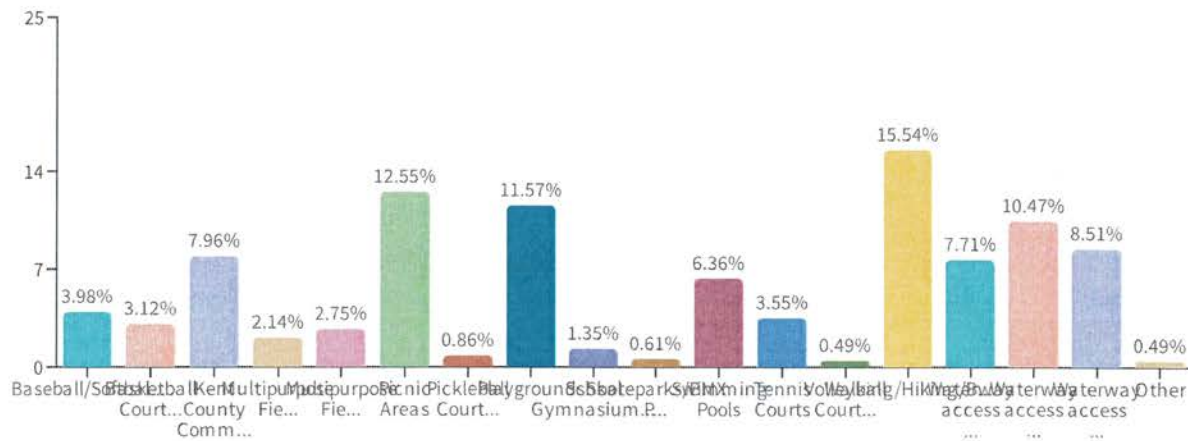
MORE THAN ADEQUATE
(4)

Tennis Courts	17 (6.46%)
Walking/Biking/Hiking Trails	18 (6.84%)
Volleyball Courts	12 (4.56%)
Waterway access for boating, kayaking, canoeing	23 (8.75%)
Waterway access for fishing, crabbing	22 (8.37%)
Waterway access for swimming, wading	25 (9.51%)
Total	406 (8.58%)

QUESTION 16 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

From the following list, please check ALL of the recreation facilities that you or members of your household have used in the past 24 months?

Answered: **313** Skipped: **9**



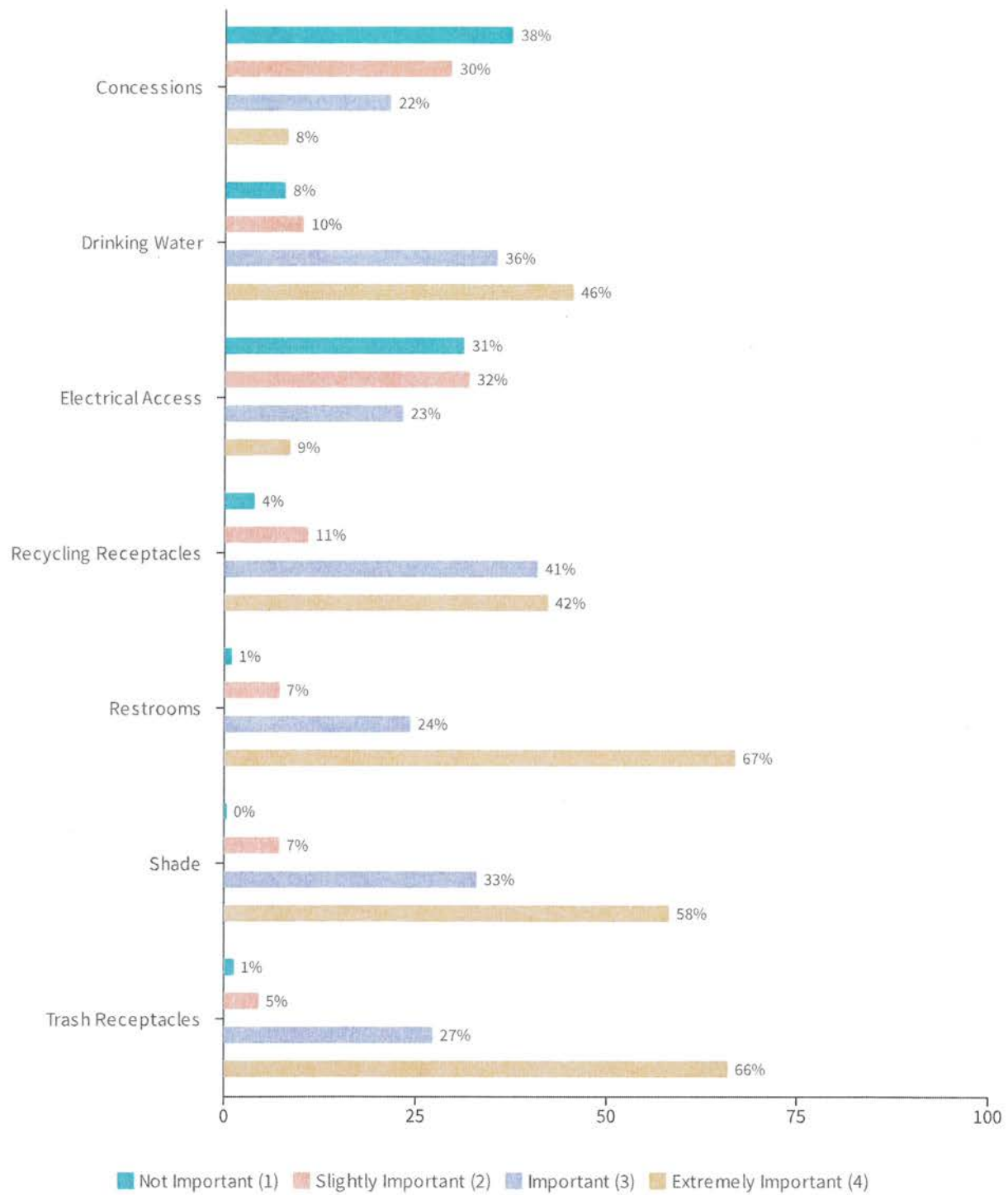
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
Baseball/Softball Fields	65	3.98%
Basketball Courts	51	3.12%
Kent County Community Center	130	7.96%
Multipurpose Fields (Lacrosse)	35	2.14%
Multipurpose Fields (Soccer)	45	2.75%
Picnic Areas	205	12.55%
Pickleball Courts	14	0.86%
Playgrounds	189	11.57%

ANSWER CHOICES 	RESPONSES 	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE 
School Gymnasiums (outside of school sponsored activities)	22	1.35%
Skateparks/BMX Parks	10	0.61%
Swimming Pools	104	6.36%
Tennis Courts	58	3.55%
Volleyball Courts	8	0.49%
Walking/Hiking/Biking Trails	254	15.54%
Waterway access for fishing, crabbing	126	7.71%
Waterway access for boating, kayaking, canoeing	171	10.47%
Waterway access for swimming, wading	139	8.51%
Other	8	0.49%

QUESTION 17 | MATRIX

In general, how important to you is availability to the following amenities within parks?

Answered: **300** Skipped: **7**



	NOT IMPORTANT (1)	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT (2)	IMPORTANT (3)
Concessions	113 (37.67%)	89 (29.67%)	65 (21.67%)
Drinking Water	24 (8.00%)	31 (10.33%)	107 (35.67%)

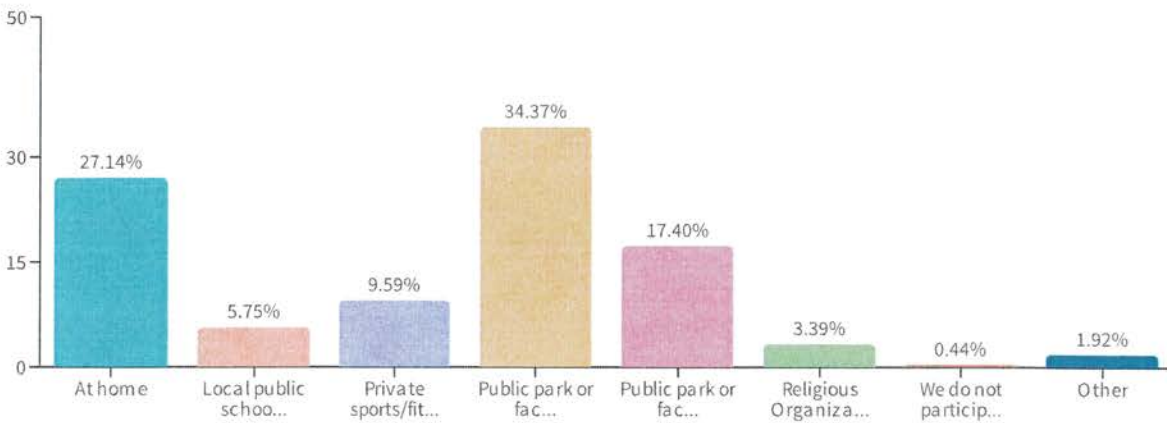
	NOT IMPORTANT (1)	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT (2)	IMPORTANT (3)
Electrical Access	94 (31.33%)	96 (32.00%)	70 (23.33%)
Recycling Receptacles	12 (4.00%)	33 (11.00%)	123 (41.00%)
Restrooms	3 (1.00%)	22 (7.33%)	73 (24.33%)
Shade	1 (0.33%)	22 (7.33%)	99 (33.00%)
Trash Receptacles	4 (1.33%)	14 (4.67%)	82 (27.33%)
Total	251 (11.95%)	307 (14.62%)	619 (29.48%)

	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT (4)
Concessions	25 (8.33%)
Drinking Water	137 (45.67%)
Electrical Access	26 (8.67%)
Recycling Receptacles	127 (42.33%)
Restrooms	201 (67.00%)
Shade	175 (58.33%)
Trash Receptacles	198 (66.00%)
Total	889 (42.33%)

QUESTION 18 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

Where do you and household members primarily participate in recreation activities?

Answered: **315** Skipped: **3**

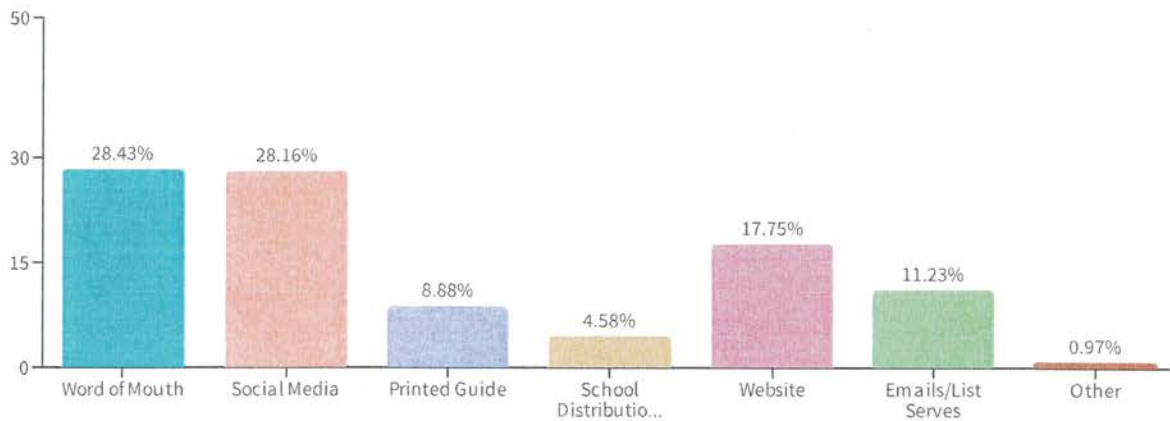


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
At home	184	27.14%
Local public school	39	5.75%
Private sports/fitness facility	65	9.59%
Public park or facility in Kent County	233	34.37%
Public park or facility in another county/municipality	118	17.40%
Religious Organization/House of Worship	23	3.39%
We do not participate in recreation activities	3	0.44%
Other	13	1.92%

QUESTION 19 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

How do you learn about recreation programming opportunities in your community?

Answered: **313** Skipped: **6**



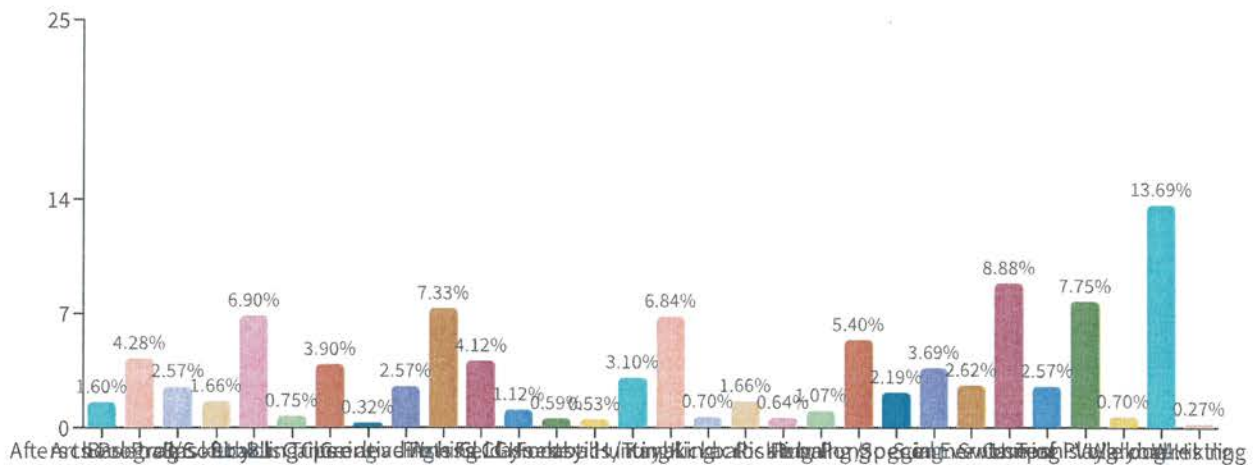
ANSWER CHOICES ▾	RESPONSES ▴	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE ▴
Word of Mouth	205	28.43%
Social Media	203	28.16%
Printed Guide	64	8.88%
School Distribution	33	4.58%
Website	128	17.75%
Emails/List Serves	81	11.23%
Other	7	0.97%

QUESTION 20 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

In the past 24 months, which of the following activities have you or anyone in your household participated in?

Check all that apply.

Answered: **316** Skipped: **11**



ANSWER CHOICES ▾	RESPONSES ▾	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE ▾
After School Programs	30	1.60%
Arts Programs - Dance, Theater, Music, Drawing, Painting, Sculpting, Etc.	80	4.28%
Baseball/Softball	48	2.57%
Basketball	31	1.66%
Bicycling	129	6.90%
Bus Trips	14	0.75%
Canoeing	73	3.90%
Cheerleading	6	0.32%
Creative Arts Classes/Workshops	48	2.57%

ANSWER CHOICES ⬆**RESPONSES** ⬆**RESPONSE PERCENTAGE** ⬆

	137	7.33%
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Fishing

Fitness Classes	77	4.12%
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Field Hockey	21	1.12%
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Football	11	0.59%
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Gymnastics/Tumbling	10	0.53%
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Hunting	58	3.10%
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Kayaking	128	6.84%
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Kickball	13	0.70%
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Lacrosse	31	1.66%
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Pickleball	12	0.64%
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Ping Pong	20	1.07%
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Running/Jogging	101	5.40%
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Soccer	41	2.19%
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Special Events	69	3.69%
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Summer Camps	49	2.62%
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Swimming	166	8.88%
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Tennis	48	2.57%
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Use of Playground Equipment	145	7.75%
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Volleyball	13	0.70%
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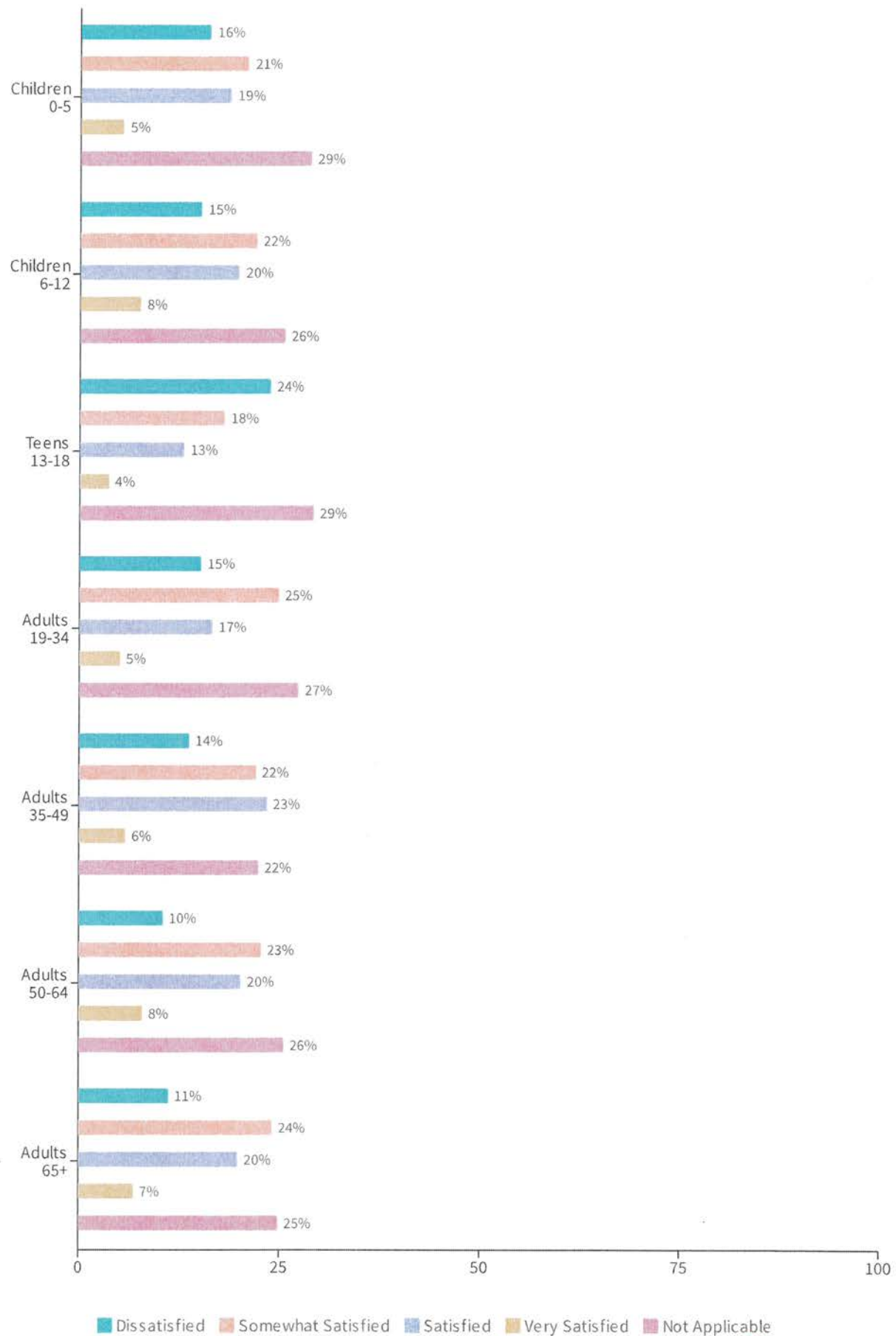
Walking-Hiking	256	13.69%
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ANSWER CHOICES 	RESPONSES 	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE 
Wrestling	5	0.27%

QUESTION 21 | MATRIX

What is your level of satisfaction with the recreation activities available for the following age groups?

Answered: **278** Skipped: **25**



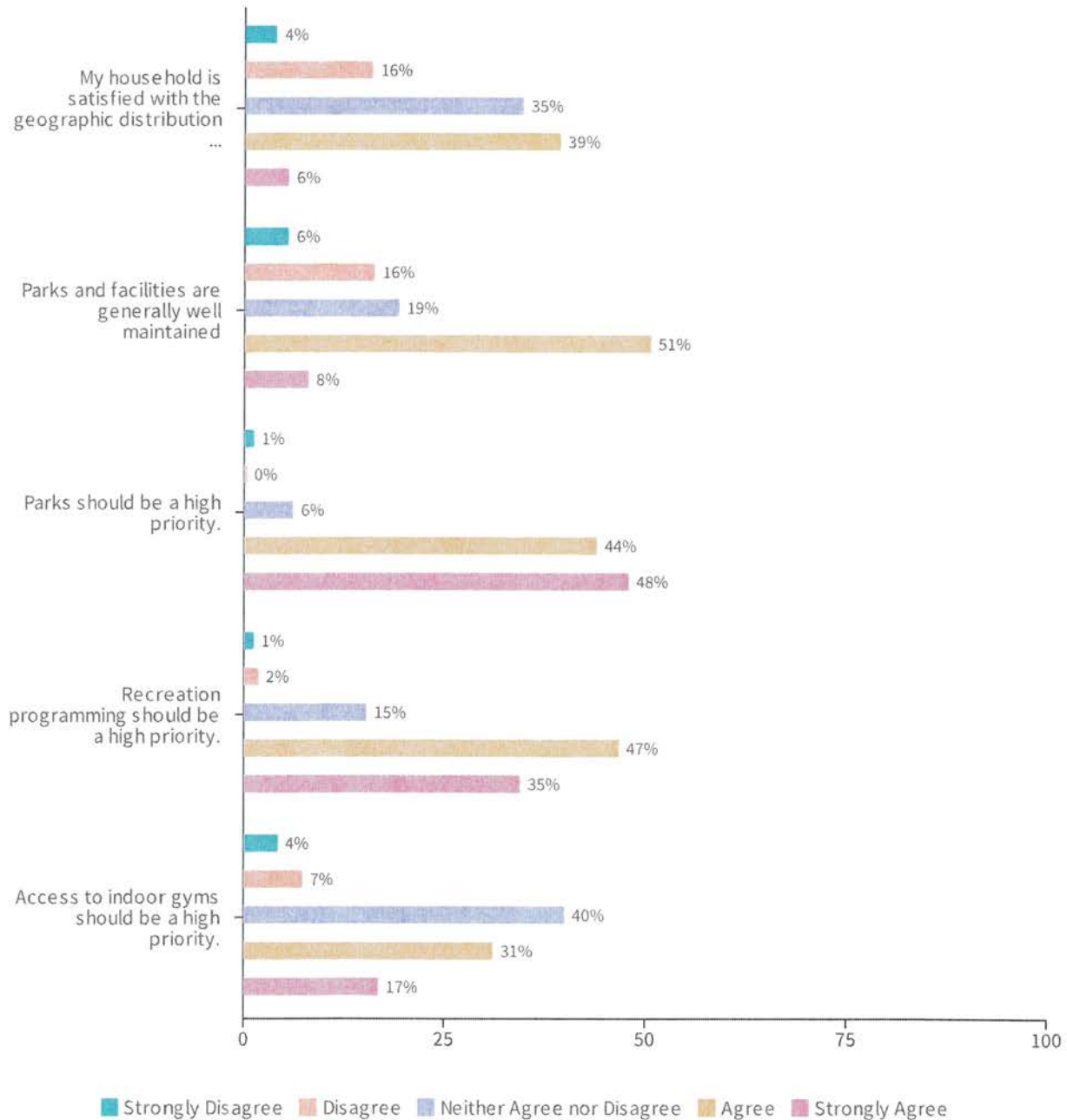
	 DISSATISFIED	 SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	 SATISFIED
Children 0-5	45 (16.19%)	58 (20.86%)	52 (18.71%)
Children 6-12	42 (15.11%)	61 (21.94%)	55 (19.78%)
Teens 13-18	66 (23.74%)	50 (17.99%)	36 (12.95%)
Adults 19-34	42 (15.11%)	69 (24.82%)	46 (16.55%)
Adults 35-49	38 (13.67%)	61 (21.94%)	65 (23.38%)
Adults 50-64	29 (10.43%)	63 (22.66%)	56 (20.14%)
Adults 65+	31 (11.15%)	67 (24.10%)	55 (19.78%)
Total	293 (15.06%)	429 (22.05%)	365 (18.76%)

	 VERY SATISFIED	 NOT APPLICABLE
Children 0-5	15 (5.40%)	80 (28.78%)
Children 6-12	21 (7.55%)	71 (25.54%)
Teens 13-18	10 (3.60%)	81 (29.14%)
Adults 19-34	14 (5.04%)	76 (27.34%)
Adults 35-49	16 (5.76%)	62 (22.30%)
Adults 50-64	22 (7.91%)	71 (25.54%)
Adults 65+	19 (6.83%)	69 (24.82%)
Total	117 (6.01%)	510 (26.21%)

QUESTION 22 | MATRIX

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

Answered: 327 Skipped: 0

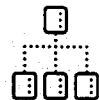
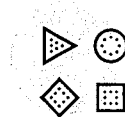
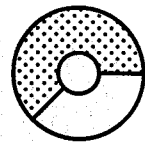


	 STRONGLY DISAGREE	 DISAGREE	 NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE
My household is satisfied with the geographic distribution of parks.	13 (3.98%)	52 (15.90%)	114 (34.86%)
Parks and facilities are generally well maintained	18 (5.50%)	53 (16.21%)	63 (19.27%)
Parks should be a high priority.	4 (1.22%)	1 (0.31%)	20 (6.12%)
Recreation programming should be a high priority.	4 (1.22%)	6 (1.83%)	50 (15.29%)
Access to indoor gyms should be a high priority.	14 (4.28%)	24 (7.34%)	131 (40.06%)
Total	53 (3.24%)	136 (8.32%)	378 (23.12%)

	 AGREE	 STRONGLY AGREE
My household is satisfied with the geographic distribution of parks.	129 (39.45%)	18 (5.50%)
Parks and facilities are generally well maintained	166 (50.76%)	26 (7.95%)
Parks should be a high priority.	144 (44.04%)	157 (48.01%)
Recreation programming should be a high priority.	153 (46.79%)	113 (34.56%)
Access to indoor gyms should be a high priority.	102 (31.19%)	55 (16.82%)
Total	694 (42.45%)	369 (22.57%)

Thank You !

We really appreciate your time and feedback.



Written Comments for 2021 Kent County Community Survey

Please provide any additional written comments or suggestions you have about the recreation activities or programming offered in the county.

(I put this response on the previous question)

Add more group activities for ages 3-6

Adequate

Also, a concession stand like centreville/Queen Anne's county would be great during sporting events.

always more parks!

Beach tennis could be offered ...

Better maintain betterton beach

Better marketing to let residents know what is forth coming.

Day camps for kids

disc golf courses?

Generally speaking, I am happy with the county's open space, but would like more opportunities for longer hikes. Not sure how this would be possible given the amount of land that is privately owned.

Great job on the new bathhouse at Betterton Beach. Please proceed with clean-up and replanting of the area behind the bathhouse. I would love to see concerts at the beach Friday nights in the summer.

Having a wide selection of recreational opportunities for all can only improve the desirability of Kent County as a place to live.

I appreciate the community outreach!

I love the Kent County Parks system!

I think the activities offered are well suited; a good mix for many age groups.

I think the recreation commission in Chestertown should be disbanded. They have done nothing for the residents.

I would have LOVED recreational sports when I was a teenager that fell outside of high school varsity sports. I'm sure other teens would love that as well.

I would like to see some exercise and yoga classes offered in Rock Hall. No one wants to drive clear to Worton.

I would like to see tumbling/gymnastics come back to community center

I'm new to Kent County since Feb, so don't know about many things, but would like to have an indoor fitness facility for those bad weather days and just regular cross training.

Improve

Kent County NEEDS a BMX/skatepark!!! While there are plentiful options for ball sports throughout the county, there are currently NO opportunities for Kent County residents to participate in the action sports of BMX/skateboarding/scooter! PLEASE bring a facility to Kent County so action sports participants aren't left out!!

Maintenance at Betterton beach is very good. Having attendants at the beach is a great addition. Kudos on the new bath house at Betterton Beach.

More activities in the evening and on weekends

More bus trips please

More designated hiking, walking and biking. More shade and more benches as well as trash receptacles. Small openings are best to avoid misuse of the trash containers bit they are important as are doggie stations. This is what the rest of the world is doing to accommodate the general Public. Thanks for asking!

more outdoor concerts

More public access for swimming, kayaking, enjoying the water

More waterfront recreational areas. Connect Eastern Neck to Rock Hall

Need more information pushed out about activities

Only know of 1 cycling trail.

Perhaps 4th of July fireworks from a barge which both the Aberdeen and Betterton communities can share?

Monthly campfire nights on Betterton beach when weather permits in spring and fall.

Personally, I'm more interested in having great spaces/resources available rather than planned activities/programs, but that's definitely a highly individualized opinion! Activities that incorporate multiple organizations are great to provide layers of engagement and increased cooperation are great. I'd love to see more inclusion of support resources (e.g., food giveaway; library card signup; mental health) at recreational activities with a focus on de-stigmatizing utilization of the excellent support resources that exist in Kent County.

Please consider offering more for adults.

Please continue to plan activities for children if all ages

Please fix the tennis courts in Betterton, MD

Recreation opportunities for those with significant disabilities could be improved. Just adding an accessible path to a beach so wheelchair users (and those with limited mobility) could enjoy the water, too, would be a nice accommodation. An accessible playground would be a wonderful addition to our parks!

see prior comment re beach tennis

splash pads in low income areas would be a great addition

Sports!!!! Our youth engage with private and/or options for sports in other counties!

Target 25-35 year olds, no programming available for them, only elderly and retired rich white people.

Thank you for all you do to make our area special. Improved landscaping would be nice.

Thanks

That life guards should be back at Betterton beach

The community center is great, but...transportation?

The community center is lacking access and under used for exercising or drop in sports for young children and elementary ages kids. As a family we are not using the community center and instead going to the YMCA in town because it has better access and hours for both adults and the children. It seems that the facility and pool is not available for regular community use. Also the website and facebook book posts are not user friendly and provide information that is difficult to interpret.

The local youth sports needs to be a big concern in our county. The kids and youth need this outlet to stay off the streets

The pool should be opened longer hours

There are not enough offers for small children for day camp. This would help greatly because day care is in short supply for the summer and holiday breaks.

They need to post information about programs on other places or change the website. The website is a pain , has to be a better way

to much focus on politically correct and chestertown area at expense of outlying areas

Transportation to Worton is a problem for many families

Turf and Bermuda grass

Recruit travel sports teams for every weekend

(Concession stands for each weekend)

Orem field needs new fencing and dug outs

Online scheduling or registration

Water park with slides and thrills. A nice putt putt. Indoor or outdoor rollerskating rink. Convert unused parkland into a public golf course or driving range in order to create income to support recreational programming.

We are fortunate to have some lovely parks and facilities in Kent County.

We have a community center that does not offer activities for all ages of the community. Not everyone is a teenager looking to play a sport. How about some bingo/dance classes/game nights/mock casinos/etc. Anything for adults to meet others outside work or a bar.

We need some supervision of the public beach keeping beach goers off private property

We quit because it took so much time to travel

Would be nice to have a low impact women's water yoga class

Would be nice to have a turf field at the high school or worton park

Would like to have a fenced in field which can be reserved for pet owners so dogs can safely run and play. The dog park is simply too crowded

Would love to see a splash pad in Rock Hall. Maybe at the bulkhead? Might even be some thing used by more people than the pool.

Would love to see expanded and revitalized Baseball programs. Bring travel baseball and softball tournament play to Worton park which would bring teams from out of county that would utilize area hotels and restaurants. Host youth soccer tournaments for travel or rec teams similar to Cecil county. Bring back fall youth baseball. Develop a youth rec golf opportunity.

Would love to see Millington park get some kind of water play or something more than the small slide for kids under 5

You hardly offer anything. Private groups do it. Lots of volunteers and we are getting stretched thin. Same people doing the same stuff for years. Help us!!!

Parks & Facilities Written Comments

A bmx, skate park would benefit the county.

A dog beach would be perfect for Kent County. Newer, modern playgrounds like the new ones installed in Anne Arundel a county would be great.

A program of "trash in, trash-out" should be strongly considered. Otherwise, there needs to be recycling bins. it would be nice to have a walking/hiking club and a facility to rent kayaks with water access. The big sign with the list of rules at Betterton Beach is an eyesore and needs to be removed.

Affordable indoor gym space is needed. It needs to be a larger space so more people will utilize it. Yes, a new YMCA is being built but it is not affordable. People are driving to Middletown for affordable space. There needs to be more emphasis on options for elderly that are not as competitive. A lot of elderly used to bowl. They need programs for movement that are low impact. You need to target this group. More bathroom spaces need to be open year round at parks.

All of the softball fields, especially the new ones not just the boys field, need lights. Playing at 7:30 at night with no lights is dangerous. It also limits practice time when you have to sign up for fields to practice at certain days, times.

beach tennis courts would be great

Beach tennis is a fast growing sport for all ages and may be played on the same size court as beach volleyball. Hopefully Kent County will be open-minded to courts at County parks. More to come....

Beach tennis!!

Better maps at the walking trails especially sassafras you can hardly see the map or what's at each trail, overnight camping areas would be awesome and beach access for horses

Betterton Beach and the Pavillion needs continued and improved supervision.... The written rules are not always enforced.... Crowds get too large....Parking is beyond capacity.... Amplified music is disturbing....But the County staff tries hard to clean up the trash left behind not in containers.... The birds pick apart the trash bags left behind....

Betterton beach is being overwhelmed with weekend visitors

making the swimming area unsafe. Any way to enforce limiting the number of people using the beach?

Betterton Beach is highly getting out of control. I live in town and have to leave for beach fun and boating. Monitors have not got control of the area. Sea door almost hitting boats this weekend. Grills set up in trailer parking. Local boaters have to go elsewhere to boat when we live in the town of betterton. Running locals out very loud music late in the evening and all day long. Total disrespects for family trying to use beach area. Something needs to be done soon. Will ever vote to charge for use of beach. Maybe the county commissioner need to do a weekend check to view for herself in announced. Very upset with this hold thing with the beach

Betterton Beach needs improved waterfront amenities including better boat ramp, soft launch for kayaks and paddle boards. Snack shop or food truck at Betterton beach would be ideal.

Betterton Beach should be a priority location in the summer - there should be a lifeguard and a security presence to keep large gatherings in check.

Betterton boat ramp needs a major upgrade, drop off at end of ramp is dangerous! A separate kayak and small boat launch and storage area is needed.

Betterton needs a canoe/kayak launch. Worton playground needs to be updated. A playground near Chestertown would be helpful. The pool in Worton is wonderful. More evening swim lessons need to be available. Adding nature trails to existing parks would be great.

Chestertown has limited Parks and Rec programming.

Chestertown's Y will be a great addition to the availability of recreational opportunities within town limits, where the town has made great strides to addressing the lack of facilities for the younger population. The Worton facilities are not within reach for some, so having the Y will help those who live in town.

Communication about what is available or what is happening is very poor

Connected rails/trails, bike paths, hiking, etc.

Conservation and preservation needs to be a priority, P&R should be at the forefront of protecting the environment, not leaving it as a bi-product.

Could use more hiking/nature trails in northern part of the county

Enough basketball courts, already!

Extend bike path into county

extremely pleased with the level of attention and supervision employed at Betterton Beach during the last year. It had previously lacked attention and supervision along with avoidance of park rules. Please keep it up.

Fine people for litter and cigarette trash.

food and drink vendors

Get snagging junk away from Morgnec fishing landing. Lots of junk near and on riprap

Good

Have something constructed for them to do to keep them off the streets and jails

I believe we need more for our younger age group to do. The ages 1-3 can be challenging to find something age appropriate for them to do.

I have concerns about the weekend crowding at Betterton Beach Park. The parking and space are always overcrowded on weekends. It would be nice if the families could spread out to use other facilities in Kent County.

I imagine I would care more about some of the amenities if I had kids. I don't really know if they're adequate cuz I don't.

I live near the Scheeler/Rolling park. It stinks of dog so many days. It is not well monitored as people allow dogs to run loose before ever reaching the enclosed dog run areas. Plus it needs more trees and benches along the pathway.

I miss being able to use the gym at the rec center and would a really nice playground where the Tolchester Ag center is now. There is a nice playground already there that could provide a wonderful space for children, trails, gardens, soccer fields, etc.

I wish the horse show rings in Worton Park still existed. Too much priority is given to ball fields and team sports.

I would like to know how I can receive a copy summarizing the results of this survey.

I would love to see more creative uses for Bailey Park. The local community would benefit from a larger, better-maintained play area for children. The largely unused green space could be repurposed for sports or a community garden. Picnic tables and shaded pavilions could make this a friendly gathering place for folks in the neighborhood.

I'd love to see a walking path that links up the town of Galena to Toal Park and Georgetown. They are both such great places to go walking/cycling but walking or riding a bicycle on the main road is scary as hell. Access to Toal Park especially would be incredible as there are already trails there and lots of young families would use this path.

If you look at the QA county parks website, there are several parks available to the public and well maintained. Kent County can't even boast 1 park that is 100% maintained and something to be proud of. For the kids, only a few sports get priority at Worton and the rest get the shaft. Someone needs to take control and make improvements.

Improve

In general, for a small and rural community, we have surprisingly excellent facilities and programming. My concern is distribution/access across the county, and MORE TRAILS PLEASE. We leave for state parks elsewhere to get any distance in whatsoever (Tuckahoe, Susquehanna, etc.)

It would be great to have a playground like betterton or civic center in Chestertown with bathrooms . I would like to see a bath house at the Rock hall beach, a place where you can rent kayaks, and extend the bike path.

It would be very useful if there was a walking path connecting the Town of Galena to Georgetown, allowing residents and visitors to safely travel to Toal Park as well as connecting the 2 communities and creating a space for exercise and recreation. Currently folks walk and bike along the shoulder of Rt. 213 and there are a lot of large trucks which make it dangerous. This would be a very welcomed addition to making our uppermost County Park making it more accessible and inclusive to all. The Town of Galena currently has a sidewalk system that ends at the town limits that could be connected to very easily to create a trail system that could take folks further into town and to the Town Park in Dogwood Plaza which has restroom facilities in place and a nice pavilion and playground area.

It's not modest to require a young girl who does not have a bathing suit to wear a white shirt. What's wrong with you? Give lifeguards the resources to communicate with those who speak other languages since the clothes in the pool is such a big problem and offer swim shirts for people to buy. Nobody comes back to work for you guys because there are too many high expectations, the people that come there are mean, and you offer NO support. Take some advice from Devon who actually made us want to work there. Way to drive away every good employee because we get treated like shit there.

Kent count parks and rec is 'can't county.' Our facilities need an overhaul-especially with a positive, energetic leadership that says yes! Instead of constantly no. Its struggling for years unfortunately because of management. I am sorry to be so frank, but it's true. We have the space to be great! We could attract all sports tournaments. All 3 of my kids play travel sports and not one tournament has ever been played at Kent county. This needs to be promoted. But we don't have adequate facilities or more importantly the enthusiasm to do so. This brings in money to our area. Worton park could be so much more...we need turf and Bermuda grass! We need more paved walking paths in the county. We need updated playgrounds. More time on the baseball diamonds for drainage and less weeds. I have called 3 specific times to schedule activities and it is shot down because of narrow minds. Positivity and energy brings growth, we need this! Our county sports programs are dead. There's no interest in continuing with

Kent because QA or Cecil or even Delaware are so much more friendly and willing to be brilliant. We have plenty of kids in our area to play. We just need to change our ancient views and literally compete to attract kids and parents and adults. We have lost so many families, coaches, and kids due to mismanagement. It's embarrassing. We have the potential and it's not too late! Time for new direction.

Kent County is lacking a skatepark

Kent County NEEDS a BMX/skatepark!!! While there are plentiful options for ball sports throughout the county, there are currently NO opportunities for Kent County residents to participate in the action sports of BMX/skateboarding/scootering! PLEASE bring a facility to Kent County so action sports participants aren't left out!!

Kent County offers so much in the way of recreational interaction with nature. Let's utilize some of the land we have available to make areas accessible to the public and make sure they are well maintained. Look to Tuckahoe as a model. Why not a campground even?

Kent County should have camping facilities available...especially at Turner's Creek area. That would be the perfect camping location. It would bring money to Kent County. Also, the rails to trails program needs to be finished from Chestertown to Worton. More bike trails are needed in Kent County. More walking trails needed throughout all of Kent County. More programming needed to all ages - especially high school students. Baseball/softball fields should be updated - could be used for tournaments that would bring money to Kent County. More playgrounds with updated playground equipment needed throughout Kent County.

Kids get in trouble when they don't have enrichment activities to participate in. Recreational support (supervised AND unsupervised) should be available for kids of ALL ages (0-18). Recreational support should be accessible to disabled people, including available bathrooms and drinking water, places to sit, shaded areas, evenly paved traveling paths where applicable, full mobility aid access on beaches, etc.

Like the new bath house. Would like to see regular beach debris cleanup. Thanks for asking!

Longer hrs and

Many of us in Betterton feel that our beach just can't handle the amount of beach-goer traffic that we see on weekends. Often there are visitors set up with grills in the area designated for boat trailers. Moving these folks onto the nearby grass is NOT a solution. Traffic going into and out of the parking lot has gotten so bad that there is going to be a serious accident soon, most likely involving a child. I would just like to see all the rules enforced consistently. Perhaps the county would consider charging a small fee to park in the parking lot or give Kent County residents the chance to purchase a parking sticker for a nominal fee. Also, please bring back the lifeguards.

more disc golf courses

More trash cans would be great, especially for dog waste.

Most informational signage is in very poor shape ie fiberglass ones. Dirty, faded, outdated

Multi-purpose spaces are great! (For example, walking path + playground + basketball court) They allow a family to enjoy a space together while not restricting all family members to a single activity.

need easy access which includes SAFE bike and walking trails from local community

Need more for kids

Need more playgrounds

Need more pools in the different towns. Chestertown and Millington are not enough

No thanks

Not having a bathroom accessible at Millington park makes play days hard because once you leave to go to the rest room we will more than likely not come back. There is also often trash and glass on the playground which makes it hard for the safety of young children. The younger children equipment is pretty ran down. Due to the pool not being open, having the splash pad option would be phenomenal at the Millington park, The park closest to a large body of water has one but the park that has not access to water in the past two years goes without.

nothing

On some of our hikes we often hear a lot of hung shots for hunters but it is unclear to us where they are coming from. It would be nice to have more information about where hunting is allowed and where or when you safe hiking on certain trails.

P & R have scheduled activities for all ages they look out for the safety of the participants

Parjs and facilities are what families with young kids look for in a community. To keep Kent county thriving and growing it's imperative to attract the next generation

Park employees need to constantly monitor parks to discourage drug or other inappropriate use. I need to feel safe when I use a park facility.

Park officials need to monitor and be on site to control crowds, noise, trash and abuse.

Parking in Betterton needs to be monitored. All non residents should be charged.

Parks are well maintained

Playgrounds need updating and add disability accommodations. More or improved playground/ rec areas in Rock Hall/Galena/Millington. Chestertown needs a playground/pool/youth rec / shaded family picnic or open space facility that is NOT at Wilmer park near the hazardous waterfront and road where people drive too fast. Would love to see a county operated public golf course or partner with Great Oak or CRYCC to provide youth an opportunity to learn and play the game. Would love to see an area for youth to camp or partner with Echo Hill or other privately owned campgrounds to allow more frequent public access where families or small groups could have access to fishing camping and kayak rentals similar to Tackahoe park.

Please fix the tennis courts in Betterton, MD

Please provide any additional written comments or suggestions you have about parks and facilities available in the county.

Please resurface the 2 tennis courts in Betterton Park as they are in poor shape.

Please resurface the concrete on the Betterton steps as our community uses them on a daily basis to access Kent park at Betterton Beach.

Thank you as the Betterton beach is very beautiful, new clean bathrooms and beach is well maintained and clean and is a jewel in Maryland. Kudos to the park service!!

Provide a walkway to the water at Betterton Beach. Older folks can walk with canes etc on the sand but they should have access to the water.

provide electric vehicle charging

Provide more opportunities for young people.

Rock Hall needs indoor gym facilities and bike paths and walking paths. Someone is going to get hit. Cyclist ride right down the middle of the road and people walk in the roadways. There aren't even sidewalks on the busy roads around the waterfront. It's dangerous!

Rowing machines would be nice

Safer and more accessible kayak launches. Rail to trail project. Beachfront activities in Betterton, entertainment, recreational programming, FOOD and drink.

Should have volunteers monitor activity

Some of the playgrounds like worton need updating and it would be fun to have seasonal activities like a temporary ice rink in the winter

Take a look at what QA offers or other counties. Kent looks lazy, we never go above and beyond nor have any outreach programs. You try something once and if it fails u give up. Host tournaments! Parks and rec jobs go beyond M-F 8- 4. Get out there and do something, no precedes in the community!!

Doing the videos is helping but not everyone is on Facebook.

That the rules of the parks be strictly enforced and apply to all.

The bathroom facilities at the park are always very dirty and stink. They are very far away from 90% of the fields. Porter potties could be dumped and cleaned more often. I also wish they had concession stands for after practice and games. Would also be a great way to raise money towards improving fields, bathrooms etc.

The Betterton Beach has been over crowded for the last few years with many users who choose not to follow any of the rules posted and who do not follow water safety rules either.

The Betterton boat ramp and dock should be on a short range list for freshening up. The dock deck is really starting to show its age and the ramp needs to be extended to better accommodate launching and retrieval.

The concession stand run by the Groves was outstanding. It has gone down since then.

The nearest splash pad is almost two hours away. This would be an amazing addition to this area. We miss this the most from living in NC!!

The Parks and Rec website is cumbersome, overly wordy, hard to navigate therefore not welcoming.

The pool should be opened longer

The Rock Hall Beach should be improved by making beach road a promenade and refining that one block (13 residences) to invite commercial business such as restaurants, shops, rentals and bars. It would enhance the tourism season because the sunset is there 12 months, 365 days a year. Beach should be widened, a wall with incorporated seating should be designed and built and a huge fishing pier with benches, trash receptacles and small tables along the pier should be provided. Soft lighting throughout to make this area active and inviting at night. It would be spectacular!

The website is difficult to navigate and often does not contain up to date information

There is too much chemical spraying in the parks. People unwittingly can be exposed along with their pets and children.

There needs to be better access to natural spaces in Kent County. So much land here is private, and there needs to be a much stronger effort to create spaces that improve local ecosystems while increasing equitable access.

There should be more places to hike. We have the rail trail in Chestertown and a small trail around Worton Park. There isn't much so people are forced to walk on roadways. It isn't always the safest option.

They must be kept clean and safe. Also, young people just hanging around will discourage older community members from using the sites.

To have biking & walking trails and connecting them to exiting trails would be a big boost for the county.

Update and maintain the playground at Worton Park. Create more trails and longer walking interpretative trails throughout the county. Classes and activities that are at times that make sense for working families.

Water at parks and easy access/connection to other parks or recreation areas are important. Connect Toal park to Georgetown so we don't get hit by cars!

We are losing kids to QA because our fields and programs are lacking

We desperately need more parks and outdoor recreation for kids my sons skateboard as do a lot of his friends we need a skateboard park here in Kent county I have to leave our beautiful county and go 45 minutes away so all of my children can play at a park where there is something for them all in one park setting

We don't need the manufactured noise of concerts. Need greater access to beaches kept clean from refuse/trees discarded in the rivers emptying into the northern bay

We don't need themes that attract visitors to Chestertown, we just need clean and good parks that are pleasing to all people. Public restrooms, please.

We like bettertons new playground and splash pad. We wish there more of those around the county for kids.

Chestertown doesn't have a playground with any real bathrooms so taking toddlers is extremely difficult.

We live in Betterton and would like to see major upgrade to the water access--replacement of boat ramp, soft launch for kayaks and stand up paddle, access to snack bar at the beach.

We need a volleyball league

We need bike lanes on all major roads, especially within the towns.

We primarily drive from Chestertown to other towns for parks (Bettertons' new playground is amazing and we have been very happy at all the playgrounds in Rock Hall specifically) It bothers me that Chestertown really lacks a community park that is inclusive for all age groups. The toddler playset that is at the pocket park is terrible. That park is usually covered in trash as well. I took my toddler once and saw dirty tampons and liquor bottles. We won't return. Wilmer park is "nice" but its really just a waterfront walking loop.

We spoke with the vendor at Betterton Beach who stated they would be there from 7am to 5pm Friday & Saturday. I don't recall seeing this posted on social media. Are the profits going back into Kent County Parks & Recreation?

We usually go to Churchill park when grandkids are here. The ones around us are terrible and not much to do there.

We would love to have evening activities for after work to bring smaller children to attend. Haven't

attended anything because my child was born a month before the pandemic started. :)

We would LOVE to see a disc golf course in Kent County! Fast growing sport for all ages, very economical to build and keeps green space and trees.

Where are the benches and life guards at Betterton? Why are there porta potty's there still?

Wilmer Park is a great outdoor zone for adults. Children need a separate one. Or the a big enough area like the park off Chester harbor.

Worton Park fields and facilities need to be elevated/modernized to attract more people into the county.

Worton Park is great. It's wonderful having all the fields in one space so multiple children can play sports and families don't have to try to be in three places at once. The playground at Worton needs some TLC. The swings are constantly broken, the mulch is over grown, the trash cans are not emptied. I realize a lot of this has to do with people being horrible and lazy, but a little more attention could still be paid to the facilities, especially during fall and spring when the fields are in use. Again, a playground in Chestertown is long over due. I am fully aware that the county has no sway over what the town does, but maybe the county could put a splash pad in just outside of town limits? Show Chestertown how it's done?

Would love to see better communication and promotion from Kent County Parks & Recreation

Would love to see indoor fitness available in Betterton or Galena

Would love to see the rail to trail expanded for a long distance. For runners, especially longer distance runners, sometimes the roads are not the safest but really the only place.

You left out playing bocce! This is huge in Chestertown at Wilmer park. May need more space for it at some point. Also can use more safe areas, bike lanes? to bicycle since roads need serious repairs and some people drive way too fast. Would love to have more bus trips — esp. to DC, Philly and NYC (seems like other countries have more)

You offer so little to teens to keep them off the streets and very little to engage senior citizens

Inventory

Field/Facility Based Recreation Amenities:

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APPENDIX B: Kent County 2022 LPPRP

Inventory

Outdoor Recreation Amenities:

Field/Facility Based Recreation Amenities:

Site Name:	Property Type	Property Size (Acres)	Outdoor Recreation Area (Acres):	Natural Areas	Water Access	Picnic Facilities	Trails	Hunting/Fishing	Other	Sports Fields	Playground/Play Structure	Basketball	Tennis	Activity Building/Recreation Center
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Natural Resource Lands Inventory

Site Name:	Property Size (Acres)	Other
State		
Millington WMA	3943	Example Environmental Center at site
Sassafras NRMA	1,008	Limited public access, habitat protection area
Urieville Lake FMA	50	
Cypress Branch NRMA	158	
State Total	5,158	
Federal	2,283	
Eastern Neck Island, US FWMA	2,283	
Totals:	7,441	

Table IV-2 Inventory of Preserved Land

Owner	File Number	Year	Holder	Acres Preserved in Easement	Type
KERNER, STEPHEN & TERRI LYNN	0003WEL74.KENT	1974	MET	2.500	Donated
MANOR SHORES, LLC	0007COP75.KENT	1975	MET	632.000	Donated
RICHARDSON, DAVID & CHERYL J.					
MANOR SHORES, LLC					
MANOR SHORES, LLC					
HAVEMEYER, CHRISTIAN	0092HAV84.KENT	1984	MET	173.720	Donated
GSELL, DAVID SMITH & CONNIE ROSE	0116HUB86.KENT	1986	MET	1172.460	Donated
STEPNE, L.L.C.					
FRANK, CHARLES & GERALDINE					
MELTON POINT DUCK CLUB, LLC	0111HAR86.KENT	1986	MET	176.310	Donated
JOHNSON, ELDRIDGE R II & BETTY Z	0114JOH86.KENT	1986	MET	683.830	Donated
JOHNSON, ELDRIDGE R II & BETTY Z &					
NICKERSON, ALBERT H. & KRISTEN E.					
ZEISET, ABRAM S. & SARA E.; & ZEISET, ERIC M. & CONSTANCE A.	0194NIC90.KENT	1990	MET	437.000	Donated
PAYNE, ROBERT P. & JEAN C.	0210PAY91.KENT	1991	MET/ESLC	155.430	Donated
MICHAEL LOUIS G ETAL	0230MIC92.KENT	1992	MET/ESLC	42.500	Donated
RIENHOFF, WILLIAM F III & GRACE S	0227REI92.KENT	1992	MET/ESLC	27.339	Donated
VANREED, GARY B.	0219VAN92.KENT	1992	MET/ESLC	23.200	Donated
PARISH, PHILIP P.W., TRUSTEE	0228PAR92.KENT	1992	MET/ESLC	22.189	Donated
LIEBER, ALBERT C. & JOAN R. ETALS	0235LIE92.KENT	1992	MET/ESLC	61.550	Donated
GOODALL, DOUGLAS K. & GOODALL, MARY ELLIE	0241HUN92.KENT	1992	MET/ESLC	53.400	Donated
NICKLAS GREGORY W., & HERMAN, JONI C.					
THE GIBSON COMPANY	0243GIB93.KENT	1993	MET/ESLC	119.000	Donated
BRYAN ROBERT L JR ETALS	0249BRY93.KENT	1993	MET/ESLC	125.000	Donated
ENEY FARM LLC	0269COO93.KENT	1993	MET/ESLC	40.515	Donated
BACHMANN, JACK & MARK	0281WOL94.KENT	1994	MET/ESLC	78.748	Donated
WOLFSON, CHERYL LINDA					
BRADY MICHAEL K					
ENEY FARM LLC	0338COO95.KENT	1995	MET/ESLC	59.056	Donated

QUARSTEIN, PAMELA ANN, ETALS,	0323KRO95.KENT	1995	MET/ESLC	311.240	Donated
FRANCIS O. DAY CO., INC.					
SHIPPING CREEK FARM, LLC	0362ING96.KENT	1996	MET/ESLC	318.000	Donated
HEWES, ROBERT M.,III & JANET J.	0405HEW97.KENT	1997	MET/ESLC	164.130	Donated
HEWES ROBERT M III TRUSTEE					
SPORTING GOODS PROPERTIES, INC.	Ches. Farms	1997	TCF/AFT	3300.000	Donated
SYSAK MARIAN E & JANE E HALIL	0408ERN97.KENT	1997	MET/ESLC	19.970	Donated
ENEY FARM LLC	0432COO98.KENT	1998	MET/ESLC	43.800	Donated
FOEHRENBACH, JACK	0457FOE98.KENT	1998	MET/ESLC	32.670	Donated
SYCAMORE POINT FARMS, LLC	0458BLA98.KENT	1998	MET/ESLC	165.165	Donated
JOHNSON, SHAW M.	0491JOH99.KENT	1999	MET/ESLC	126.520	Donated
KING'S GRANT FARM, INC.	0476KGE99.KENT	1999	MET/ESLC	704.237	Donated
SWAN POINT FARM LLC	0497ALL99.KENT	1999	MET/ESLC	177.842	Donated
HARRIS, MARGARET M. &	0487HAR99.KENT	1999	MET/ESLC	190.533	Donated
AQUILLA, JOSEPH B. & KATHRYN	0537AQU00.KENT	2000	MET/ESLC	45.930	Donated
SPENCER FARM LLC	0619SPE01.KENT	2001	MET/CWH	189.811	Donated
CUGLE, JOHN P. & KATHY, CO-TR.	071CON02.KENT	2002	MET/ESLC	23.230	Donated
HOON, PHILIP W. & LISA L.	0714HOO02.KENT	2002	MET/ESLC	20.480	Donated
ASPLUNDH, GREGG G. & CHRISTINE M.	0715ASP02.KENT	2002	MET/ESLC	58.085	Donated
TURNERS CREEK FARM LLC	0700DAL02.KENT	2002	MET/ESLC	479.180	Donated
PAYNE, ROBERT P. & JEAN C.	0731PAY02.KENT	2002	MET/ESLC	65.801	Donated
KENT FAMILY FARM, LLC	0761KEN03.KENT	2003	MET/ESLC	223.649	Donated
HILL FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	0782STA03.KENT	2003	MET/ESLC	50.000	Donated
LEVENGOD, PAUL K. & KATHARINE H.	0811LEV04.KENT	2004	MET/ESLC	34.190	Donated
BRADY, JAMES COX & TONY HEIDRICH,	0790HOU04.KENT	2004	MET/ESLC	152.490	Donated
FALCONE, MICHAEL LOUIS	0812FAL04.KENT	2004	MET	157.000	Donated
CFD, LLC & DFLP, LLC		2007	MET/ESLC	65.130	Donated
MARGARET K. BRAMBLE, LLC	0933BRA07.KENT	2007	MET	324.000	Donated
JASION, W.E. SCOTT & TINA	0907TOT07.KENT	2007	MET/ESLC	84.660	Donated
SHRILEY, CHARLES I. & KATHLEEN M.	0938SHR07.KENT	2007	MET/ESLC	34.282	Donated
CROW, ROY W.	0934CRO07.KENT	2007	MET/ESLC	110.221	Donated
CHURCH JACKIE L	0939SUS07.KENT	2007	MET	69.780	Donated
MARGARET K. BRAMBLE, LLC	0971BRA08.KENT	2008	MET/ESLC	249.000	Donated

HILL, HERMAN E JR & HERMAN E III	0973HIL08.KENT	2008	MET/ESLC	139.000	Donated
WILMERDING, PETER, JEREMY P	0974WIL08.KENT	2008	MET	181.690	Donated
TCF FARM #2 LLC	0970TCF08.KENT	2008	MET/ESLC	112.830	Donated
JOLLY, CHARLES N.	1000JOL09.KENT	2009	MET/ESLC	100.349	Donated
ANDELOT LLC	0995DUE09.KENT	2009		2894.200	Donated
MICHAELS, GEORGE S.	0999MIC09.KENT	2009	MET/ESLC	24.221	Donated
OWINGS BROTHERS PROPERTIES LLC	1028ACB11.KENT	2011	MET/ESLC	136.590	Donated
LEIGH LINDA H	1066LEI13.KENT	2013	MET/ESLC	114.294	Donated
ROBERT C. FRY AND JUDITH L. GIFFORD	1093FRY15.KENT	2015	MET/ESLC	61.730	Donated
JAMES NORTH AND RITA MARIE & RONALD JEFFREY AKINS	1095NOR15.KENT	2015	ESLC/ACUB	23.517	Donated
FRY, EDWIN R & MARIAN M	1056FRY13.KENT	2013	ESLC/CCNSB	160.630	Scenic/PDR
MASON ROY SCOTT	1061MAS13.KENT	2013	ESLC/CCNSB	421.108	Scenic/PDR
FRY FAMILY LP	1079FFL14.KENT	2014	ESLC/CCNSB	403.597	Scenic/PDR
Oldfield Point Farms, LLC		2017	ESLC/CCNSB	678.649	Scenic/PDR
NICKERSON, ALWYN & SUE ELLEN	0628NIC01.KENT	2001	ESLC/RL	89.680	PDR
WESTPHALIA FARMS LIMITED PARTNERSH	0728SAS02.KENT	2002	ESLC/RL	448.771	PDR
MYERS, KENNETH A.	0650MYE02.KENT	2002	ESLC/RL	169.862	PDR
WOOTTON, EUGENIA COOPER	0735COO02.KENT	2002	ESLC/RL	161.110	PDR
WOOTTON, EUGENIA COOPER	0735COO02.KENT	2002	ESLC/RL	164.364	PDR
EATON, GORDON W & LEONE R TRUSTEES	RL-0360	2006	ESLC/RL	210.865	PDR
FUCHS WILLIAM P & DEBORAH	RL-0508	2011	ESLC/RL	185.880	PDR
FUCHS WILLIAM P & DEBORAH	RL-0509	2011	ESLC/RL	245.252	PDR
MCDONALD BRYAN S	RL-0531	2012	ESLC/RL	222.050	PDR/FRPP
MCDONALD BRYAN S	RL-0530	2012	ESLC/RL	148.895	PDR/FRPP
BONTRAGER WILLIAM	RL-0564	2013	ESLC/RL	158.434	PDR
MYERS, JOHN H. JR ETALS	14-84-04	1985	MALPF	172.000	PDR
BRINK, ROBERT S & EILEEN M	14-84-03	1986	MALPF	125.000	PDR
PRICE, FLOYD W., JR. & TERRI B.	14-85-02	1986	MALPF	119.320	PDR
HILL HENRY JAY	14-85-01	1986	MALPF	163.690	PDR
THORNTON FARM LLC	14-86-05	1987	MALPF	124.590	PDR
BIG MEADOW, INC.	14-85-03	1987	MALPF	183.447	PDR
CHANCE, JOHN ANDREW & AUDREY MOORE	14-87-06aex3	1987	MALPF	77.575	PDR

THORNTON FARM LLC	14-86-06	1987	MALPF	139.270	PDR
BIG MEADOW, INC.	14-86-01a	1987	MALPF	27.727	PDR
ALEXANDER, NOBLE JR	14-88-06ex3	1988	MALPF	236.471	PDR
ALEXANDER, ANN R. & NOBLE JR. TRUSTEE					
DAVIS, SAMMY L. & R. LEE DAVIS JR,	14-88-03ex1	1988	MALPF	308.500	PDR
FOSTER, ARTHUR L., SR. & ANN E. &	14-88-07ex1	1988	MALPF	204.000	PDR
CLARK CROMWELL WAYNE	14-86-04	1988	MALPF	296.000	PDR
MYERS JOHN H JR	14-88-04	1988	MALPF	92.650	PDR
USILTON, ELIZABETH M & JAMES D SR	14-87-03ex1	1988	MALPF	214.920	PDR
MYERS BARBARA L					
PRICE, MARILYN Y. &	14-87-04	1988	MALPF	251.310	PDR
SIBFOUR CORPORATION	14-87-07Aex2	1989	MALPF	56.252	PDR
LAWRENCE, MICHAEL R	14-87-07Bex3	1989	MALPF	49.557	PDR
PRATT, ROBIN J.	14-87-05ex1	1989	MALPF	226.520	PDR
PRATT, ROBIN HENRY					
LANGENFELDER, ALLEN G & ALVENA L	14-87-02	1989	MALPF	105.100	PDR
PARKER, DAVID A. & BARBARA H.	14-90-01	1990	MALPF	227.920	PDR
GREEN POINT FARMS, LLC					
BERGEN CLARA M LYNDA ANN BERGEN WH	14-89-03	1990	MALPF	163.038	PDR
COREY JANE A ETALS	14-91-02	1993	MALPF	298.494	PDR
MEEKS, ROBERTA S & EDGAR R	14-90-02	1994	MALPF	123.618	PDR
PARKER POINT, LLC	14-94-01	1994	MALPF	198.860	PDR
JOINER, CHARLES H., JR & DOROTHY S	14-87-01	1994	MALPF	203.566	PDR
LEAVERTON I, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	14-92-04	1995	MALPF	443.040	PDR
REDMAN WILLIAM CARL	14-92-05	1995	MALPF	207.230	PDR
DILL FRANKLIN M II TRUSTEE	14-86-03	1996	MALPF	194.620	PDR
BERGEN, LEE A & ALISON B	14-95-02	1996	MALPF	78.388	PDR
LANKFORD, RICHARD JR &	14-92-01	1997	MALPF	202.260	PDR
HOON, ANN WILMER ETAL	14-97-07	1997	MALPF	307.393	PDR
JACOBSEN, ERIC	14-97-09ex1	1997	MALPF	183.398	PDR
CHASE ERIKA L & LAURA C SNYDER	14-96-03	1997	MALPF	283.766	PDR
REDMAN WILLIAM CARL	14-92-06	1997	MALPF	119.000	PDR/FRPP
ORCHARD CREEK BUILDERS, LLC	14-97-06	1998	MALPF	215.830	PDR

OLIN DAVIS FARMS, LLC	14-97-02	1998	MALPF	217.757	PDR
BORIA MARIA C TRUSTEE	14-88-05e	1998	MALPF	128.336	PDR
ORCHARD CREEK BUILDERS, LLC	14-97-06	1998	MALPF	0.000	PDR
CLAGGETT, HERSCHELL B	14-98-03	1998	MALPF	210.300	PDR/FRPP
BATEMAN FARMS, INC.	14-95-13	1999	MALPF	129.053	PDR
BATEMAN FARMS, INC.	14-99-05	1999	MALPF	164.491	PDR
STOLTZFUS, JONAS L. & RUTH E.	14-98-02	1999	MALPF	149.723	PDR
GOOSE HAVEN ENTERPRISES, LLC	14-98-06	1999	MALPF	112.540	PDR
MCDONALD BRYAN S & LEWIS H	14-98-05	1999	MALPF	351.023	PDR
LANGENFELDER, CHARLES A JR&DEBORAH	14-97-12	1999	MALPF	89.683	PDR
MOORE, MICHAEL R. & WENDY S.	14-98-07aex1	1999	MALPF	64.210	PDR/FRPP
GSELL, JOSEPH C & PORTIA F	14-99-04	2000	MALPF	272.800	PDR
OLIN DAVIS FARMS, LLC	14-97-03	2000	MALPF	294.932	PDR
ROSE, HOWARD E. & EREN	14-98-01	2000	MALPF	206.570	PDR
SPRINKLE, JOHN HAROLD JR.	14-88-08	2000	MALPF	352.880	PDR
THIEME, WAYNE H.	14-98-04	2000	MALPF	115.103	PDR
STAP, JOHN & JULIA C.	14-96-01	2001	MALPF	211.184	PDR
ROESER, LORIE S.					
MANZON, KATHARINE					
STAP, WILLIAM JOHN					
HERRELL BOBBY J & ALICE TRUSTEES					
HICKMAN, FRANCIS JOSEPH & MARIANNE L	14-00-07	2002	MALPF	229.000	PDR
ACED, LLC	14-00-11ac	2002	MALPF	82.460	PDR
LOVETT, DAVID W & DAWN M	14-00-09	2002	MALPF	105.681	PDR
GUTHRIE, THOMAS W & DEBORAH B	14-01-02	2002	MALPF	106.000	PDR
CLAGGETT, HERSCHELL B	14-00-06	2003	MALPF	119.740	PDR
SUTTON, M. LYNN	14-01-01	2003	MALPF	130.209	PDR
TCF FARMS #3 LLC	14-01-08	2003	MALPF	226.100	PDR/FRPP
BRYAN ROBERT L JR ETALS	14-02-01	2003	MALPF	124.470	PDR/FRPP
YORK FARM, LLC	14-02-05	2005	MALPF	200.244	PDR
PHILIPP, BEVERLY C.	14-04-05	2005	MALPF	197.280	PDR/FRPP
MCDONALD LEWIS H	14-01-09	2005	MALPF	257.186	PDR/FRPP
DICKERSON, M. MARGARET &	14-00-10	2006	MALPF	290.000	PDR

FOSTER VIRGINIA LYNN	14-05-01	2006	MALPF	269.267	PDR
SHIPYARD CREEK LLC	14-04-01	2006	MALPF	144.211	PDR
M.R. LONGENECKER FAMILY L.P.	14-99-02c	2006	MALPF	116.041	PDR
HUDSON, FRANK P.	14-05-02	2006	MALPF	202.800	PDR
BROWN HAROLD L JR	14-88-01	2006	MALPF	103.492	PDR
MCHENRY, HOWARD A. & REBECCA P.	14-01-07	2006	MALPF	206.756	PDR
JOINER, EMILY DIANA	14-01-04	2006	MALPF	123.375	PDR
BARNES, W. FRANK JR & JESSIE KAYE	14-89-01	2007	MALPF	198.570	PDR
NEWSOME, FRANK S, ETALS	14-03-01	2007	MALPF	96.125	PDR
NEWSOME, FRANK S, ETALS		2015			
MCHENRY, HOWARD A. & REBECCA P.	14-06-03	2007	MALPF	99.000	PDR
DUDLEY A. MCHENRY PREL RELEASE CHILD LOT		2015			
SMITHVILLE FARM LLC	14-06-06	2007	MALPF	77.378	PDR
HILL FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	14-06-10	2007	MALPF	292.190	PDR
LEONARD, SUSAN D. & FRANKLIN D.	14-06-04	2007	MALPF	146.432	PDR
HUNTINGFIELD FARM LLC	14-06-08	2007	MALPF	199.401	PDR
VESTRY OF NORTH KENT PARISH, THE	14-06-15	2007	MALPF	303.040	PDR
EASON, DAVID B. SR & PATRICIA A.	14-06-14	2007	MALPF	126.975	PDR
FALCONE, MICHAEL LOUIS	14-06-05	2007	MALPF	184.030	PDR
MCDONALD LEWIS H II	14-92-03	2007	MALPF	231.000	PDR
OWINGS AND SONS BUSINESS TRUST	14-95-06	2007	MALPF	301.000	PDR
OPEN ACRES FARM LLC	14-01-06	2007	MALPF	220.215	PDR
PHIPPS FARM LIMITED LIABILITY CO.	14-06-13	2007	MALPF	227.992	PDR
OWINGS AND SONS BUSINESS TRUST	14-95-07	2007	MALPF	224.760	PDR
NEW GRAND VIEW HOLDINGS LLC	14-02-02	2008	MALPF	387.633	PDR
OWINGS AND SONS BUSINESS TRUST	14-06-02	2009	MALPF	324.376	PDR/FRPP
FERNWALT, JOHN D JR	14-09-04	2011	MALPF	240.000	PDR
STOLTZFUS STEPHEN LAMAR	14-11-01	2012	MALPF	139.482	PDR
DUCK PUDDLE VENTURE LLC	14-13-01	2014	MALPF	181.897	PDR
ANGELICA NURSERIES #6	14-13-03	2014	MALPF	229.897	PDR
DEBNAM, C. BRECKINRIDGE & SUSAN	14-13-05	2014	MALPF	143.450	PDR
DUCK PUDDLE VENTURE LLC	14-13-02	2014	MALPF	282.000	PDR
LEWIS H. McDONALD & BRYAN S. McDONALD	14-15-07	2016	MALPF	220.761	PDR

HOWARD'S GIFT FARM	14-15-05	2017	MALPF	256.479	PDR
ALLAN J. HILL	14-15-04	2017	MALPF	156.210	PDR
LEWIS H. McDONALD	14-15-06	2017	MALPF	228.680	PDR
ANGELICA NURSERIES, INC.	14-15-01	2017	MALPF	216.058	PDR
MARY WOODLAND TAN & MARGARET ANN CUMMINGS	14-15-08	2017	MALPF	221.163	PDR
FOSTER, VIRGINIA LYNN		2014	NRCS	43.881	Purchased
TOTAL				38863.633	

Indicates easements since 2012 LPPRP

ACUB: Army Compatible Use Buffer Program/Aberdeen Proving Ground

ESLC: Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

MALPF: Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation

RL: Rural Legacy

NRCS: Natural Resources Conservation Service

PDR: Purchase of Development Rights

FRPP: Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (Federal)

APPENDIX C - Capital Improvement Plan 2022-2030

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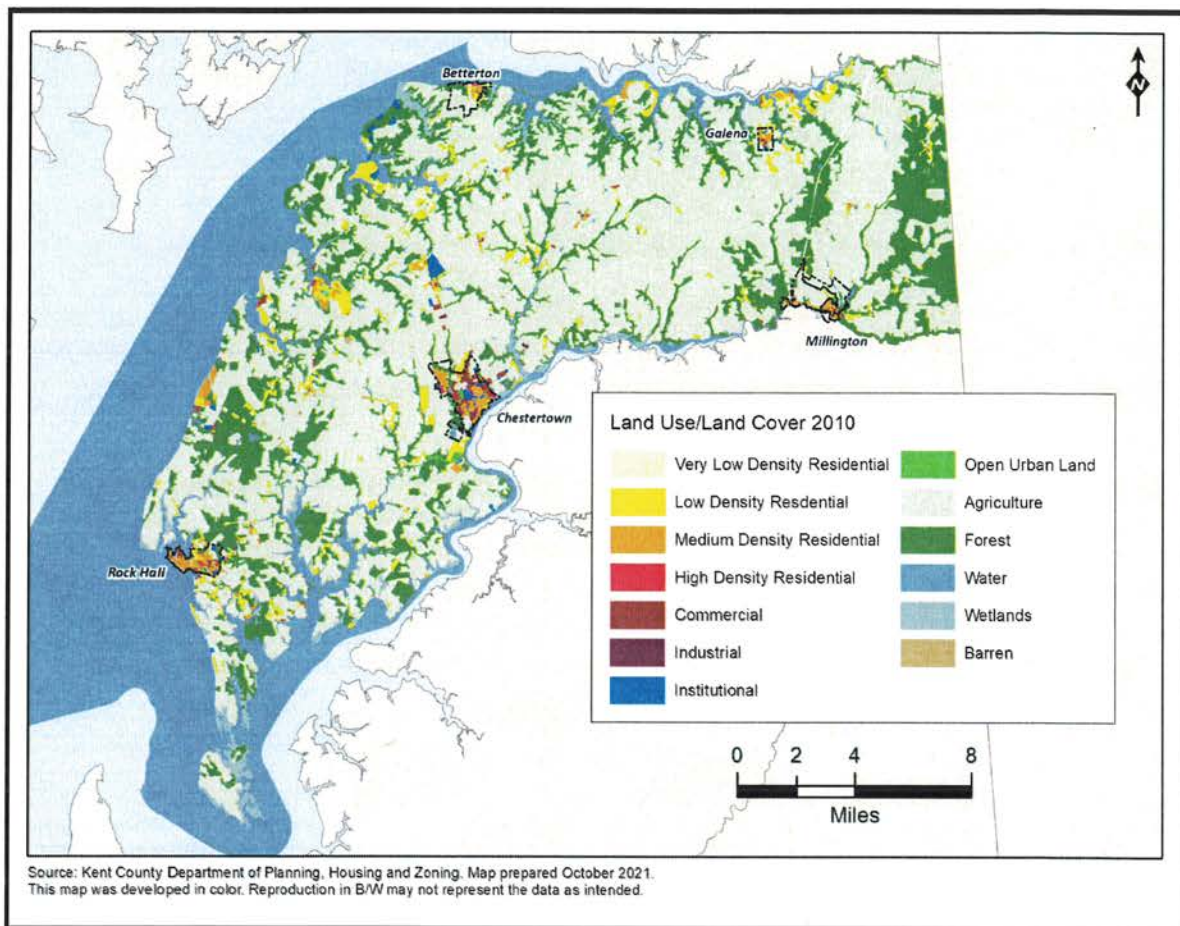
Edesville Park Rehab	Convert existing ball diamond to multi-purpose field. Convert grass volleyball court to sand court. Convert existing picnic shed to traditional pavilion. Rehab existing walking path, perimeter trail.	1,100											1,100
Edesville Park Swings	Project to be included in FY22 Local Park and Playground Infrastructure Grant - Install swings inside existing playground area. ADA handicap swing	10					10						
Bayside Landing Park & Pool Flooring	Project to be included in FY22 Local Park and Playground Infrastructure Grant - Install slipproof flooring inside bathhouse restrooms.	15					15						
Millington Pool Replastering	Replaster the pool	45					45						
Millington Pool Rehab	Repave parking lot; Half basketball court rehab; Tennis court resurfacing (tennis/pickleball lines); Rehab picnic area - regrade grass / improve picnic surface areas, tree removal/trimming	110											110
Community Center Pool	Replace underwater lights and replaster shallow end of pool; pool storage room shelving	55					55						
	Total	\$7,487											
						\$30	\$1,077			\$20		\$4,150	\$2,210
	Totals by Short, Mid, Long Term Range	\$7,487				Subtotal	\$1,107		Subtotal	\$20		Subtotal	\$6,360

Appendix D

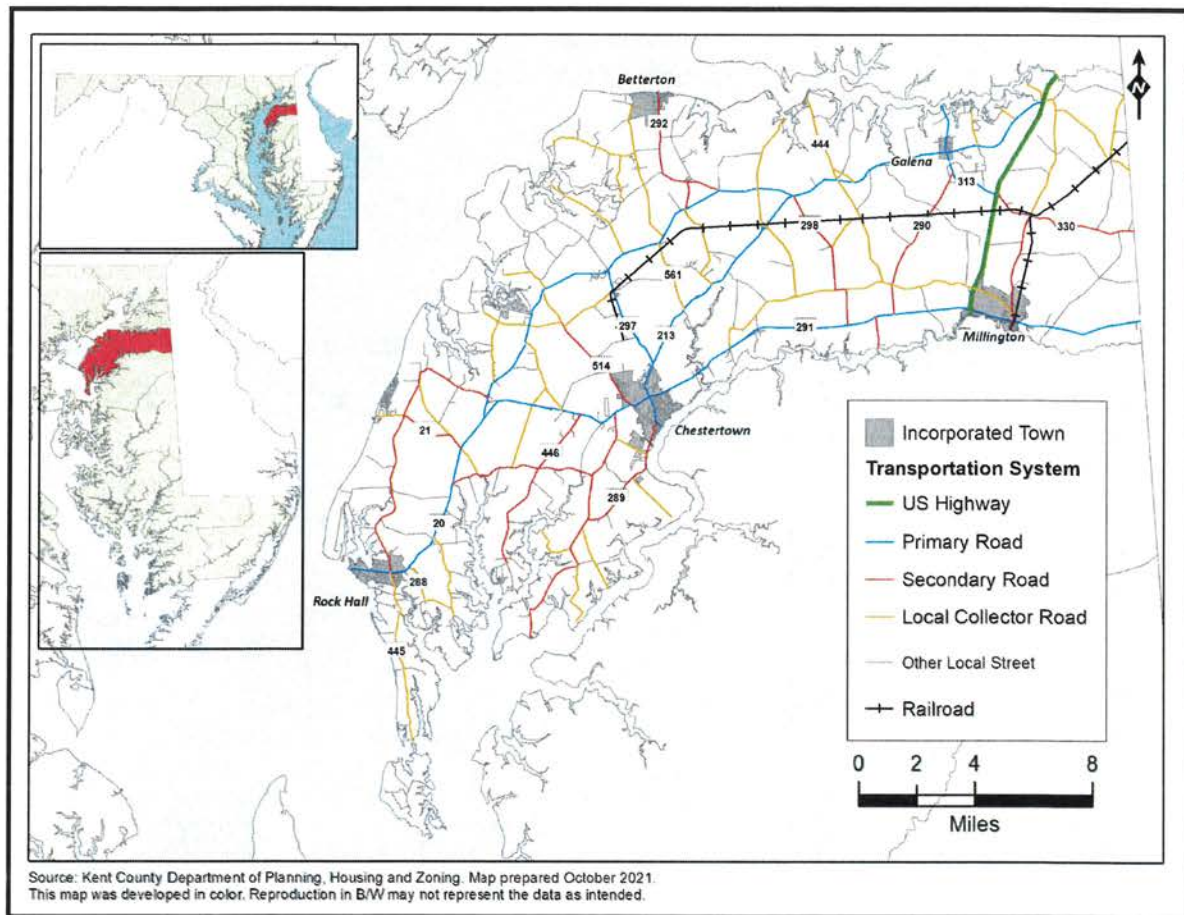
Kent County LPPRP Maps

Chapter I: Framework

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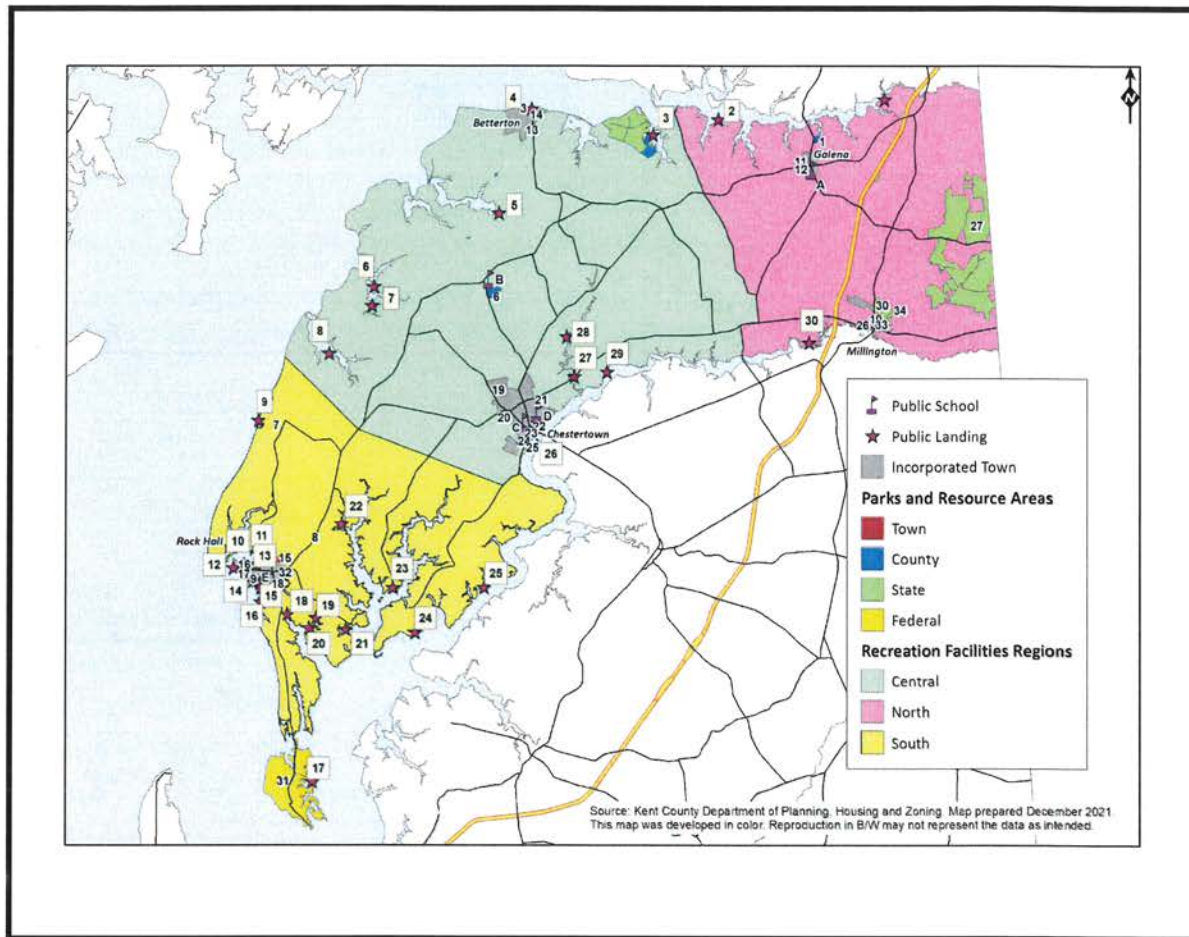


Map I-2 Regional Context The Development Pattern

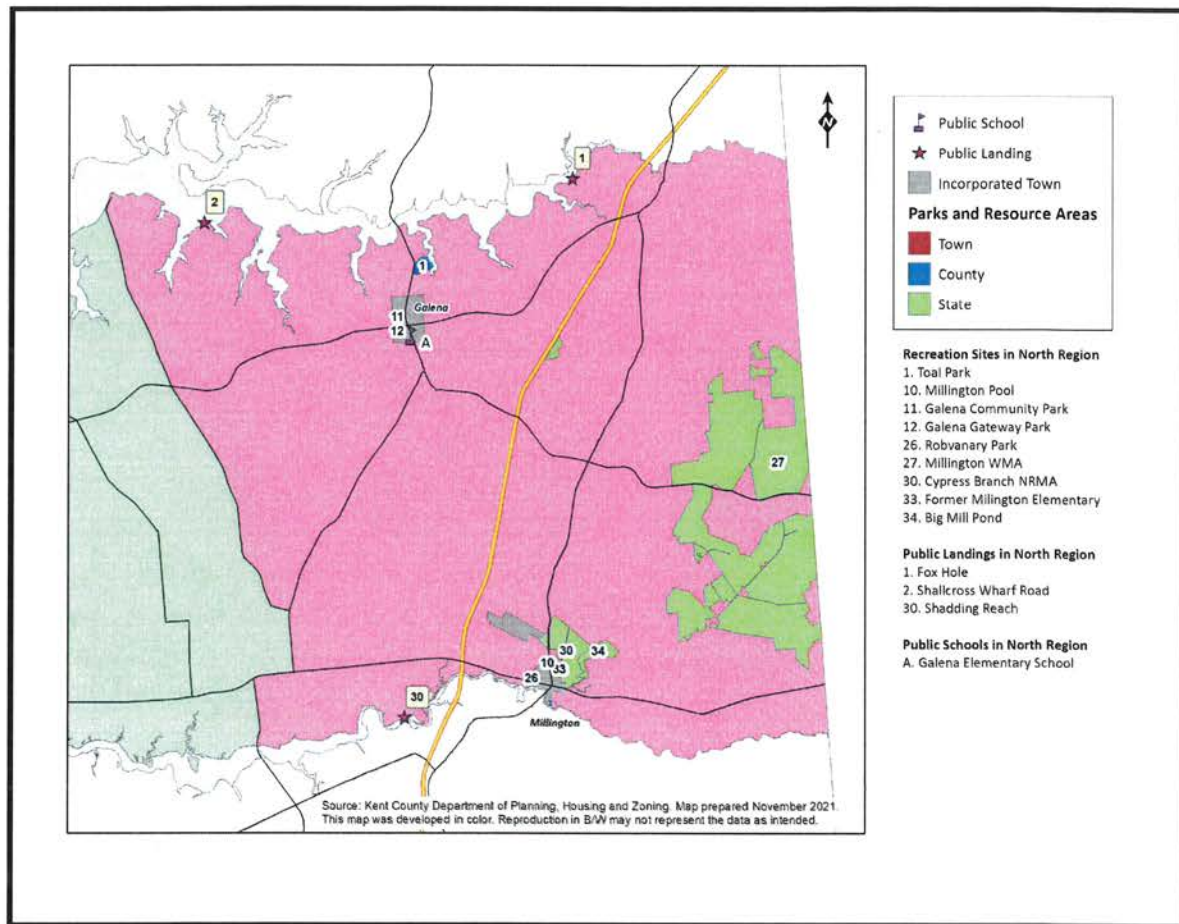


Chapter II: Recreation, Parks, and Open Space

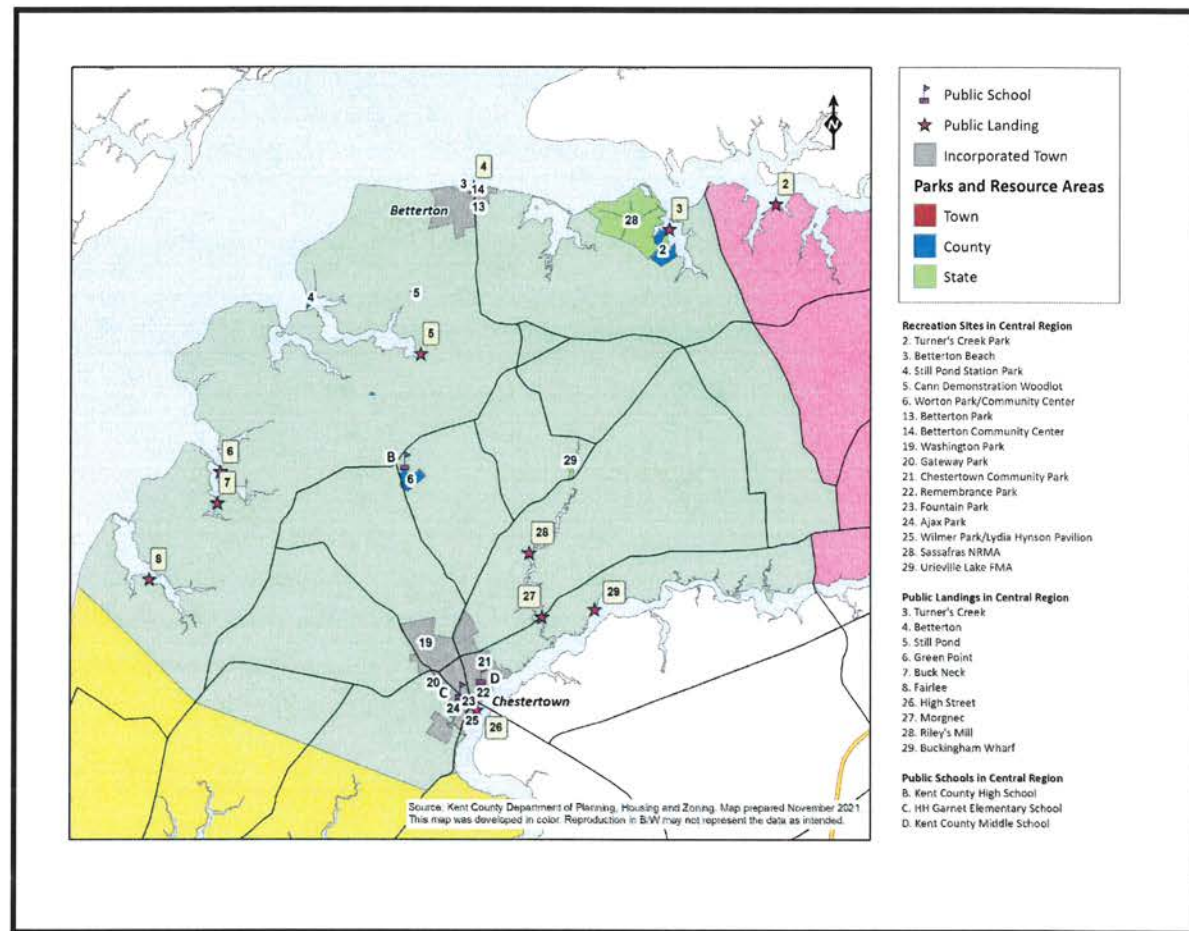
Map II-1 Recreation Sites in Kent County



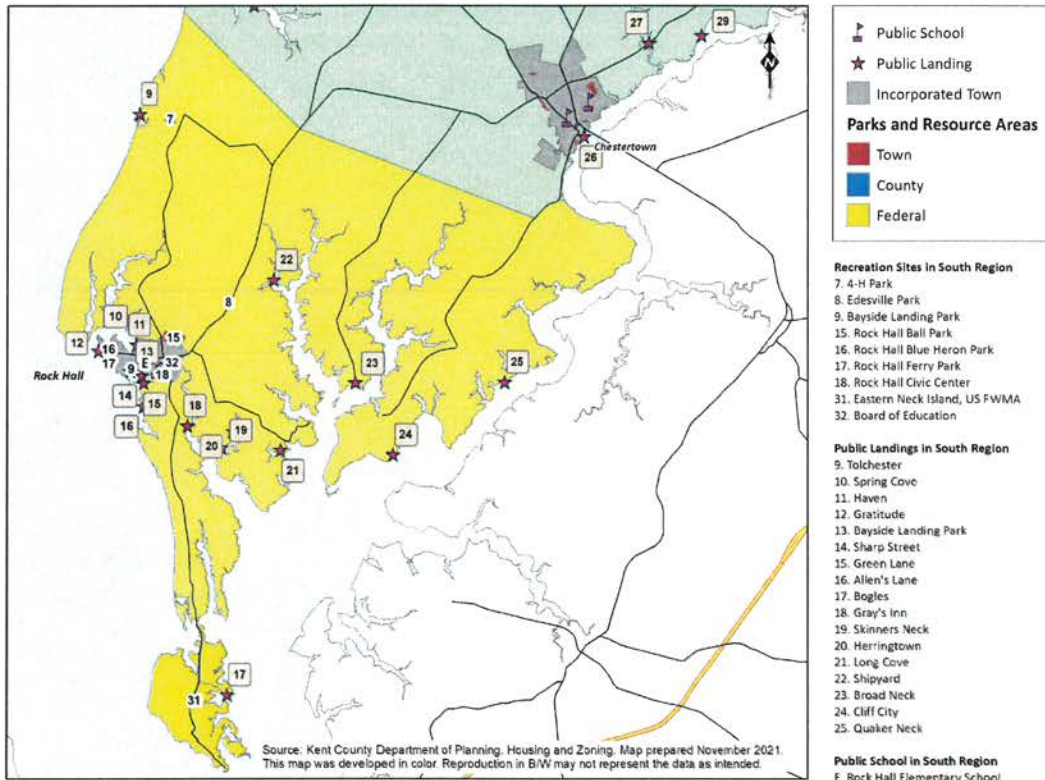
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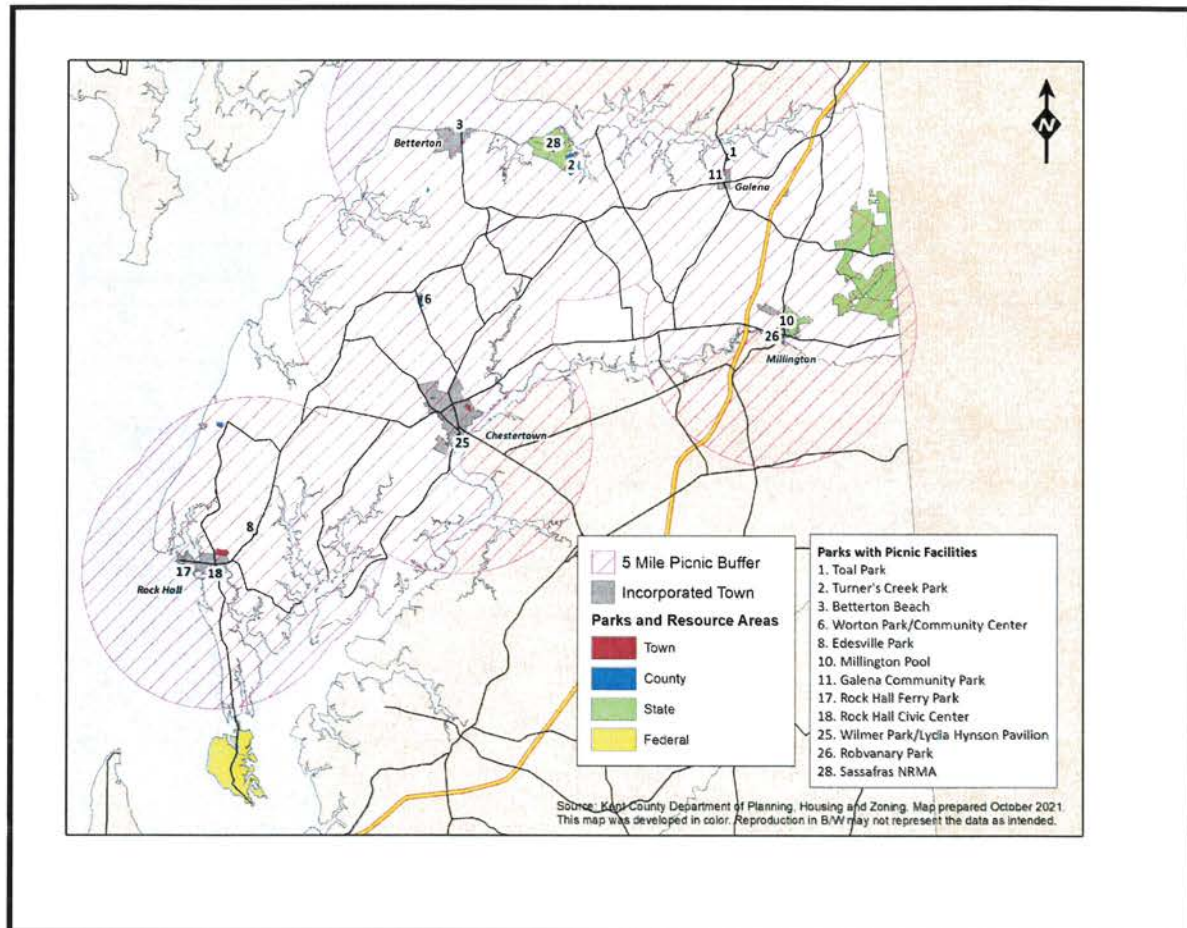
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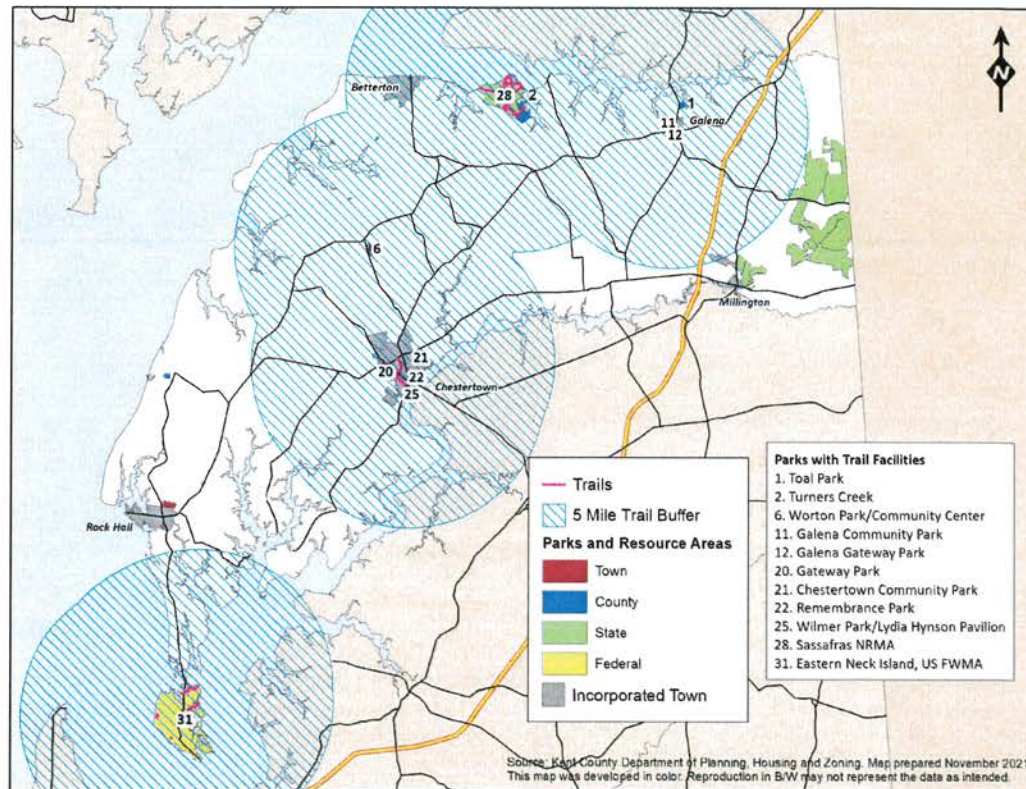
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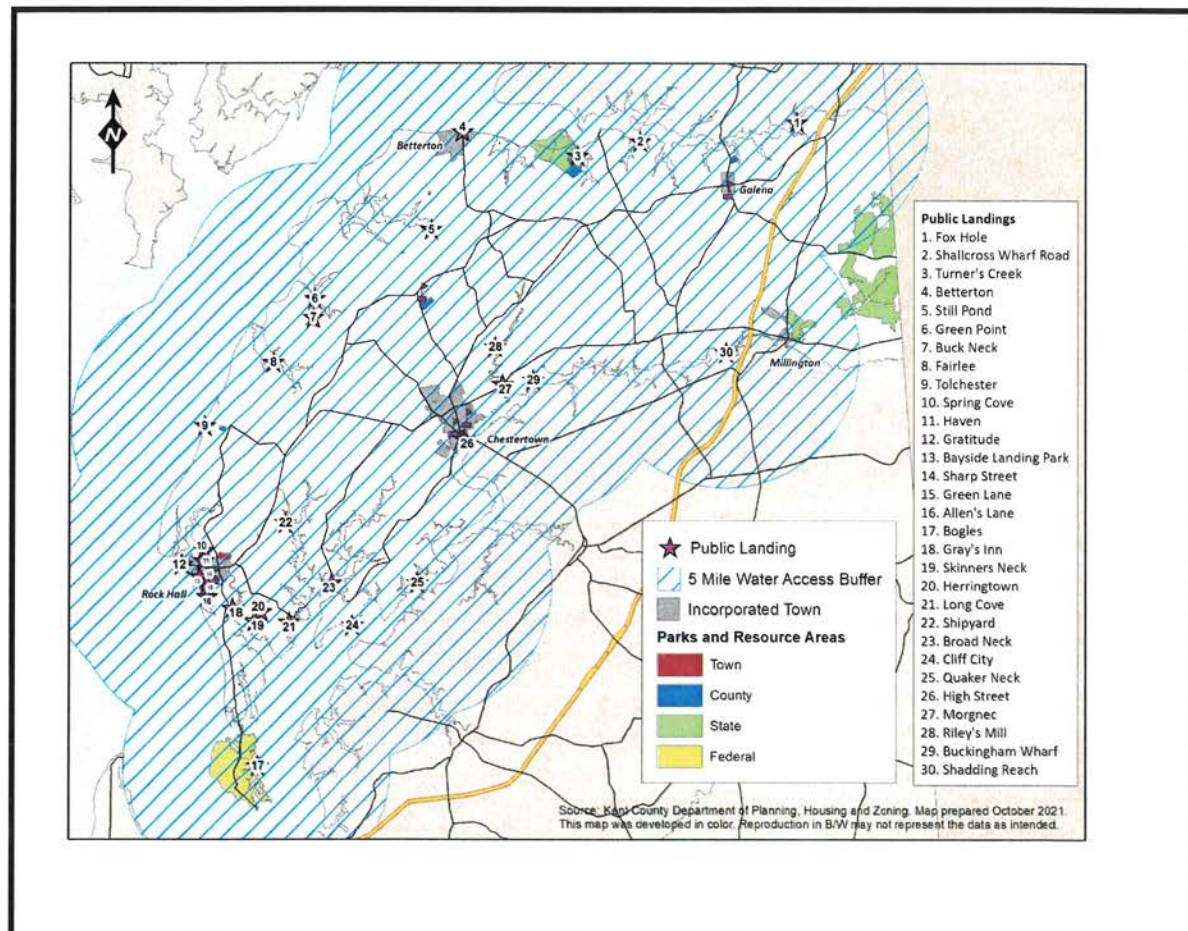
Map II-5 Areas within Five Miles of Recreation Facilities with Picnic Areas



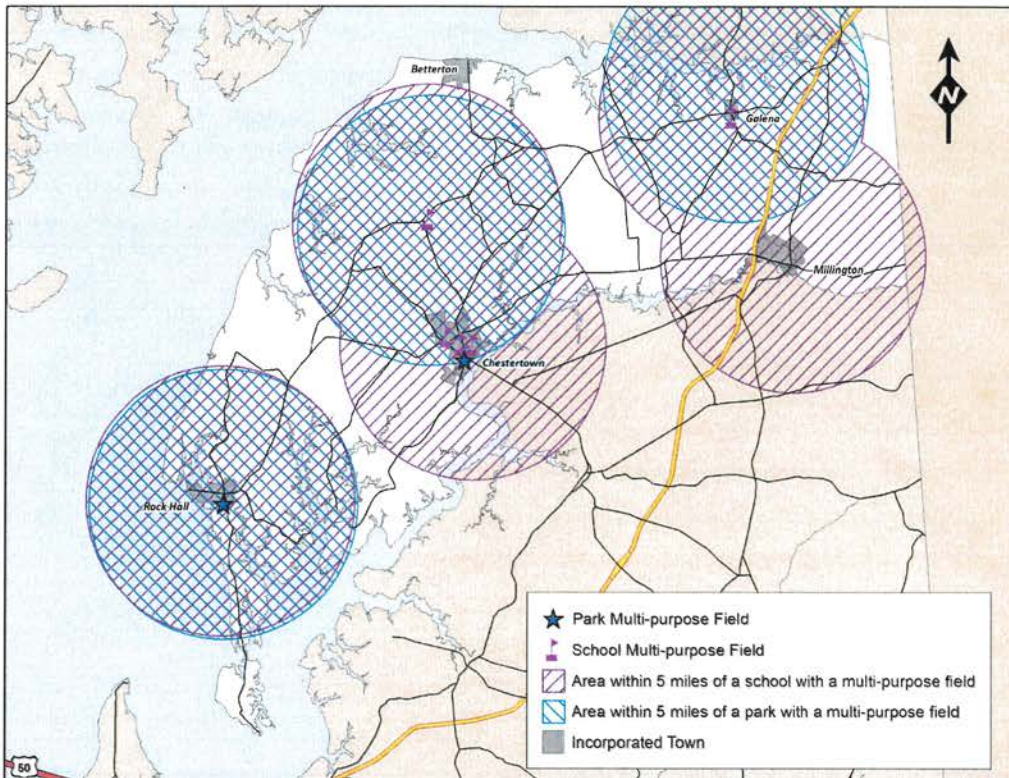
Map II-6 Areas within Five Miles of Recreation Facilities with Trails



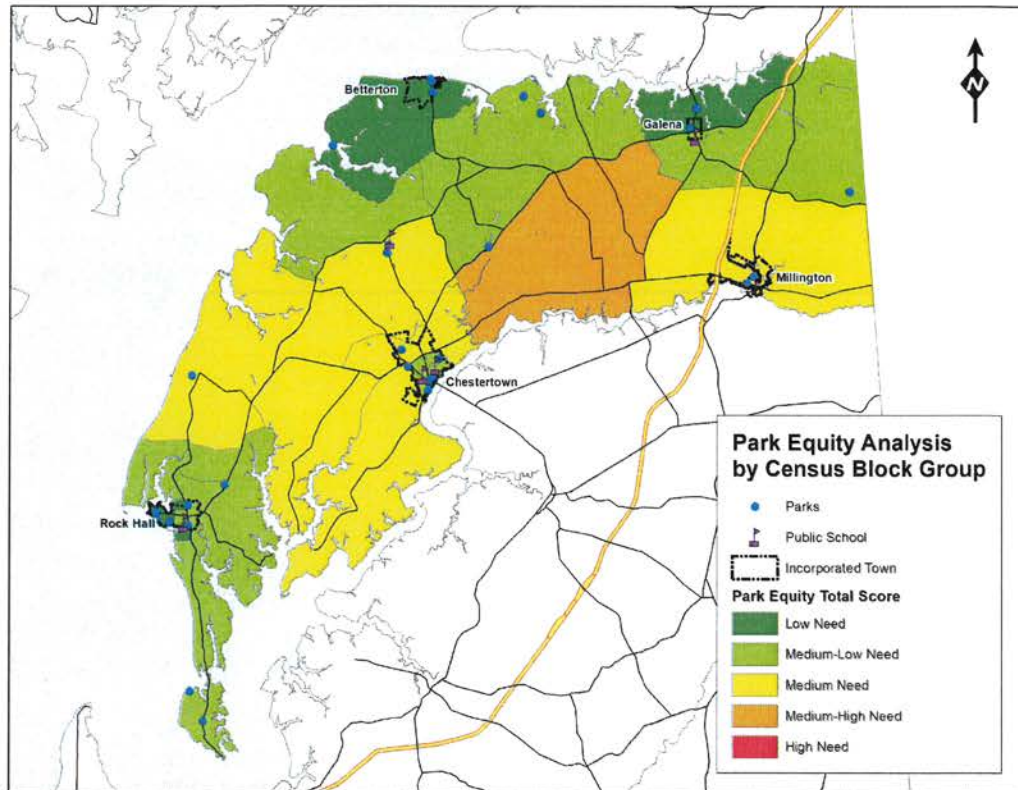
Map II-7 Areas within Five Miles of Public Water Access Locations



Map II-8 Areas within Five Miles of Multipurpose Fields Locations

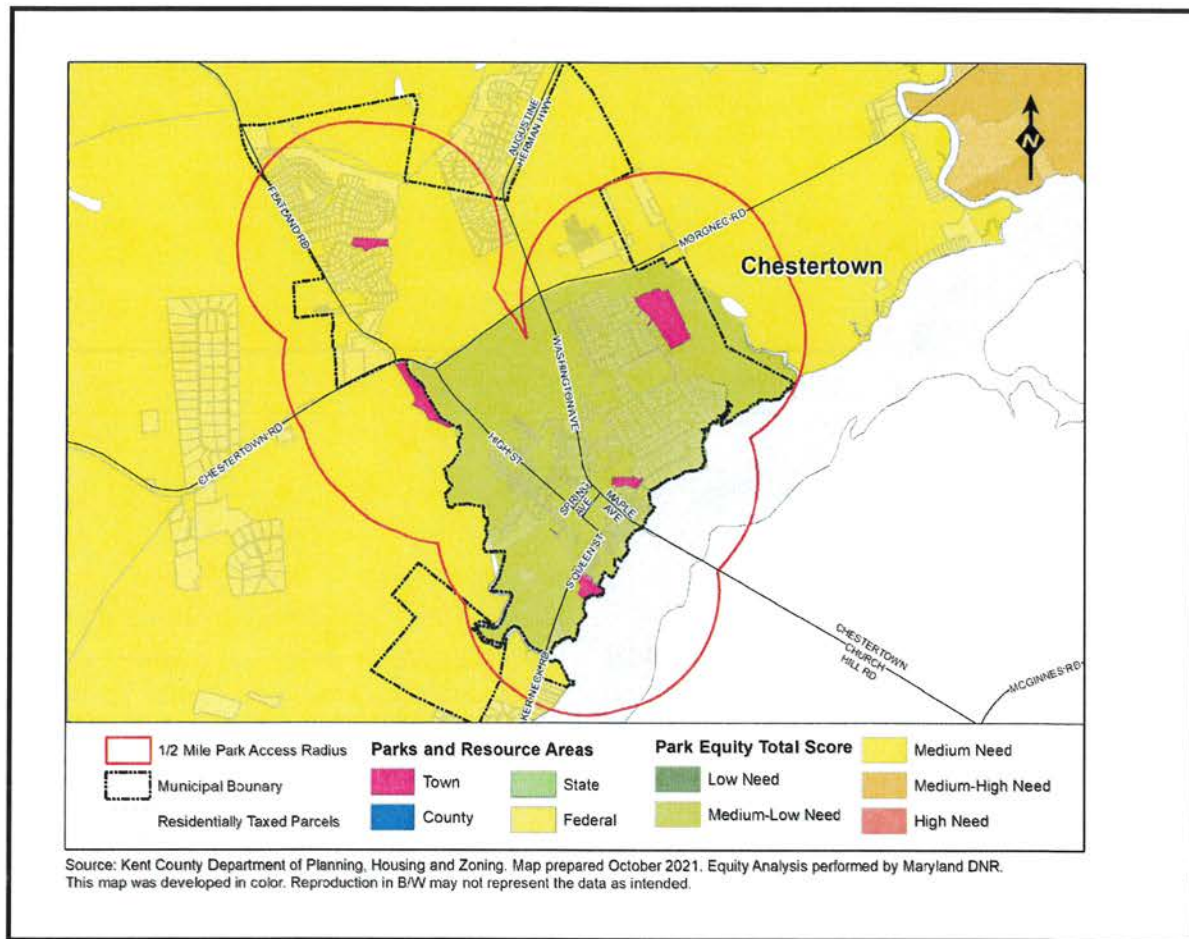


Map II-9 Park Equity in Kent County

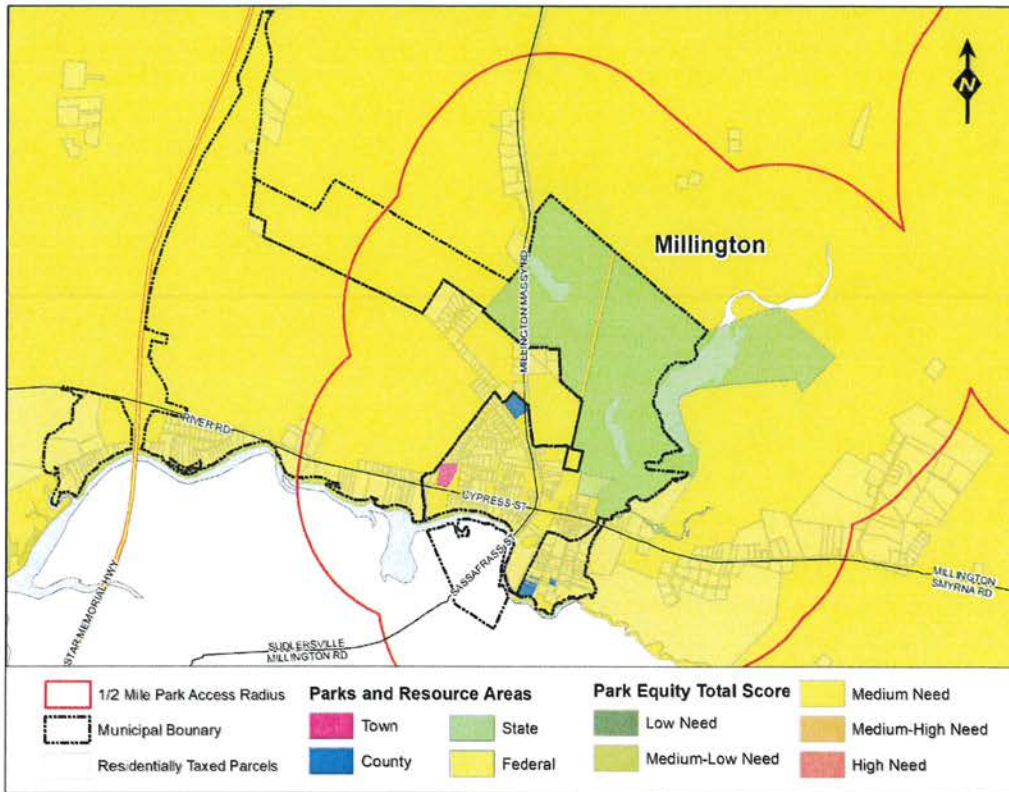


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Map II-10 Park Equity in Chestertown

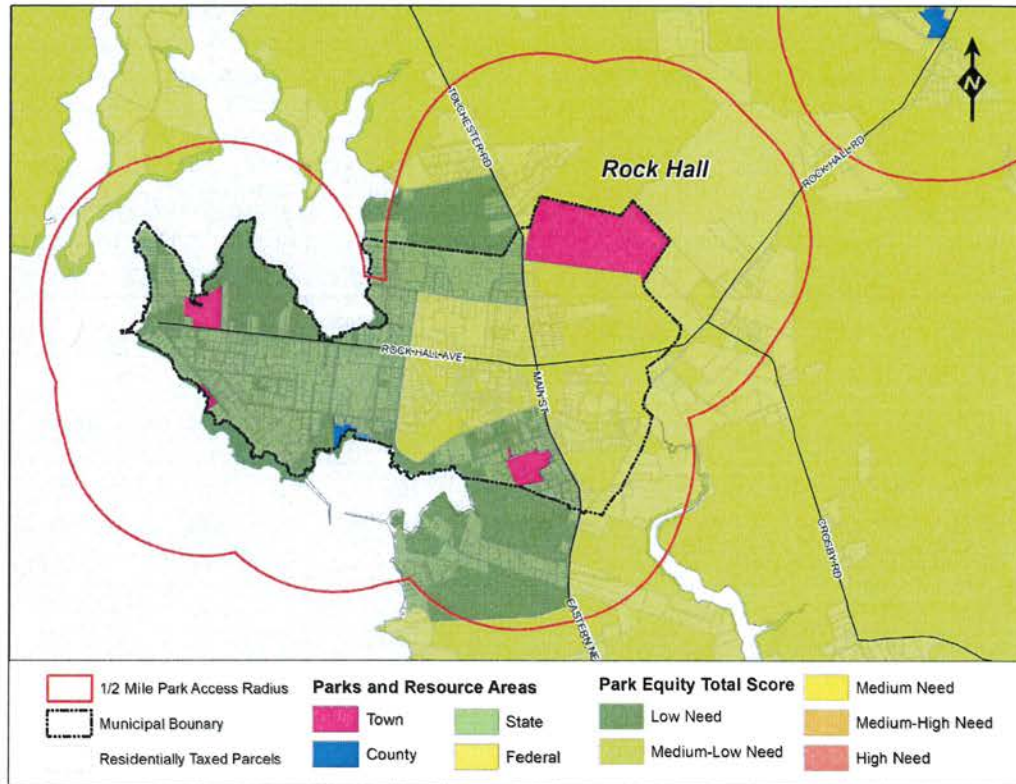


Map II-11 Park Equity in Millington



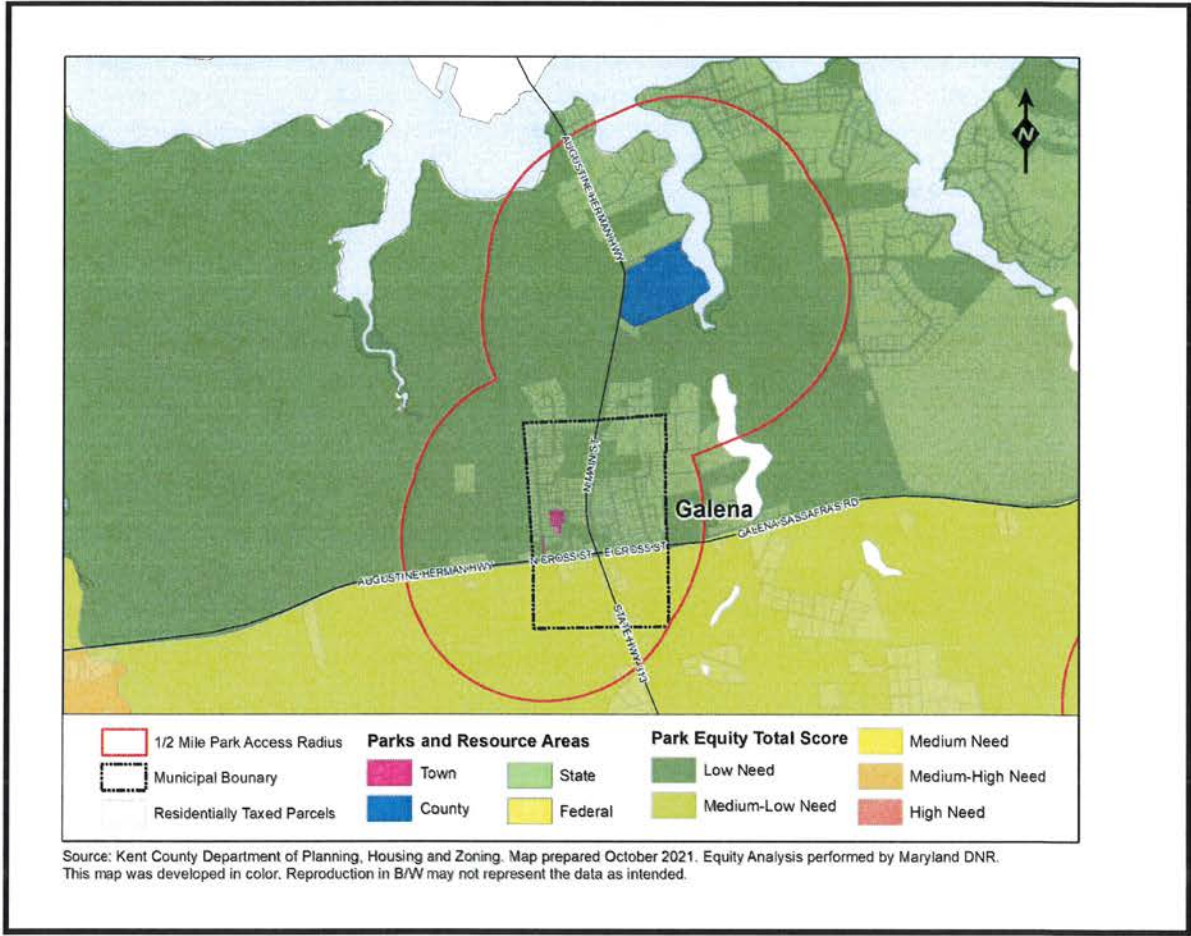
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Map II-12 Park Equity in Rock Hall

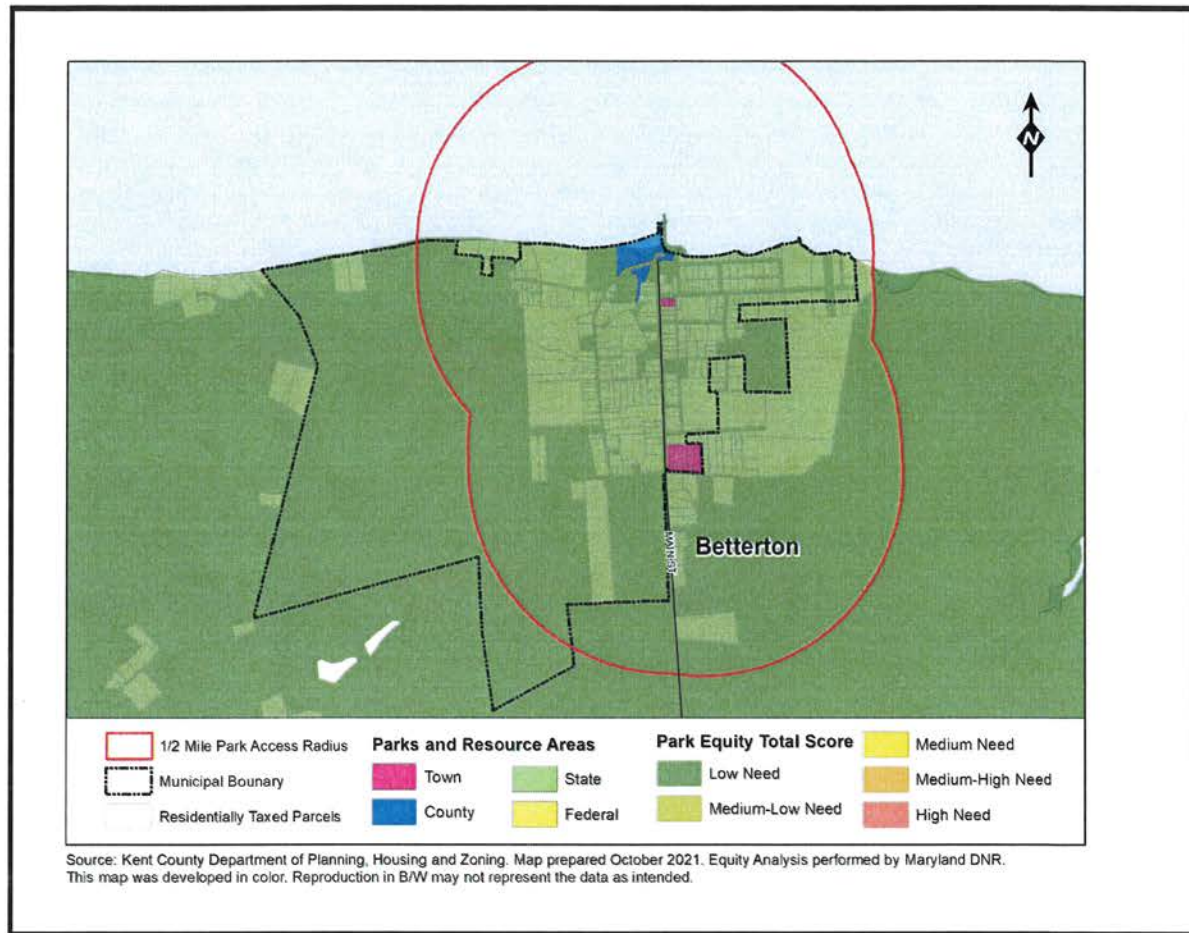


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Map II-13 Park Equity in Galena

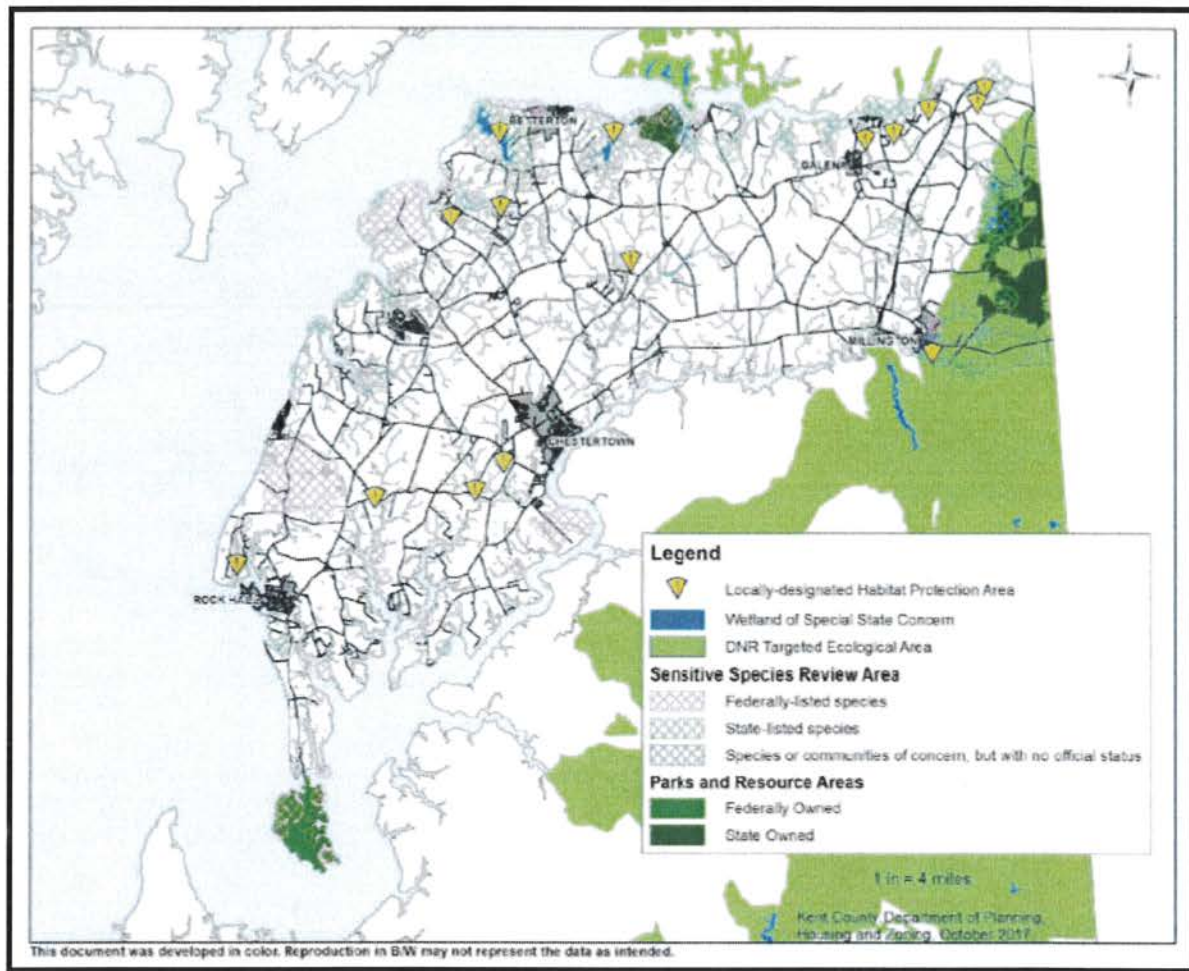


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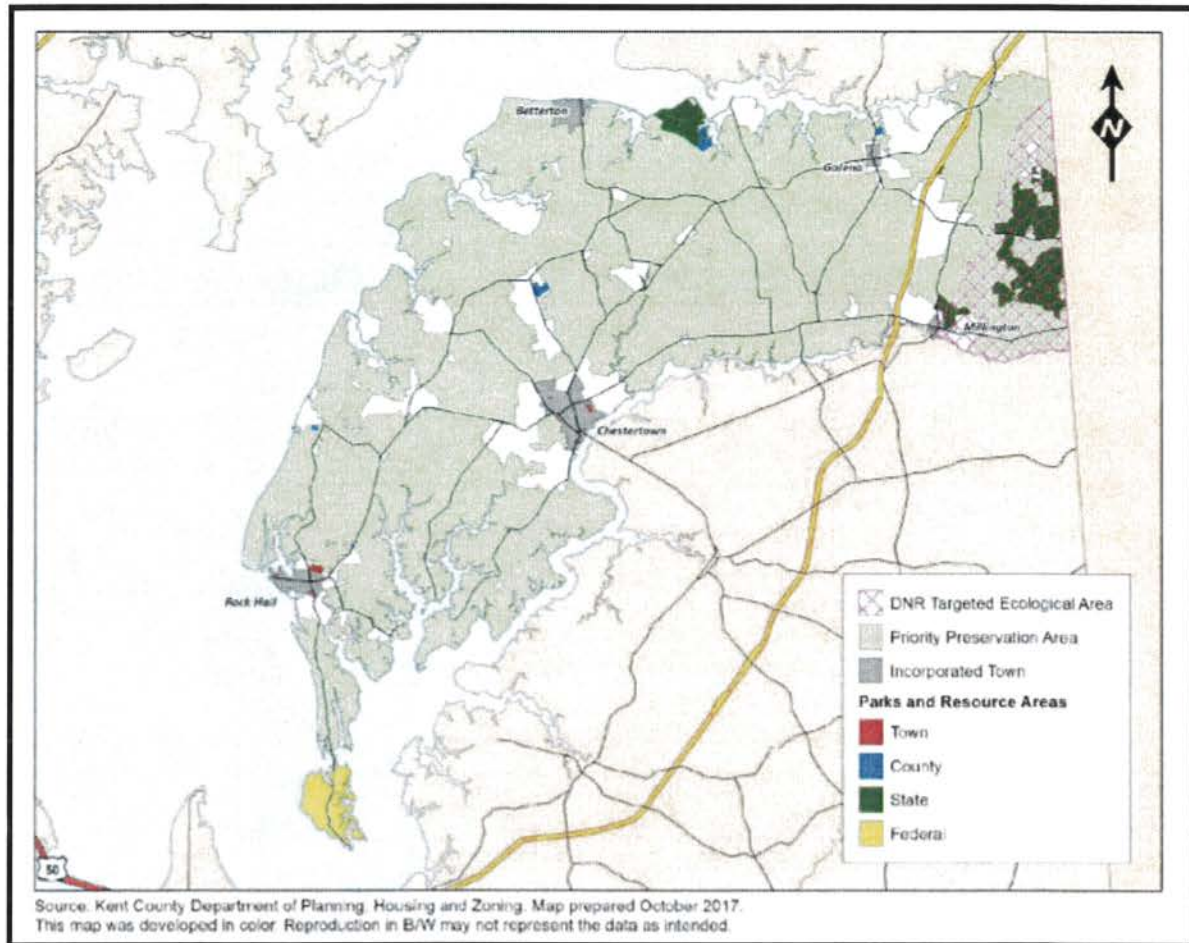


Chapter III: Natural Resources Conservation

Map III-1 Habitat Protection Areas and Sensitive Species Areas

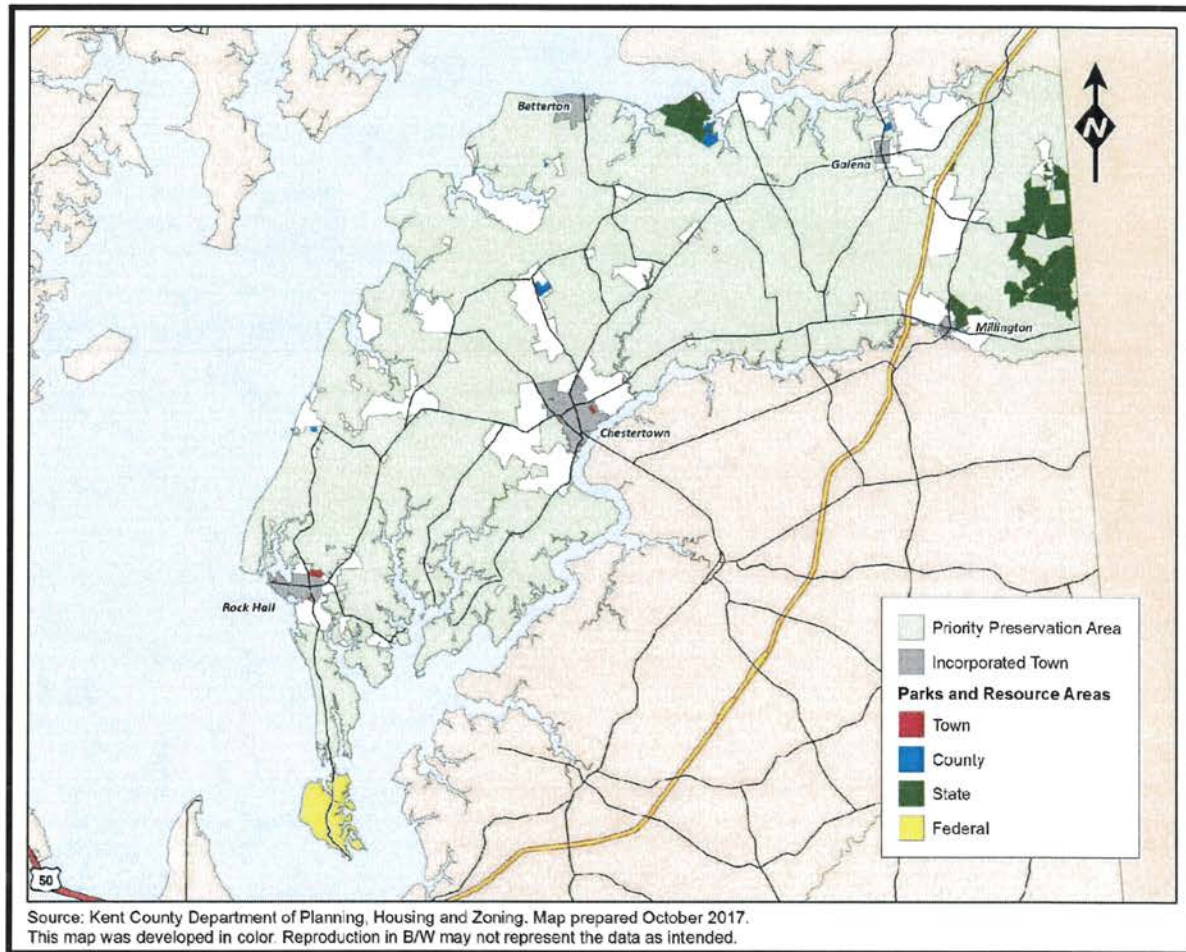


Map III-2 Priority Preservation Area and Targeted Ecological Area

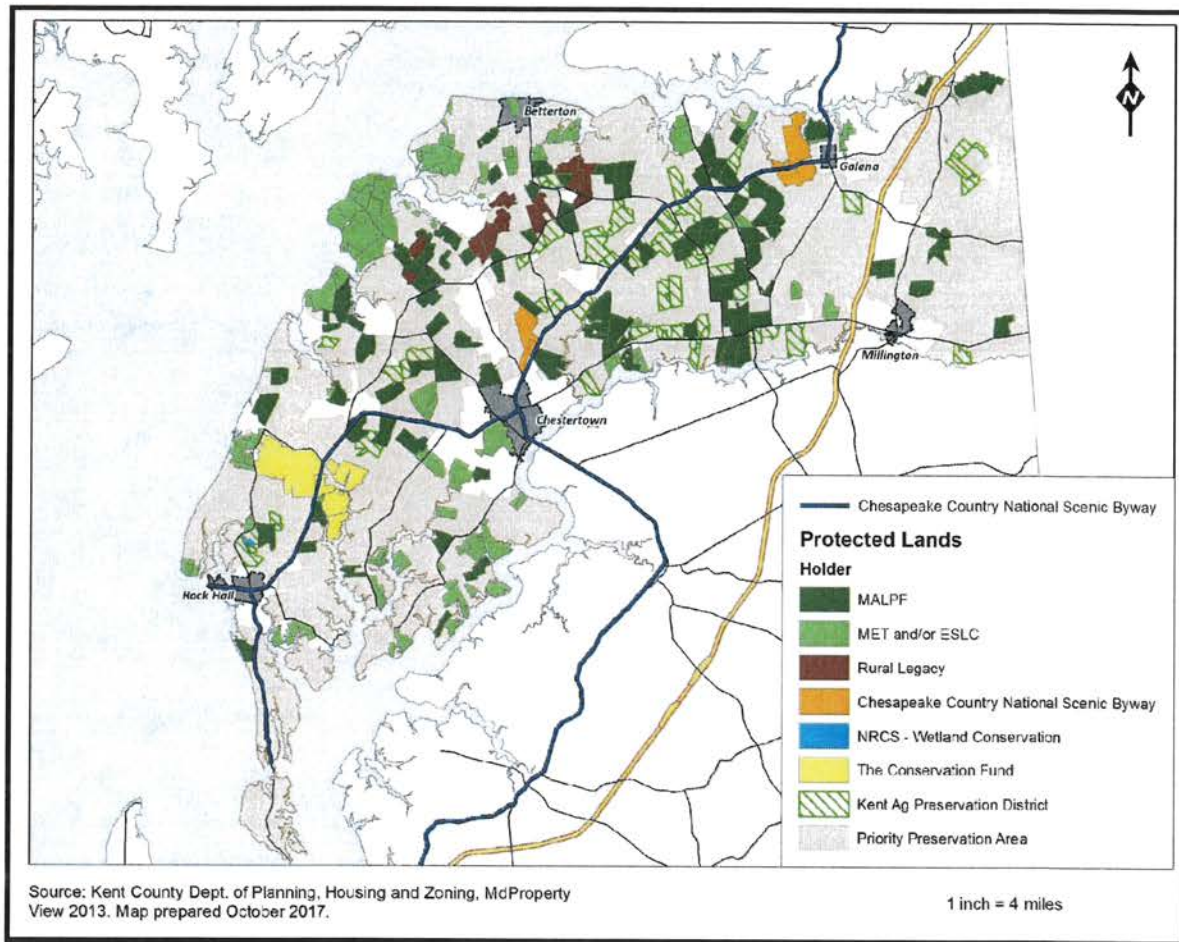


Chapter IV: Agricultural Land Preservation

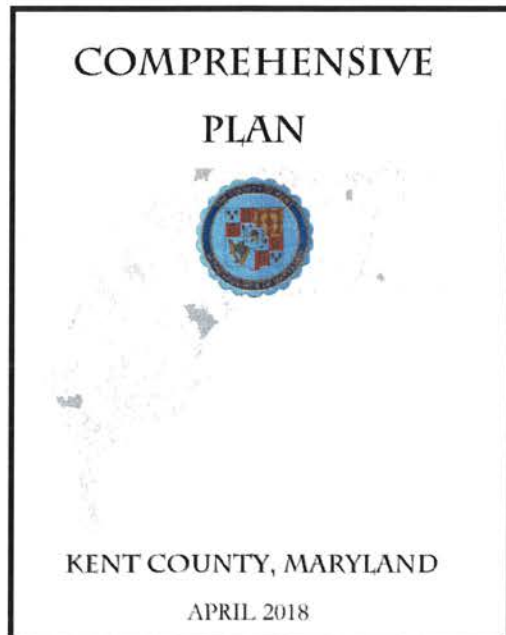
Map IV-1 Priority Preservation Area



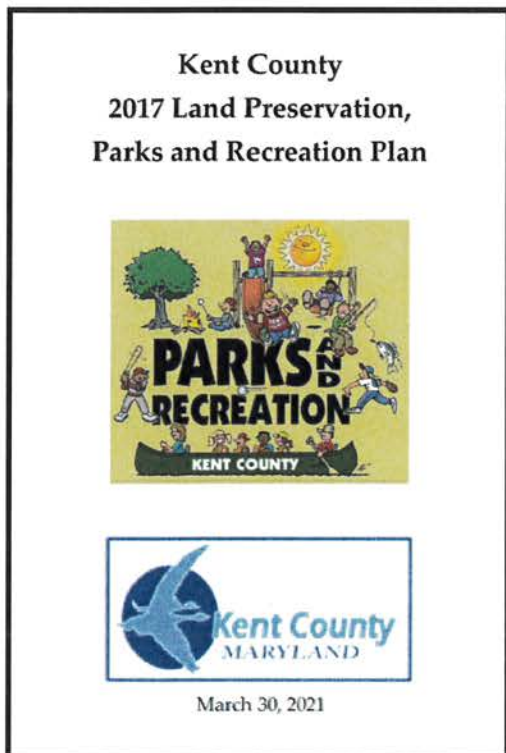
Map IV-2 Protected Lands



2018 Kent County Comprehensive Plan



Kent County 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan





Herbert Dennis, Warden, Kent County Detention Center
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Correct Rx Renewal Agreement

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

07.19.22 Agreement Renewal to Provide Pharmacy Services, By and Between Kent County Detention Center and Correct Rx Pharmacy Services, Provide Medications to Detainees



AGREEMENT RENEWAL TO PROVIDE PHARMACY SERVICES

This agreement, by and between Kent County Detention Center (hereinafter "Kent County") and Correct Rx Pharmacy Services, Inc. a Maryland corporation (hereinafter "Correct Rx").

STATEMENT OF WORK

Presently Kent County is providing health care services to detainees at the Kent County Detention Center (hereinafter referred to as "Facility"). As part of its responsibilities, Kent County is responsible to provide medications to detainees at this Facility (hereinafter "Medications").

Kent County wishes to utilize the services of Correct Rx and, correspondingly, Correct Rx wishes to provide such services to Kent County.

Now, therefore, Kent County and Correct Rx do hereby agree as follows:

1. Kent County's Utilization of Correct Rx's Services

For the term of this Agreement, Kent County will, when available, make best efforts to utilize the services of Correct Rx for the providing of Medications at this Facility.

2. Term of this Agreement

This Agreement shall be for a term of one (1) year commencing July 1, 2022 and shall automatically renew annually thereafter, unless otherwise terminated as set forth herein.

3. Scope of Work

Throughout the term of this Agreement, Correct Rx agrees to provide the following services at the Facility:

- Fill and Deliver Prescription. Correct Rx will fill all Medications daily, Monday through Saturday. All orders faxed to Correct Rx by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time daily, Monday through Friday will be filled and delivered to the Facility the next day. All orders faxed to Correct Rx before 12:00 noon Eastern Time on Saturday will be filled and delivered to the Facility on Monday unless notified otherwise. The Facility agrees to cooperate with Correct Rx regarding ordering schedule.

- Holidays. Correct Rx will be closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Correct Rx will provide written notice to the Facility in advance of any changes in the schedule for ordering or delivery due to holidays.
- Emergency Service. Correct Rx will contract with a local pharmacy to provide all emergency medications that cannot be received by the normal delivery process. Correct Rx will invoice Kent County for all emergency medications at the cost charged to Correct Rx.
- Dispensing System. Correct Rx will dispense most medications utilizing a "blister card" medication packaging system.
- Medication Quantities. Correct Rx shall dispense oral tablets and capsule medications in quantities requested by the Facility depending on the frequency of the dosing and the needs of the Facility.
- Controlled Substances. Correct Rx agrees to provide all prescribed controlled substances in blister cards of 30 doses for easy accountability and will dispose of unused controlled substances, at no expense to the Facility, according to applicable State and Federal regulations.
- Intravenous Fluids. Correct Rx will provide all requested intravenous solutions and related administration sets using the Add-vantage packaging system where available.
- Drug Box. Correct Rx shall maintain a drug box located at the Facility. Items in each drug box will be determined in consultation with Kent County's Health Administrator and the Medical Director.
- Generic Medications. Correct Rx shall dispense all Medications generically unless there is no generic substitute. All generic medications will be A or AB rated by the FDA.
- Equipment: Fax Machine. Correct Rx will loan a fax machine to the Facility for the transmission of physician's orders to the pharmacy. Correct Rx will make available an "800" number to the Facility for toll-free fax and phone communication. This equipment will remain the property of the Correct Rx throughout the term of this Agreement and upon termination of the Agreement shall be returned to Correct Rx or paid for by Kent County.
- Reports. Correct Rx will provide Kent County with monthly and quarterly reports on pharmaceutical usage. Kent County will work with Correct Rx to develop an agreed upon format.

- Medication Administration Records (MARs). Correct Rx will provide Kent County with computer generated Medication Administration Records (MARs) delivered to the Facility no later than the 27th day of each month for the following month for all detainees who have prescribed medications.
- Meetings & Inspections. Correct Rx shall participate in a quarterly Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meeting at the Facility with the medical staff. Correct Rx shall provide a licensed consultant pharmacist to conduct quarterly inspections of all institutional areas where medications are maintained. Inspection shall include, but not be limited to, the expiration dates, security, storage and a periodic review of medication records. Quarterly site inspections of the Facility will be performed at no additional charge to the Facility.

4. Liability Insurance

At all times during the term of this Agreement, Correct Rx shall maintain professional liability insurance coverage of, at a minimum, \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate. In addition, Correct Rx shall provide Kent County with a certificate of insurance evidencing such insurance coverage.

5. Pricing

- a. Fees: For the services to be provided as documented in paragraph 3 supra, Correct Rx shall be paid for all medications supplied as follows:

Brand Medications: Average Wholesale Price Minus Fifteen Percent (AWP-15%)

Generic Medications: Average Wholesale Price Minus Fifty-Five Percent (AWP-55%)

- b. Cooperative Procurement Method: Correct Rx will extend this pricing to public agencies or institutions or localities of the several states, of the United States or its territories, or the District of Columbia, for the purpose of combining requirements to increase efficiency or reduce administrative expenses in any acquisition of goods and services.
- c. Payment Terms: Correct Rx is only entitled to invoice Kent County once a month and no sooner than the third of the following month. All invoices are due Net 30 days. A finance charge of .5% per month (an annual percentage rate of 6%) may be charged on all amounts 30 days or more past due.

6. Returns

Correct Rx will arrange for the pickup and return of all unused or discontinued medication. Correct Rx will allow 100% credit at Correct Rx's cost for return of full, separately charged, unused solid medications with a value greater than \$2.00.

Credit is issued in compliance with state and federal regulation when following this criterion:

- The prescription medication did not leave the control of the licensed healthcare member responsible for the security and handling of that prescription and the drug did not come into the physical possession of the individual for whom it was prescribed;
- The labeling and packaging of the prescription drug are accurate, have not been altered, defaced, or tampered with, and include the identity, strength, expiration date, and lot number of the prescription drug;
- The prescription medication was dispensed in unit dose packaging or original manufacturer's packaging (e.g. unused bulk products including liquids, creams, inhalers, ointments, drops, etc.);
- The prescription medication is not a controlled substance, expired, damaged, deteriorated or contaminated; and
- All medications must be returned in the original container in which they were issued and have a minimum of 90 days shelf life remaining.
- Controlled substances, specialty drugs, refrigerated medications, biologicals, and medications for which efficacy requires un-breached original manufacturers packaging upon opening are not eligible for credit.

7. Representation and Warranties.

a. Correct Rx Representations and Warranties.

- 1) Correct Rx represents and warrants that it is currently in compliance with all State, Federal and local pharmaceutical licensing requirements and that this licensing compliance shall continue in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement.
- 2) Correct Rx further represents and warrants that it's dispensing of medications shall be in compliance at all times with governing State, Federal and Local pharmaceutical laws and regulations.

- 3) Correct Rx further represents and warrants that Ellen H. Yankellow has the necessary authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of Correct Rx.

b. Kent County Representations and Warranties

Kent County represents and warrants that its duly authorized representative signing this Agreement has the necessary authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of Kent County.

8. Notices

All notices or other writings required under this agreement shall be deemed to have been made when sent by certified mail to the following address or to such other address as the parties may designate in writing:

PHARMACY:

Correct Rx Pharmacy Services, Inc.
Attn: Ellen H. Yankellow, PharmD
President and CEO
1352 Charwood Road, Suite C
Hanover, Maryland 21076

TO:

Kent County Detention Center
Attn.: Herbert Dennis, Warden
104 Vickers Drive Unit A
Chestertown, Maryland 21620

9. Representatives

Correct Rx hereby designates Josepha A. DeMino, Vice President of Operations to be available to service the Agreement and resolve any problems which relate thereto. Similarly, Kent County designates Dennis Herbert, Warden as its local contact. Either party may change the designated representatives at any time upon notification to the other party.

10. Termination

With Cause:

If either party defaults in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and such default is not cured within thirty (30) days of the receipt of written notice, then the non-defaulting party will have the right, in addition to any other rights it may have, to terminate the Agreement by further written notice of intent to terminate this Agreement on any future date not less than thirty (30) days from the date of such further notice.

Without Cause:

This Agreement may be terminated by either party for any reason upon the giving of 120 days advanced written notice to the other party of such termination.

11. Correct Rx as Independent Contractor.

The parties acknowledge that Correct Rx is providing the services contemplated hereunder as an independent contractor and is neither an agent, employee, partner or joint venturer of, or with Kent County.

12. Indemnification

Correct Rx covenants and agrees that it will indemnify and hold harmless Kent County and all of Kent County's officers, agents, or employees from any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge or expense arising out of any act, action, neglect or omission by Correct Rx or any of its agents, representatives or employees, during the performance of this Agreement, whether direct or indirect, and to any person or property to which Kent County or said parties may be subject, except that neither Correct Rx nor any of its agents, representatives or employees will be liable under this section for damages arising out of injury or damage to any person or property directly caused or resulting from the sole negligence of Kent County or any of its officers, agents or employees.

13. Amendment to Agreement

No amendment to this Agreement shall be valid or enforceable unless in writing and executed by duly authorized representatives of both parties.

14. Third Party Beneficiaries

The parties agree that they have not entered into this Agreement for the benefit of any third person or persons and it is their express intention that the Agreement is for their respective benefits only and not for the benefit of others who might otherwise be deemed to constitute third party beneficiaries hereof.

15. Severability

The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be deemed to be severable. Consequently, if any cause, term or condition hereof shall be held to be illegal or void, such determination shall not affect the validity or legality of the remaining terms and conditions hereunder.

16. Captions

The captions appearing in the paragraphs in this Agreement are for convenience only. They are not a part of this Agreement and do not, in any way, limit or amplify the terms and provisions hereunder. In addition, in the event any provision of this Agreement is deemed ambiguous, such provision shall not be construed against Correct Rx for the reason that Correct Rx was primarily responsible for the drafting of this Agreement, since both parties hereby assume equal responsibility for the drafting of this Agreement.

17. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

18. Governed Law

The laws of the State of Maryland govern this Agreement and any disputes that arise here from shall be determined exclusively within the Maryland courts. Each party consents to the Maryland courts' jurisdiction over it and designates, if necessary, the Maryland Secretary of State to accept service on its behalf.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed the Agreement effective as of that commencement date documented in paragraph 2 supra.

County Commissioners of Kent County

By: P. Thomas Mason Date: 07/19/22
P. Thomas Mason, President

Kent County Detention Center

By: H. Dennis Date: 6-29-22
Herbert Dennis, Warden

Correct Rx Pharmacy Services, Inc.

By: Ellen H. Yankelov Date: 6/20/2022
Ellen H. Yankelov, PharmD
President and CEO



Herbert Dennis, Warden, Kent County Detention Center
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

FY2023 Correctional Mental Health Services, LLC Contract Renewal

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

07.19.22 Seventeenth Amendment to Mental Health Services Agreement, Between Correctional Mental Health Services and Kent County Detention Center, Extension Beginning July 1, 2022 and Ending June 30, 2023

February 24, 2022

Warden Herbert Dennis
Kent County Detention Center
104 Vickers Drive, Unit A
Chestertown, MD 21620

RE: Seventeenth Amendment to the Mental Health Services Agreement

Greetings Warden Dennis:

Correctional Mental Health Services, LLC ("CMHS") is pleased to be your provider for inmate mental health care services and we are excited to move into another year of delivering quality healthcare at Kent County.

The current term of our agreement will end June 30, 2022. CMHS would like to offer an extension of one year, beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023.

Under normal circumstances, we would request a CPI increase consistent with the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, US City Average, Medical Care Services Component, currently 2.5% for December 2021. At present, we are experiencing a once-in-a-generation staffing crisis in healthcare. Driven by one-time bonuses and supplemental wages, the cost of nurses and other healthcare professionals, which represent some 60% of our total costs, have increased at rates many times the CPI for Medical Care Services.

For this reason, for the 2022-2023 renewal we request an annual increase of 4.0% to cover increases in compensation to our healthcare team and strengthen our ability to retain and support a stable, competent staff providing consistent mental health services at Kent County.

Application of the 4.0% increase revises the base amount for professional mental health services rendered at the Kent County Detention Center from **\$5,169.45** monthly to **\$5,376.23, \$64,514.73** annually. Monthly billing for the FY21 Maryland Community Criminal Justice Treatment Program administered by Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. will be **\$4,025.75, or \$48,309.00** annually.

As such, the County and CMHS agree:

1. The Agreement shall be amended by deleting Section 3.A in its entirety and replacing it with the following language in lieu thereof:

A. Obligated Costs

For the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, the base annual amount to be paid by the County to CMHS under this Agreement is Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$64,514.73) for a period of twelve (12) months. Each monthly payment shall equal Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Six Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents (\$5,376.23), pro-rated for any partial months and subject to any reconciliations as set forth below. Each monthly payment is to be made on or before the first day of the month of service.

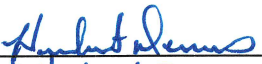
CMHS and the County agree that the compensation invoiced to and paid via the Maryland Community Criminal Justice Treatment Program administered by Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. will be \$48,309.00 annually or \$4,025.75 monthly.

Please sign this letter in the space provided and email a signed copy to Andrea Knox, Retention Specialist, at akknox@wellpath.us. This letter shall serve as the Seventeenth Amendment and shall be binding upon the parties upon signature of the County and CMHS. All other terms of the current Agreement, including any changes detailed above, shall remain in full force and effect through the end of the contract period.

We greatly appreciate our years of partnership and look forward to another successful year working together. Please feel free to contact Kathryn Humbertson, Regional Director of Operations for Kent County, at 240-727-0403 with any additional questions or concerns you may have.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED AS STATED ABOVE:

KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

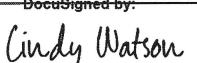
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Title: Warden

By: 
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Title: President, Board of County Commissioners

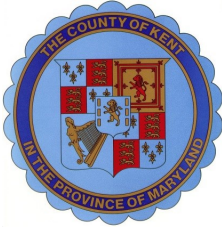
By: 
Name: Ronald H. Fithian 07/19/22
Title: Member, Board of County Commissioners

By: 
Name: Robert N. Jacob 07/19/22
Title: Member, Board of County Commissioners

CORRECTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, LLC

By: 
Name: Cindy Watson
President, Local Government Healthcare Division

Cc: Kathryn Humbertson, Regional Director of Operations
Adolfo Cisnero, Senior Director, Contract Retention
Linda Pansulla, Regional Vice President



Herbert Dennis, Warden, Kent County Detention Center

7/19/2022

County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

FY2023 Mid Shore Behavioral Health Agreement Renewal and Extension

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

07.19.22 FY2023 Fixed Price Contract, MD Community Criminal Justice Treatment Program, Agreement of Renewal and Extension, Between Mid Shore Behavioral Health and County Commissioners of Kent County

Appendix 2

Appendix 3



FY 2023
FIXED PRICE CONTRACT
MARYLAND COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE TREATMENT
PROGRAM – KENT COUNTY

AGREEMENT OF RENEWAL AND EXTENSION

19th July
~~30th day of June, 2022~~ ~~XXXX~~

This Agreement, made this ~~30th~~ day of ~~June~~, 2022 by and between, Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. (“MSBH”), a non-stock corporation organized under the laws of the State of Maryland, and County Commissioners of Kent County (“Provider”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, MSBH and Provider are parties to an Agreement which began July 1, 2019 with the Maryland Department of Health (“MDH”), as the Core Service Agency (“CSA”) as that term is defined in Section 10-1201 *et seq.* of the Health General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland for Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, and Talbot Counties; and

WHEREAS, MSBH has the option to renew that Agreement with Provider, and has given Provider written notice of its intent to renew the Agreement in order to continue to provide the services referenced in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, MSBH and Provider both desire to renew the Agreement from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (the “Contract Period”), for an additional fiscal year, pursuant to the terms set forth in this Agreement of Renewal and Extension.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits and promises and legally adequate consideration, MSBH and Provider hereby mutually agree as follows:

A. The Agreement shall be renewed and extended and shall remain in full force and effect for the Contract Period commencing July 1, 2022 and continuing until June 30, 2023.

B. Payments under this Agreement of Renewal and Extension, which shall replace and supersede Section 3(b) of the Agreement, shall be as follows:

The contract price will not exceed \$51,625. MSBH shall pay the rate as noted for the Service upon receipt of approved contract deliverables and an Invoice (Appendix 3). All services as noted above will be paid in monthly installments, unless otherwise specified in Contract Deliverables (Appendix 2). Such payments shall be made for the services rendered during the previous month(s). Provider’s right to compensation and MSBH’S duty to compensate Provider are subject to Provider’s complying with the terms of Paragraph 4 of the FY20 Contract.

C. In all other respects, all provisions in the Agreement, including all Appendices attached to the Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect, except to the extent modified by such updated Appendices as are attached to this Agreement of Renewal and Extension.

D. In executing this Agreement of Renewal and Extension, Provider hereby covenants, warrants, and affirms that it has complied with, remains in compliance with, and shall continue to remain in compliance with all obligations, responsibilities and requirements under the Agreement and Appendices thereto. Provider specifically covenants, warrants, and affirms that it is fully in compliance with all provisions related to liability insurance, licensure and compliance with applicable laws and regulations and a lapse in compliance in these areas shall entitle MSBH to immediately terminate the Agreement and Agreement of Renewal and Extension.

E. To the extent there are inconsistencies between the Agreement and this Agreement of Renewal and Extension, the provisions of this Agreement of Renewal and Extension (including any Appendices attached hereto) shall control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands on the date and year first above written, intending to be legal bound thereby.

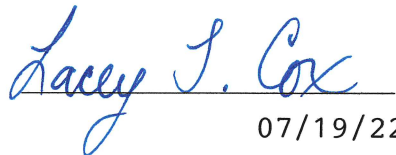
WITNESS/ATTEST:

MID SHORE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC.

By: _____
Kathryn G. Dilley, Executive Director

Date: _____

PROVIDER:


07/19/22

By:  _____

Date: 07/19/22 _____



FY23MCCJTP – Kent County Contract Deliverables

Provider: County Commissioners of Kent County
Term: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

	Deliverable Description	Due Date
1.	Confirmation of current behavioral health professionals' licenses and certifications. Copies maintained and available on site.	Site Visit
2.	Maintenance of all appropriate Insurance Coverages. Copies maintained and available on site.	Site Visit
3.	Complaint Procedure: Provide only if there have been updates or changes.	Upon Contract Signing
4.	Program Narrative: Provide only if there have been updates or changes. a. Outline of services to be provided b. Hours of operation c. Outline of staff and training they have received	Upon Contract Signing
5.	Copy of Contract with Behavioral Health Service Provider.	Upon Contract Signing
6.	Plan outlining your efforts to divert consumers/clients from local Emergency Departments and Acute Inpatient units. The plan must be inclusive of somatic care and detail how you will measure your success. Report on outcomes in Annual Narrative Report (Appendix 8). Provide only if there have been updates or changes.	Upon Contract Signing
7.	Signed Confidentiality MOU between Mid Shore Behavioral Health and Community Service Providers. See Appendix 7	Upon Contract Signing
8.	Contact Information Form. See Appendix 9	Upon Contract Signing
9.	Mental Health Service Provider's latest audited Annual Report from independent Auditing Accountants	By February 1, 2023
10.	Participate in 3 of 4 Quarterly Eastern Shore Behavioral Health Services Network (BHSN) meetings in addition to attending BHSN workgroups on an ongoing basis (either in person or via alternative options provided by MSBHS) to address service delivery issues in the region.	As Scheduled
11.	Attend all MSBH contract meetings	As Scheduled
12.	Submission via email of Consumer Satisfaction statistical results. See Appendix 6 for Consumer Satisfaction report	April 10, 2022
13.	Submission via email of Invoice (Appendix 3) No invoice amounts will be considered after July 31, 2023.	By the 10th of each month beginning August 10, 2022



FY23MCCJTP – Kent County Contract Deliverables

14.	Submission via email of Data Report (Appendix 5)	October 12, 2022 January 11, 2023 April 12, 2023 July 12, 2023
15.	Submission via email of completed Quarterly Narrative Report (Appendix 4)	October 12, 2022 January 11, 2023 April 12, 2023 July 12, 2023
16.	Submission via email of completed Annual Narrative Report (Appendix 8)	July 15, 2023
17.	Agency Disaster Preparedness Plan: Copies maintained and available on site.	Site Visit



FY22 MCCJTP – Kent County
Invoice

To: **Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc.**
28578 Mary's Court, Suite 1
Easton, Maryland 21601

From: **Correctional Care Solutions**
1283 Murfreesboro Rd, Ste 500
Nashville, TN 37217

For: Month of _____

Date: _____

Amount: \$4,167.00

Date of Service	Service Description	Total Hours of Service	Amount

Invoice submitted by: _____



Herbert Dennis, Warden, Kent County Detention Center
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

FY2023 Conmed, LLC Contract Renewal

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

07.19.22 Fifteenth Amendment to Medical Services Agreement, Between Conmed, LLC and Kent County Detention Center, Extension Beginning July 1, 2022 and Ending June 30, 2023

Conmed, LLC

July 14, 2022

Warden Herbert Dennis
Kent County Detention Center
104 Vickers Drive, Unit A
Chestertown, MD 21620

RE: Fifteenth Amendment to the Medical Services Agreement

Greetings Warden Dennis:

Conmed, LLC ("Conmed") is pleased to be your provider for inmate health care services and we are excited to move into another year of delivering quality healthcare at Kent County.

The current term of our agreement will end June 30, 2022. Conmed would like to offer an extension of one year, beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023.

Under normal circumstances, we would request a CPI increase consistent with the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, US City Average, Medical Care Services Component, currently 2.5% for December 2021. At present, we are experiencing a once-in-a-generation staffing crisis in healthcare. Driven by one-time bonuses and supplemental wages, the cost of nurses and other healthcare professionals, which represent some 60% of our total costs, have increased at rates many times the CPI for Medical Care Services.

For this reason, for the 2022-2023 renewal we request an annual increase of 4.0% to cover increases in compensation to our healthcare team and strengthen our ability to retain and support a stable, competent staff providing consistent patient care at Kent County.

Application of the 4.0% increase revises the base amount for professional medical services rendered at the Kent County Detention Center from **\$32,582.59** monthly to **\$33,885.89, \$406,630.68** annually. As such, the County and Conmed agree:

1. The Agreement shall be amended by adding to the end of Section 1 a new paragraph with the following language:

For the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, the base annual amount to be paid by the County to Conmed under this Agreement is Four Hundred Six Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$406,630.68) for a period of twelve (12) months. Each monthly payment shall equal Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents (\$33,885.89), pro-rated for any partial months and subject to any reconciliations as set forth below. Each monthly payment is to be made on or before the first day of the month of service.

Please sign this letter in the space provided and email a signed copy to Andrea Knox, Retention Specialist, at akknox@wellpath.us. This letter shall serve as the Fifteenth Amendment and shall be binding upon the parties upon signature of the County and Conmed. All other terms of the current Agreement, including any changes detailed above, shall remain in full force and effect through the end of the contract period.

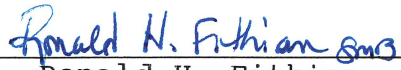
Conmed, LLC

We greatly appreciate our years of partnership and look forward to another successful year working together. Please feel free to contact Kathryn Humbertson, Regional Director of Operations for Kent County, at 240-727-0403 with any additional questions or concerns you may have.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED AS STATED ABOVE:**KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: 
Name: Herbert Dennis
Title: Warden

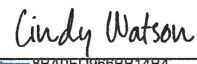
By: 
Name: P. Thomas Mason 07/19/22
Title: President, Board of County Commissioners

By: 
Name: Ronald H. Fithian 07/19/22
Title: Member, Board of County Commissioners

By: 
Name: Robert N. Jacob 07/19/22
Title: Member, Board of County Commissioners

Cc: Kathryn Humbertson, Regional Director of Operations
Adolfo Cisnero, Senior Director, Contract Retention
Linda Pansulla, Regional Vice President

CONMED, LLC

Designed by:
By: 
Name: Cindy Watson
President, Local Government Healthcare Division



**Dawson Hunter, Housing and Transportation Coordinator, Kent County
Local Management Board
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting**

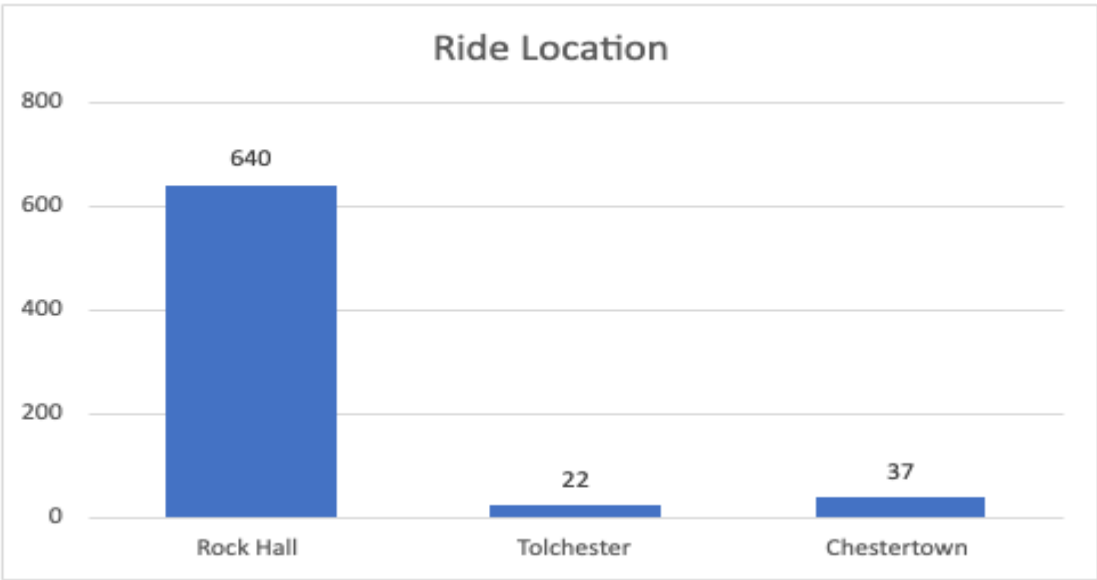
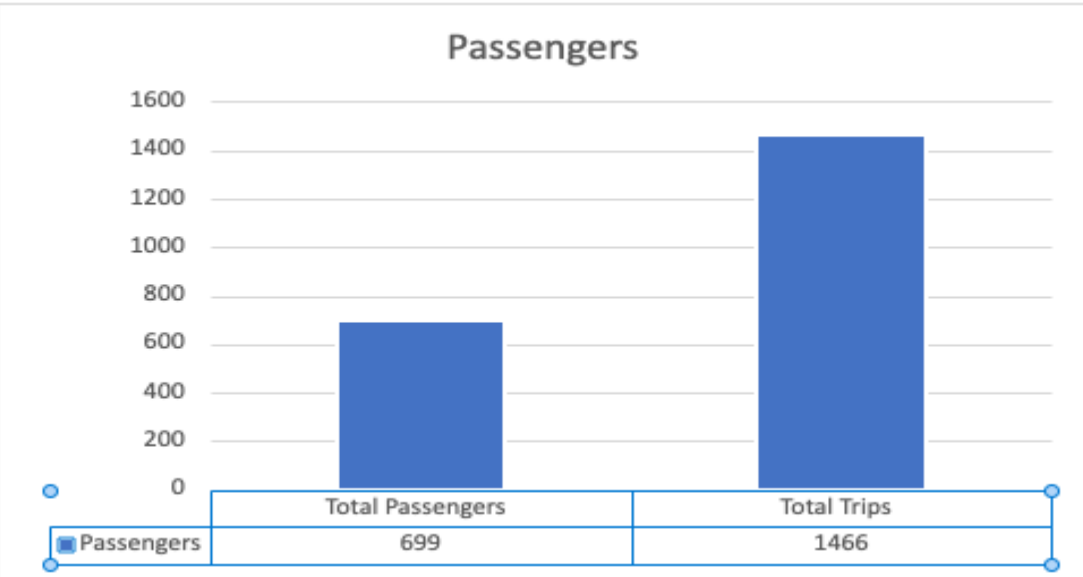
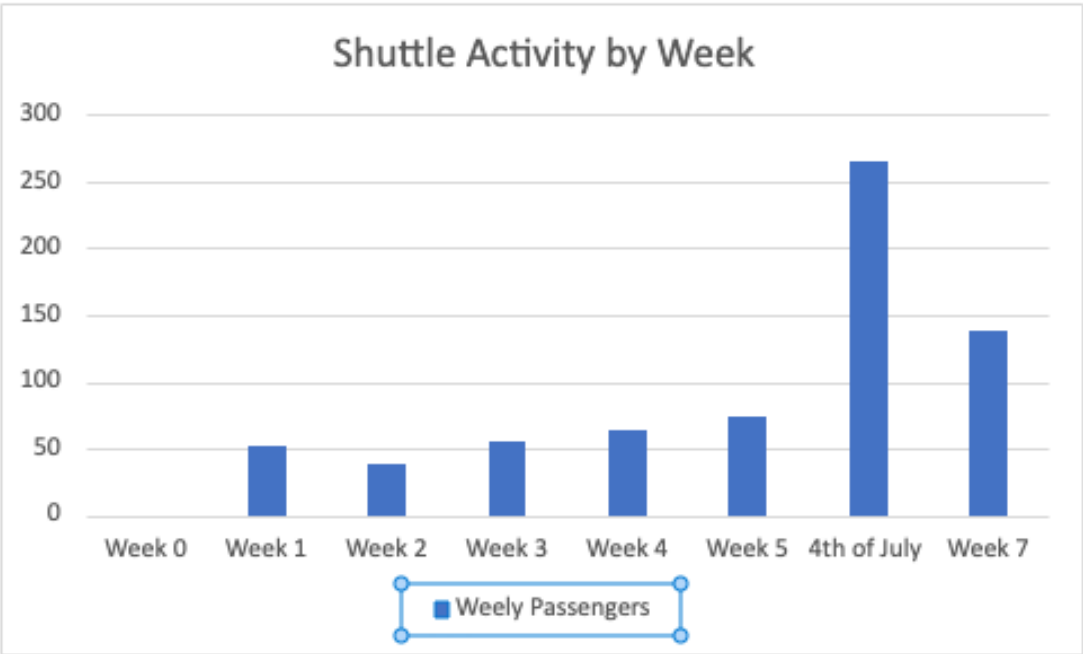
Item Summary:

Chestertown, Rock Hall, and Tolchester Transportation Shuttle Update

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

07.19.22 Shuttle Data Graphs





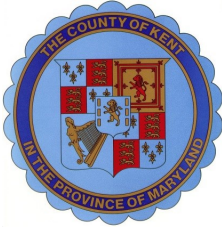
Jamie Williams, Director, Economic and Tourism Development
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund Project Submissions

ATTACHMENTS:

Description



**Rosemary Ramsey Granillo, Director, Kent County Local Management
Board
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting**

Item Summary:

Minary's Dream Alliance Contract First Amendment

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

07.19.22 First Amendment to County Commissioners of Kent County, American Rescue Plan Act Contract with Minary's Dream Alliance, Delivery of Emergency Food to Elderly and Homebound Residents of KC

FIRST AMENDMENT to
County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Contract with Minary's Dream Alliance

This First Amendment (this "Amendment") is effective as of the date of signature of the last party to sign as indicated below ("Amendment Effective Date"), by and between the County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland ("County") and Minary's Dream Alliance ("Recipient").

WHEREAS, the County and the Recipient are parties to a Contract ("Contract") dated September 21st, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Recipient desire to amend the terms of the Contract as provided herein.

NOW THEREFORE, the County and the Recipient hereby agree that the Contract is hereby amended as follows:

1. Attachment B to the Agreement is deleted, and is replaced with Attachment B-1, which is attached hereto. B-1 decreases Salaries line item by \$6,609 from \$64,800 to \$58,101, decreasing the average monthly salary by \$100 and reducing the number of months from 12 to 11, and increases the Food line item by \$6,609 from \$48,000 to \$54,609, increasing the monthly food total to an average of \$5,400 reducing the number of months from 12 to 10. The total contract amount remains unchanged, not-to-exceed \$112,800.
2. This modification is due to higher than anticipated food prices due to inflation. MDA has secured a matching grant from USDA that took effect on July 1, 2022 and helps to cover expenses in the last two to three months of this Contract.
3. Except as herein above specifically modified, all terms and provisions of the Agreement are and shall remain in full force and effect, and the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

ATTACHMENT B-1

Salaries	\$58,191	Average \$5,300/month x 11 months for 2 contractual staff members to manage purchasing, packaging, and coordination
Food	\$54,609	Average \$5,400/monthx10 months for fresh protein, shelf stable items and packing supplies
Total	\$112,800	Annual cost

The USDA grant effective July 1 is ensuring that July, August, and September costs are covered until the second MOU between the County and Minary's Dream Alliance is executed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment as of the date set forth below.

ATTEST/WITNESS:

Lacey J. Cox

07/19/22

COUNTY:

By: P. Thomas Mason (SEAL)

Name: P. Thomas Mason

Title: President

Date: 07/19/22

ATTEST/WITNESS:

[Signature]

RECIPIENT:

By: Minary's Dream Alliance (SEAL)

Name: Donnelle S. [Signature]

Title: Executive Director

Date: July 15, 2022

CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT, made this 21st day of September 2021 by and between the County Commissioners of Kent County, a body corporate and politic of the State of Maryland, hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY, and Minary's Dream Alliance, hereinafter referred to as the CONTRACTOR;

WITNESSETH, That for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises between the parties hereto, it is fully agreed that:

1. The CONTRACTOR will furnish all of the labor, materials, equipment and transportation necessary for the delivering emergency food to elderly and homebound residents of Kent County, in accordance with the specifications and Contract documents entitled ATTACHMENT A.
2. **LIABILITY INSURANCE.** CONTRACTOR shall furnish to the COUNTY, before beginning any work hereunder, a Certificate of Insurance certifying that the Contractor carries comprehensive, general liability insurance coverage through a policy which protects the County, and names the County as an Additional Insured in aggregate liability coverage of not less than Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) Dollars.
3. **WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE.** CONTRACTOR shall furnish to the County Commissioners, before beginning work, a Certificate of Workmen's Compensation Insurance covering all employees of said Contract in amounts statutorily required.
4. **COMPLETION OF WORK.** The CONTRACTOR shall commence the work covered by this Contract by October 1st 2021 and shall complete the same by September 30th 2022 unless the period for completion is extended as provided for in the general conditions.
5. **CONTRACT SUM.** The COUNTY shall pay the CONTRACTOR for the performance of said work, subject to additions or deletions provided herein a total maximum fee of One Hundred Twelve Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars, \$112,800 in conformity with the bid schedule.
6. **INVOICES:** In consideration of CONTRACTOR'S performance of the services, the COUNTY agrees to reimburse CONTRACTOR for all allowable, allocable and reasonable costs incurred up to the agreed upon amount of \$112,800. The CONTRACTOR shall invoice the COUNTY any time after October 1st in arrears for a total maximum price of \$112,800. See Attachment B for category details. All paid invoice receipts and timekeeping records shall be attached to each submitted invoice to the COUNTY. The COUNTY reserves the right to withhold final payment if the work is incomplete by September 30th 2022.
7. The CONTRACTOR shall invoice the COUNTY any time after October 1st in arrears for a total maximum price of \$112,800. See Attachment B for category details. The

COUNTY reserves the right to withhold final payment if the work is incomplete by September 30th 2022.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY. In the case where data is collected from programs or agencies, the information and records related to the services performed under this CONTRACT shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed by the CONTRACTOR without the express consent of the program participants or, if a minor, the minor's parents or guardian, except where the information and records are being examined in conjunction with the administration of the program and/or services provided for under this CONTRACT; or as may be required under State or federal law.

9. INDEMNIFICATION. The CONTRACTOR agrees (on behalf of the organization which CONTRACTOR represents) to indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY from any and against any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines, amounts paid on account thereof (whether in settlement or otherwise), expenses, and fees arising out of, or in any manner pertaining to:

Equipment and/or supplies provided or used by the CONTRACTOR; and,

Damages, injury or loss to any persons and/or property resulting from any act or omission of the CONTRACTOR'S employees, agents, officers, subcontractors or volunteers, in connection with, or arising from, this Contract.

The indemnification of the COUNTY under the provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this contract.

10. TERMINATION. This Contract extends for 12 months, from October 1st 2021 through September 30th 2022. One or both parties may terminate this Contract with at least thirty (15) days written notice. Termination may be without cause. If the Contract is terminated before the end of the term as provided herein, an accounting of the current and year to date expenses shall be made within a time frame established by the COUNTY.

11. NON-ASSIGNMENT. Neither this Contract nor any of the rights, interests or obligations under the Contract shall be assigned, in whole or in part, by operation of law or otherwise by either party without the prior written consent of the other party.

12. COMPLIANCE and GRIEVANCES

A. CONTRACT Compliance.

(i) If the CONTRACTOR is dilatory in the performance of services, record keeping and/or the filing of reports as required under this Contract, Kent County Local Management Board (KCLMB) Director (or designee) shall notify the CONTRACTOR in writing. CONTRACTOR shall address any such performance / compliance issue(s) to the satisfaction of KCLMB within the time frame specified by the KCLMB.

(ii) In the event of significant or repeated incidences of non-compliance with respect to the provisions of this Contract, KCLMB Director (or designee) shall notify the CONTRACTOR in writing, and such notice shall include a detailed explanation of the CONTRACTOR'S deficiencies, recommended corrective or mitigating measures, and a reasonable time frame for response and curative action.

(iii) The failure of CONTRACTOR to timely and/or adequately respond to notice from KCLMB pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) above may result in modifications to, or termination of, this Contract.

B. Grievance Procedure. Disputes between KCLMB and the CONTRACTOR shall be resolved in accordance with the following procedures:

(i) Open lines of communication between the CONTRACTOR and the KCLMB are encouraged to ensure productivity and positive outcomes as envisioned under this CONTRACT.

(ii) Both parties to this Contract shall make every reasonable effort to exercise discretion and professionalism in resolving differences of opinion or interpretation.

(iii) After first attempting to resolve differences verbally or writing with KCLMB personnel, the CONTRACTOR may request a meeting(s) with KCLMB Director. Such request shall be in writing and must include an explanation of the issue(s) to be addressed and a recommended course of action, if any. KCLMB Director must respond to such request within ten (10) days of receipt, and the requested meeting shall occur within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the request, unless the parties agree to a later meeting date.

(iv) If, after meeting with KCLMB Director, differences between the parties remained unresolved, the CONTRACTOR may file an appeal with the Kent County Local Management Board. Such request shall be in writing, addressed to the Chairperson Shelly Neal-Edwards, and shall include an explanation of the issue(s) to be addressed, recommended actions or relief sought, and supporting documentation.

(v) An appeal from a decision of KCLMB Director will be referred to the KCLMB Advisory Board for consideration. The Executive Committee shall hear and decide the matter within thirty (30) days from receipt of the appeal, and shall notify the grieving party of their decision in writing no more than fifteen (15) days thereafter.

13. This Contract shall be governed by the Laws of the State of Maryland, without regard to its conflicts of law principles. Jurisdiction and venue shall lie in State or federal courts located within the State of Maryland.

14. This Contract shall be binding upon all parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed, or caused to be executed by their duly authorized officials, this Contract in duplicate, on the date first above written.

WITNESS/ATTEST

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lacey J. Cox 9-21-21

By: P. Thomas Mason 9-21-21
Thomas Mason
Kent County Commissioners, President

[Signature]

Minary's Dream Alliance

By: Donnelle Wilson
Executive Director
Title

Employer Identification Number 85.0988396

ATTACHMENT A**Summary:**

Minary's Dream Alliance and Kent County Local Management Board have are contracting to deliver emergency food to the elderly and the homebound in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Minary's Dream Alliance has managed the Feed the Elderly Initiative with private funds since the County's Contract with Community Mediation Upper Shore ended in January of 2021. This contract will allow them to continue operations for purchasing produce and protein items and the logistics for delivering food care packages to elderly and homebound residents during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Minary's Dream Alliance Responsibilities include:

1. Managing the list of clients in need – receiving new applications, responding to inquiries, and removing clients as appropriate. Minary's Dream Alliance will coordinate with Kent County Local Management Board to ensure appropriate referrals to ancillary services, as necessary.
2. Acquiring access to, managing, and supervising a distribution location for outgoing care package deliveries.
3. Purchase produce, protein, and other fresh food items for care package deliveries
4. Manage volunteers, staff, and partnering organizations and subcontractors when necessary
5. Maintain fiscal records of all paid staff, food and materials.
6. Prepare and submit any documentation needed to execute program successfully, including monthly invoices to KCLMB
7. Track payment of invoices to ensure payment
8. Facilitate American Rescue Plan Fund auditing if needed
9. Maintain records for three (3) years from last invoice received, per grant stipulation

ATTACHMENT B

Salaries	\$64,800	\$5,400/month x 12 months for 2 contractual staff members to manage purchasing, packaging, and coordination
Food	\$48,000	\$4000/monthx12 months for fresh protein, shelf stable items and packing supplies
Total	\$112,800	Annual cost



Bonnie S. Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

21 or None Tobacco Enforcement Results

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

07.19.22 Tobacco Compliance Check Results

TEMPLATE Responsible Retailer Green Card

Section 24-307. Distribution of tobacco products, paraphernalia, or coupons to minors prohibited.



Board of License Commissioners

P. Thomas Mason, President | Ronald H. Fithian, Member | Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

July 19, 2022

7-Eleven
212 South Maple Avenue
Chestertown, MD 21620

Re: Compliance Check

Dear Licensee:

The Board of License Commissioners is pleased to report that during a routine compliance check on June 08, 2022, your establishment demonstrated its commitment to checking the identification of your patrons prior to the sale of tobacco and electronic cigarette products. The Board thanks you for your continued vigilance, ensuring that your customers may legally purchase tobacco and electronic cigarette products.

Very truly yours,
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

P. Thomas Mason
P. Thomas Mason, President

Ronnie Fithian
Ronald H. Fithian, Member

Robert N. Jacob, Jr.
Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

KCC:bsp

Enclosure Responsible Retailer Notice

cc: Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator
Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney
Bonnie Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
Nicole Morris, MS, RN, Director, Kent County Health Department Chronic Disease

**7-Eleven of Chestertown
A Responsible Retailer**

Congratulations!

During a routine compliance check, your establishment demonstrated its commitment to asking for the identification of your patrons prior to the sale of tobacco and electronic cigarette products.

The Board of License Commissioners sincerely thanks you for your continued vigilance in ensuring that your customers legally purchase tobacco and electronic cigarette products.

Thank you for protecting the public, your company, and yourself.

The Board of License Commissioners,

P. Thomas Mason
P. Thomas Mason, President

Ronnie Fithian
Ronald H. Fithian, Member

Robert N. Jacob, Jr.
Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member



July 19, 2022



Board of License Commissioners

P. Thomas Mason, President | Ronald H. Fithian, Member | Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

July 19, 2022

Acme Market, Store 7849
711 Washington Avenue, Unit 14
Chestertown, MD 21620

Re: Compliance Check

Dear Licensee:

The Board of License Commissioners of Kent County advises you that a compliance check was conducted at your establishment, on June 8, 2022. During this compliance check a tobacco product/electronic smoking device was sold to an individual under age 21 in violation of Health-General Article § 24-307. At that time, the store manager/owner was issued a Must Appear Citation for Kent County District Court. This is the second violation for this establishment occurring within twenty-four (24) months after the first violation on June 25, 2021. The appropriate state and local agencies will be notified of this violation. Additional violations by your establishment may result in further punitive action, including the loss of your tobacco sales license.

Please be mindful and examine a patron's identification to ensure your customers can legally purchase tobacco products.

Very truly yours,
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND


P. Thomas Mason, President


Ronald H. Fithian, Member


Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

KCC:bsp

Enclosure: Health-General Article § 24-307

cc: Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator
Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney
Bonnie Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
Nicole Morris, MS, RN, Director, Kent County Health Department Chronic Disease

Md. HEALTH-GENERAL Code Ann. Section 24-307

Copy Citation

Including all Acts of the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly

- [MD - Annotated Code of Maryland](#)
- [HEALTH - GENERAL](#)
- [TITLE 24. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS](#)
- [SUBTITLE 3. LIMITATIONS ON MANUFACTURE OR SALE](#)

Section 24-307. Distribution of tobacco products, paraphernalia, or coupons to minors prohibited.

(a) Applicability. --

(1) This section does not apply to the distribution of a coupon that is redeemable for a tobacco product if the coupon is:

- (i) Contained in a newspaper, a magazine, or any other type of publication in which the coupon is incidental to the primary purpose of the publication; or
- (ii) Sent through the mail.

(2) This section does not apply to the distribution of a tobacco product or tobacco paraphernalia to:

- (i) An individual under the age of 21 years who is acting solely as the agent of the individual's employer if the employer distributes tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia for commercial purposes; or
- (ii) A purchaser or recipient who:
 - 1. Is at least 18 years of age;
 - 2. Is an active duty member of the military; and
 - 3. Presents a valid military identification.

(b) Distribution prohibited. -- A person who distributes tobacco products for commercial purposes, including a person licensed under Title 16 of the Business Regulation Article, may not distribute to an individual under the age of 21 years:

- (1) A tobacco product;
- (2) Tobacco paraphernalia; or
- (3) A coupon redeemable for a tobacco product.

(c) Penalty. --

(1) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding:

- (i) \$ 300 for a first violation;
- (ii) \$ 1,000 for a second violation occurring within 24 months after the first violation; and
- (iii) \$ 3,000 for each subsequent violation occurring within 24 months after the preceding violation.

(2) The local health departments shall report violations of subsection (b) of this section to the Comptroller's Office.

(3) Issuance of a civil citation for a violation of this section precludes prosecution under Section 10-107 of the Criminal Law Article arising out of the same violation.

(4) If a violation is committed by a person acting on behalf of a retailer, the civil penalty imposed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be paid by the retailer.

(d) Defenses. -- In a prosecution for a violation of subsection (b) of this section, it is a defense that the defendant examined the purchaser's or recipient's driver's license or other valid identification issued by a governmental unit that positively identified the purchaser or recipient as at least 21 years old or as at least 18 years of age and an active duty member of the military.

(e) Issuance of civil citation; procedure. --

(1) In this subsection, "designee" means a retired sworn law enforcement officer employed by a county health officer or an employee of a local health department trained in civil enforcement.

(2) A sworn law enforcement officer, a county health officer, or a designee of a county health officer may issue a civil citation for a violation of subsection (b) of this section.

(3) A citation issued under this subsection shall include:

- (i) The name and address of the person charged;
- (ii) The nature of the violation;
- (iii) The location and time of the violation;
- (iv) The amount of the civil penalty;
- (v) The manner, location, and time in which the civil penalty may be paid;
- (vi) A notice stating the person's right to elect to stand trial for the violation; and
- (vii) A warning that failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner in accordance with the citation:

1. Is an admission of liability; and

2. May result in entry of a default judgment that may include the civil penalty, court costs, and administrative expenses.

(4) The county health officer or designee shall retain a copy of the citation issued under this subsection.

(5)

(i) A person who receives a citation from a county health officer or designee under this subsection may elect to stand trial for the violation by filing a notice of intention to stand trial with the county health officer or designee at least 5 days before the date set in the citation for the payment of the civil penalty.

(ii) After receiving a notice of intention to stand trial under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the county health officer or designee shall forward the notice and a copy of the citation to the District Court.

(6)

(i) After receiving a citation and notice under this subsection, the District Court shall schedule the case for trial and notify the defendant of the trial date.

(ii) In a proceeding before the District Court, a violation of subsection (b) of this section shall be handled in the same manner as a municipal infraction under Sections 6-108 through 6-115 of the Local Government Article.

(7) The District Court shall remit any penalties collected for a violation of subsection (b) of this section to the county in which the violation occurred.

(8) Adjudication of a violation of subsection (b) of this section is not a criminal conviction for any purpose.

(f) Development of strategies for enforcement of law prohibiting distributions to or possession by minors; reports. --

(1) The Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration and consultation with the Office of the Comptroller, local health departments, and local law enforcement agencies, shall develop ongoing strategies for enforcement of Sections 10-107 and 10-108 of the Criminal Law Article.

(2) On or before October 1 each year, the Department shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with Section 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on:

- (i) The development of enforcement strategies required under paragraph (1) of this subsection; and
- (ii) Training and assistance to tobacco retailers to improve compliance with Section 10-107 of the Criminal Law Article.

History



Board of License Commissioners

P. Thomas Mason, President | Ronald H. Fithian, Member | Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

July 19, 2022

Bayside Market
21309 Rock Hall Avenue
Rock Hall, MD 21661

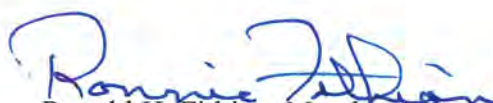
Re: Compliance Check

Dear Licensee:

The Board of License Commissioners is pleased to report that during a routine compliance check on June 21, 2022, your establishment demonstrated its commitment to checking the identification of your patrons prior to the sale of tobacco and electronic cigarette products. The Board thanks you for your continued vigilance, ensuring that your customers may legally purchase tobacco and electronic cigarette products.

Very truly yours,
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND


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KCC:bsp

Enclosure Responsible Retailer Notice

cc: Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator
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Nicole Morris, MS, RN, Director, Kent County Health Department Chronic Disease

**Bayside Market
A Responsible Retailer**

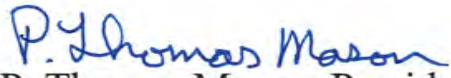
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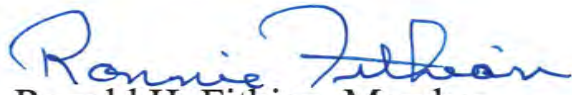
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The Board of License Commissioners sincerely thanks you for your continued vigilance in ensuring that your customers legally purchase tobacco and electronic cigarette products.

Thank you for protecting the public, your company, and yourself.

The Board of License Commissioners,


P. Thomas Mason, President


Ronald H. Fithian, Member


Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member



July 19, 2022



Board of License Commissioners

P. Thomas Mason, President | Ronald H. Fithian, Member | Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

July 19, 2022

BP Gas
513 Washington Avenue
Chestertown, MD.21620

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Please be mindful and examine a patron's identification to ensure your customers can legally purchase tobacco products.

Very truly yours,
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND


P. Thomas Mason, President


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Enclosure: Health-General Article § 24-307

cc: Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator
Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney
Bonnie Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
Nicole Morris, MS, RN, Director, Kent County Health Department Chronic Disease

Md. HEALTH-GENERAL Code Ann. Section 24-307

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Section 24-307. Distribution of tobacco products, paraphernalia, or coupons to minors prohibited.

(a) Applicability. --

(1) This section does not apply to the distribution of a coupon that is redeemable for a tobacco product if the coupon is:

- (i) Contained in a newspaper, a magazine, or any other type of publication in which the coupon is incidental to the primary purpose of the publication; or
- (ii) Sent through the mail.

(2) This section does not apply to the distribution of a tobacco product or tobacco paraphernalia to:

- (i) An individual under the age of 21 years who is acting solely as the agent of the individual's employer if the employer distributes tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia for commercial purposes; or
- (ii) A purchaser or recipient who:
 - 1. Is at least 18 years of age;
 - 2. Is an active duty member of the military; and
 - 3. Presents a valid military identification.

(b) Distribution prohibited. -- A person who distributes tobacco products for commercial purposes, including a person licensed under Title 16 of the Business Regulation Article, may not distribute to an individual under the age of 21 years:

- (1) A tobacco product;
- (2) Tobacco paraphernalia; or
- (3) A coupon redeemable for a tobacco product.

(c) Penalty. --

(1) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding:

- (i) \$ 300 for a first violation;
- (ii) \$ 1,000 for a second violation occurring within 24 months after the first violation; and
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(2) The local health departments shall report violations of subsection (b) of this section to the Comptroller's Office.

(3) Issuance of a civil citation for a violation of this section precludes prosecution under Section 10-107 of the Criminal Law Article arising out of the same violation.

(4) If a violation is committed by a person acting on behalf of a retailer, the civil penalty imposed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be paid by the retailer.

(d) Defenses. -- In a prosecution for a violation of subsection (b) of this section, it is a defense that the defendant examined the purchaser's or recipient's driver's license or other valid identification issued by a governmental unit that positively identified the purchaser or recipient as at least 21 years old or as at least 18 years of age and an active duty member of the military.

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History



Board of License Commissioners

P. Thomas Mason, President | Ronald H. Fithian, Member | Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

July 19, 2022

Country Liquors
206 Sassafras Street
Millington, Md. 21651

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C-Towne Liquors and Deli
601 Washington Avenue
Chestertown, MD 21620

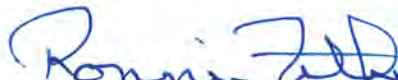
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Very truly yours,
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND


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Enclosure Responsible Retailer Notice

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**C-Towne Liquors and Deli
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The Board of License Commissioners,

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Dollar General
106 Philosophers Terrace
Chestertown, MD 21620

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**Dollar General of Chestertown
A Responsible Retailer**

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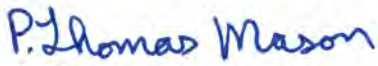
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Dollar General
21378 Rock Hall Avenue
Rock Hall, MD 21661

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Dollar General
10838 Worton Road
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Food Lion, Store 2117
31810 River Road
Millington, MD. 21658

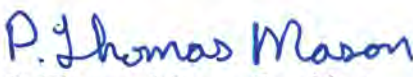
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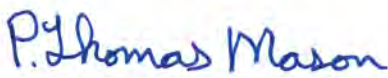
Galena Liquors
100 W. Cross Street
Galena, MD 21635

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Galena Mini Mart
101 N. Main Street
Galena, MD.21635

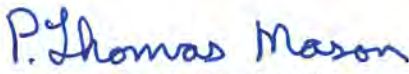
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Enclosure: Health-General Article § 24-307

cc: Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator
Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney
Bonnie Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
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Md. HEALTH-GENERAL Code Ann. Section 24-307

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(a) Applicability. --

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- (i) Contained in a newspaper, a magazine, or any other type of publication in which the coupon is incidental to the primary purpose of the publication; or
- (ii) Sent through the mail.

(2) This section does not apply to the distribution of a tobacco product or tobacco paraphernalia to:

- (i) An individual under the age of 21 years who is acting solely as the agent of the individual's employer if the employer distributes tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia for commercial purposes; or
- (ii) A purchaser or recipient who:
 - 1. Is at least 18 years of age;
 - 2. Is an active duty member of the military; and
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(b) Distribution prohibited. -- A person who distributes tobacco products for commercial purposes, including a person licensed under Title 16 of the Business Regulation Article, may not distribute to an individual under the age of 21 years:

- (1) A tobacco product;
- (2) Tobacco paraphernalia; or
- (3) A coupon redeemable for a tobacco product.

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(1) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding:

- (i) \$ 300 for a first violation;
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(2) The local health departments shall report violations of subsection (b) of this section to the Comptroller's Office.

(3) Issuance of a civil citation for a violation of this section precludes prosecution under Section 10-107 of the Criminal Law Article arising out of the same violation.

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(1) In this subsection, "designee" means a retired sworn law enforcement officer employed by a county health officer or an employee of a local health department trained in civil enforcement.

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(3) A citation issued under this subsection shall include:

- (i) The name and address of the person charged;
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- (v) The manner, location, and time in which the civil penalty may be paid;
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(i) A person who receives a citation from a county health officer or designee under this subsection may elect to stand trial for the violation by filing a notice of intention to stand trial with the county health officer or designee at least 5 days before the date set in the citation for the payment of the civil penalty.

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(1) The Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration and consultation with the Office of the Comptroller, local health departments, and local law enforcement agencies, shall develop ongoing strategies for enforcement of Sections 10-107 and 10-108 of the Criminal Law Article.

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History



Board of License Commissioners

P. Thomas Mason, President | Ronald H. Fithian, Member | Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

July 19, 2022

High's Store #97
887 Washington Street
Chestertown, MD.21620

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Board of License Commissioners

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July 19, 2022

JJ's Deli and Liquors
511 Washington Avenue
Chestertown, MD 21620

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Enclosure Responsible Retailer Notice

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Lewes Dairy Mart
840 High Street
Chestertown, MD.21620

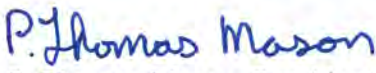
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July 19, 2022

Molly's Mart
12503 Augustine Herman Highway, Suite A
Kennedyville, MD 21645

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Enclosure Responsible Retailer Notice

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July 19, 2022



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Pip's Discount Liquors
2 Washington Avenue
Chestertown, MD 21620

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Redner's Market, Store 49
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Rock Hall Liquors
21318 Rock Hall Avenue
Rock Hall, Md. 21661

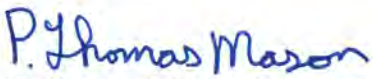
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(b) Distribution prohibited. -- A person who distributes tobacco products for commercial purposes, including a person licensed under Title 16 of the Business Regulation Article, may not distribute to an individual under the age of 21 years:

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(1) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding:

- (i) \$ 300 for a first violation;
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(2) The local health departments shall report violations of subsection (b) of this section to the Comptroller's Office.

(3) Issuance of a civil citation for a violation of this section precludes prosecution under Section 10-107 of the Criminal Law Article arising out of the same violation.

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(d) Defenses. -- In a prosecution for a violation of subsection (b) of this section, it is a defense that the defendant examined the purchaser's or recipient's driver's license or other valid identification issued by a governmental unit that positively identified the purchaser or recipient as at least 21 years old or as at least 18 years of age and an active duty member of the military.

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(1) In this subsection, "designee" means a retired sworn law enforcement officer employed by a county health officer or an employee of a local health department trained in civil enforcement.

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- (i) The name and address of the person charged;
- (ii) The nature of the violation;
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(i) A person who receives a citation from a county health officer or designee under this subsection may elect to stand trial for the violation by filing a notice of intention to stand trial with the county health officer or designee at least 5 days before the date set in the citation for the payment of the civil penalty.

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History



Board of License Commissioners

P. Thomas Mason, President | Ronald H. Fithian, Member | Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

July 19, 2022

Royal Farms
859 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

Re: Compliance Check

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Very truly yours,
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Enclosure Responsible Retailer Notice

cc: Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator
Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney
Bonnie Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
Nicole Morris, MS, RN, Director, Kent County Health Department Chronic Disease

**Royal Farms
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July 19, 2022

Sassy River Market II
120 E. Cross Street
Galena, MD 21635

Re: Compliance Check

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July 19, 2022

Suds N Soda
1014 Washington Avenue
Chestertown, Md. 21620

Re: Compliance Check

Dear Licensee:

The Board of License Commissioners of Kent County advises you that a compliance check was conducted at your establishment, on June 14, 2022. During this compliance check a tobacco product/electronic smoking device was sold to an individual under age 21 in violation of Health-General Article § 24-307. At that time, the store manager/owner was issued a Must Appear Citation for Kent County District Court. Further violations by your establishment may result in further punitive action, including the loss of your tobacco sales license.

Please be mindful and examine a patron's identification to ensure your customers can legally purchase tobacco products.

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Enclosure: Health-General Article § 24-307

cc: Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator
Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney
Bonnie Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
Nicole Morris, MS, RN, Director, Kent County Health Department Chronic Disease

Md. HEALTH-GENERAL Code Ann. Section 24-307

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(a) Applicability. --

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- (i) Contained in a newspaper, a magazine, or any other type of publication in which the coupon is incidental to the primary purpose of the publication; or
- (ii) Sent through the mail.

(2) This section does not apply to the distribution of a tobacco product or tobacco paraphernalia to:

- (i) An individual under the age of 21 years who is acting solely as the agent of the individual's employer if the employer distributes tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia for commercial purposes; or

(ii) A purchaser or recipient who:

- 1. Is at least 18 years of age;
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History



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July 19, 2022

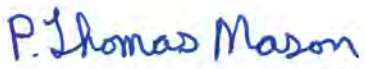
Sunny's Mart
176 Flatland Road
Chestertown, MD 21620

Re: Compliance Check

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Enclosure Responsible Retailer Notice

cc: Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator
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**Sunny's Mart
A Responsible Retailer**

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Super Soda Center
302 South Maple Avenue
Chestertown, MD 21620

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July 19, 2022

Tale Gate Market
198 Sassafras Street
Millington, MD 21651

Re: Compliance Check

Dear Licensee:

The Board of License Commissioners is pleased to report that during a routine compliance check on June 23, 2022, your establishment demonstrated its commitment to checking the identification of your patrons prior to the sale of tobacco and electronic cigarette products. The Board thanks you for your continued vigilance, ensuring that your customers may legally purchase tobacco and electronic cigarette products.

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Walgreens, Store 11763
701 Washington Avenue
Chestertown, MD 21620

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**Walgreen of Chestertown
Store 11763
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July 19, 2022



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July 19, 2022

Walgreens, Store 11064
21400 Zeeman Road
Rock Hall, MD.21661

Re: Compliance Check

Dear Licensee:

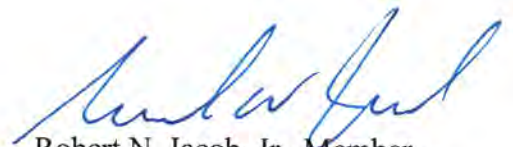
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July 19, 2022

Shore Stop of Rock Hall, Store 221
Attn: Dawn Sterling
418-D Coles Circle
Salisbury, MD 21801

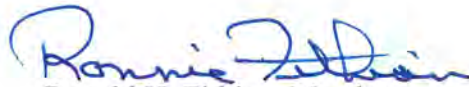
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Shore Stop of Rock Hall
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P. Thomas Mason, President | Ronald H. Fithian, Member | Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

July 13, 2022

Food Lion, LLC
1149 Harrisburg Pike
Carlisle, PA 17013

Re: Compliance Check, Food Lion Store 2117, Millington, MD

Dear Management Team:

A compliance check was conducted at Food Lion Store 2117 located in Millington, Maryland on June 23, 2022. During this compliance check a tobacco product/electronic smoking device was sold to an individual under age 21 in violation of Health-General Article § 24-307. The store manager/owner was delivered a Must Appear Citation for Kent County District Court. I want to bring to your attention, that the manager refused to sign the citation. Further violations by this store may result in further punitive action. Please follow up with the store to ensure each employee understands the policies and practices that verify customers can legally purchase age-restricted products. I also request your support and expect the full cooperation of the local management team going forward.

Very truly yours,

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Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Inspector

BSP:smb

Enclosure(s): Health-General Article § 24-307

Copy of Uniform Civil Citation 2Z40977967

cc: The County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland

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History



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UNIFORM CIVIL CITATION

☐ WITNESS☐ RELATED CASE NO./
CITATION(S)

District Court of Maryland for

Kent County Maryland
103 N. Cross Street, Chestertown, MD 21620
Kent County Board of License Commissioners
County/Municipality/State of Maryland Agency

vs. Food Lion Store 2117

Defendant's (Last) Name First Middle

31810 River Road Apt. No.

Millington Kent MD 21651
City County State Zip

DOB Height Weight Sex Race Hair Eyes

Telephone No. Day/Night: 410-928-5402 E-mail:

Based on ☒ personal knowledge of the undersigned officer ☐ the attached affidavit, the Defendant is
charged with Distribute Tobacco Product or
Paraphernalia to Minorat 1824 ☐ AM ☒ PM on 06/23/2022
Time Month Day Yearat Food Lion Store 2117 - 31810 River Road
Location of OffenseMillington, MD 21651 Kent County, MD in violation
of: ☒ Md. Ann. Code ☐ Municipal Infraction/County Ordinance/Public Local Law/Local Code ☐ COMAR

Document/Article HG Section 24-307 Sub Section Paragraph

☐ Each day a violation continues is a separate infraction subject to an additional citation.

X Refusal To Sign

INSTRUCTIONS

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at Payment Location

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in writing by Date at Address

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I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury, and based upon personal knowledge or the attached affidavit, that the contents of this citation are true and that I am competent to testify on these matters.

☐ The Defendant is not now in the military service, as defined in the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.Issuing Officer's Signature B. Rorsell 6/23/2022
DateKent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement 443-282-5783
Agency Sub-Agency I.D. No. Telephone

DC-028 (Rev. 10/2014) Print Date 10/2014

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Board of License Commissioners

P. Thomas Mason, President | Ronald H. Fithian, Member | Robert N. Jacob, Jr., Member

July 13, 2022

Highs of Baltimore, LLC
2700 Loch Raven Road
Baltimore, MD 21218

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Hensley MarlaCurrent Street Address Apt. No.
1173 Kennedyville Road P.O. Box 85City County State Zip
Kennedyville Kent MD 21645DOB Height Weight Sex Race Hair Eyes
5/19/83 5'02 286 F BLK Black Brown

Telephone No. Day/Night: 410-303-7634 E-mail:

Based on ☒ personal knowledge of the undersigned officer ☐ the attached affidavit, the Defendant is
charged with Distribute Tobacco Product or

Paraphernalia to Minor

at 1906 ☐ AM ☒ PM on 6/8/2022

at Highs 887 Washington Street Chestertown

MD 21620 Kent County, MD in violation

of: ☐ Md. Ann. Code ☐ Municipal Infraction/County Ordinance/Public Local Law/Local Code ☐ COMAR

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I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of this citation and not as an admission of guilt. I will comply with the law.

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Issuing Officer's Signature B. Pearson 7/25/22

Agency Sub-Agency I.D. No. Telephone

Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement 443-222-5725

**[Insert Name Here]
A Responsible Retailer**

Congratulations!

During a routine compliance check, your establishment demonstrated its commitment to asking for the identification of your patrons prior to the sale of tobacco and electronic cigarette products.

The Board of License Commissioners sincerely thanks you for your continued vigilance in ensuring that your customers legally purchase tobacco and electronic cigarette products.

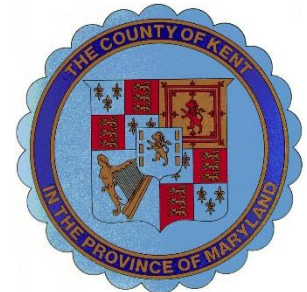
Thank you for protecting the public, your company, and yourself.

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Bonnie S. Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

License Updates

ATTACHMENTS:

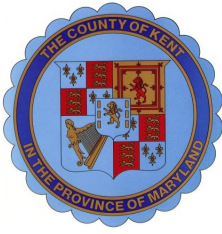
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Shelley Heller, County Administrator
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

August Meeting Schedule Adjustment



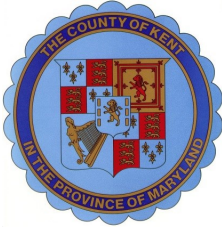
Marty Hale, Director, Human Resources
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Public Works - Environmental Operations, MEO II Vacancy

ATTACHMENTS:

Description



**Genevieve Croker, Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Kent
County
7/19/2022
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Item Summary:

Letter of Support

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

07.19.22 Letter of Support, Kecia A. Campbell, Community Development Programs, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Rebuilding Together Kent County Grant Application



The County Commissioners of Kent County
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Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator | Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney

July 19, 2022

Kecia A. Campbell
Community Development Programs
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
7800 Harkins Road
Lanham, Maryland 20706

RE: Support – Maryland Affordable Housing Trust Grant Application for Rebuilding Together Kent County

Dear Ms. Campbell:

The County Commissioners of Kent County support Rebuilding Together Kent County's (RTKC) Maryland Affordable Housing Trust grant application for rehabilitation assistance to income-eligible families. This project will help with home repairs that are needed for families who can't afford to have them done.

RTKC has assisted homeowners with rehabilitation assistance since 2004. This project will allow RTKC to continue to rehabilitate and make repairs on homes in the County. These repairs will improve substandard conditions and the improvements will allow families to remain in their homes.

We respectfully request your favorable review of RTKC's grant application. We thank you for the opportunity to offer support for this grant.

Very truly yours,
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P. Thomas Mason".

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KCC/ltc

cc: Genevieve Croker, Executive Director, Rebuilding Together Kent County, Maryland



Dr. Clifford P. Coppersmith, President, Chesapeake College
7/19/2022
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

FY2023 Revised Budget Proposal

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Chesapeake College Revised Budget Book FY2023



REVISED BUDGET PROPOSAL | FISCAL YEAR 2023



P.O. Box 8 | Wye Mills, MD 21679 | www.chesapeake.edu

President's Message

The college is pleased to report an increase in FY 2023 State funding of \$1,295,019 resulting from the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula & Budget Reconciliation & Financing Act: FY 2023. The college's budget development committee met to prepare the revised budget plan for FY 2023 presented in this document.

The leadership, staff, faculty, and students of the College appreciate the financial support of our counties. That support makes possible our vital mission—providing education and economic development so people in our region can support their families and live better lives.

The revised budget proposal does not require any additional support from the college support counties.

The revised proposal provides an additional salary increase to full-time employees of 3% which brings the total increase for employees to 5% for FY2023. A top priority in the revised budget is to fund the recommendations from the compensation study completed in FY 2022. The college continues to experience challenges retaining our highly skilled and proficient workforce as well as successfully bringing new employees to the College to maintain high demand areas in operations and instruction. Our ability to successfully hire in vital technical areas such as Information Technology, Health Professions, STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), and the Skilled Trades are increasingly being hampered by our dated salary structure—now five years old—and our inability in the past two years to keep pace with local and regional salary and wage markets.

As part of this revised FY 2023 Budget proposal, the college is also requesting use of the college fund balance for two projects. The project descriptions provides a broad overview of the projects and the proposed budget.

Thank you for your regional leadership, careful stewardship, and consideration. On behalf of our faculty, staff, students, and the distinguished members of our Board of Trustees it is our privilege to serve this community, and my pleasure to present this year's revised budget proposal.

Clifford P. Coppersmith, Ph.D.
President
April 2022

Revised Budget Highlights for FY2023

	Revised Projected State Funding FY 2023 Revenue Increase	\$ 1,295,019.00
Savings in Adjunct Budget to support Full Time Position		\$ 50,000.00
Net change (Projected Revenue increase)		\$ 1,345,019.00
<u>Expense changes</u>		
<u>Enrollment Growth/Retention & Student Success</u>		
Academic Advisor Full Time Position Reinstated	\$	55,989.00
Dean For Students Full Time Position Reinstated	\$	110,000.00
New Assistant Athletic Director/Trainer/Student Success Coach	\$	53,861.00
Nursing Tutoring Funds	\$	30,000.00
On Line Test Proctor Part Time	\$	15,000.00
Admissions Temp Funding Increase	\$	29,499.00
	Enrollment Growth/Retention & Student Success	\$ 294,349.00
<u>Academic Programs</u>		
Social Sciences Full Time Faculty Position Reinstated	\$	74,100.00
Surg Tech Position Reinstated	\$	46,000.00
Nurse Tim Testing for Students Funding	\$	9,000.00
Nursing Support to replace grant funds ending (Professional Development)	\$	18,050.00
Autoclave Maintenance Support Service	\$	4,420.00
Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) Exam Support for Students	\$	3,000.00
		\$ 154,570.00
<u>Human Resources</u>		
Funding for Compensation Study Results	\$	235,415.00
Public Safety Increase in Temp Funds	\$	10,000.00
Learning Resource Center (LRC) Increase in Temp Funds	\$	25,000.00
*Faculty Staff and Adjunct Salary changes (see below)	\$	389,440.00
	Human Resources	\$ 659,855.00
<u>Other Mandatory Increases</u>		
Legal expense increase	\$	50,000.00
Fringe Benefit increase	\$	186,245.00
	Other Mandatory Increases (Cost of Doing Business)	\$ 236,245.00
	Total Expense Changes	\$ 1,345,019.00

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* Faculty/Staff salary budget changes below -

includes 3% salary increase across the board (This is in addition to the 2% included in the original budget)

Chesapeake College
Revised FY 2023 Board Budget Approvals Required

1 - FY 2023 Revised Operating Budget by Function

Instruction	\$12,921,191
Community Services	23,465
Academic Support	1,860,482
Student Services	2,514,750
Institutional Support	6,547,561
Plant Operations	2,376,021
Scholarship	<u>88,612</u>
Total Authorization	\$26,332,082

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***County Contribution \$6,728,512**
(No change in County
Contribution in Revised Budget)

2 – One Time Fund Balance Request

* Fund Balance Project Plan (See attached)

Total Authorization \$100,000

3 – Revised FY 2023 Auxiliary Services Budget

Total Authorization \$934,129

4. New Position – Assistant Athletic Trainer/Student Success Coach

*FY2023 New Position Authorization Revised Budget (see attached)

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Chesapeake College
Operating Fund
Revenue Comparisons

FY 2023 Board of Trustees Authorized Budget and FY 2023 Revised Budget Request

	FY 2023 Authorized Budget	FY 2023 Revised Requested Budget	FY 2023 Original - FY 2023 Revised \$ change	FY Original 2023 - Revised 2023 % change
Government County	\$6,728,512	\$6,728,512	\$0	0.00%
State	\$7,994,752	\$9,289,771	\$1,295,019	16.20%
Total Government	\$14,723,264	\$16,018,283	\$1,295,019	
Non Government				
Student Tuition & Fees	\$8,110,595	\$8,110,595	\$0	0.00%
Other	\$1,604,581	\$1,604,581	\$0	0.00%
Shore Regional Health	\$598,623	\$598,623	\$0	0.00%
Total Non Government	\$10,313,799	\$10,313,799	\$0	0.00%
Total	\$25,037,063	\$26,332,082	\$1,295,019	5.17%

**Chesapeake College
Operating Budget
Object Comparisons
FY 2023 Authorized Budget / FY 2023 Revised Budget Details**

OBJECT	Authorized FY2023	Revised FY2023	Authorized FY 2023 to Revised FY 2023 Change	% Change by Object
COMPENSATION				
Salaries	\$15,141,406	\$16,165,710	\$1,024,304	6.76%
Benefits	\$3,757,309	\$3,943,554	\$186,245	4.96%
Total Compensation	\$18,898,715	\$20,109,264	\$1,210,549	6.41%
OTHER OBJECTS				
Cont. Servs.	\$1,697,831	\$1,752,251	\$54,420	3.21%
 Supplies/IT Cloud Services	 \$1,698,940	 \$1,710,940	 \$12,000	 0.71%
Communication	\$228,182	\$228,182	\$0	0.00%
Dues/Training	\$539,271	\$557,321	\$18,050	3.35%
Scholarships	\$157,512	\$157,512	\$0	0.00%
Utilities	\$476,846	\$476,846	\$0	0.00%
Fixed	\$269,808	\$269,808	\$0	0.00%
Other	\$925,958	\$925,958	\$0	0.00%
Equipment	\$144,000	\$144,000	\$0	0.00%
Total Other Objects	\$6,138,348	\$6,222,818	\$84,470	1.38%
TOTAL	\$25,037,063	\$26,332,082	\$1,295,019	5.17%

**Chesapeake College
Operating Budget Request Details
by Function and Object
Revised Budget FY 2023**

OBJECT	INSTRUCTION	COMMUNITY SERVICES	ACADEMIC SUPPORT	STUDENT SERVICES	INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT	PLANT OPERATION	SCHOLAR- SHIP	TOTAL
COMPENSATION								
Salaries	\$8,481,177	\$3,000	\$1,260,257	\$1,838,543	\$3,577,599	\$1,005,134	\$0	\$16,165,710
Benefits	\$1,956,679	\$880	\$355,154	\$400,709	\$936,473	\$293,659	\$0	\$3,943,554
Total Compensation	\$10,437,856	\$3,880	\$1,615,411	\$2,239,252	\$4,514,072	\$1,298,793	\$0	\$20,109,264
OTHER OBJECTS								
Cont. Servs.	\$492,857	\$3,000	\$122,264	\$42,609	\$862,367	\$229,154	\$0	\$1,752,251
Supplies	\$835,408	\$685	\$43,027	\$33,761	\$557,144	\$240,915	\$0	\$1,710,940
Communication	\$5,245	\$600	\$1,425	\$8,241	\$208,247	\$4,424	\$0	\$228,182
Dues/Training	\$163,117	\$3,900	\$5,245	\$98,419	\$276,790	\$9,850	\$0	\$557,321
Scholarships	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$67,400	\$0	\$0	\$88,612	\$157,512
Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$61,310	\$0	\$0	\$415,536	\$0	\$476,846
Fixed	\$11,000	\$0	\$0	\$23,968	\$77,491	\$157,349	\$0	\$269,808
Other	\$862,508	\$9,900	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$51,450	\$0	\$0	\$925,958
Equipment	\$113,200	\$0	\$10,800	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$144,000
Total Other Objects	\$2,483,335	\$19,585	\$245,071	\$275,498	\$2,033,489	\$1,077,228	\$88,612	\$6,222,818
TOTAL	\$12,921,191	\$23,465	\$1,860,482	\$2,514,750	\$6,547,561	\$2,376,021	\$88,612	\$26,332,082

**Chesapeake College
Auxiliary Services
FY 2023 Revised Budget Details**

	Athletics	Bookstore	Child Care Center	Food Services	Events Management	Student Activities	Eastern Shore Higher Ed Ctr	Total
##EST FUND BALANCE @ 6/30/22	0	108,855	121,507	105,948	0	110,543	789,330	1,236,183
FUND SOURCES								
Sales	11,500	57,000		46,000	20,000			134,500
Fees/Tuition	187,805					108,406		296,211
Other	5,000				80,000		346,034	431,034
Donations								
Rent	13,000				39,815		71,000	123,815
Total Fund Sources	217,305	57,000	0	46,000	139,815	108,406	417,034	985,560
FUND APPLICATIONS								
Salary	41,061				78,250	20,500	168,803	308,614
Benefits	1,868				15,581	1,568	37,554	56,571
Total Compensation	42,929	0	0	0	93,831	22,068	206,357	365,185
Contract Services	32,200			6,200	43,750	35,500	85,500	203,150
Supplies/Materials	40,600			1,000	20,384	5,165	32,893	100,042
Communications	1,600				750	3,000	10,500	15,850
Dues/Training/Travel	102,195				2,050	9,817	13,900	127,962
Scholarships	200							200
Other		1,000			500	28,471	67,884	97,855
Furniture/Equipment	13,500			5,500	500	4,385		23,885
Total Other Objects	190,295	1,000	0	12,700	67,934	86,338		358,267
Total Expenditures	233,224	1,000	0	12,700	161,765	108,406	417,034	934,129
Surplus(Deficit)	(15,919)	56,000	0	33,300	(21,950)	0	0	51,431
EST FUND BALANCE @ 6/30/23	(15,919)	164,855	121,507	139,248	(21,950)	110,543	789,330	1,287,614

This estimated balance is the budgeted (decrease) increase FY 2022 budget plus the 6/30/21 sub fund actual balance

Note

Athletics Auxiliary includes \$20,000 for Regional/National Tournament travel

*Grants office moved to Operating fund in FY2022 budget

FY 2023 New Position Authorization (Revised Budget)

Assistant Athletic Trainer/Student Success Coach position

The addition of an Assistant Athletic Trainer/Student Success Coach will allow the Athletic Department to improve essential resources it has to offer student-athletes.

There are over 100 student-athletes between the six athletic teams at Chesapeake College. The new position will allow one individual to specialize and become a student success coach for all student-athletes at Chesapeake College. This individual will be knowledgeable to all Chesapeake College, MD JUCO, Region XX and NJCAA academic eligibility guidelines and policies, such as transfer and graduation requirements, to ensure compliance. The position will also assist with recruiting more student-athletes to Chesapeake College, which will include organizing campus tours, promoting and hosting open houses, as well as serving as a liaison between student-athletes, parents and staff.

Serves as a liaison and success coach for all athletes at Chesapeake College.

FY 2023 One Time Fund Balance Request
Request to Board of Trustees and Support Counties
Summary Project Descriptions

Queen Anne Technical Building Program Statement Consultants

Chesapeake must submit a Program Statement Part I and Part II to the State agencies in December 2022 for consideration of the project for funding starting in fiscal year 2025. Normally large state funding capital project appropriations are allocated over three fiscal years. (Design FY2025, Construction FY2026 and FF&E FY2027) The college team will be working together to write the program statement but the work will require some outside consultant input as the document is completed. Examples of consultants that may be needed on this project are civil engineering, HVAC and architectural services.

Amount of Request: \$50,000

Applicant Tracking, Onboarding and Professional Development Human Resource Software and Implementation

The college currently uses an applicant tracking system called Hire Touch. The support for this software is ending on 12/31/2022. The college will need to replace and update the software to support applicant tracking. The college is also looking to include onboarding and management of professional development for faculty and staff in the new solution. Implementation of systems such as this require 4 to 6 months for setup and rollout to the college faculty and staff. The cost to setup and implement a new system was not included in the FY2023 budget. The college is searching to replace the current system with a much more comprehensive HR management suite of software solutions.

Amount of Request: \$50,000

Total Fund Balance Request \$100,000

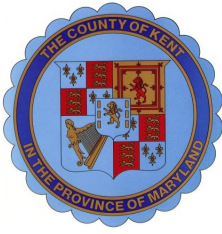
Chesapeake College
Operating Fund Balance Recap

Operating Fund Balance 6/30/21	\$ 6,232,651.00
Less: Board Designated Medical Fund Balance	<u>\$ (832,883.00)</u>
Total Undesignated Operating Fund Balance 6/30/21	<u>\$ 5,399,768.00</u>

Less: FY2022 Website Development, Design, Implementation, and Governance Project	\$ (500,000.00)
Less: FY2022 Learning Resource Center Furniture Replacement-Public Areas	\$ (200,000.00)
Less: FY2022 Learning Resource Center Carpet Replacement & Paint 2nd Floor Project	\$ (100,000.00)
Less: FY2022 Document Imaging Project	\$ (200,000.00)
Less: FY2022 Rebranding Project	<u>\$ (200,000.00)</u>
Fund Balance Request approved for FY2022	<u>\$ (1,200,000.00)</u>
Less FY2022 Transfer to M&R Fund	\$ (105,000.00)
Less FY2023 Transfer to M&R Fund	\$ (415,000.00)
Less FY2023 Local Match for State Capital Project (LRC Roof & Chiller Replacement)	\$ (300,842.00)
Less: FY2023 Queen Annes Tech Bldg Program Statement Consultant Proposed	\$ (50,000.00)
Less: FY2023 Applicant Tracking, Onboarding and Prof. Dev. HR software	<u>\$ (50,000.00)</u>
Total Undesignated Operating Fund Balance	<u>\$ 3,488,926.00</u>

FY2023 Proposed Revised Operating Budget	\$ 26,332,082.00
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Remaining Fund
Balance as a
Percent of
Operating Budget
after Current One
Time Fund Balance
13.2% Request



Procedures For Public Comment 7/19/2022 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Press and Public Comments 2022

07.19.22 Public Comments Sign In Sheet

Press and Public Comments

Time is allotted at the beginning and end of each meeting for the Commissioners to receive comments from the public. Anyone interested in speaking must sign up on the provided The Public Comment sign-up sheet is located on the table inside the meeting room.

The President of the Board will call the names of the listed individuals when it is time to speak. When making comments, individuals are asked to speak slowly, clearly, and concisely. Precede all comments with your name and address and speak only on the subject under discussion.

Comments in writing are welcomed and should be given to the staff after your presentation. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, or whose speech or actions become disruptive, will be asked to leave the meeting.

Interested parties may address the Commissioners in writing at any time about any matter pertaining to County business. Written statements can be hand-delivered or mailed to:

The County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland
400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

**PUBLIC COMMENTS
SIGN IN SHEET
July 19, 2022**

NAME (please print)	ADDRESS	TOPIC



Maryland Department of Agriculture 7/19/2022 County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Gypsy Moth Survey Report

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

07.19.22 Craig Kuhn, Program Manager, Forest Pest Management, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Gypsy Moth Survey Report

07.19.22 Maryland Department of Agriculture, Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management, 2021 Gypsy Moth Egg Mass Survey Report, Kent County

07.19.22 2021 Gypsy Moth Egg Mass Survey Results Map, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management, Kent County



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OFFICE OF PLANT INDUSTRIES AND PEST MANAGEMENT

Forest Pest Management Northeast Regional Office

Mr. Thomas P. Mason, President
Kent County Commissioners
400 High Street
Chestertown MD 21620

Dear Mr. Mason:

We have attached our 2021 Gypsy Moth Survey Report for Kent County. Results of our fall and winter surveys showed low gypsy moth populations in most of Maryland. Our past suppression treatments, along with outbreaks of the fungus *Entomophaga maimaiga*, have kept down the gypsy moth population throughout much of the state including Kent County. Although a 7,000+ acre spraying program was needed for the lower eastern shore this year, and gypsy moth populations have increased in western Maryland, we are happy to report that no areas in Kent County would require aerial spraying treatment in 2022.

In addition to gypsy moth, MDA FPM also surveys for several other threats to the forests of Kent County. Surveys in Kent were negative for the Southern Pine Beetle, walnut twig beetle and for *Sirex noctilio* (an invasive wood wasp). The emerald ash borer is currently found throughout the state and is actively killing ash trees.

You can call us at 410-879-8034 or email us at northeastfpm@gmail.com if you have any further questions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Craig Kuhn
Program Manager FPM

County Commissioners
Office

Date 6-30-22 LC



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2021 GYPSY MOTH EGG MASS SURVEY REPORT KENT COUNTY

Introduction

Since 1982, the U.S. Forest Service, the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) and individual county governments have joined to conduct an integrated pest management (IPM) program to suppress injurious gypsy moth populations on priority forest and shade trees at selected sites on private and public land (see enclosed treatment site selection criteria). The MDA supervised Cooperative Gypsy Moth Suppression Program requires that extensive amounts of accurate pest population data be collected annually. The primary method of data collection is through annual egg mass surveys conducted in the fall at established permanent points. The purpose of these surveys is to determine gypsy moth population densities and trends, to evaluate treatment areas, if any, and to assess the potential for defoliation and the need for treatment in the coming year.

MDA Forest Pest Management (FPM) staff has been conducting gypsy moth egg mass surveys in Kent County on a countywide basis since the early 1980s. We frequently review and update our survey areas to include newly developed woodlands with a high percentage of susceptible tree species, especially oak.

Results from this year

Between August 2021 and March 2022, FPM staff conducted over 8,215 gypsy moth egg mass surveys throughout the state. Due to the lack of county participation, only 10 gypsy moth egg mass surveys in three separate areas were conducted in the fall/winter 2021 season by FPM staff in Kent County. Most of these surveys were done on state lands. A total of only 808 acres was directly assessed by our surveys. None of these areas was found to have populations averaging above 250 egg masses per acre. This small sampling indicates that gypsy moth populations are probably still generally low in Kent County. The higher the egg masses per acre count, the greater the likelihood of defoliation. A map showing the location of survey areas with population levels color-coded is enclosed.

Discussion

Through the gypsy moth egg mass surveys, no potentially damaging populations were found in Kent County. When such infestation levels do occur, alternatives are considered area by area, including suppression with aerial application of insecticide. MDA has not proposed any treatments in Kent County for 2022. Any proposed suppression activities are done in cooperation with the county government. An estimate of costs is sent to the county government and all landowners directly affected are notified by first class mail well in advance of



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proceeding with any treatment. Public meetings are arranged where details of the proposed treatment plans for that specific locale are presented.

Gypsy moth populations are currently low throughout much of Maryland. **MDA has not proposed any treatments in Kent for 2022; however, there were over 7,000 acres proposed for treatment in Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties this spring.** It only takes a season or two of favorable conditions for potentially defoliating levels to return. Therefore, it is important to monitor the populations on a yearly basis in order to recognize changes, and make timely and appropriate recommendations to land owners and managers. If favorable conditions exist this spring, some population increase may be expected.

Summary

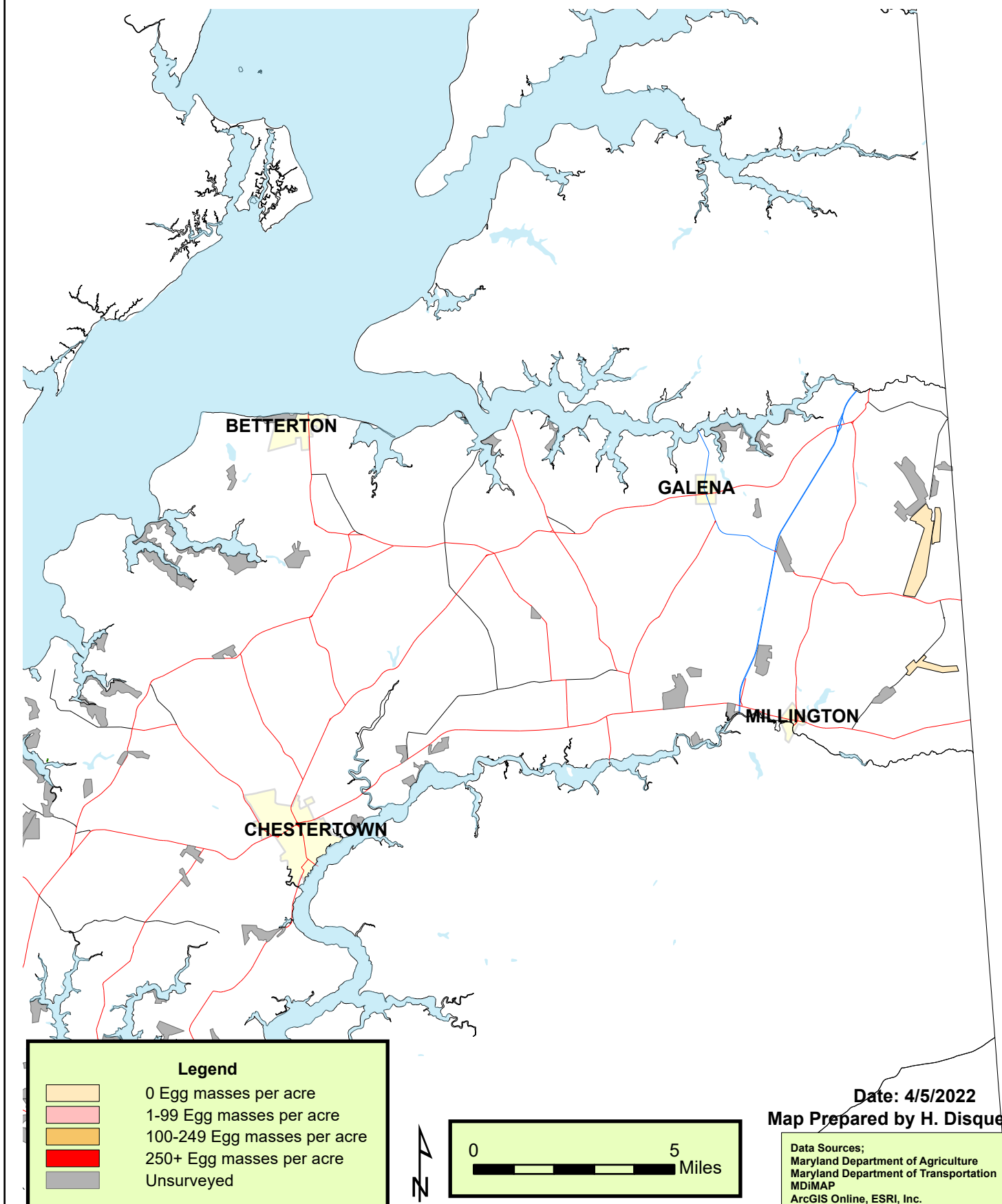
The Maryland Department of Agriculture has been monitoring gypsy moth populations in Kent County regularly since the early 1980s by conducting egg mass surveys on a yearly basis. There were not enough surveys conducted in the fall/winter of 2021-22 to properly assess infestation levels, but no potentially defoliating gypsy moth populations are expected in 2022. No treatment was proposed in Kent County for 2022. Gypsy moth populations are generally low throughout the state. **Continued population assessments are important to find potential problems early before they cause significant damage and are easier to control.**

If you have any questions, comments, or reports regarding gypsy moths or other forest pests, please do not hesitate to contact us. Alternatively, you may visit our website at http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/forest_pest_management.aspx.

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Attachments: 1 – 2021 Gypsy Moth Egg Mass Survey Results Map

Maryland Department of Agriculture
Forest Pest Management
2021-2022 *Lymantria dispar dispar* (gypsy moth) Egg Mass Surveys
Kent County, Maryland





American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Spend Plan 7/19/2022 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

7-12-2022 ARPA Fund Commissioner Report

**FY22 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND
AS OF COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES DATED
7/12/2022**

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND

DATE APPROVED	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT APPROVED	DESCRIPTION
8/31/2021	Water & Wastewater Fund	\$ 275,000	Clariflocculator Replacement Project
9/21/2021	KC Local Management Board	112,800	Feed the Elderly Year 1
10/26/2021	Information Technology	67,429	AV System
10/26/2021	Information Technology	27,095	IT Software
12/14/2021	Information Technology	665,000	Neighborhood Grants & Infrastructure Grants Office of Statewide Broadband
1/11/2022	Water & Wastewater Fund	2,817	Change order #1 equipment and cabinet, Fairlee Clariflocculator Replacement Project
1/11/2022	Water & Wastewater Fund	90,642	Change order #2 Demo, aeration tower, Fairlee Clariflocculator Replacement Project
2/1/2022	Emergency Operations Center	14,087	A/V equipment in EOC-video conferencing
2/8/2022	Water & Wastewater Fund	110,065	SCADA Pump Station Monitoring
2/8/2022	Water & Wastewater Fund	57,500	Kent County Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Feasibility Study-Millington/Rt 301
2/8/2022	Water & Wastewater Fund	52,910	Tolchester Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Screen Replacement Project-design services
3/8/2022	KC Local Management Board	204,115	Feed the Elderly Year 2 and Year 3
3/22/2022	Water & Wastewater Fund	32,981	Worton WWTP influent lagoon-engineering- Design and bid services
AMOUNT OF FUNDS COMMITTED		<u>\$ 1,712,441</u>	
AMOUNT OF ARPA FUNDS		<u>\$ 3,766,777</u>	
BALANCE OF ARPA FUNDS REMAINING		<u>\$ 2,054,336</u>	



Contingency and Use of Fund Balance Report 7/19/2022 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

7-12-2022 FY2022 Commissioner Report Contingency

7-12-2022 FY2023 Commissioner Report Contingency

**FY22 CONTINGENCY & USE OF FUND BALANCE
AS OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES DATED
July 12, 2022**

CONTINGENCY			
DATE APPROVED	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT APPROVED	DESCRIPTION
8/24/21	Kent County Health Department (KCHD)	\$ 227,000	Hiring of (2) nurses and (2) nursing assistants for facilitate vaccination and testing clinic
9/7/21	Circuit Court	7,131	Replace carpet in Kent County Circuit Court project #BM 22-01
9/28/21	Building and Grounds	32,785	Exterior painting of the Kent County Courthouse and Kent County Government Center RFP No BM-22-02
10/5/21	Planning & Zoning	1,039	Permit fee waiver-Kent Attainable Housing, Inc. 24909 Lambs Meadow Road
10/12/21	Buildings/Grounds-Court House	40,852	HVAC split system-Court House
10/26/21	Water and Wastewater Fund	129,600	Water/Sewer allocation fees waiver for Kent County Society project in Worton (12/1/2020)
8/3/21	Buildings/Grounds-Court House	24,940	Asbestos Abatement - Court House, replacement of tiles, Clerk of Courts
11/30/21	Kent County Health Department (KCHD)	(227,000)	Move funding source to ARPA from Contingency
12/21/21	Information Technology	29,294	Hiring of staff for vaccination & testing clinic
1/18/22	Legal Counsel	20,000	Replace Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS)
1/25/25	Social Services	5,500	Morgue Road Solar Litigation expenses
2/15/22	Kent Ag Center, Inc	41,710	Lodging at Driftwood Inn to help the homeless during the month of February
3/22/22	Social Services	5,500	Complete Pavilion Project
3/22/22	Kent County Department of Social Services	2,660	Lodging at Driftwood Inn to help the homeless during the month of March
4/5/22	Accountability Office	4,500	Summer SNAP program
4/5/22	Village of Kennedyville	10,000	Consultant for implementing Police Accountability Board
4/12/22	Information Technology	33,520	Village of Kennedyville - legal fees associated with transfer of unsold lots and open space
4/12/22	Information Technology	2,234	Cybersecurity Software and Hardware
4/19/22	Chestertown Garden Club	2,500	Ransomware
5/3/22	Upper Shore Aging	38,000	Mulch flower beds at Garnet Elementary School
6/7/22	Local Management Board	6,775	Replacement of four air condition and heating
		-	Furniture purchase related to moving of Office systems.
TOTAL		\$ 438,540	
BEGINNING CONTINGENCY BUDGET		\$ 500,000	
ENDING CONTINGENCY BALANCE		\$ 61,460	
USE OF FUND BALANCE			
DATE APPROVED	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT APPROVED	DESCRIPTION
6/22/2021	Sheriff's Office	\$ 54,776	Body Cameras five year agreement
6/22/2021	University of Maryland Extension Office	\$ 15,156	Increase FY22 Allocation-PTK positions salary increase
10/19/2021	Human Resources	\$ 3,269	Transfer of current employee to HR Specialist
4/12/2022	Contingency	\$ 100,000	Increase Contingency
TOTAL		\$ 173,201	
USE OF FUND BALANCE			
Note: If expenses are not reduced or offset by the same amount of fund balance used, this will result in a decrease in fund balance below our 7.5% target.			

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