

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

April 18, 2023

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, April 4, 2023
- #2 - Liquor Minutes, April 4, 2023
- #3 - Public Hearing Minutes, April 4, 2023
- #4 - Closed Session Minutes, April 4, 2023
- # 5 - April Bitter, Project Manager, Information Technology
Renewal of Verizon Wireless GSA Contract

Special Class C Licenses

- Sons of The Betterton American Legion, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, April 29, 2023
- Eastern Shore Rabbit Rescue and Education Center, Inc, Beer Only, May 20, 2023

County Attorney

- Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney
- Legislative Session Protocol

Legislative Session

- Bill Mackey, Director, Planning, Housing and Zoning
- Third and Final Reading (Adoption) of Code Home Rule Bill 1-2023

AN ACT to delete the contents of Chapter 178 *Erosion and Sediment Control*, Chapter 182 *Floodplain Management*, Chapter 185 *Forest Conservation*, and Chapter 215 *Subdivision of Land* in the Public Local Laws of Kent County, Maryland, and to indicate that these Chapters are “Reserved” to reflect actions taken in 2002, whereby the contents of these Chapters were relocated to Chapter 222 *Zoning* of said Public Local Laws by adopting the Kent County Land Use Ordinance as a unified development ordinance.

Appointments

- Kent County Chief's Association, James Price, President and Allan Schaubert, Secretary
- FY2024 Funding Request
- Charles Mills, GAFF Consultancy
- Police Accountability Board Recommendations
- Police Accountability Board Update
- Historic Preservation Commission Members

Turner's Creek Discussion

Departmental Appointments

Wayne Darrell, Director, Emergency Services

Consideration of County 911 Fees

Shalyn Boulden, Tourism Manager, Economic and Tourism Development

Chestertown Tea Party Award - Stars of Delaware 2021 and 2022

County Administrator

Request for Waiver of Penalty Fees

Commission on Aging Bylaws

2023-05 Resolution - Adoption of Revised Bylaws for Kent County Commission on Aging

County Administrator Report

Clay B. Stamp, County Manager, Talbot County Maryland

National Opioid Settlements

The Honorable Stephanie M. Smith, House of Delegates

Thank You Letter

Kent County, Maryland and The Town of Betterton Enterprise Zone Application

Mid Shore Regional Landfill, Support Letter

Mid Shore Regional Landfill - Letter of Support

Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement KATE

Bonnie S. Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement

Alcoholic Beverage License Updates

2023 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal Applications

Letters for Signature

Chester River Hospital Auxiliary Grant Application

Letter of Support

Robert Fogwell, Written Notice

Public Comment/Media Review

Procedures For Public Comment

For Your Information

Maryland Department of Environment Water and Science Administration

Notice of Application

Tawanda A. Bailey, Chair, Maryland Commission For Women

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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4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting**

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**# 5 - April Bitter, Project Manager, Information Technology
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting**

Item Summary:

Renewal of Verizon Wireless GSA Contract

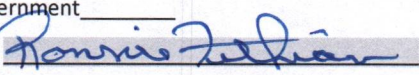
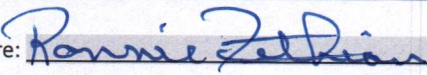
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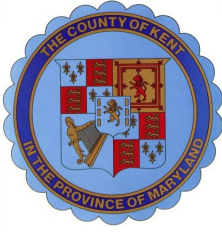
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04.18.23 Renewal of Verizon Wireless GSA Multiple Award Schedule Purchase Order No.
47QTCA20D00B5 Contract By and Between Verizon and Kent County Government



Kent County Government GSA-Multiple Award Schedule Purchase Order

Date:	April 18, 2023
Vendor:	Verizon Wireless
Vendor Address:	10170 Junction Drive Annapolis Junction, MD 20701
Vendor Email:	VZWFederal.Implementations@VerizonWireless.com
Phone:	1.800.561.6227
FAX:	1.866.227.4978
Authorized By:	By signing below, I certify that I am have legal authority to bind the listed government agency , that my agency is authorized to purchase under the GSA Multiple Award Schedule and that the use of all products/services purchased is for authorized government use. ANY RESELLING OF PRODUCTS/SERVICES PURCHASED UNDER THIS ORDER ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED, as the contract and governing regulations require that all MAS purchases will be used for governmental purposes only and will not be resold for personal use. Agency Name: Kent County Government Signature of Authorized Official:  Printed or typed name: Ronald H. Fithian Printed or typed title: President
Contact Information:	Email address: itdirector@kentgov.org Phone number: 410.810.2211 FAX number: 410.810.1352
Billing Information:	<u>Kent County Government</u> <u>400 High St</u> <u>Chestertown MD 21620</u>
Payment Terms:	Net 30
Description of Goods/Services; Pricing:	Cellular service on the accounts listed below (or attached) totaling 60 units in accordance with the rate plans and terms and conditions now or in the future applicable to each of such lines pursuant to GSA Multiple Award Schedule Number 47QTCA20D00B5, Rate Plan(s): various Equipment: various
Term:	April 10th, 2023 for 12 months through 2024 (month) (day) (#) (year)
Funds Authorized:	Monthly Access Fees for service on 60 Lines (Estimated) \$3,000.00 Equipment charge(s) on 60 Lines (Estimates) \$5,000.00 Total Access and Equipment Fees on 60 lines (Estimate) \$41,000.00 Plus applicable fees, taxes and charges
Contract #:	GSA Multiple Award Schedule Number 47QTCA20D00B5, all terms and conditions are incorporated by reference.
Equipment (Open Market):	None of the equipment listed are products listed on GSA Multiple Award Schedule Contract No. 47QTCA20D00B5. All devices and/or accessories are "Open Market" items. various
Miscellaneous:	Specify Phones, Delivery, Etc.: ECPD 2652692 – All Bill Levels
Customer Acceptance:	Signature:  Date: 4/18/23



**Sons of The Betterton American Legion, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, April
29, 2023
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting**

Item Summary:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Sons Of The Betterton American Legion, Application

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 (X)

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:

"SONS OF THE BETTERTON AMERICAN LEGION"

Address 15 6TH AVE, BETTERTON, MD 21610

Type of Function FUND RAISER

Location of Function RED ACRES 25367 LAMBS MEADOW ROAD, WORTON, MD 21678

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? _____

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) APRIL 29, 2023
Begin at: 5:00 AM End at: 9:00 AM and the applicant tenders herewith the sum of (\$ 25 Per Diem) (\$ 25.00)
in payment for the license.

Please Select One:

X Pick Up 732 - 433 - 6364 J. Sanders

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

9. Applicants

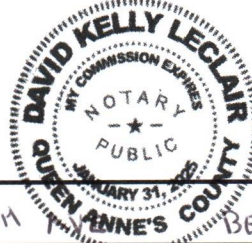
(1) JOSEPH ROBERT SANDERS 101 MORGNEC RD APT F301 CHESTERTOWN
Name VICE-COMMANDER Residence (732) 433-6834 MD 21620
3 YEARS Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. (Signature of Applicant)

STATE OF MARYLAND

This certifies, that on the 2ND day of MARCH, 2023, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared JOSEPH ROBERT SANDERS the applicant(s) named in the a 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.

David Kelly Leclair



(SEAL)

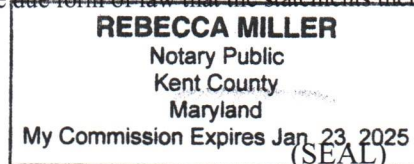
(2) STEPHEN JACOB MATTHEWS 16 6TH BETTERTON, MD 21610
Name POST COMMANDER Residence (443)-480-8786
32 YEARS Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. (Signature of Applicant)

STATE OF MARYLAND

This certifies, that on the 6th day of MARCH, 2023, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared Stephen Jacob Matthews the applicant(s) named in the a 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.

Rebecca Miller



(SEAL)

(3) Michael Joseph Bison 10679 Watonga Rd Chestertown, MD 21620
Name Adjutant Residence 484-753-3028
5 years Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. (Signature of Applicant)

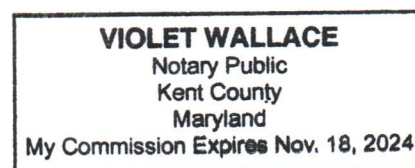
STATE OF MARYLAND

This certifies, that on the 24 day of MARCH, 2023, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared Michael Joseph Bison the applicant(s) named in the a 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.

Violet Wallace

(SEAL)



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SHELLEY L. HELLER
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

THOMAS N. YEAGER
COUNTY ATTORNEY

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, to 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.

The issuance of 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. *** SONS OF THE BETTERTON AMERICAN LEGION ***

Address **15 GTHAVE, BETTERTON, MD 12610**

Name **JOSEPH R. SANDERS** Phone # **(732) 433-6834**
(Please Print)

Joseph R. Sanders Date **03/25/2023**
(Signature)



Special Class "C" (Per Diem) License Affidavit

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KENT COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

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**Eastern Shore Rabbit Rescue and Education Center, Inc, Beer Only,
May 20, 2023
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting**

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Eastern Shore Rabbit Rescue and Education Center, Inc. Beer Only, Application

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 (X) 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:

Eastern Shore Rabbit Rescue and Education Center, Inc.

Address 5718 Main St. PO Box 697 Rock Hall, MD 21661

Type of Function Running Race

Location of Function 13003 Turners Creek Rd. Kennedyville, MD 21645

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) May 20th, 2023.
Begin at: 08 00am End at: 06:00p m and the applicant tenders herewith the sum of (\$ 5 Per Diem) (\$ 5)
in payment for the license.

Please Select One:

☐ Pick Up

☒ Mail Permit (will be mailed to above address)

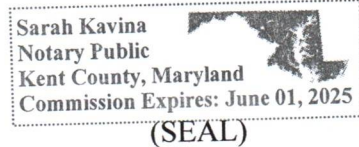
9. Applicants

(1) William Frana 6023 Boyce Ln Rock Hill, MD 21161
Name Residence
15 years Treasurer 410-708-3151
Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. (Signature of Applicant)

STATE OF MARYLAND

This certifies, that on the 25th day of March, 2023, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared William Fielder 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.



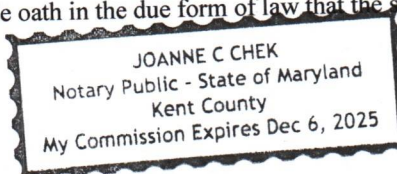
Sarah Kavina

(2) Cora C. Dickson 6023 Boyce Ln Rock Hill MD 21161
Name Residence
15 years President (410) 839-7120
Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. (Signature of Applicant)

STATE OF MARYLAND

This certifies, that on the 30 day of March, 2023, before the subscriber, a Notary of the State of Maryland, personally appeared Cora C. Dickson 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.



Joanne C. Chek

(3) Deborah B. Guthrie 11885 Clark Rd. Worton, MD 21670
Name Residence
23 year volunteer 348-2565
Length of Residence in Kent Co. Committee Title Phone No. (Signature of Applicant)

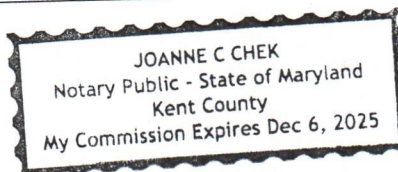
STATE OF MARYLAND

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WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Joanne C. Chek

(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.

George B Hopkins Signature (s)

George B Hopkins Print Name

STATE OF MARYLAND, Kent County:

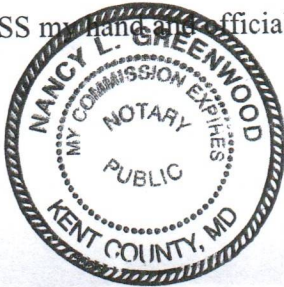
THIS CERTIFIES, that on the 10th day of April, 2023,

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

George B Hopkins and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing statement to be a true act.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

(SEAL)



Nancy L Greenwood
My Commission expires
3/21/2025

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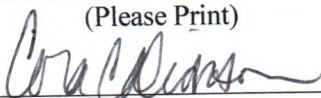
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Name of organization, club, etc. Eastern Shore Rabbit Rescue and Education Center, Inc.

Address 5718 Main St. PO Box 697 Rock Hall, MD 21661

Name Cora Dickson Phone # 240-475-4555

(Please Print)



(Signature)

Date April 10, 2023





Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Legislative Session Protocol

ATTACHMENTS:

Description



Bill Mackey, Director, Planning, Housing and Zoning
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

In 2002, with the adoption of the Kent County Land Use Ordinance, various freestanding chapters were absorbed into Chapter 222 *Zoning* in order to provide for a unified development ordinance for the County. Subsequently, the absorbed chapters were not deleted from the Public Local Laws. Over the years, this has caused confusion as the various Chapters outside of Chapter 222 were no longer kept current.

To avoid confusion and provide a single location for local laws, the attached Code Home Rule Bill proposes deleting the various chapters and marking them as “Reserved” in the Public Local Laws with notes to be inserted in the various Chapters similar to those notes currently found under Chapter 210 (Reserved) here.

On Wednesday, March 29, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing and the record remained open until Friday, March 31, 2023. No public comments were received.

This item is presented for adoption.

Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Proposed Code Home Rule 1-2023

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

**March 8, 2023
Legislative Session Day**

**Legislative Session Day
March 8, 2023**

**CODE HOME RULE
BILL NO. 1-2023**

INTRODUCED BY: Ronald H. Fithian, President of the Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, Maryland.

AN ACT to delete the contents of Chapter 178 Erosion and Sediment Control, Chapter 182 Floodplain Management, Chapter 185 Forest Conservation, and Chapter 215 Subdivision of Land in the Public Local Laws of Kent County, Maryland, and to indicate that these Chapters are “Reserved” to reflect actions taken in 2002, whereby the contents of these Chapters were relocated to Chapter 222 Zoning of said Public Local Laws by adopting the Kent County Land Use Ordinance as a unified development ordinance.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY

Ronald H. Fithian, President

INTRODUCED, read first time, March 8, 2023, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled March 29, 2023, at 10:00 a.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 March 29, 2023. Reported favorably without amendments; read a second time and ordered to be considered on March 18, 2023, a legislative session day.

A BILL ENTITLED CHR 1-2023 DELETE CHAPTERS 178, 182, 185, AND 215

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

Section 1.

The following Chapters are deleted in their entirety and the entries below are hereby substituted:

~~Chapter 178 Erosion and Sediment Control~~

~~Chapter 182 Floodplain Management~~

~~Chapter 185 Forest Conservation~~

~~Chapter 215 Subdivision of Land~~

CHAPTER 178 (RESERVED)

CHAPTER 182 (RESERVED)

CHAPTER 185 (RESERVED)

CHAPTER 215 (RESERVED)

Section 2.

Explanatory notes similar to those notes found under Chapter 210 (Reserved) are to be included by the editor of eCode360.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the County Commissioners of Kent County that this Act shall take effect on the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Read Third Time _____

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2023

Failed of Passage _____

By order of:

Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY

Ronald H. Fithian, President

Albert H. Nickerson, Member

John F. Price, 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. 1-2023

CAPITALS AND BOLD INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

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



**Kent County Chief's Association, James Price, President and Allan
Schauber, Secretary**

4/18/2023

County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

FY2024 Funding Request

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

04.18.23 Kent County Chief's Association, James Price, President and Allan Schaubert, Secretary, FY2024
Funding Request

Fire Company Funding Graph

Chapter 33, Emergency Services and Fire Companies

Kent County Chief's Association

Kent County Commissioners
400 High Street
Chestertown, Md 21620

Commissioners;

The Kent County Chief's Association met with all candidates back in October to discuss and explain financial hardships that were facing each Fire and EMS department in Kent County. Now we would like to bring these to your attention as our elected Officials. Attached you will also find current allotments to the departments including LOSAP, Workmans Comp and other budget items.

We understand that changes to the Real Estate tax must go thru the Maryland Legislature. For the short term fix for fiscal year 2024 we would like to ask you to consider an increase in the allotment to each department. As for the Long term we would like to ask for a 50% increase from 0.0322 per \$100 to 0.0488 per \$100 Real Property assessable tax base. There has not been an actual increase in this amount for nearly 30 years.

To also alleviate this again could we ask that every three years there be a 1/10% increase in the percent per \$100 Real Property assessable tax base built into the bill to change this amount periodically.

Just to give you some facts of our cost, a new Fire Engine is 900,000.00, Ambulances are 330,000.00, Firefighter Airpak's are 8,100.00, Turnout Gear are 3,500.00 and all take up to 3 years to order and receive. Also the Rescue Squad's Paid Staff is 275,000.00 + Annually.

Any assistance to the Fire and EMS Departments in the County would be greatly appreciated.

James Price-President

Allan Schaubert - Secretary

KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

ORGANIZATION	<u>% OF TOTAL APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>Total FY22 Share</u>	<u>September Payment Amount</u>	<u>January Payment Amount</u>	<u>Grant Pass-thru Total</u>	<u>Total Annual Distribution</u>
CHESTERTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	14.300000%	124,886.33	\$62,443.17	\$62,443.18	\$0.00	124,886.33
CHESTERTOWN AMBULANCE	0.700000%	<u>6,113.32</u>	\$3,056.66	\$3,056.66		<u>6,113.32</u>
		130,999.65				130,999.65
BETTERTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	12.300000%	107,419.71	\$53,709.86	\$53,709.86	\$0.00	107,419.71
BETTERTON AMBULANCE	3.400000%	<u>29,693.25</u>	\$14,846.63	\$14,846.63		<u>29,693.25</u>
		137,112.97				137,112.97
SALENA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	12.300000%	107,419.71	\$53,709.86	\$53,709.86	\$0.00	107,419.71
SALENA AMBULANCE	3.400000%	<u>29,693.25</u>	\$14,846.63	\$14,846.63		<u>29,693.25</u>
		137,112.97				137,112.97
KENNEDYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	12.300000%	107,419.71	\$53,709.86	\$53,709.86	\$0.00	107,419.71
KENNEDYVILLE MEDICAL ASSIST	0.700000%	<u>6,113.32</u>	\$3,056.66	\$3,056.65		<u>6,113.32</u>
		113,533.03				113,533.03
WILLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	12.300000%	107,419.71	\$53,709.86	\$53,709.86	\$0.00	107,419.71
WILLINGTON AMBULANCE	3.400000%	<u>29,693.25</u>	\$14,846.63	\$14,846.63		<u>29,693.25</u>
		137,112.97				137,112.97
ROCK HALL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	12.300000%	107,419.71	\$53,709.86	\$53,709.86	\$0.00	107,419.71
ROCK HALL AMBULANCE	3.400000%	<u>29,693.25</u>	\$14,846.63	\$14,846.63		<u>29,693.25</u>
		137,112.97				137,112.97
KENT & QUEEN ANNE'S RESCUE SQUAD	9.200000%	80,346.45	\$40,173.23	\$40,173.23	\$0.00	80,346.45
TOTAL:	100.00%	873,331.00	\$436,665.50	\$436,665.50	\$0.00	\$873,331.00

RE: Kent County Fire Company Funding

Brad Russum <brussum@kentgov.org>

Thu 3/30/2023 9:07 AM

To: WA219 <mddecoy12@hotmail.com>

The county is paying \$120,000 into LOSAP for FY23.



James B. Russum

Chief of Communications/Office of Emergency Services

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Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 10:39 PM

To: Brad Russum <brussum@kentgov.org>

Subject: Re: Kent County Fire Company Funding

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Thanks Brad for that information. I do need one more thing. Jim Price wanted to know what will the County be paying for the LOSAP Insurance fund for FY2023?

Allan Schaubert
Secretary
KCCA

From: Brad Russum <brussum@kentgov.org>

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 1:49 PM

To: WA219 <mddecoy12@hotmail.com>

Cc: WA59 <chief5bvfc@gmail.com>; WA205 <lt61otis@yahoo.com>

RE: Kent County Fire Company Funding

Brad Russum <brussum@kentgov.org>

Thu 3/30/2023 9:40 AM

To: WA219 <mddecoy12@hotmail.com>

Cc: WA59 <chief5bvfc@gmail.com>;WA205 <lt61otis@yahoo.com>

Here is the breakdown of the \$114,000 that is taken to cover other expenses for the fire companies.

Budget Line	Cost
County Allocation / EMS Council	\$7,000
County Allocation / Fire Co Radio Maintenance	\$7,000
County Allocation / Fire Co Radios	\$3,000
County Allocation / Fire Co Reconciliation	\$3,000
County Allocation / Fire Co Health Insurance	\$9,000
County Allocation / Fire Chiefs Association	\$5,000
County Allocation / Fire Co Workers Comp	\$80,000
Total	\$114,000

I hope this also helps with everything you all are working on. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,



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Subject: Re: Kent County Fire Company Funding

Kent County Fire Company Funding

Brad Russum <brussum@kentgov.org>

Wed 3/29/2023 1:50 PM

To: WA219 <mddecoy12@hotmail.com>

Cc: WA59 <chief5bvfc@gmail.com>;WA205 <lt61otis@yahoo.com>

1 attachments (22 KB)

Fire Company Allocation FY23.pdf;

Allan,

As requested here are the breakdowns for the Fire Companies in Kent County.

The amount for fire company funding is set in the Kent County Code of Public Laws ([Click Here to View](#)) at \$0.0322 per \$100 of the real property assessable tax base. The FY23 amount was \$987,331. Of that amount, the County directly pays for several items for the fire companies collectively such as Health Insurance, Workers Compensation, radio maintenance, etc. In FY23 that amount for those collective expenses totaled \$114,000, leaving \$873,331 to be distributed to the Fire Companies. Attached is the breakdown of the distributions to the fire companies. My understanding is that these %'s were determined by the Fire Chiefs Association, the Fire Companies leadership and the County several decades ago, but they predate my employment with the County.

Here are the break downs per fire company.

Company	%Fire	%EMS	Total%
Millington	12.3	3.4	15.7
Galena	12.3	3.4	15.7
Kennedyville	12.3	0.7	13
Betterton	12.3	3.4	15.7
Chestertown	14.3	0.7	15
Rock Hall	12.3	3.4	15.7
Rescue Squad	0.0	9.2	9.2

Again, this percentage is what is taken from the \$873,331.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,



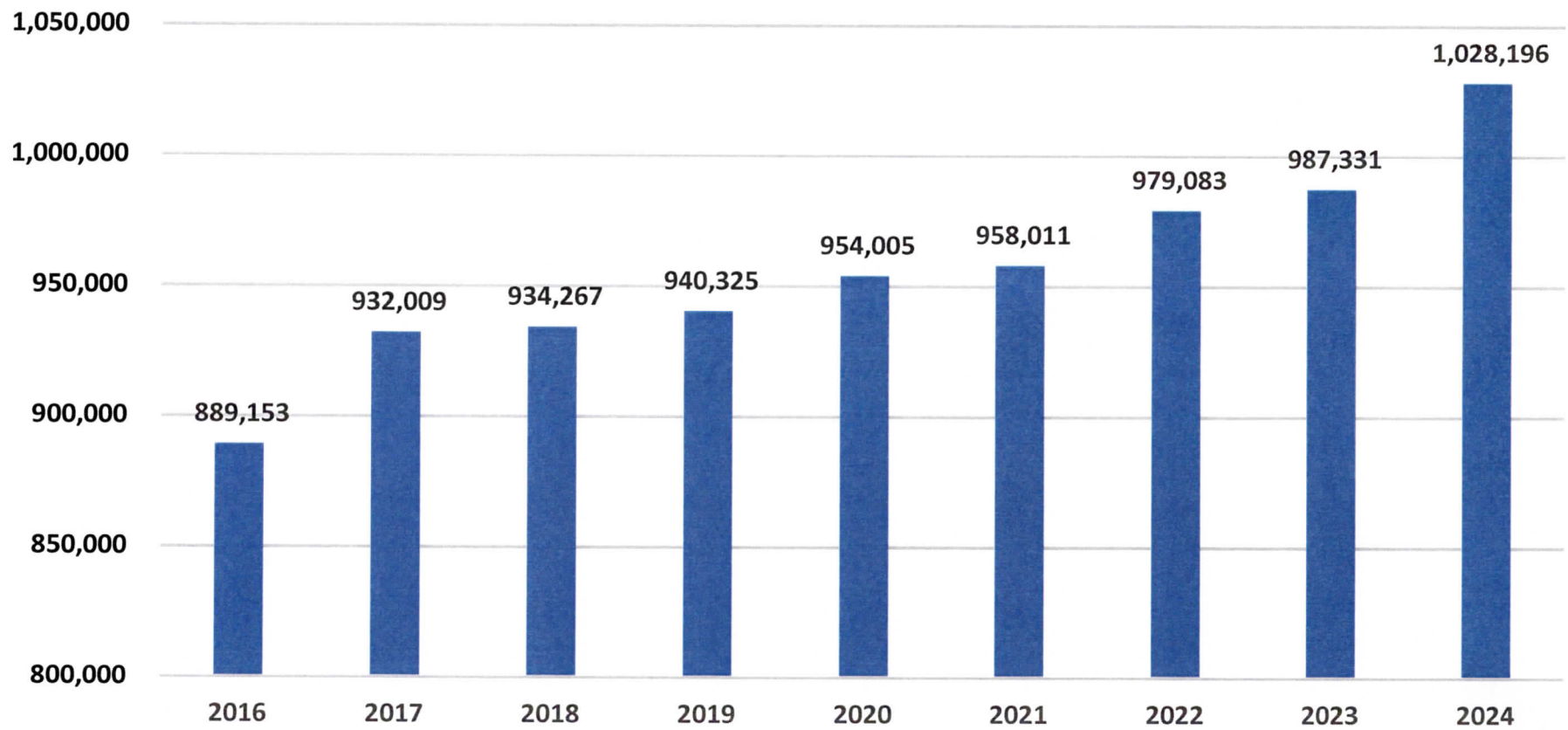
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Fire Company Funding



[HISTORY: Adopted by the County Commissioners of Kent County 4-3-1990 as Ch. 5, Art. IV, of the 1989 Code.^[1]
Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Building construction — See Ch. 73.

[1] *Editor's Note: The title of this chapter was changed from "Fire Companies" 5-16-2006 by Bill No. 2-2006, passed at referendum 11-7-2006.*

§ 33-1 Emergency Services Board appropriations.

[Amended 4-17-2001 by Bill No. 5-2001; 5-16-2006 by Bill No. 2-2006^[1]]

A. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ALS

Advance life support.

BLS

Basic life support.

BOARD

The Emergency Services Board as set forth in this section.

CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

The organization known as "Kent County Chiefs Association of Kent County, Maryland," whose membership consists of the chief of each fire company and rescue squad located in Kent County, Maryland.

COUNTY

Kent County, Maryland.

DIRECTOR

The Director of the Kent County Office of Emergency Services.

EMS

Emergency medical services.

EMS COUNCIL

The organization known as "Kent County Emergency Medical Services Council," whose membership consists of a representative from each of the EMS services in Kent County and one from the County's EMS.

B. Emergency Services Board.

(1) The County Commissioners of Kent County shall establish an Emergency Services Board, which shall consist of five members:

(a) Membership.

[1] A representative from the Chief's Association, who shall be appointed by the Chief's Association and shall serve for a one-year term;

[2] A representative from the EMS Council, who shall be appointed by the EMS Council and shall serve for a one-year term;

[3] A citizen, who shall be appointed by the County Commissioners and shall act as Chairman of the Board. The citizen shall be a resident of Kent County, Maryland, shall have no current affiliation with a fire or EMS company, shall have leadership skills, and shall serve for a three-year term;

[4] A citizen attorney, who shall be appointed by the County Commissioners. The citizen attorney shall be a member of the bar of the State of Maryland; shall be a resident of Kent County, Maryland or shall maintain an active office in Kent County for the practice of law; shall have no current affiliation with a fire or EMS company; and shall serve for a three-year term; and

[5] The Director of the Kent County Office of Emergency Services, who shall serve as long as he or she is the Director.

(b) Notwithstanding the above, there shall not be more than one member from each respective fire company and rescue squad on the Board.

(c) A quorum of the Board shall be a majority of all members thereof.

(d) The Board, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners, may from time to time employ or contract with such personnel as the Board may consider necessary to properly administer the functions of the Board.

(2) All Board members may be reappointed to the Board after serving their term.

- (3) The Board shall approve and enforce County-wide policies and standards for fire protection services and emergency medical services.
- (4) The Board shall have authority to withhold funding from any fire or EMS company in order to ensure compliance with approved standards. The Board's authority in this regard shall be exercised as follows: From the date of the adoption of a policy or one or more standards by the Board, each fire and EMS company will have one year to come into reasonable compliance. If at the end of one year a company is not compliant with the Board's policies and/or standards, the Board shall withhold 5% of the noncompliant company's funds and will appoint a review committee to determine strategies to bring the company into compliance. If at the end of the second year the company is still not in compliance, the Board will withhold 10% of the company's funds and will appoint a review committee to provide an alternative recommendation to the Board in order to ensure compliance.
- (5) The Board shall evaluate the EMS system annually, and shall make recommendations as appropriate to the County Commissioners regarding updates and improvements to the system. These recommendations may include, but are not limited to, staffing, priority dispatch, billing, evaluation of system progress, and the delivery of EMS Countywide.
- (6) The Board may establish bylaws, procedures, and rules to facilitate carrying out its mission and responsibilities.

C. Authorization.

- (1) The County Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed, each and every year, to appropriate .0322 per \$100 of the value of the assessable real property as set by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (full-year levy) for the use and benefit of the fire companies, ambulance companies, rescue squads, and/or other public safety providers.
- (2) The sum so appropriated shall be in lieu of any and all other funds to be paid by the County to or on behalf of the fire companies, ambulance companies, rescue squads, and/or other public safety providers.

D. Allocation of funds.

- (1) All such funds appropriated by the County Commissioners pursuant to the above subsection shall be designated for the use of fire protection services, for the use of emergency medical services, and/or for both as determined by the Board.
- (2) The Chief's Association shall allocate among the fire companies, rescue squads, and/or other public safety service providers all of those funds designated for the use of services relating to fire protection services. If the Chief's Association is unable to agree on an appropriate allocation in a timely manner, then the Board shall allocate the funds.
- (3) The EMS Council shall allocate among the fire companies, rescue squads, and/or other public safety service providers all of those funds designated for the use of services related to the provision of emergency medical services. If the EMS Council is unable to agree on an appropriate allocation in a timely manner, then the Board shall allocate the funds.
- (4) The Board shall allocate among the fire companies, rescue squads, and/or other public safety service providers all of those funds designated for the use of services related to the provision of both fire protection services and emergency medical services.
- (5) In the event that the Board cannot agree on the appropriate allocation or distribution of funds, the County Commissioners may withhold funding.

[1] Editor's Note: This bill passed at referendum 11-7-2006.

§ 33-2 Vehicles.

[Amended 12-6-1994 by Bill No. 6-94]

The Fire Chief, his two Chief Deputies or his designated fire police of each volunteer fire company in Kent County may have their vehicles equipped with amber lights or signal devices designed to emit an oscillating, rotating, blinking or other type of emission of light. The lights or signal devices may be flashed or oscillated or otherwise used only while en route to or at the scene of an accident, flood or other emergency to which the volunteer fire company is responding. In addition, the Fire Chief, his two Chief Deputies or his designated fire police may flash, oscillate or otherwise use blue lights only at the scene of an accident, flood or other emergency.



Charles Mills, GAFF Consultancy
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Police Accountability Board Recommendations

Police Accountability Board Update

ATTACHMENTS:

Description



Historic Preservation Commission Members 4/18/2023 County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Turner's Creek Discussion



Wayne Darrell, Director, Emergency Services
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Consideration of County 911 Fees

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Public Safety 1.311

911 Audit

Statewide county 911 fee

Proposed 911 Fees

(a) This section does not apply to prepaid wireless telecommunications service.

(b) In addition to the State 9–1–1 fee, the governing body of each county, by ordinance or resolution enacted or adopted after a public hearing, may impose a county 9–1–1 fee to be added to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service or CMRS or other 9–1–1-accessible service in the county.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection and subject to paragraphs (3) through (6) of this subsection, the county 9–1–1 fee imposed by a county may not exceed 75 cents per month for each switched local exchange access service, CMRS, or other 9–1–1-accessible service provided.

(2) If revenues attributable to the county 9–1–1 fee for a fiscal year do not provide the revenues necessary to cover a county's operational costs for the 9–1–1 system for that fiscal year, the county may, for the following fiscal year, impose a county 9–1–1 fee sufficient to cover the county's projected operational costs for the 9–1–1 system for the fiscal year for each switched local exchange access service, CMRS, or other 9–1–1-accessible service provided.

(3) Except as provided in paragraphs (4) through (6) of this subsection, if a service provider provisions to the same individual or person the voice channel capacity to make more than one simultaneous outbound call from a 9–1–1-accessible service, each separate outbound call voice channel capacity, regardless of the technology, shall constitute a separate 9–1–1-accessible service for purposes of calculating the county 9–1–1 fees due under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

(4) CMRS provided to multiple devices that share a mobile telephone number shall be treated as a single 9–1–1-accessible service for purposes of calculating the county 9–1–1 fees due under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

(5) A broadband connection not used for telephone service may not constitute a separate voice channel capacity for purposes of calculating the county 9–1–1 fees due under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

(6) (i) For a telephone service that provides, to multiple locations, shared simultaneous outbound voice channel capacity configured to provide local dial in different states or counties, the voice channel capacity to which the 9–1–1 fee due under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection applies is only the portion of the shared voice channel capacity in the county identified by the service supplier's books and records.

(ii) In determining the portion of shared capacity in the county, a service supplier may rely on, among other factors, a customer's certification of the customer's allocation of capacity in the county, which may be based on:

1. each end user location;
2. the total number of end users; and
3. the number of end users at each end user location.

(7) The amount of the county 9–1–1 fees may not exceed a level necessary to cover the total eligible maintenance and operation costs of the county.

(d) The county 9–1–1 fee continues in effect until repealed or modified by a subsequent county ordinance or resolution.

(e) After imposing, repealing, or modifying a county 9–1–1 fee, the county shall certify the amount of the county 9–1–1 fee to:

- (1) the Public Service Commission;
- (2) the Board; and

(3) no later than 60 days before the implementation of the change, the Comptroller.

(f) The Public Service Commission shall direct each telephone company that provides service in a county that imposed a county 9–1–1 fee to add, within 60 days, the full amount of the county 9–1–1 fee to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service in the county.

(g) Within 60 days after a county enacts or adopts an ordinance or resolution that imposes, repeals, or modifies a county 9–1–1 fee, each 9–1–1 service carrier that provides service in the county shall add the full amount of the county 9–1–1 fee to all current bills rendered for CMRS or other 9–1–1-accessible service in the county.

(h) (1) Each telephone company and each 9–1–1 service carrier shall:

(i) act as a collection agent for the 9–1–1 Trust Fund with respect to the county 9–1–1 fee imposed by each county;

(ii) collect the money from the county 9–1–1 fee on a county basis; and

(iii) remit all money collected to the Comptroller on a monthly basis.

(2) The Comptroller shall deposit the money remitted in the 9–1–1 Trust Fund account maintained for the county that imposed the county 9–1–1 fee.

ACTUAL RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES REPORT**FISCAL YEAR 2021****JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022****A. REVENUE (County Fee)**

1 911 county Fee revenue remitted to the County	\$ 140,554
2 911 Pre-Paid revenue remitted to the County	4,707
3 Revenue (Funds) carried over from previous year if any	48,201
4 Interest	340
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 193,802

B. OPERATING EXPENSES (County Fee)

1 Salary, Wages & Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,000,570
2 Contractual or Part-time Staff	-
3 Overtime	100,678
4 Training	60
5 Supplies & Materials	2,971
6 Travel	325
7 Telephone (leased lines,equipment-leased or purchased)	7,514
8 Equipment - Replacement	14,450
9 Repairs & Maintenance	113,891
10 Fuel & Utilities	-
11 Miscellaneous (repairs-other)	1,778
11 Miscellaneous (uniforms)	2,499
11 Miscellaneous (dues/fees/lisc)	476
11 Miscellaneous (professional services)	2,531
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,247,743

C. COUNTY FEE ANALYTICAL SUPPORT

1 Total authorized salary expenditures of PSAP 911 Call Taker staff	997,620
2 Total authorized salary expenditures of PSAP support staff (Support staff may include supervisory, administrative, GIS, CAD, timekeeping, and other personnel - with expenditures calculated on percentage of time allotted to 911 operations)	103,628
3 Amount County Fee contributed to PSAP Operation	193,801
4 Amount of County's General Fund Contribution to PSAP Operations	1,053,942

COUNTY: KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND**PREPARED BY:**Patricia Merritt
PATRICIA MERRITT**TITLE:**CFO**DATE:**

March 8, 2023

Maryland 9-1-1 Fees

County	State 9-1-1 Fee	County 9-1-1 Additional Fee	Total Fee To Be Remitted
Allegany County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Anne Arundel County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Baltimore City	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$1.50
Baltimore County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Calvert County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Caroline County	\$0.50	\$1.50	\$2.00
Carroll County	\$0.50	\$1.50	\$2.00
Cecil County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Charles County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Dorchester County	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$1.50
Frederick County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Garrett County	\$0.50	\$1.50	\$2.00
Harford County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Howard County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Kent County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Montgomery County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Prince George's County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Queen Anne's County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Saint Mary's County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Somerset County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Talbot County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Washington County	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.25
Wicomico County	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$1.50
Worcester County	\$0.50	\$1.50	\$2.00

Fees Effective July 1, 2022

Proposed Increase in 911 Fees

FY22 Rate	FY22 Revenue
\$0.75	\$193,802

Increase in Rate	Additional Revenue
\$0.25	\$64,601
\$0.50	\$129,201
\$0.75	\$193,802



**Shalyn Boulden, Tourism Manager, Economic and Tourism
Development**

4/18/2023

County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Chestertown Tea Party Award - Stars of Delaware 2021 and 2022



**Request for Waiver of Penalty Fees
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting**

ATTACHMENTS:
Description



Commission on Aging Bylaws 4/18/2023 County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

2023-05 Resolution - Adoption of Revised Bylaws for Kent County Commission on Aging

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

04.18.23 Resolution 2023-05, Commission on Aging By Laws

RESOLUTION 2023-05
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

ADOPTION OF REVISED BYLAWS FOR KENT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland created the Kent County Commission on Aging by resolution on February 25, 1969;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Aging has approved an amendment to its Bylaws, and such Bylaw amendment is subject to approval by the County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland reviewed and approved the proposed amended Bylaws which contain revised terms and hereby incorporate them by reference herein as Exhibit A, the pertinent part thereof is set forth below;

Article IV – Officers

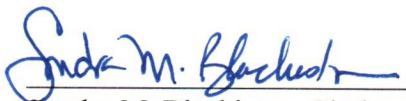
Section 3. Members of the Commission may not hold more than one Commission office at a time. [The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson may not serve more than two consecutive terms in any one office.]

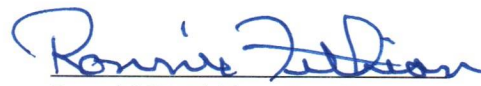
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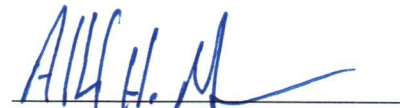
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, that the amended Bylaws dated April 18, 2023, are hereby approved, and adopted.

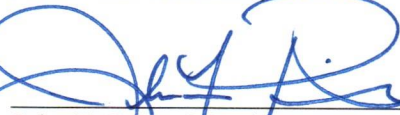
ATTEST:

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND**


Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk


Ronald H. Fithian, President


Albert H. Nickerson, Member


John F. Price, Member

ADOPTED: April 18, 2023

KENT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

BYLAWS

Article I - Name

The name of the Commission shall be Kent County Commission on Aging, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

Article II – Purpose

The purposes of the Commission are:

1. To advocate for the senior citizens of Kent County, Maryland.
2. Provide information, guidance, advice, and recommendations to the County Commissioners of Kent County ("County Commissioners") pertaining to senior citizens.
3. Obtain, develop, and provide information concerning programs and services, available funds, and other resources at the local, state, and federal levels regarding the concerns and needs of senior citizens.
4. Plan, initiate, and implement projects or activities for the benefit of senior citizens as authorized by any applicable budget.
5. Support programs offered by organizations that provide services to help elderly persons to be independent and stay in their homes as long as possible.
6. Generally, to do all things necessary or proper to promote the interests, well-being, and quality of life for senior citizens in Kent County, Maryland.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. The Kent County Commission on Aging is composed of twelve (12) members and one (1) *ex officio* member from the County Commissioners or their designee, all appointed by the County Commissioners, and compensated for reasonable expenses, relative to attendance, as from time to time set by the County Commissioners. Whenever a vacancy occurs either at the end of the term or for the unexpired portion of the remaining term the Commission will submit recommendations to fill the vacancy to the County Commissioners for their consideration.

Section 2. Commission members will serve for a period of three (3) years, beginning January 1. The system of staggered terms shall be maintained. Members shall be eligible for reappointment and any vacancy in an unexpired term shall be filled by the County Commissioners for the unexpired term. Current terms shall be as stated in Appendix A to these bylaws.

Section 3. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

Section 4. Members are expected to attend all meetings. Any member who fails to attend four (4) out of nine (9) meetings during a calendar year will be considered to be an inactive member. Inactive members may be removed from the Commission by the County Commissioners upon a formal request adopted by a simple majority of voting Commission members or by the initiative of the County Commissioners.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Commission shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 2. The Commission shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for two-year terms in November of those years in which the officers' terms expire. A Treasurer and Secretary shall be appointed by the Chairperson for one-year terms in November.

Section 3. Members of the Commission may not hold more than one Commission office at a time.

Section 4. Chairperson. The Chairperson shall be the principal executive officer of the Commission and shall have the following general duties:

- (1) Presiding over regular and special meetings of the Commission, when present;
- (2) Signing documents and correspondence on behalf of the Commission which the members have authorized to be executed;
- (3) Representing the Commission to the Kent County Commissioners, the community, and other public bodies;
- (4) Providing direction and leadership to the Commission in the execution of its duties and responsibilities; and,
- (5) In general, performing all duties as may be prescribed by the members from time to time.

Section 5. Vice-Chairperson. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall perform all of the duties of the Chairperson and, when so acting, shall have all of the powers of and be subject to all restrictions upon the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Chairperson or requested by a majority vote of the members.

Section 6. Secretary. The duties of the Secretary shall be to prepare correspondence and other materials on behalf of the Commission, as directed by the Chairperson. The Secretary shall also keep attendance records, minutes of all Commission meetings, and shall be the official custodian of the

records of the Commission, shall insure compliance with the requirements of the open Meetings Act, Md. Ann. Code, as adopted and amended from time to time, and shall be responsible for compliance with Public Information Act requests, as necessary. In October of each year the Secretary shall notify the Chairperson to review terms and appointments. In addition, the Secretary shall provide all required notices, perform all duties incident to the office, and assume any and all other duties from time to time that may be assigned by the Chairperson.

Section 7. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep account of all funds of the Commission and the disbursement thereof, and report quarterly to the Commission regarding these transactions. In March the Treasurer shall present a draft annual budget for consideration and approval of the Commission and the County Commissioners.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings. The regular meetings of the commission will be held on the third Friday of every month at a time and place in Kent county, Maryland, determined by the members. All meetings, regular or special, of the Commission shall be open to the general public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Title 3 of the General Provisions Article, Md. Ann. Code, as amended from time to time, unless lawfully closed in accordance therewith.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings shall be called by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson upon the call of three (3) or more voting members, and shall be held at a time and place designated by the officer calling the same. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in the case of emergency, at least seven (7) days notice will be given.

Section 3. Quorum. A quorum of the commission shall consist of not less than seven of the total number of duly appointed and voting members of the Commission. The ex-officio member shall not be a voting member or be counted toward a quorum. No action shall be taken in the absence of a quorum except to adjourn the meeting to a subsequent date.

Article VI – Committees

The Chairperson is authorized to create and appoint committees to perform such duties and functions as the Commission may determine.

Article VII – Funding

The Commission shall be authorized to engage in fund-raising activities, from time to time, provided they are otherwise lawful and conducted in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations, including regulations of the United States Internal Revenue Service.

Article VIII – Annual Report

The Commission shall submit an annual report of its activities to the Kent County Commissioners and will keep them informed of important happenings in the interim between such annual reports.

Article IX – Adoption of Bylaws

Adoption of these bylaws shall occur upon approval by the Kent County Commission on Aging and the Kent County Commissioners.

Article X – Amendment of Bylaws

Amendments of these bylaws may be proposed at any time by a motion made and seconded by any voting member at any regular meeting of the Commission. The amendment shall be placed on the agenda and voted upon at the next meeting. A two-thirds vote of all members of the Commission is necessary for approval. Amendments approved by the membership shall be subject to approval and adoption by the County Commissioners before becoming effective.

Duly approved by Resolution 2023-05 by the County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland on April 18, 2023

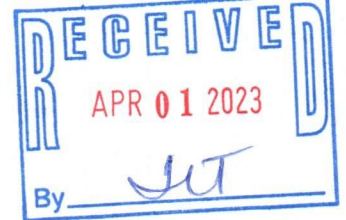


Clay B. Stamp, County Manager, Talbot County Maryland
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Clay B. Stamp, County Manager, Talbot County Maryland Delmarva Community Transit's Annual
Transportation Plan FY24



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March 30, 2023

Santo Grande, Executive Director
Delmarva Community Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 637
Cambridge, Maryland 21613

Dear Mr. Grande:

Please consider this letter as official notice that Talbot County, Maryland will act as the lead county for Delmarva Community Transit's Annual Transportation Plan for FY24 on behalf of Caroline, Kent and Talbot counties. The Plan was submitted to, and approved by, the Talbot County Council at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CBS", followed by a stylized flourish.

Clay B. Stamp
County Manager

CBS:swm

cc: ✓ Jeremy Goldman, Caroline County Administrator
✓ Shelley Heller, Kent County Administrator
Keith Adkins, Deputy Director, Delmarva Community Services, Inc.



National Opioid Settlements 4/18/2023 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

04.04.23 New National Opioids Settlements, Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart, Electronically Signed by Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator on 04.10.23

New National Opioids Settlements: Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart
Opioids Implementation Administrator
opioidsparticipation@rubris.com

Kent County, MD
Reference Number: CL-386476

TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS:

THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS DOCUMENTATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS. YOU MUST TAKE ACTION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.

Deadline: April 18, 2023

Five new proposed national opioids settlements ("*New National Opioid Settlements*") have been reached between certain states, subdivisions, and the opioids manufacturers **Teva and Allergan and the retail pharmacy chains CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart** ("Settling Defendants"). **The CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart settlements also release conduct related to certain other drugs.** This *Participation Package* is a follow-up communication to the *Notice of National Opioid Settlements* recently received electronically by your subdivision or special district ("subdivision").

You are receiving this *Participation Package* because Maryland has decided to move forward in the following settlements:

- **Teva**
- **Allergan**
- **Walgreens**
- **Walmart**

Maryland has decided not to move forward with a settlement with CVS at this time. Maryland's subdivisions are not eligible to participate in the CVS settlement.

This electronic envelope contains:

- *Participation Forms* for Teva, Allergan, Walgreens, and Walmart, including a release of any claims.
- *2023 State-Subdivision Agreement* Extending the Terms of the 2022 State-Subdivision Agreement for the Distributors and Janssen Settlements, with minor modifications, to the Teva, Allergan, Walgreens, and Walmart settlements.
- *February 28, 2023 Letter from Attorney General Brown* discussing the settlements and the proposed 2023 State-Subdivision Agreement.

The Participation Form for each settlement must be executed, without alteration, and submitted on or before April 18, 2023, in order for your

subdivision to be considered for initial participation calculations and payment eligibility.

Based upon subdivision participation forms received on or before April 18th, the subdivision participation rate will be used to determine whether participation for each deal is sufficient for the settlement to move forward and whether a state earns its maximum potential payment under the settlement. If the settlement moves forward, your release will become effective. If a settlement does not move forward, that release will not become effective.

Any subdivision that does not participate cannot directly share in the settlement funds, even if the subdivision's state is settling and other participating subdivisions are sharing in settlement funds. Any subdivision that does not participate may also reduce the amount of money for programs to remediate the opioid crisis in its state. Please note, a subdivision will not necessarily directly receive settlement funds by participating; decisions on how settlement funds will be allocated within a state are subject to interstate agreements or state statutes.

You are encouraged to discuss the terms and benefits of the *New National Opioid Settlements* with your counsel, your Attorney General's Office, and other contacts within your state. Many states are implementing and allocating funds for these new settlements the same as they did for the prior opioid settlements with McKesson, Cardinal, Amerisource, and J&J/Janssen, but states may choose to treat these settlements differently.

Information and documents regarding the *New National Opioid Settlements* and how they are being implemented in your state and how funds will be allocated within your state allocation can be found on the national settlement website at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>. This website will be supplemented as additional documents are created.

How to return signed forms:

There are three methods for returning the executed *Participation Forms* and any supporting documentation to the Implementation Administrator:

- (1) *Electronic Signature via DocuSign*: Executing the *Participation Forms* electronically through DocuSign will return the signed forms to the Implementation Administrator and associate your forms with your subdivision's records. Electronic signature is the most efficient method for returning *Participation Forms*, allowing for more timely participation and the potential to meet higher settlement payment thresholds, and is therefore strongly encouraged.
- (2) *Manual Signature returned via DocuSign*: DocuSign allows forms to be downloaded, signed manually, then uploaded to DocuSign and returned automatically to the Implementation Administrator. Please be sure to complete all fields. As with electronic signature, returning manually signed *Participation Forms* via DocuSign will associate your signed forms with your subdivision's records.

(3) *Manual Signature returned via electronic mail:* If your subdivision is unable to return executed *Participation Forms* using DocuSign, signed *Participation Forms* may be returned via electronic mail to opioidsparticipation@rubris.com. Please include the name, state, and reference ID of your subdivision in the body of the email and use the subject line Settlement Participation Forms – [Subdivision Name, Subdivision State] – [Reference ID].

Detailed instructions on how to sign and return the *Participation Forms*, including changing the authorized signer, can be found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>. You may also contact opioidsparticipation@rubris.com.

The sign-on period for subdivisions ends on April 18, 2023.

If you have any questions about executing these forms, please contact your counsel, the Implementation Administrator at opioidsparticipation@rubris.com, or Brian Edmunds at the Maryland Attorney General's Office at (410) 576-6578 or bedmunds@oag.state.md.us.

Thank you,

National Opioids Settlements Implementation Administrator

The Implementation Administrator is retained to provide the settlement notice required by the respective settlement agreements referenced above and to manage the collection of settlement participation forms for each settlement.

EXHIBIT K
Subdivision and Special District Settlement Participation Form

Will your subdivision or special district be signing the settlement participation forms for the Allergan and Teva Settlements at this time?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Governmental Entity: Kent County	State: MD
Authorized Signatory: Shelley L. Heller	
Address 1: 400 High Street	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip: Chestertown	Maryland 21620
Phone: 410-778-4600	
Email: sheller@kentgov.org	

The governmental entity identified above (“*Governmental Entity*”), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Agreement dated November 22, 2022 (“*Allergan Settlement*”), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Allergan Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Allergan Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Election, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Allergan Settlement as provided therein.
2. Following the execution of this Settlement Participation Form, the Governmental Entity shall comply with Section III.B of the Allergan Settlement regarding Cessation of Litigation Activities.
3. The Governmental Entity shall, within fourteen (14) days of the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, file a request to dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed. With respect to any Released Claims pending in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804, the Governmental Entity authorizes the MDL Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee to execute and file on behalf of the Governmental Entity a Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice substantially in the form found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>.
4. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Allergan Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions and Special Districts as defined therein.
5. By agreeing to the terms of the Allergan Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
6. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Allergan Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.



7. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity's state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court's role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Allergan Settlement.
8. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Allergan Settlement as provided therein.
9. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision or Participating Special District, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Allergan Settlement, including, but not limited to, all provisions of **Section V (Release)**, and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, Subdivisions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity whether elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist in bringing, or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Allergan Settlement are intended to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Allergan Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
10. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision or Participating Special District as set forth in the Allergan Settlement.
11. In connection with the releases provided for in the Allergan Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Allergan Settlement.

12. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Allergan Settlement, to which the Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Settlement Participation Form is interpreted differently from the Allergan Settlement in any respect, the Allergan Settlement controls.



I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Settlement Participation Form on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature:

DocuSigned by:
Shelley L. Heller
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Name:

Shelley L. Heller

Title:

County Administrator

Date:

4/10/2023



Exhibit K
Subdivision and Special District Settlement Participation Form

Governmental Entity: Kent County	State: MD
Authorized Signatory: Shelley L. Heller	
Address 1: 400 High Street	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip: Chestertown	Maryland 21620
Phone: 410-778-4600	
Email: sheller@kentgov.org	

The governmental entity identified above (“*Governmental Entity*”), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Agreement dated November 22, 2022 (“*Teva Settlement*”), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Teva Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Teva Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Election, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Teva Settlement as provided therein.
2. Following the execution of this Settlement Participation Form, the Governmental Entity shall comply with Section III.B of the Teva Settlement regarding Cessation of Litigation Activities.
3. The Governmental Entity shall, within 14 days of the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, file a request to dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed. With respect to any Released Claims pending in In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804, the Governmental Entity authorizes the Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee to execute and file on behalf of the Governmental Entity a Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice substantially in the form found at <https://nationalopiodsettlement.com>.
4. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Teva Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions as defined therein.
5. By agreeing to the terms of the Teva Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
6. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Teva Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.
7. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity’s state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court’s role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Teva Settlement.



8. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Teva Settlement as provided therein.
9. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision or Participating Special District, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Teva Settlement, including but not limited to all provisions of Section V (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Teva Settlement are intended by Released Entities and the Governmental Entity to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Teva Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
10. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision or Participating Special District as set forth in the Teva Settlement.
11. In connection with the releases provided for in the Teva Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Teva Settlement.

12. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Teva Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Election and Release is interpreted differently from the Teva Settlement in any respect, the Teva Settlement controls.



I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Election and Release on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: 
Name: Shelley L. Heller
Title: County Administrator
Date: 4/10/2023



EXHIBIT K**Subdivision Participation and Release Form**

Will your subdivision or special district be signing the settlement participation form for the Walgreens Settlement at this time?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Governmental Entity: Kent County	State: MD
Authorized Signatory: Shelley L. Heller	
Address 1: 400 High Street	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip: Chestertown Maryland 21620	
Phone: 410-778-4600	
Email: sheller@kentgov.org	

The governmental entity identified above ("*Governmental Entity*"), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated December 9, 2022 ("*Walgreens Settlement*"), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Walgreens Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Walgreens Settlement, understands that all terms in this Participation and Release Form have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by executing this Participation and Release Form, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Walgreens Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Governmental Entity shall promptly, and in any event no later than 14 days after the Reference Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed. With respect to any Released Claims pending in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804, the Governmental Entity authorizes the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee to execute and file on behalf of the Governmental Entity a Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice substantially in the form found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>.
3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Walgreens Settlement pertaining to Participating Subdivisions as defined therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the Walgreens Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Walgreens Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.



6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity's state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court's role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Walgreens Settlement. The Governmental Entity likewise agrees to arbitrate before the National Arbitration Panel as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent otherwise provided in, the Walgreens Settlement.
7. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Walgreens Settlement as provided therein.
8. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Walgreens Settlement, including without limitation all provisions of Section XI (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Walgreens Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Walgreens Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
9. The Governmental Entity hereby takes on all rights and obligations of a Participating Subdivision as set forth in the Walgreens Settlement.
10. In connection with the releases provided for in the Walgreens Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Walgreens Settlement.



11. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Walgreens Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Participation and Release Form is interpreted differently from the Walgreens Settlement in any respect, the Walgreens Settlement controls.

I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Participation and Release Form on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature:

DocuSigned by:
Shelley L. Heller
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Name:

Shelley L. Heller

Title:

County Administrator

Date:

4/10/2023



EXHIBIT K**Subdivision Participation Form**

Will your subdivision or special district be signing the settlement participation form for the Walmart Settlement at this time?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Governmental Entity: Kent County		State: MD
Authorized Official: shelley L. heller		
Address 1: 400 High Street		
Address 2:		
City, State, Zip: Chestertown	Maryland	21620
Phone: 410-778-4600		
Email: sheller@kentgov.org		

The governmental entity identified above ("Governmental Entity"), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated November 14, 2022 ("Walmart Settlement"), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Walmart Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Walmart Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Election, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Walmart Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Governmental Entity shall promptly, and in any event within 14 days of the Effective Date and prior to the filing of the Consent Judgment, dismiss with prejudice any Released Claims that it has filed. With respect to any Released Claims pending in In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804, the Governmental Entity authorizes the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee to execute and file on behalf of the Governmental Entity a Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice substantially in the form found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>.
3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Walmart Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions as defined therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the Walmart Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Walmart Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.



6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court in the Governmental Entity's state where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court's role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Walmart Settlement.
7. The Governmental Entity has the right to enforce the Walmart Settlement as provided therein.
8. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Walmart Settlement, including but not limited to all provisions of Section X (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Walmart Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Walmart Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.
9. In connection with the releases provided for in the Walmart Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Walmart Settlement.

10. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Walmart Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Election and Release is interpreted differently from the Walmart Settlement in any respect, the Walmart Settlement controls.



I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Election and Release on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: 
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Name: Shelley L. Heller

Title: County Administrator

Date: 4/10/2023



**STATE-SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MARYLAND
AND PARTICIPATING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS FROM
SETTLEMENT OF OPIOIDS LITIGATION AGAINST TEVA, ALLERGAN,
WALMART, AND WALGREENS**

INTRODUCTION

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland (“State”) and its participating subdivisions previously reached a STATE- SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF OPIOIDS LITIGATION, effective January 21, 2022 (the “2022 State-Subdivision Agreement”) (Exhibit A), that applied by its terms to the Janssen and Distributors National Settlement Agreements;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly implemented the terms of the 2022 State-Subdivision Agreement by enacting legislation codified at Md. Code Ann., State Finance & Procurement, Section 7-311(g) (2022);

WHEREAS, the State and its participating subdivisions wish at this time to participate in the Teva Global Opioids Settlement Agreement (December 20, 2022) (“Teva Agreement”), the Allergan Public Global Opioid Settlement (December 20, 2022) (“Allergan Agreement”), the Walmart Settlement Agreement (November 14, 2022), and the Walgreens Settlement Agreement (December 9, 2022), subject to the terms of these agreements (referred to collectively, hereinafter, as the “2022 Agreements”); and

WHEREAS, the State and its participating subdivisions wish to incorporate the terms of the 2022 State- Subdivision Agreement as closely as possible in this STATE-SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND PARTICIPATING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS FROM SETTLEMENT OF OPIOIDS LITIGATION AGAINST TEVA, ALLERGAN, WALMART, AND WALGREENS (“2023 State-Subdivision Agreement”);

The State and its participating subdivisions agree as follows:

SECTION I (INCORPORATION)

- a. Except as otherwise specified in Section II below, the terms of the 2022 State-Subdivision Agreement are incorporated into this 2023 State-Subdivision Agreement as if fully set forth herein and shall apply to the State’s and its participating subdivisions’ receipt and holding of funds from the 2022 Agreements and their expenditure of funds received.

SECTION II (SPECIFIC CHANGES)

- a. The definition of “Executive Director,” section I (g) of the 2022 State-Subdivision Agreement, is not incorporated in this 2023 State-Subdivision Agreement. Instead, “Executive Director” for purposes of this 2023 State-Subdivision Agreement, shall refer to the Special Secretary for Opioids Response or her designee or such other person designated by the Governor or by law to direct the Opioid Operational Command Center or any successor agency having substantially similar responsibilities and duties.
- b. The definition of “National Settlement Agreements,” section I (n) of the 2022

State-Subdivision Agreement, is not incorporated in this 2023 State-Subdivision Agreement. Instead, "National Settlement Agreements" for purposes of this 2023 State-Subdivision Agreement, shall mean the Teva Global Opioids Settlement Agreement (December 20, 2022) ("Teva Agreement"), the Allergan Public Global Opioid Settlement (December 20, 2022) ("Allergan Agreement"), the Walmart Settlement Agreement (November 14, 2022), and the Walgreens Settlement Agreement (December 9, 2022), and shall include any and all amendments or corrections to those agreements issued on or before February 15, 2022.

- c. Section II(a) of the 2022 State-Subdivision Agreement is incorporated in this 2023 State-Subdivision Agreement, except that this agreement shall be dated April 15, 2023 and shall be effective on that date for all purposes under the National Settlement Agreement. Subdivisions that return Subdivision Settlement Participation Forms under the National Settlement Agreement shall be deemed to consent to this Agreement.
- d. Section III(b) of the 2022 State-Subdivision Agreement is not incorporated in this 2023 State-Subdivision Agreement. Instead, the following is substituted in its place: Any Subdivision receiving settlement proceeds pursuant to Section IV(a)(3) of this Agreement may use up to 15 percent received from the Walmart Agreement, the Teva Agreement, and/or the Allergan Agreement to pay for past Opioid Remediation consistent with Permitted Uses, subject to the accounting requirements of the National Settlement Agreement and the provisions of Section VI(a) of the State-Subdivision Agreement, as incorporated herein. Any Subdivision receiving settlement proceeds pursuant to Section IV(a)(3) of this Agreement may use up to 5 percent received from the Walgreens Agreement to pay for past Opioid Remediation consistent with Permitted Uses, subject to the accounting requirements of the National Settlement Agreement and the provisions of Section VI(a) of the State-Subdivision Agreement, as incorporated herein.
- e. In the event of any other potential conflict between the terms of the National Settlement Agreements and the provisions of the 2022 State-Subdivision Agreement incorporated by Sections I and II of this 2023 State-Subdivisions Agreement, this 2023 State-Subdivision shall be construed to reflect, as nearly as permissible, the terms of the 2022 State-Subdivision Agreement.

SECTION III (ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS)

- a. The subsections of this Section III shall govern the 2023 State-Subdivision Agreement in addition to and notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of the 2022 State-Subdivision Agreement.
- b. Subdivisions shall cooperate reasonably with the Attorney General, the Secretary, and the Executive Director regarding the statewide coordination of planning, activities, expenditures, and reporting under the 2022 State-Subdivision Agreement, this 2023 State-Subdivision Agreement, and the National Settlement Agreements, including by providing contact information for persons responsible for the management and expenditure of funds received under opioids settlements.

Signature: 
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Name: Shelley L. Heller

Title: County Administrator

Date: 4/10/2023

ANTHONY G. BROWN
Attorney General



CANDACE McLAREN LANHAM
Chief of Staff

CAROLYN A. QUATTROCKI
Deputy Attorney General

STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FACSIMILE NO.

WRITER'S DIRECT DIAL NO.

February 28, 2023

Dear Eligible Maryland Subdivision:

I write to provide you with an update on the recent developments in the opioids litigation. As you are likely aware, at the end of 2022, the Office of the Attorney General provisionally signed on to four new national opioids settlements with Teva Pharmaceuticals (manufacturer), Allergan plc (manufacturer), Walmart (pharmacy chain), and Walgreens (pharmacy chain). Final approval of these settlements is contingent upon sufficient participation among eligible subdivisions and the entry of acceptable consent judgments reflecting the settlement agreements' terms. To that end, you will be receiving soon a subdivision sign-on packet from Rubris, the settlement implementation administrator. Subdivisions must return the subdivision participation forms included in the packet by April 18, 2023 in order to receive full payment under the settlements.

Also included in the sign-on packet will be a State-Subdivision Agreement to govern the intrastate allocation of payments received by the State from these settlements, and I attach it here also. As several subdivisions have suggested, we are proposing the same intrastate allocation terms already agreed upon by the State and its subdivisions in the 2022 Janssen and distributors settlements. As before, subdivisions will receive 70 percent of the total abatement funding allocated to Maryland, with 25 percent coming directly from the Settlement Administrator, and another 45 percent of the total abatement funding distributed to subdivisions in the form of non-competitive grants from the Maryland Department of Health. The State will receive the remainder of the money allocated to Maryland under the settlements.

We are proposing only a single addition to the agreement that reflects feedback we have received from subdivisions and the Opioid Operational Command Center in the last year. The addition requires reasonable cooperation in implementing the settlements, mainly by the identification of the individuals who manage funds received from the settlements. Over the last year, a number of subdivisions have asked for greater opportunity for coordination and guidance with respect to the most effective utilization of settlement funds for the benefit of Marylanders, and we believe that this additional provision will help facilitate the State's efforts to provide that guidance and coordination.

We will notify you of upcoming briefings for subdivisions and other stakeholders on the structure and payment terms of the new settlements. In the meantime, please feel free to contact your outside counsel or my office (Brian Edmunds can be reached at 410-576-6578 or bedmunds@oag.state.md.us) if you have questions or concerns.

Finally, as I have mentioned to some of you, my Office decided last year not to join the CVS settlement at that time. Given CVS' large role in dispensing opioids in Maryland and the breadth of its release to include its subsidiaries Caremark and Aetna, we are taking a closer look before making a final decision about CVS.

We look forward to continuing to work with you as we all try to combat this deadly opioids epidemic and provide relief for Marylanders who continue to suffer from its harms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AG Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first part being a stylized "AG" and the last part being "Brown".

Anthony G. Brown



The Honorable Stephanie M. Smith, House of Delegates
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Thank You Letter

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

04.11.23 Thank You Letter, Stephanie M. Smith, Delegate, House Bill 1196 Support



The County Commissioners of Kent County
Ronald H. Fithian, President | Albert H. Nickerson, Member | John F. Price, Member
Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator | Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney

April 11, 2023

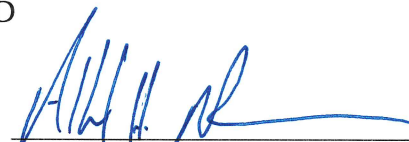
The Honorable Stephanie M. Smith
Room 314, Lowe House Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

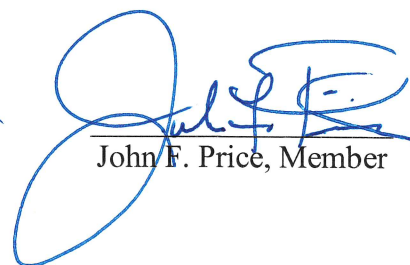
Dear Delegate Smith:

The County Commissioners of Kent County would like to thank you for your support and efforts regarding House Bill 1196. It is imperative that we work together for the betterment of our communities. When working together there is so much more we can achieve. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND


Ronald H. Fithian, President


Albert H. Nickerson., Member


John F. Price, Member

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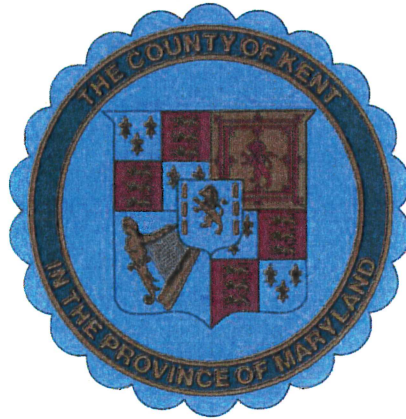
**Kent County, Maryland and The Town of Betterton Enterprise Zone
Application
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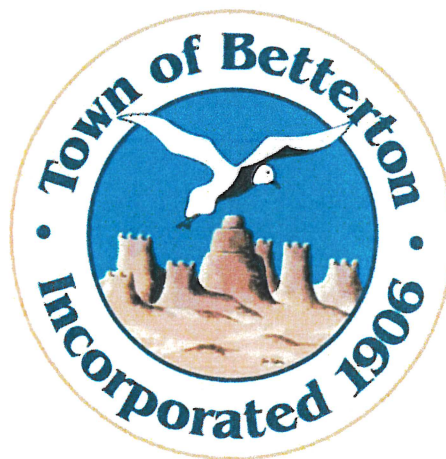
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04.14.23 Enterprise Zone Application - Joint Application Kent County, MD and The Town of Betterton

Enterprise Zone Application



and



2023

ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION

Jurisdiction Applying – Kent County, Maryland and the Town of Betterton

Name and Location of Proposed Zone – Worton/Betterton Enterprise Zone, Kent County and Town of Betterton, Census Tract 9502 in Kent County, Maryland

Name of Application – New

Approximate Land Area – 1,971.401 acres, 525.08 acres in the Town of Betterton and 1,446.321 acres in Kent County that include the Worton Industrial

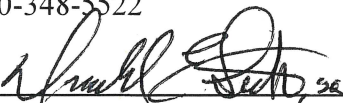
Eligibility Criteria Being Used – Unemployment Rate

Contact Information:

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Kent County, Economic and Tourism Development
410-810-2168
jlwilliams@kentgov.org

Signature of Chief Elected Officials:

Don Sutton, Mayor
Town of Betterton
100 Main Street
Betterton, MD 21610
410-348-5522



Signature



Date

Ronald H. Fithian, President
Board of County Commissioners
400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620
410-778-0400



Signature



Date

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II. Expression of Consent – Kent County

**RESOLUTION 2023-03
SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A
WORTON/BETTERTON KENT COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATION**

WHEREAS, Maryland's Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Program is a joint effort between the State and local governments to provide tax incentives to businesses and property-owners located in economically distressed communities; and

WHEREAS, enterprise zones have provided other jurisdictions with important economic development tools; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Kent County and the Mayor and Council of the Town of Betterton seek this designation for the proposed area to support economic development; and

WHEREAS, the application will include County and Town properties in the Priority Funding Areas, which together total 1,971.401 acres; and

WHEREAS, the primary benefits to businesses located within an Enterprise Zone are local property tax credits and State income tax credits; and

WHEREAS, eligible businesses in an Enterprise Zone may claim a 10- year credit against local real property taxes on a portion of real property improvements, that credit being 80 percent of the assessment increase during the first five years, and then decreasing 10 percent annually to 30 percent in the tenth year; and

WHEREAS, eligible businesses in an Enterprise Zone may claim credits for wages paid to new employees in new positions. Those credits being a one-time \$1,000 credit per new employees in general but increasing the credit amount in the case of economically disadvantaged employees to \$6,000 per employee, distributed over a three-year period. Such credits are to be claimed on Form 500CR and submitted to the Comptroller as part of an individual or business income tax return; and

WHEREAS, the Enterprise Zone is an important incentive the Town and County can offer to attract new businesses and encourage local expansion of existing ones,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland, with their signatures below, fully support this application to the Maryland Department of Commerce requesting designation of a Worton/Betterton Kent County Enterprise Zone.

ATTEST:

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND



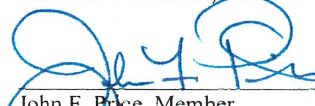
Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk



Ronald H. Fithian, President



Albert H. Nickerson, Member



John F. Price, Member

ADOPTED: April 4, 2023

III. Expression of Consent – Town of Betterton

****Insert Town of Betterton Resolution****

IV. Written Confirmation of State Priority Funding Area

Wes Moore, Governor
Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor



Rebecca L. Flora, AICP, Secretary

Maryland DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

3/31/2023

To: Jamie Williams, CECD, Economic Development Director, Kent County
From: Chuck Boyd, AICP, Director of Planning Coordination, Maryland Department of Planning

Subject: Enterprise Zone – Priority Funding Area Determination

1. JURISDICTIONS:

Kent County and Town of Betterton

2. PROPERTIES:

Worton Village & Industrial Area and the Town of Betterton

The parcels included in this determination are provided in the accompanying maps, outlined in red and identified in the map legends as “Proposed Enterprise Zone.”

3. PRIORITY FUNDING AREA STATUS:

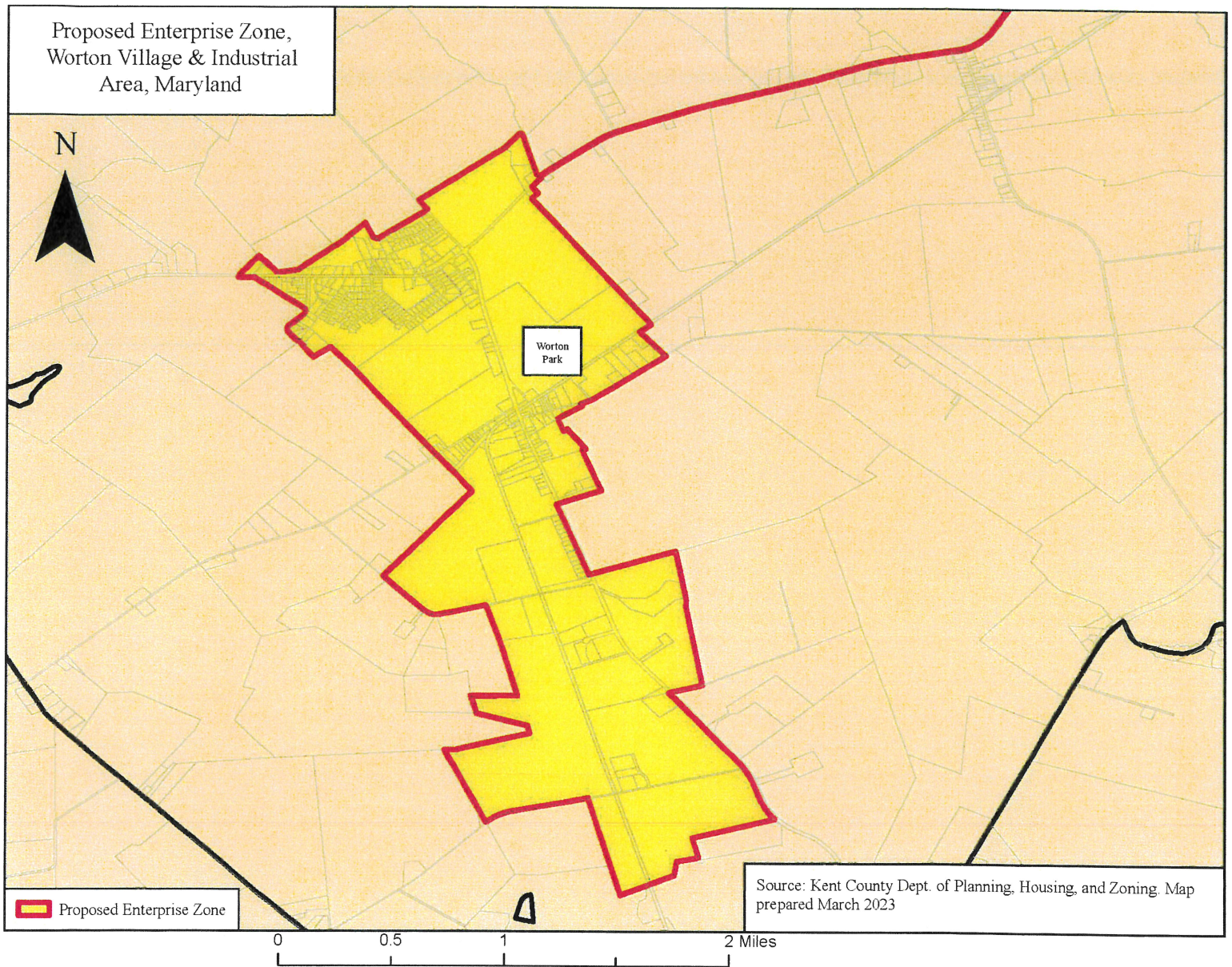
The properties outlined in the attached maps are “IN” either the Betterton Municipal Priority Funding Area or the Kent County Priority Funding Area, meeting the mapping criteria in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Finance and Procurement Article § 5-7B-02.

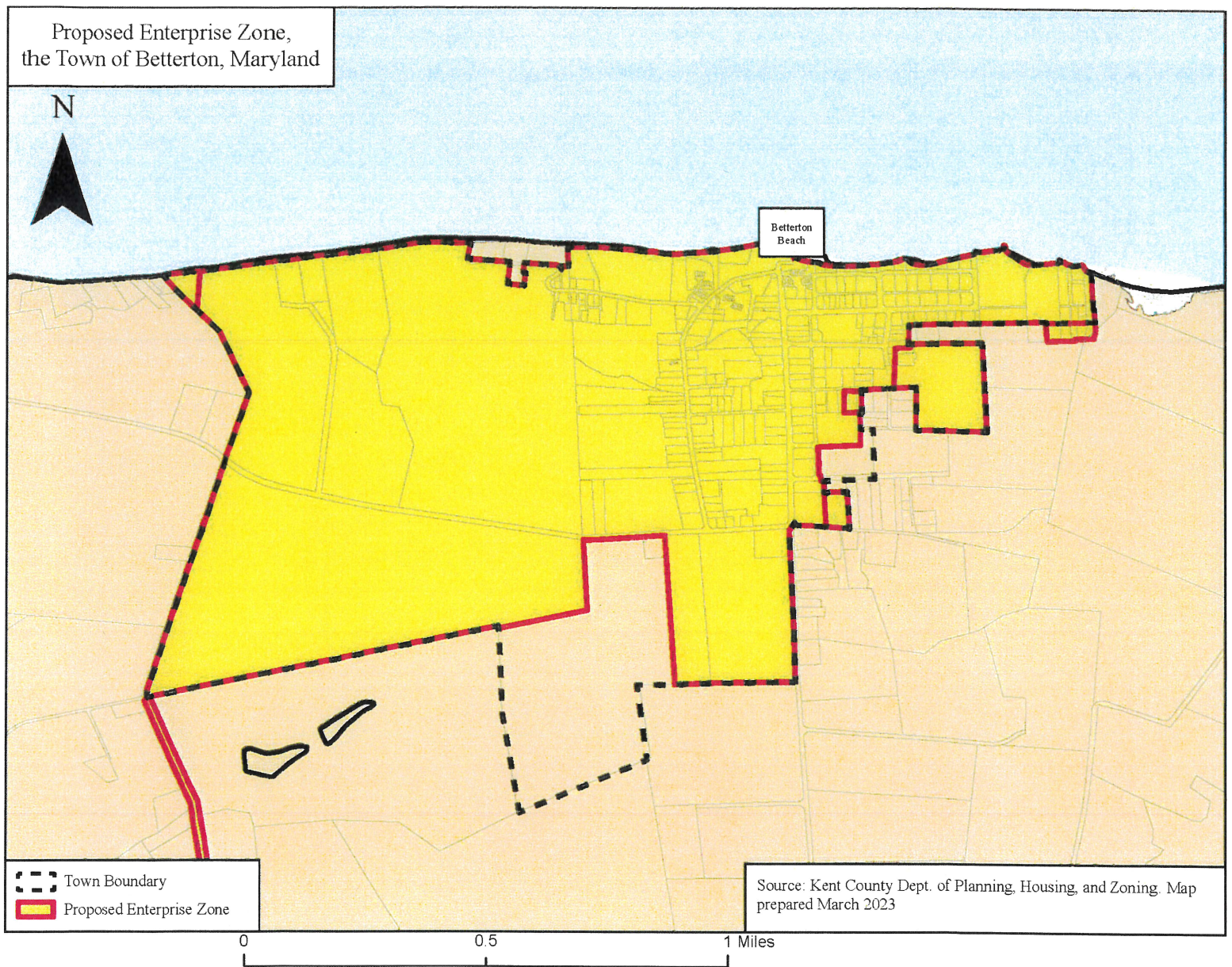
Map Attachments:

Proposed Enterprise Zone, Worton Village & Industrial area, Maryland
Proposed Enterprise Zone, the Town of Betterton, Maryland

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V. Eligibility Requirement

A qualified applicant for an Enterprise Zone must exhibit at least one of the criteria outlined in Economic Development Article § 5-704. The Kent County's Worton Industrial Area and the Town of Betterton, Census Tract 9502, are eligible to apply for designation of an Enterprise Zone based on the criterion that the unemployment rate of the proposed area of designation is at least 150% above the national average.

The unemployment rate in the Town of Betterton is 9.3%, almost double the poverty rate in Kent County, the State of Maryland, and meets the requirement for Enterprise Zone eligibility. The unemployment rate in Kent County, Census Tract 9502, which includes the Town of Betterton, is 2.5% over the requirement for Enterprise Zone eligibility.

<https://censusreporter.org/profiles/05000US24029-kent-county-md/>

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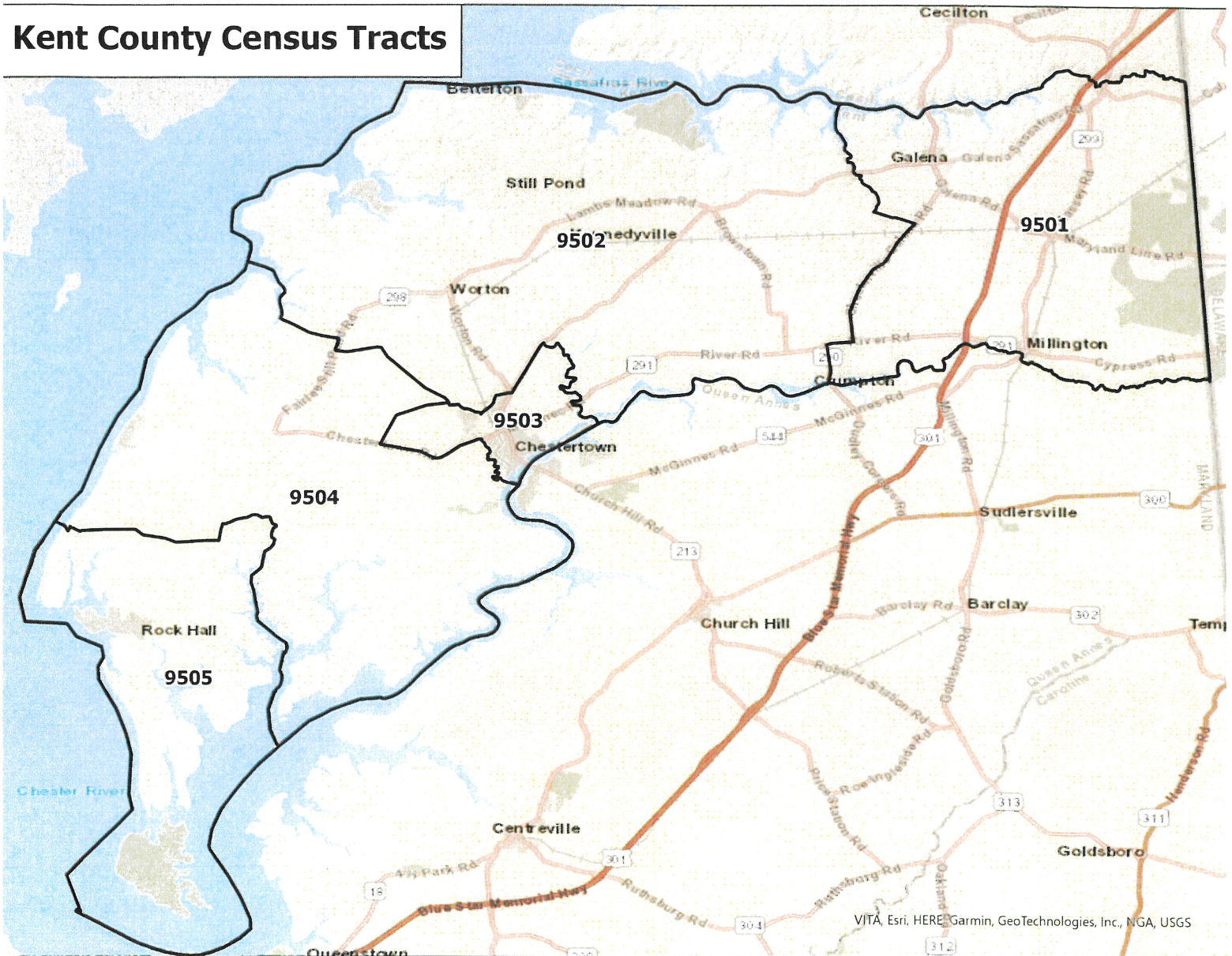
Geography	Metric							
	Poverty Rate	125% Poverty Rate	Unemployment Rate	150% UER	Median Family Income	70% of Families with 80% of MFI	Population	Change
United States	9.1	11.4	4.5	6.8%				
Maryland			5.0	7.5%				
Kent County						\$	69,985	5% > -10%
Census Tract								
Census Tract 9501, Kent County, Maryland	5.8	FALSE	4.8%	FALSE	31.8%	FALSE	-8%	FALSE
Census Tract 9502, Kent County, Maryland	5.9	FALSE	9.3%	TRUE	39.8%	FALSE	-7%	FALSE
Census Tract 9503, Kent County, Maryland	4.0	FALSE	2.1%	FALSE	47.7%	FALSE	4%	FALSE
Census Tract 9504, Kent County, Maryland	3.0	FALSE	2.2%	FALSE	32.2%	FALSE	-11%	TRUE
Census Tract 9505, Kent County, Maryland	14.5	TRUE	6.3%	FALSE	53.9%	FALSE	-9%	FALSE
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Maryland and Kent County Poverty Rates, 2016 to 2020

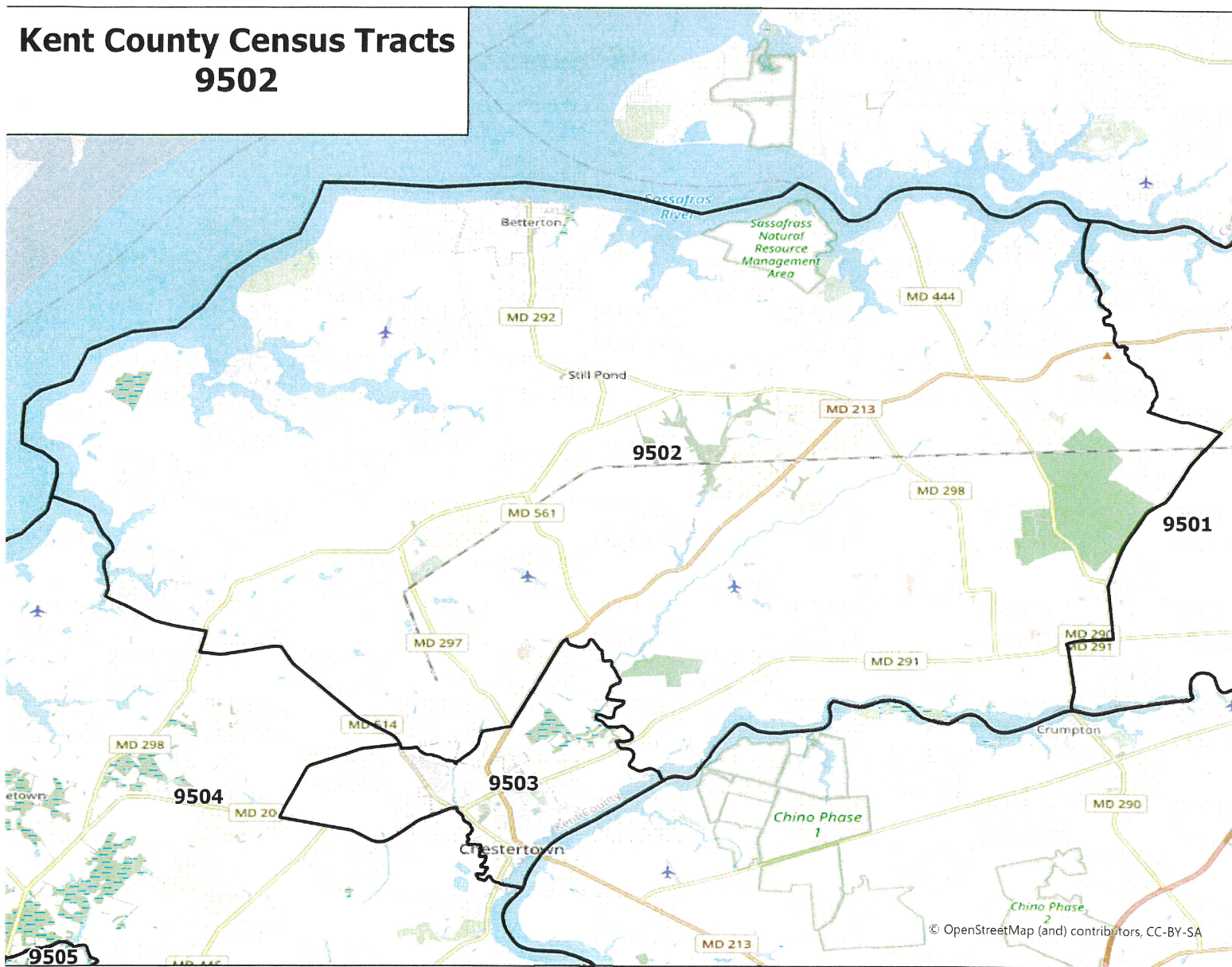
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Maryland	9.7%	9.4%	9.1%	9.1%	9.0%
Kent County	14.0%	12.8%	12.9%	12.4%	12.0%

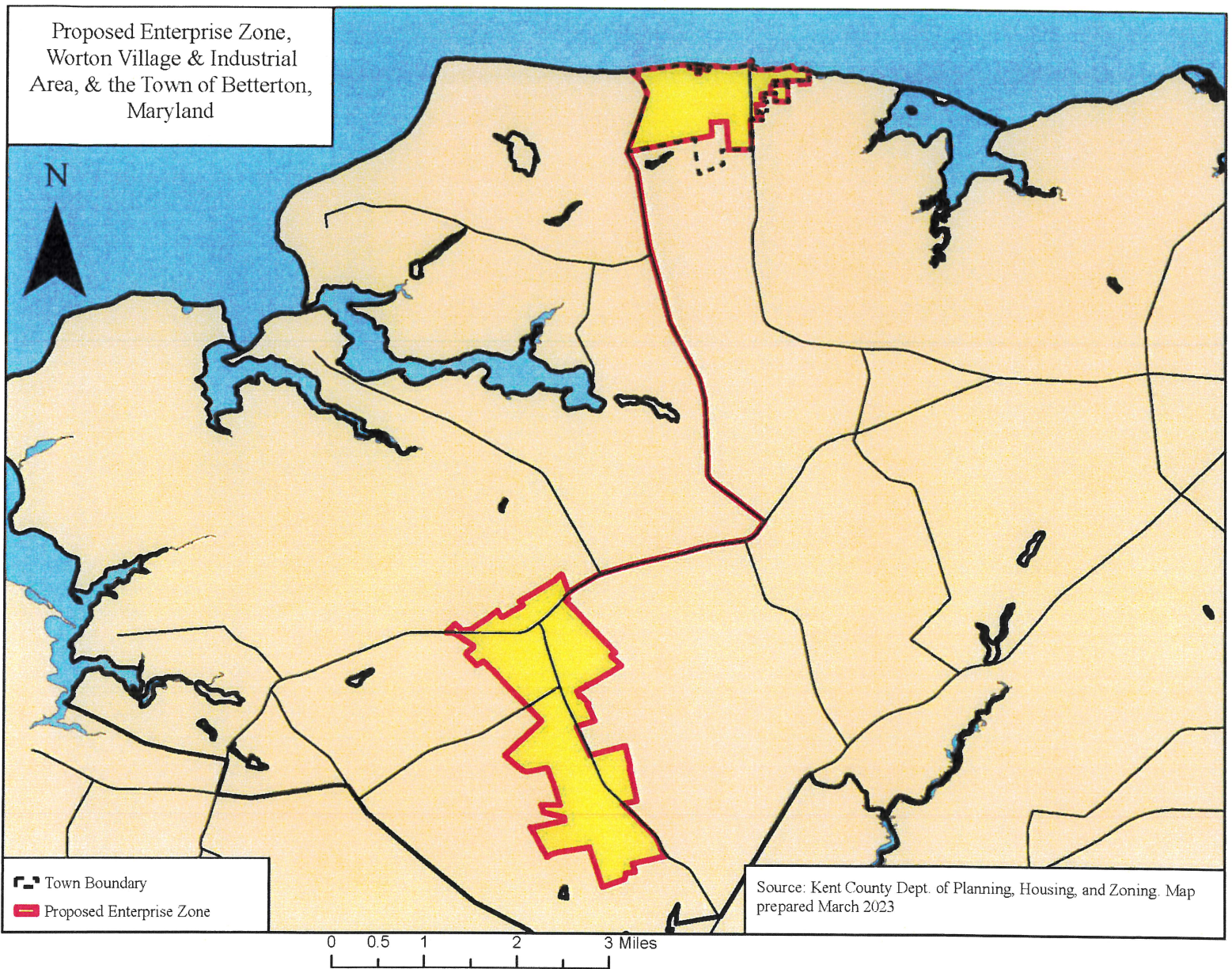
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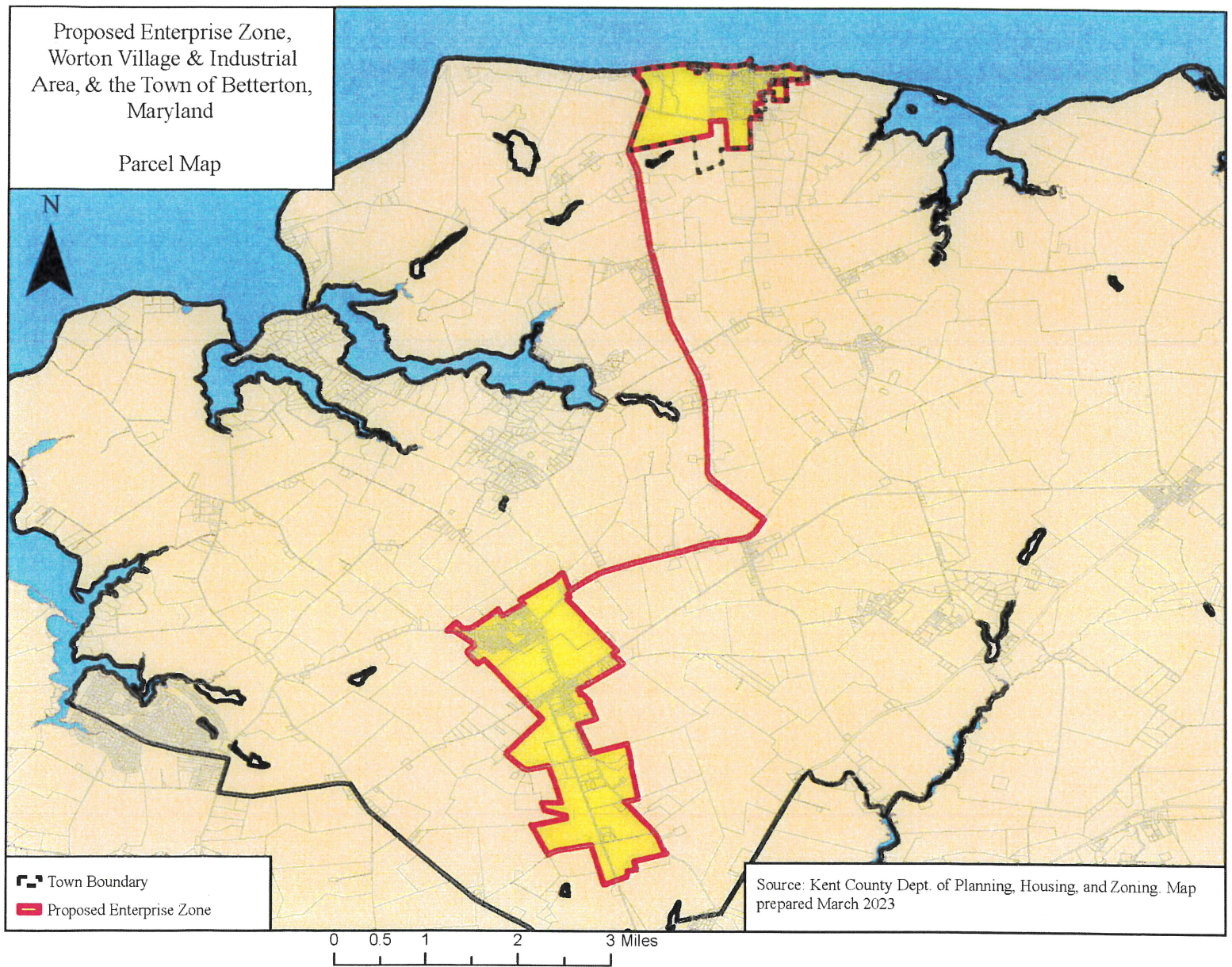
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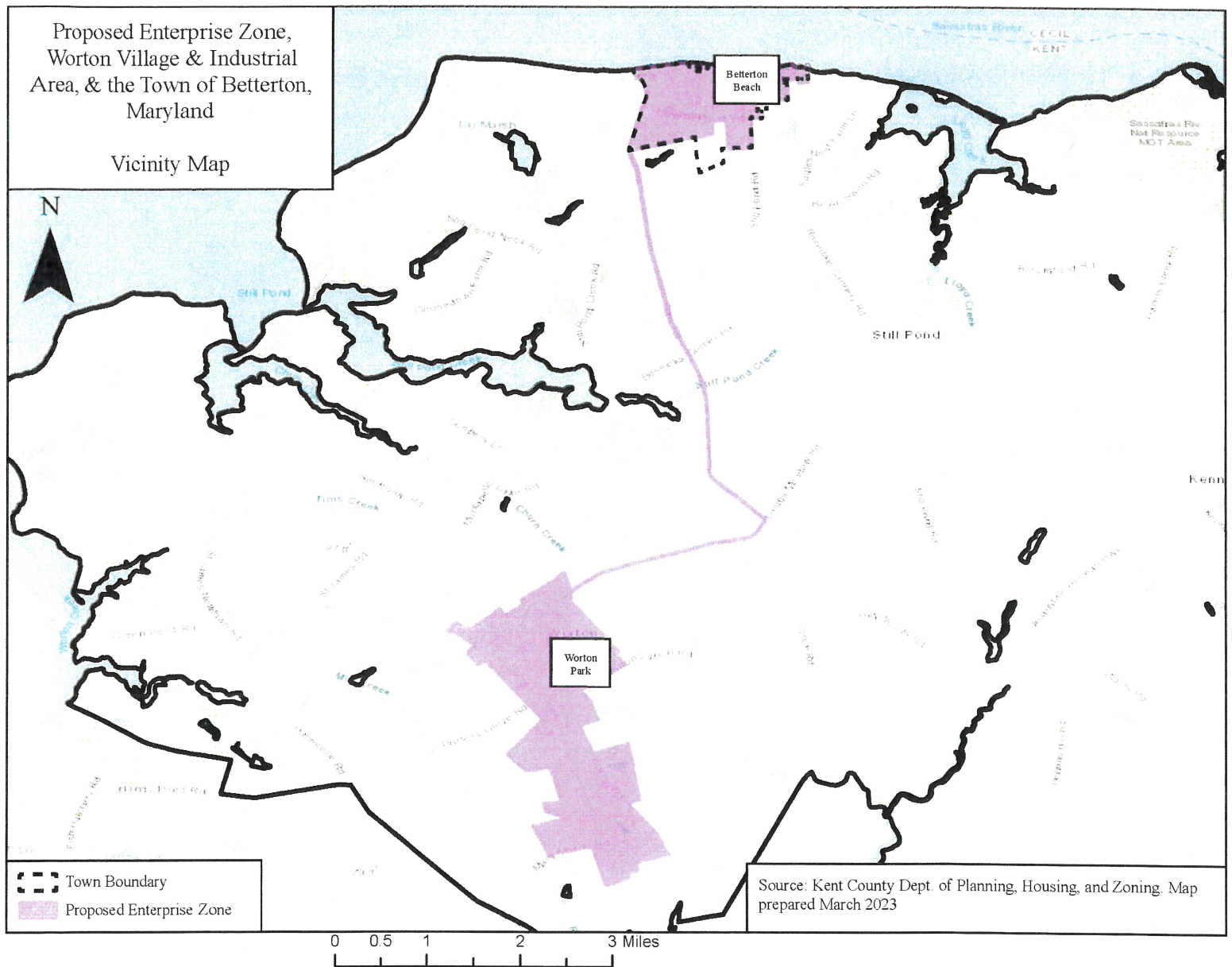
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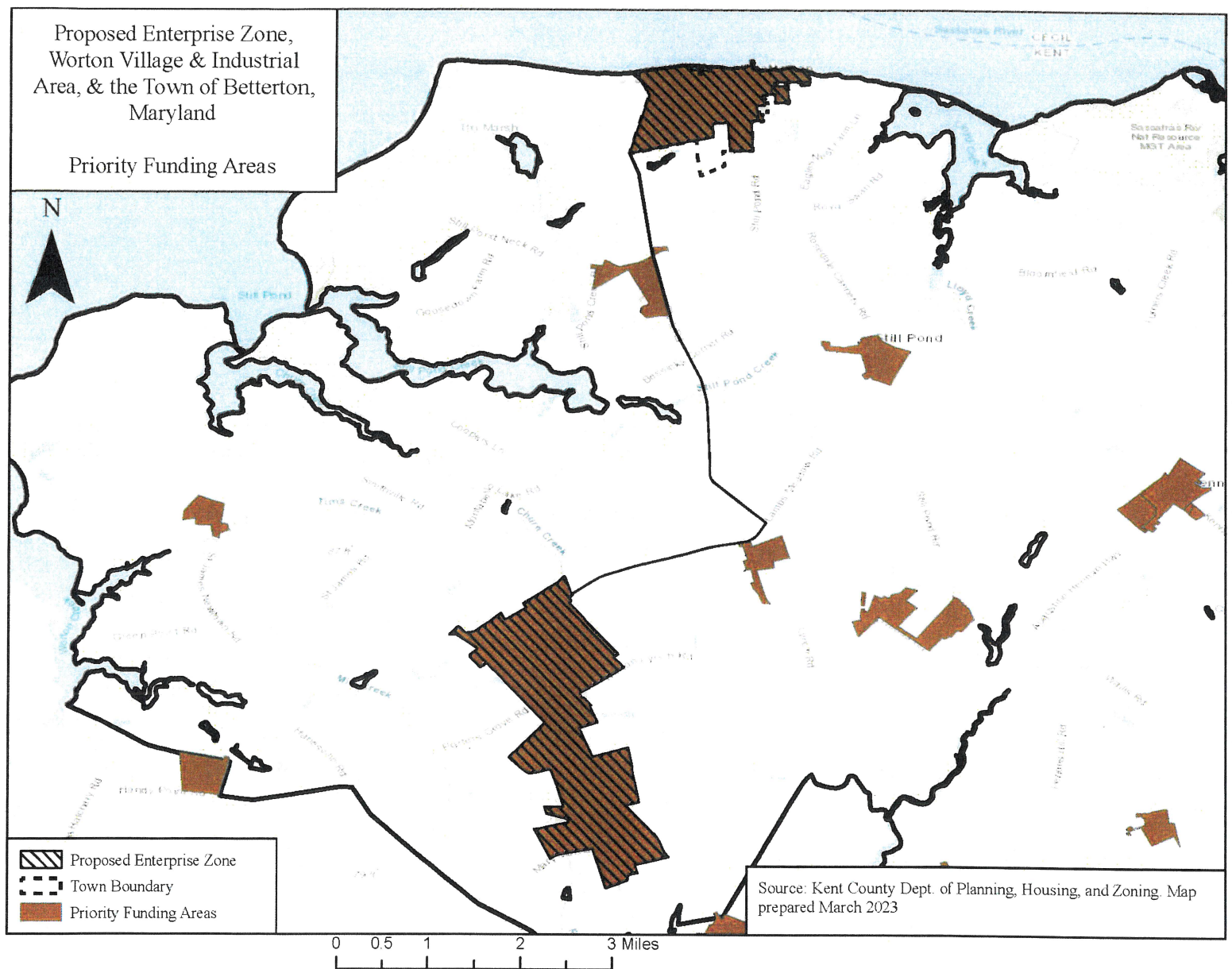
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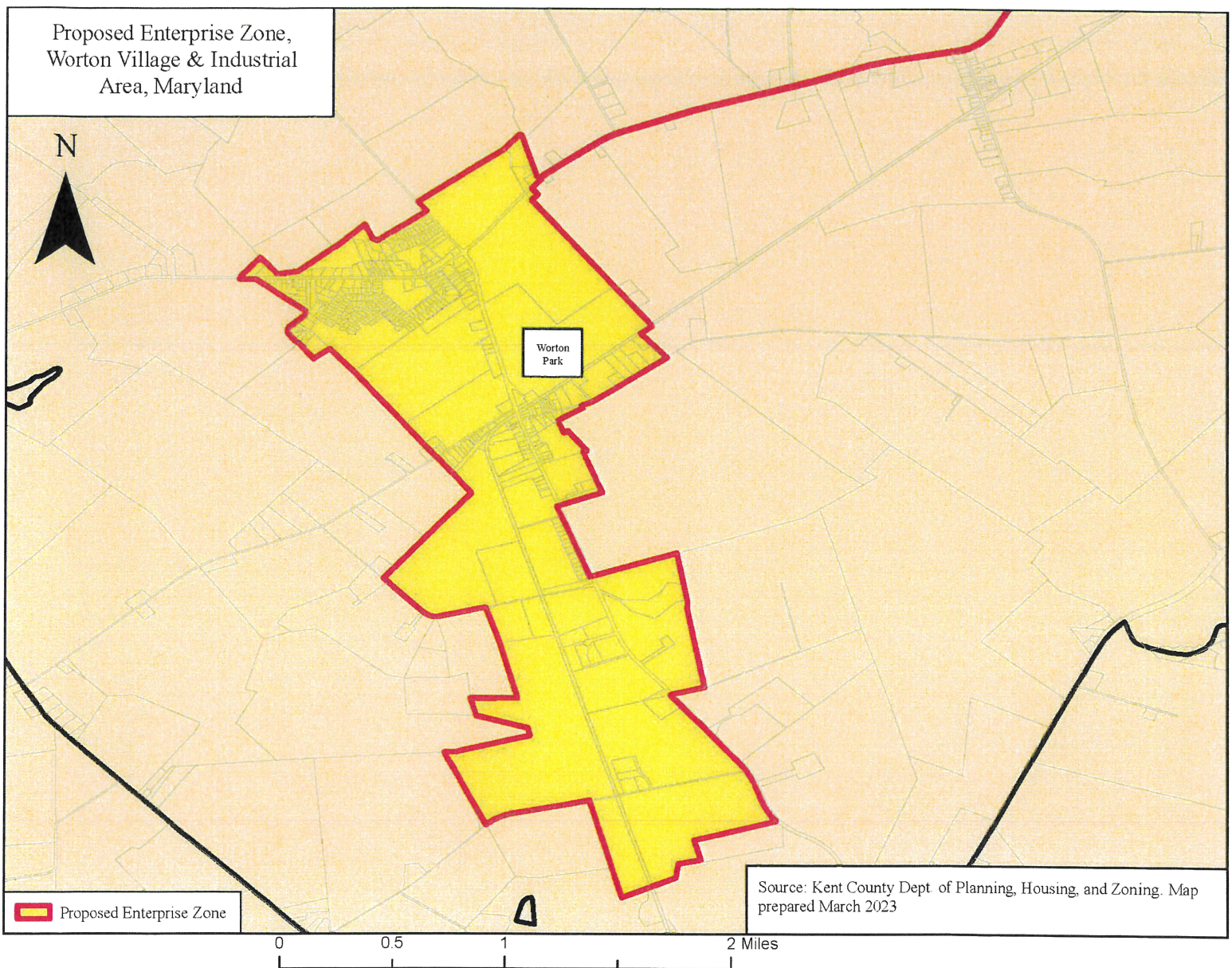


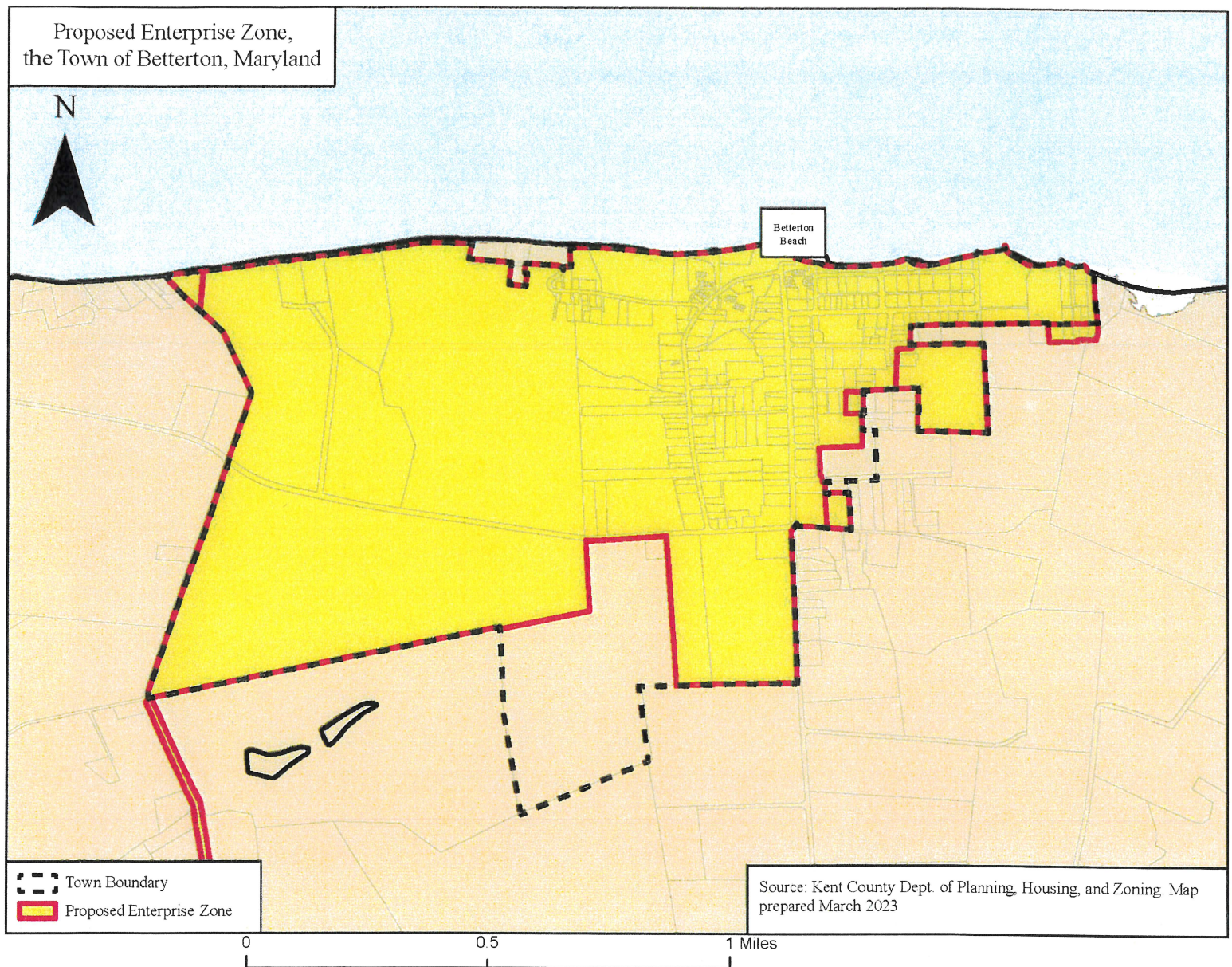












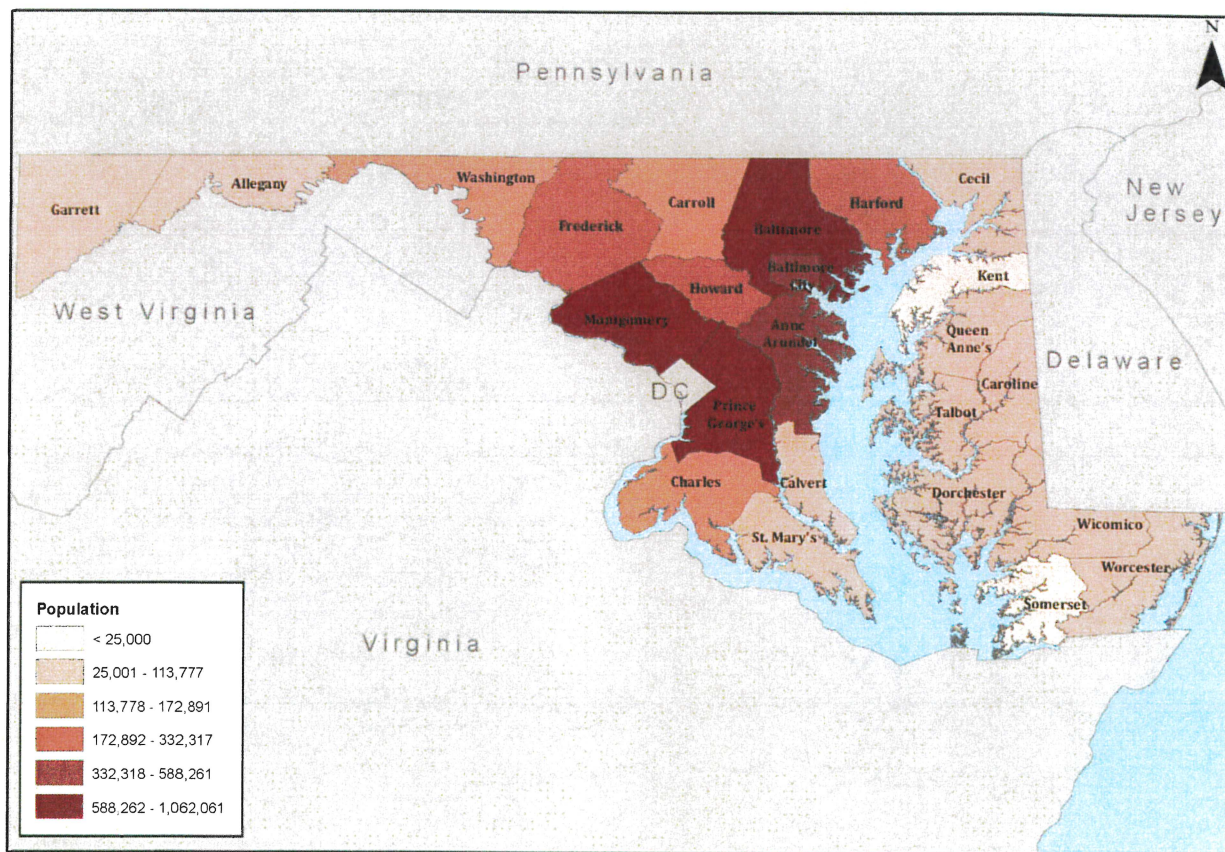
Parcel Table

(16-page addendum in pdf format)

VII. Narrative - Economic, Social, and Demographic Data

The Worton Industrial Area is one of only two designated growth areas in Kent County and Census Tract 9502 includes the Town of Betterton. The Town of Betterton has one of only two beaches in the County. By population, Kent County is the smallest county in Maryland. The 2020 Census population was 19,198, a decrease of 999 from 2010. Betterton is home to many second homeowners and tourism, agriculture, and maritime are the economic drivers for the Town and surrounding areas. Unemployment rises during the winter months because of the seasonal nature of these industries. The per capita income in the Town of Betterton is \$31,860 and the poverty rate is 10.1%. <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/16000US2407200-betterton-md/>

2020 Population Distribution



Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Map Created: 9/23/2021

In Kent County, 65% of students receive free and reduced meals. Kent County has shuttered two elementary schools in the past five years. Four of the five schools in Kent County qualify for Title I, Part A, a federal government program that provides financial assistance to schools with high numbers of children from low-income families.

Agriculture, maritime enterprises, and tourism have traditionally been Kent County's economic drivers. Kent County has 346 farms with 134,262 acres of land dedicated to farming, with a market value of products sold totaling \$111 million (2017 Census of Agriculture). In 2020, tourism generated \$46.9 million in sales, a 26.6% decrease from 2019, and accounted for 530 jobs, a 25% decrease, both due to the pandemic. Maritime interests are thriving in Kent County, which boasts nearly 350 miles of shoreline and more than 30 marinas operating on the Chesapeake Bay and the Sassafras and Chester Rivers.

The three largest employers in Kent County are based in the Town of Chestertown: Washington College, University of Maryland Shore Regional Health, and Dixon Valve. The three business sectors represented by these employers are education, healthcare, and manufacturing and provide approximately 1,000 jobs each. The Washington College campus is home to about 1,026 students from September through May, and hosts summer programs that bring young campers, scholars, and athletes along with adult learners into the County.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Increase Employment Base

The Kent County Department of Economic and Tourism Development has formed numerous partnerships with the Maryland Department of Labor, the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board, Chesapeake College, Washington College, the Kent County Department of

Social Services, and various organizations to encourage job growth and assist in decreasing the unemployment rate. The Enterprise Zone will benefit the County and the businesses that locate within the designated Zone by providing well-paying job opportunities.

Business Retention and Expansion

Retention and expansion of our current businesses are essential to the economic health of Kent County. The Kent County Department of Economic and Tourism Development will assist current businesses with growth and expansion projects, provide resources, technical assistance, and help with site selection.

Increase Tax Base

Encouragement in capital investment in existing and new businesses increases the property tax revenue that contributes to an enriched quality of life for all Kent County residents and businesses. Kent County is rural and has several large tracts of land located within the Enterprise Zone that would benefit from the tax incentive through development, therefore increasing the property tax revenue and creating jobs in Kent County.

Stimulate the Development and Investment in the Worton/Betterton Enterprise Zone

Currently, Kent County does not have many properties that are shovel-ready for business attraction. The Worton Industrial Area is one of only two locations in Kent County that is designated for growth. There are already more than ten businesses located in this area, which is two to three miles outside the Town of Chestertown, the County Seat, and the largest population center. The new Animal Care Shelter provides care for the animals and the community with on-site veterinary care, and education programs for all ages on animal care and enrichment, including summer day camps, spay and neuter services, and more. The Animal Care Shelter is a \$6+ million project on 5 acres and will increase traffic to the area,

making it more attractive for development.

Economic and Tourism Development relies on properly zoned and shovel-ready properties to attract new investment. Water and sewer are two critical infrastructure needs, the Worton plant has the capacity, and funds are necessary to extend the lines to the properties zoned for development.

LOCAL STANDARDS

The local standard for qualification for businesses to qualify for real property tax credits in the Worton/Betterton Enterprise Zone will be a minimum capital investment of \$25,000. The local standard will ensure that the tax credits are offered to substantial projects only and will help provide clarity about the types of projects that may benefit from the program.

ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES AND INITIATIVES

The Worton Industrial Area and the Town of Betterton within Kent County are ready for growth. The Worton wastewater treatment facility has a design capacity of 250,000 gallons per day and is operating at 70,000 gallons per day. The Worton Water plant has an average daily capacity of 125,000 gallons per day and is operating at 61,000 gallons per day. There are two elevated storage tanks on the system with a total of 375,000 gallons of storage for fire protection.

In 2020, Betterton was awarded the Maryland Sustainable Growth Award for Sustainable Communities. The Wheeler Avenue Project prompted this award. Wheeler was completely reconstructed, all water-and-sewer connections were replaced, and a new storm water drainage system was installed which utilized rain gardens and bioswales. This project also included new sidewalks.

The Town of Betterton also completed the wastewater treatment facility which has a design capacity of 150,000 gallons per day and is presently operating at 30,000 gallons per day. In 2019, Maryland Rural Water Association recognized the Betterton facility as the Wastewater System of the Year 2019.

With funding support from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and the United States Department of Agriculture, the Town now embarks on a plan to reconstruct Ericsson Avenue. This major thoroughfare will see the same types of improvements that occurred on the Wheeler project with additional emphasis paid to the sidewalks and energy-efficient street lighting.

Betterton docks have long been utilized for a ferry to Aberdeen Proving Ground for employment opportunities and upper bay dredging projects. Capital improvement projects in Betterton include the construction of a 1,400 revetment on the Bayside bluff to mitigate erosion and preserve the natural beauty of the Town. County funding has been allocated to stabilize and beautify the Rigby bluff visible from the Beach.

Major upgrades at the Betterton Beach include new bathhouses and new stairs to the Pavilion overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. On schedule for FY2024 are upgrades to the current boardwalk with additional access for populations with mobility issues, allowing more residents and tourists access to this rare amenity. Recent recreational additions include a new playground, new tennis and pickle ball courts, and the best basketball court in Kent County.

In December 2020 the Kent County Commissioners demonstrated their commitment to Economic Development by re-structuring the departments of Economic Development and Tourism and creating the Department of Economic and Tourism Development, and fully staffing the department with a Director, an Economic Development Manager, a Tourism Manager, an

Administrative Assistant, and an Intern. Allowing talents and expertise to be capitalized on and shared across disciplines. In August 2022 a Housing and Transportation Coordinator position was added to build capacity.

Kent County partnered with Kent Fiber Optic Systems to build a fiber-optic broadband network throughout Kent County. Think Big Networks, an Internet Service Provider, is delivering 1GB service to businesses and residents in the county. A second fiber company, Talkie Communications, is also building a fiber network within Kent County and beyond, providing more and more high-speed internet service to the rural areas in Maryland. Kent County invested over \$7 million in the network and continues to partner with State and Federal partners to reach even more remote areas within Kent County.

Betterton Community Development Corporation is a non-profit organization that began 20 years ago to restore the Betterton Fishing Ark. The organization started Betterton Days and the annual celebration continues today. Activities include curating the Betterton Museum, leading Town beautification efforts, and organizing community events. The mission statement includes teaching others about the history of the area and supporting community efforts to increase tourism and improve the quality of life for all citizens.

The Town of Betterton is a year into updating their Comprehensive Plan that features upgrades to the current water system and efforts to create a Main Street that will be designated by the State. Attracting business and increasing population have been major emphasis during this process.

EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Workforce readiness and development are a priority for the Kent County Department of Economic and Tourism Development. There are many partners to ensure our workforce is ready to work and trained to meet the current and future needs of businesses. Initiatives include “Innovation Internships” with Washington College and partnerships with Kent County High Schools’ CTE programs; the Department of Labor; the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board; Chesapeake College; the Department of Social Services, the Upper Shore Regional Council, etc. Dialogue and open exchange of information will assist in planning for the future needs of the business community.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Worton/Betterton Enterprise Zone will be administered by the Kent County Department of Economic and Tourism Development. Kent County Department of Economic and Tourism Development will be responsible for all administrative functions related to the enterprise zone, including.

- Processing businesses’ applications to claim tax credits under the program.
- Coordinating documentation and approval of tax credits with the County tax office.
- Answering questions about the program and assisting businesses with their applications.
- Submitting annual reports to the Maryland Department of Commerce.

MARKETING

The Worton/Betterton Enterprise Zone will be promoted by the Town of Betterton and the Kent County Department of Economic and Tourism Development.

PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE

Through the Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund and the Upper Shore Regional Council, the County will extend planned water and sewer in the Worton Industrial Area. The project is estimated to cost about \$1.7 million. The project will incentivize development of the adjoining industrial zoned properties by reducing offsite improvements for water and sewer service which is essential for the development of the properties. The properties to be served are in a designated Priority Funding Area and included in the County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan. The water and sewer lines will utilize existing County and State right of way. The County will need to purchase a small parcel for placement of the pump station.

VIII. Size Justification

The Worton Industrial Area and Town of Betterton are very rural, and properties tend to be large and quite spread out. It is critical to include properties in the downtown area as well as properties of businesses located outside the Town limits. The proposed area for the Worton/Betterton Kent County Enterprise Zone consists of properties located in the Worton Industrial Area, the Town of Betterton. The designation of an Enterprise Zone will help attract businesses to areas designated for growth and expansion. In addition to attracting new businesses to Kent County, the Enterprise Zone can spark capital investment in properties that need revitalization.

Kent County is facing the challenges of declining enrollment in our public schools, declining population, and changes in healthcare that threaten the inpatient services provided at our local hospital.

Kent County remains a strong draw for residents who enjoy the natural beauty of the area. The well-preserved colonial architecture of Chestertown, the charm of our five towns, the proud Chesapeake Bay boating and fishing culture, and the intellectual and cultural offerings of Washington College.

The Enterprise Zone designation would provide Kent County and the Town of Betterton with incentives to help existing employers expand their businesses and would be a valuable tool for attracting new businesses. An Enterprise Zone designation gives Kent County additional means to compete with nearby Delaware in attracting and retaining businesses.

The Town of Betterton has had many inquiries about vacant properties; however, current owners are not incentivized to sell or lease. A tax credit may encourage the current property owners to move forward with renovations or give potential buyers additional motivation to purchase a building for commercial purposes and make the capital investments needed.

IX. Public Hearing Notice and Timeline

A joint public hearing with Kent County and the Town of Betterton and Kent County was held on April 4, 2023. The public hearing was advertised in the Kent County Newspaper and posted online at www.thekentcountynews.com on March 23, 2023. The public hearing was periodically promoted on social media via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn through April 4, 2023.



The County Commissioners of Kent County

Ronald H. Fithian, President | Albert H. Nickerson, Member | John F. Price, Member
Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator | Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney

NOTICE OF A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

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The Worton/Betterton Kent County Enterprise Zone Designation Application and supporting documentation are available for review on the County's website at <https://www.kentcounty.com/business/business-support/incentives/tax-credits/304-enterprise-zone>. Contact Jamie Williams, Director of Economic and Tourism Development at 410-810-2168 or jllwilliams@kentgov.org for further information.

By order of:

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY,
MARYLAND

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Sondra M. Blackiston
Clerk

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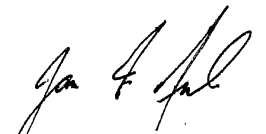
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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF : MARYLAND
COUNTY OF: Kent County

This is to certify that the annexed legal advertisement has been published in the publications and insertions listed below. "Joint Public Hearing - April 4, 2023..." was published in the:

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THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLANDSondra M. Blackiston
Clerk

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3/23/2023



Attendance Sheet

PUBLIC HEARING
April 4, 2023 | 10:00 am
DRAFT Worton/Betterton Kent County Enterprise Zone Application

Please Sign In:

Name (Please Print)

1. Jamie Williams
2. DICK STOKY
3. Jill Coleman
4. Sharon B. Ford
5. Mike WALK
6. Craig W. Aust
7. J. Wolfe
8. Bryan Hault
9. James W. Miller
10. Bill Webb KCHD
11. Lisa Mazingo
12. Catherine Buchanan
13. Rose M. Osborn
14. Shalyn Boulden
15. Dawson Hunter
16. Bill Mackey
17. C. Scott Boone
18. Margaret Allen
19. Christina Russell
20. Erika Hercher



Attendance Sheet (Continued)

PUBLIC HEARING

April 4, 2023 | 10:00 am

DRAFT Worton/Betterton Kent County Enterprise Zone Application

Please Sign In:

Name (Please Print)

21. Ryan Worden
22. Owen Bailey
23. Arnessa Dowell
24. Bonnie Pearson
25. Wayne Darrell
26. James B. Russum
27. Monica Zella
28. Mike Waack
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Testimony Log

PUBLIC HEARING
April 4, 2023 | 10:00 am
DRAFT Worton/Betterton Kent County Enterprise Zone Application

Please Sign if You Wish to Speak:

Name (Please Print)

1. Jamie Williams
2. Dick Story
3. Mike Waal
4. Tom Mogle
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Insert Public Hearing Minutes

RESOLUTION 2023-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BETTERTON SUPPORTING AN
APPLICATION FOR WORTON/BETTERTON KENT COUNTY
ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATION

WHEREAS the State of Maryland's Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Program is a joint effort between the State and local governments to provide tax incentives to businesses and property owners located in economically distressed communities; and

WHEREAS Enterprise Zones have provided other jurisdictions with an important economic development tool; and

WHEREAS the County Commissioners of Kent County and the Council of the Town of Betterton (the "Council") seek to designate the Worton and the Town of Betterton (the "Town") as an Enterprise Zone to support economic development within the Town; and

WHEREAS the application to designate the Town as an Enterprise Zone are eligibility for local property tax credits and State income tax credits; and

WHEREAS eligible businesses in an Enterprise Zone may claim a ten-year credit against local real property improvements, with the credit being 80 percent of the assessment increase during the first five years and then decreasing ten percent annually to 30 percent in the tenth year; and

WHEREAS the Enterprise Zone is an important incentive the Town and the County can offer to attract new businesses and encourage local expansion of existing ones; and

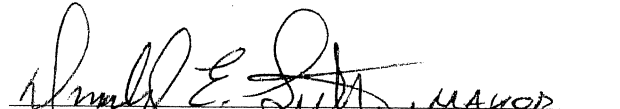
WHEREAS the Council, for the good and welfare of the community, deems it necessary and appropriate to adopt this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BETTERTON fully support the application to the Maryland Department of Commerce requesting the designation of a Worton/Betterton Kent County Enterprise Zone as evidenced by their signatures below.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR AND
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BETTERTON

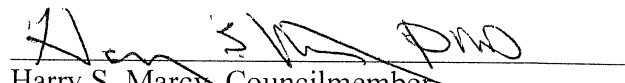
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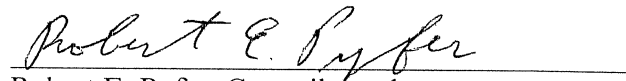

Sheila Dlugoborski, Clerk


Donald E. Sutton, Mayor

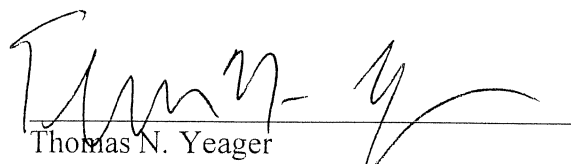

William J. Fracassi, Jr., Councilmember


Wayne T. Gilchrest, Councilmember


Harry S. Marcy, Councilmember


Robert E. Pyfer, Councilmember

Approved as to Form:


Thomas N. Yeager
Attorney for the Town of Betterton



Mid Shore Regional Landfill, Support Letter 4/18/2023 County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Mid Shore Regional Landfill - Letter of Support

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

04.04.23 Travis Breeding Letter of Support - Extending Mid-Shore II Regional Landfill Operating Dates
Support Letter Mid Shore Regional Landfill



The County Commissioners of Kent County
Ronald H. Fithian, President | Albert H. Nickerson, Member | John F. Price, Member
Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator | Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney

April 4, 2023

The Honorable J. Travis Breeding, President
Caroline County Commissioners
109 Market Street, Room 123
Denton, Maryland 21629

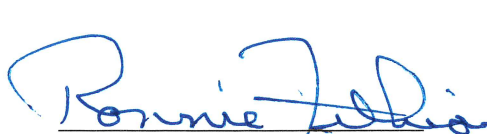
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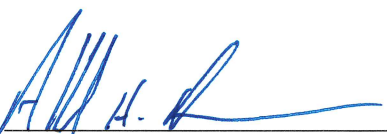
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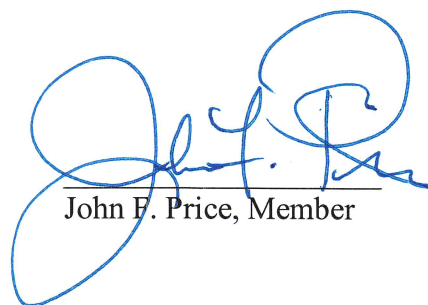
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The Mid-Shore County agreement provides an 80-year cost efficient approach to the solid waste management needs in Caroline, Kent, Talbot, and Queen Anne's County. We value our continuing partnership with the objective to increase this time horizon beyond 80-years. Furthermore, we recognize the long-term benefits by utilizing this vital public facility on behalf of our regional constituents.

Very truly yours,
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND


Ronald H. Fithian, President


Albert H. Nickerson, Member


John F. Price, Member

KCC/ltc

cc: Talbot County Council
Queen Anne's County Commissioners



*Queen
Anne's
County*

**THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY**

The Liberty Building
107 North Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

e-mail: QACCommissioners&Administrator@qac.org

County Commissioners:

James J. Moran, At Large
Jack N. Wilson, Jr., District 1
J. Patrick McLaughlin, District 2
Philip L. Dumenil, District 3
Christopher M. Corchiarino, District 4

*County Administrator: Todd R. Todd, PE
Executive Assistant to County Commissioners: Margie A. Houck
County Attorney: Patrick Thompson, Esquire*

March 28, 2023

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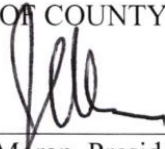
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Respectfully,

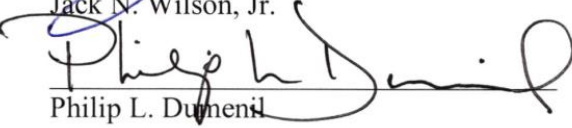
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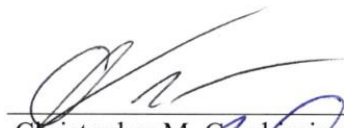
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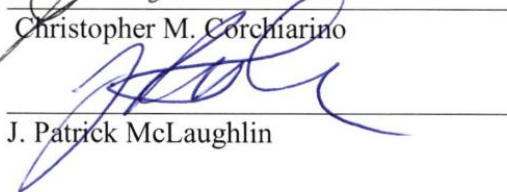
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cc Kent County Commissioners
Talbot County Council



Bonnie S. Pearsall, Inspector, Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Alcoholic Beverage License Updates

2023 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal Applications

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

04.18.23 KATE License Updates, The Backfin and Ford's Seafood, Inc.

04.15.23 The Backfin, Closure Inspection, License Surrendered

04.18.23 KATE's 2023 Alcoholic Beverage Renewal Recommendations



Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement

To: Commissioners Fithian, Nickerson, and Price
From: Bonnie S. Pearsall, Inspector, and Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk/KATE Manager
Date: April 18, 2023
Subject: License Updates: The Backfin and Ford's Seafood, Inc.

Memorandum

License Updates:

A closeout inspection of The Backfin was completed on April 15, 2023. No alcohol was found on the premises; a bulk transfer permit is not applicable. License No. 4760 a Class A Beer, Wine, Liquor, with a BWLT (Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting) License was surrendered. The license holder voluntarily surrendered the license before its expiration date.

At the April 4, 2023 Commissioners' meeting, the Commissioners approved a Class B, Beer license to Ford's Seafood, Inc. On April 17, 2023, License #4874 was issued.

These transactions will be recorded in the monthly report of retail license activity required by the Comptroller of Maryland, Field Enforcement Division.



**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
400 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620
Office: 410-810-2212 ■ Cell: 443-282-5785

Inspection Report Type: Routine

Follow-Up Type:

Date and Time: April 15, 2023 9:46 AM

Name of Establishment: Backfin

Address: 5707 Caroline Avenue

City, State, Zip: Rock Hall, MD
21661

Phone Number: 443-480-9013

License No.: 4760P

License Types: A, BWL, BWLT

TIPs Certified Person on Premise at Time of Inspection: No

Absentee Log Filled: No

Comment: Store closed

Licenses Publicly Displayed:

Alcohol License: No

Comment: Store closed

**Fire Marshal Load
Capacity:** N/A

Comment:

Kent County Health Department Food Service Facility License:
N/A

Comment:

**Maryland Sales & Use Tax
License:** No

Comment: Store closed

Maryland Traders License:
No

Comment: Store closed

Keg Registration: N/A

Comment:

Taps Properly Labeled: N/A

Comment:

Dispensing System Cleaned Every 7 Days: N/A

Comment:

Dispensing System Cleaning Records Properly Maintained: N/A

Comment:

Financial Records Maintained for 2 Years:



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MARYLAND**

Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
400 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620
Office: 410-810-2212 ■ Cell: 443-282-5785

Alcohol: No	Comment: Store closed
Food: N/A	Comment:
Alcohol Awareness Training	Comment: Store closed
Records: No	
Interior Signage Posted Against	Comment: Store closed
Selling to Minors: No	
Exterior Signage Posted	Comment: Store closed
Against Drinking in Parking	
Lot: No	
Prohibited Hours Posted (2 am	Comment: Store closed
- 6 am): No	
Consumption After Hours: No	Comment:
<u>Storage:</u>	
On License Premise: No	Comment: Store closed
Controlled Storage: No	Comment: Store closed
Off-Premise Storage	Comment:
Permit: N/A	
Does There Need to Be a Follow-Up?: No	
Notations/Warnings: Store has been closed. Close out Inspection . No Alcohol at location. Liquor License Surrendered.	
Violations: None	
Email: dlegg2@washcoll.edu	
Verify Email Address: dlegg@kentgov.org	
Licensee/Employee Name (Print): Tori Bershon	
Signature:	

Tori Bershon



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MARYLAND**

Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement
400 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620
Office: 410-810-2212 ■ Cell: 443-282-5785

Inspector Name (Print): Bonnie Pearsall

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bonnie Pearsall", written over a horizontal line.





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400 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620
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Kent Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement

To: Commissioners Fithian, Nickerson, and Price
From: Bonnie S. Pearsall, Inspector, and Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk/KATE Manager
Date: April 18, 2023
Subject: 2023 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals

Memorandum

All County issued alcoholic beverage licenses expire on the last day of April. Renewal applications must be approved by the Board of License Commissioners.

52 licensees submitted their renewal applications. Having met the basic requirements for their application to be considered by the Board, the staff recommends approval and acceptance of the applications including any changes noted.

8 licensees submitted a renewal application and are subject to one or more contingencies. Staff recommends approval of the applications, subject to meeting the contingencies noted.

4 establishments not considered for renewal:

1. The Backfin, Donna Legg, General Partner, and Tori Bershon, Limited Partner, surrendered their liquor license on April 15, 2023. The store has permanently closed.
2. Galena Liquors, Roopa Dusia, President, has not submitted a renewal application and we do not anticipate receiving one. This license has been put on hold by the Comptroller of Maryland. Establishment will be closing permanently.
3. PDB (Phat Daddy's BBQ), William Holland, has not submitted a renewal application and we do not know if we will be receiving one.
4. Waterman's Crab House, William J. Weldon, President and Debra J. Weldon, Member, have sold the business and will not be renewing their license. The new owners are in the process of submitting a new application.

A detailed list of renewals is attached for your reference.



Chester River Hospital Auxiliary Grant Application 4/18/2023 County Commissioners Meeting

Item Summary:

Letter of Support

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

04.18.23 Barbara Fisher, Capital Grant Administrator, Chester River Hospital Auxiliary Grant Application, Support Letter



The County Commissioners of Kent County
Ronald H. Fithian, President | Albert H. Nickerson, Member | John F. Price, Member
Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator | Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney

April 18, 2023

Ms. Barbara Fisher
Capital Grant Administrator
Maryland Historic Trust
100 Community Place, 3rd Floor
Crownsville, MD 21032

Re: Letter of Support – Chester River Hospital Auxiliary Grant Application to Maryland Historical Trust

Dear Ms. Fisher:

The Commissioners of Kent County support the Chester River Hospital Center Auxiliary's application to the Maryland Historical Trust's (MHT) Historic Preservation Capital Grant program for an amount up to \$50,000.00, to fund the re-pointing of the bricks on the exterior of its circa 1800 building.

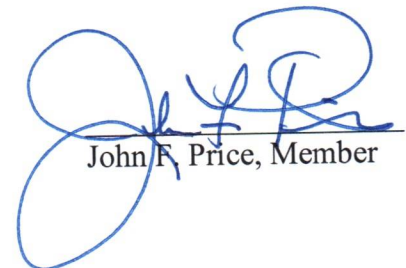
The building, formerly the first Methodist Meeting House in Chestertown, was designated a National Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places on April 15, 1970. It is inventoried on the Maryland Historic Trust Sites Survey of 1976 (Item K-52). As a highly visible building of significant historical value, its revitalization and exterior maintenance will benefit all of our citizens. The building is now known as the Auxiliary's Nearly New Building and currently houses the Auxiliary's thrift store, the Nearly New Shop, and two rental offices located on the second floor.

The Nearly New Shop is the primary generator of revenue for the Auxiliary. The MHT grant would permit the Auxiliary to continue its successful thrift store and rental business and donating the proceeds to benefit the patients served by our Maryland Rural Hospital.

Very truly yours,
THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND


Ronald H. Fithian, President


Albert H. Nickerson, Member


John F. Price, Member

KCC/ltc

cc: Maryann M. Ruehrmund, Executive Liaison, Chester River Hospital Center Auxiliary



**Robert Fogwell, Written Notice
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting**

ATTACHMENTS:
Description



Procedures For Public Comment 4/18/2023 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

04.18.23 Public Comments Sign In Sheet

Press and Public Comments

**PUBLIC COMMENTS
SIGN IN SHEET
April 18, 2023**

NAME (please print)	ADDRESS	TOPIC
Peland Sheppard	KCDC	
Stephanie Suttakari	KCDC	
David Schroth	KCDC	
Alecia Jacobs	KCDC	
JEFF THOMPSON	KRNT CHIEFS	

Justin Newman	KCDC
Kenyon Johns	KCDC
Ernest L Wicks	KCAC

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



**Maryland Department of Environment Water and Science
Administration
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting**

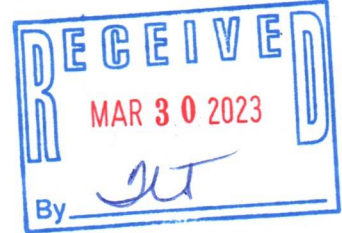
Item Summary:

Notice of Application

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

03.30.23 Maryland Department of The Environment Water and Science Administration Notice of Application



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Application Received for State Permit
and Opportunity for Hearing

Issue Date: March 30, 2023 in The Kent County News

The Water and Science Administration (Administration) is reviewing the application for the State Permit listed below. The application and related information are on file at the Administration; arrangements may be made for inspection and copying. Opportunity is afforded to individuals to provide written comments, to request a public informational hearing or to be placed on an interested persons list for the listed application. Any further notices about actions on an application will be provided only by mail to those individuals on a mailing list of interested persons. Comments or requests for an informational hearing must be received in writing by the Administration on or before April 14, 2023. All inquiries and requests should include the permit application number; your name, address and telephone number; and should be addressed to Robert Peoples, Chief, Source Protection and Water Appropriation Division, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21230. Telephone: (410) 537-3590.

KENT COUNTY

KE2021G001/01 – Harborview Farms Partnership, 5376 Eastern Neck Road, Rock Hall, MD 21661, has applied to appropriate and use an annual average of 258,500 gallons of groundwater per day (gpd) and 1,571,000 gpd during the month of maximum use for crop irrigation. Water will be withdrawn from up to eight wells in the Aquia aquifer. The project is located on the east side of Airy Hill Road, approximately 0.5 miles south of its intersection with Chestertown Road, Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland.

The wells will be drilled to a depth of approximately 130 feet. Impacts to the resource and other users were evaluated using aquifer data from geologic reports available to the Administration. In making the evaluation, the withdrawal was modeled as being pumped continuously for the maximum requested allocation with no recharge to the aquifer. Pumping during periods of maximum use may lower the water table about 35 feet at a distance of ¼ mile from the withdrawal. Permit conditions to protect nearby homeowners from adverse impacts to their water supplies will be included if the permit is granted. The conditions will require the Permittee to pay all costs needed to restore or replace any water supply well adversely impacted by their withdrawal.



**Tawanda A. Bailey, Chair, Maryland Commission For Women
4/18/2023
County Commissioners Meeting**

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

04.06.23 Tawanda A. Bailey, Chair, Maryland Commission for Women
2023 CFWs in Maryland - Mission and Numbers



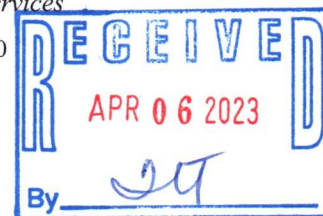
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Maryland Commission for Women

A Commission of the Maryland Department of Human Services

51 Monroe Street, Ste. 1034 – Rockville, Maryland 20850
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April 6, 2023



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The Honorable Ronald H. Fithian, President
The Honorable Albert H. Nickerson, Commissioner
The Honorable John F. Price, Commissioner
Kent County Commissioners
Government Center
400 High St.
Chestertown, MD 21620

Dear President Fithian, Commissioner Nickerson and Commissioner Price:

The Maryland Commission for Women writes to you again to urge the establishment of a Commission for Women in Kent County to advise the County Government and residents on the issues of importance to the women, girls, and their families, living in your jurisdiction.

Commissions for Women are advisory boards providing informed counsel to their governments and to the public. Of Maryland's 24 major jurisdictions, 17 have active, working Commissions for Women appointed by the County Government's top elected officials.

Every one of the existing County Commissions for Women partnered with the Maryland Commission for Women in conducting research on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women. One thing that survey made evident is that while women across the state share common concerns, there are needs and issues unique to each jurisdiction as well, and these need a vehicle for their expression.

Caroline County is one of only seven counties in our state that have not yet established an official voice for women. Without that commission, hearing the voices of women and girls, understanding and responding to their needs is much more difficult – for you and for us.

For these reasons, we urge you to establish a Kent County Commission for Women. We would be happy to provide examples of county legislation establishing a Commission for Women, or to provide any further assistance that might be helpful.

Sincerely,

Tawanda A. Bailey, Chair

County/City Commissions for Women (CFWs) in Maryland

As of April 2023

24 major jurisdictions in Maryland

- **23 counties**
- **Baltimore City**

As of this date, there are 17 active county/city CFWs:

- Allegany County
- Anne Arundel County
- Baltimore City
- Baltimore County
- Calvert County
- Cecil County
- Charles County
- Frederick County
- Garrett County
- Harford County
- Howard County
- Montgomery County
- Prince George' County
- St. Mary's County
- Washington County
- Wicomico County
- Worcester County

As of this date, there are seven Counties that do not have an active CFW:

- Caroline County
- Carroll County
- Dorchester County
- Kent County
- Queen Anne's County
- Somerset County
- Talbot County

County/City Commissions for Women in Maryland

April 2023

- **Allegany County**
 - **Purpose/Mission/Duties (per website):**

The Allegany County Commission for Women is an all-volunteer group that was re-activated in 2019. This Commission focuses on assisting in identifying and working to find solution to the problems and concerns of women and promotes equality of all women. The aim is also to foster a close relationship and exchange of ideas among women and organizations that impact them and to serve as a referral source for opportunities for women
 - **Number of Commissioners: 15**
- **Anne Arundel County**
 - **Purpose/Mission/Duties (per Executive Order #17):**
 - Advise the County Executive on issues of significance to women;
 - Cooperate with the County Executive, governmental agencies, and private industry in programs beneficial to women;
 - Provide direction in solving problems of particular concerns to women through community outreach and education;
 - Increase community awareness of women's opportunities and problems
 - Act as a resource and advocacy group to promote equal rights for women;
 - Promote political, economic and social equality for women.
 - **Number of Commissioners: 18**
- **Baltimore City**
 - **Purpose/Mission/Duties (excerpted from:**
<https://baltimore.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2175023&GUID=E8581B93-ACDB-42DB-88C8-85B7A68F2C5B&Options=&Search=&FullText=1>):
 - Develop an information and referral system for all services in the City related to women
 - Recommend other services when a need is determined
 - Conduct research, policy analysis, and public information and education programs and activities to assist in addressing the needs of women
 - Institute and conduct other programs, meetings, and conferences to promote equal rights and opportunities for all women; These programs and activities shall address the special needs of women related to race, age, national origin, religious preference, disability, sexual preference, physical characteristics, marital status, reproductive health, and economic status
 - Review and monitor the conditions of women in the workforce in Baltimore City
 - make recommendations promoting equal pay for work of equal value and equitable representation by women in all job levels
 - Direct attention to the problems facing women in the workforce
 - Advise and counsel the residents of Baltimore City, the City Council, the Mayor, and the various departments and agencies of the City, state, and federal governments on all matters involving women's lives

- Recommend [such] programs and legislation [as] it [deems] CONSIDERS necessary and proper to promote and ensure equal rights, equal opportunities, and equal access to services for all persons regardless of gender
 - Review and evaluate the impact of existing and proposed policies and programs and legislation affecting women
 - Work to remove inequalities due to discrimination or prejudice on the basis of gender in housing, recreation, employment, education, community services, criminal justice, financing, credit, insurance, and related matters
 - Monitor City government so as to ensure the equitable representation of women on all City boards and commissions.
- **Number of Commissioners:** 19
- **Baltimore County**
 - **Purpose/Mission/Duties (From: [Baltimore County, Maryland - Code of Ordinances; ARTICLE 3. - ADMINISTRATION, TITLE 3- BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, PANELS, AND FOUNDATIONS, SUBTITLE 19. - COMMISSION FOR WOMEN](#)):**
 - When necessary, develop an information and referral system for all services in the county related specifically to the needs of women and recommend other services when a need for other services is determined;
 - Research, assemble, analyze, and disseminate pertinent data and educational materials relating to activities and programs which will assist in meeting the needs of women and in the elimination of prejudice and discrimination on account of sex;
 - Institute and conduct educational and other programs, meetings, and conferences to promote equal rights and opportunities for all women;
 - In performance of its duties, cooperate with interested citizens, community, business, professional, technical, educational, and civic organizations;
 - Cooperate with the County Executive and all governmental agencies and boards and commissions and refer to the County Executive and to the proper governmental agencies matters under their jurisdiction;
 - Study and investigate by means of meetings, conferences, and public hearings conditions which demonstrate unmet needs of women;
 - Advise and counsel the residents of the county, the County Council, the County Executive, and the various departments of the county, state, and federal governments on matters involving the needs of women and on matters relating to discrimination and prejudice on account of sex and recommend procedures, programs, or legislation it considers necessary and proper to promote and ensure equal rights and opportunities for all women;
 - Work to remove inequalities due to unmet needs of women in areas including housing, recreation, employment, education, community services, and related matters;
- **Number of Commissioners:** 21

- **Calvert County**

- **Purpose/Mission/Duties (Per Resolution 32 – 92):**

- Serve as a clearing house for women's activities throughout the state to avoid duplication of effort
 - Compile information on specific areas of concern to women in Calvert County;
 - Recommend methods of overcoming discrimination and methods to enhance the status of all Calvert County women;
 - Promote experiences and opportunities by which women can develop their skills, continue their education and re-enter the career field of their choice; and
 - Give recognition to the contributions of women in Calvert County.

- **Number of Commissioners: 15**

- **Cecil County**

- **Purpose/Mission/Duties (From Article III, Ch. 84 of the 1990 Code of Public Local Laws, Ch 182, Section 1):**

The purpose of the Commission is to raise awareness of issues affecting women and families and to advocate for women and families in order to assist them in attaining the best quality of life for themselves and their families.

- **Number of Commissioners: 12**

- **Charles County**

- **Purpose/Mission/Duties (per website <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions-committees-and-workgroups/commission-for-women>)**

The Commissioners established the Charles County Commission for Women in 1996 by Resolution #96-34 to better define and identify services needed for women in the county. The Commission for Women works to raise awareness of issues affecting women and families by serving as a conduit between women and existing services and advocating for programs, education, and legislation. Members are appointed by the Charles County Commissioners for 4-year terms.

- **Number of Commissioners: 19**

- **Frederick County**

- **Purpose/Mission/Duties (Frederick County Code, Sections 1-2-101 to 1-2-107)**

- To provide a central agency for the collection and referral of activities and services of interest to women;
 - To promote a positive image of women by recognizing their accomplishments;
 - To advocate for the women's constituency to the legislature, the judiciary, the executive, the media, and the public;
 - To identify, study, evaluate, and eradicate, as an advocate, discrimination against all women;
 - To develop and implement programs that will expand women's educational and employment opportunities;
 - To strengthen home life by directing attention to critical problems confronting women;
 - To educate women in the processes of seeking leadership roles;
 - To encourage women to seek political office, either elective or appointive;

- To recommend such procedures, programs, or legislation as it may deem necessary and proper to promote and ensure equal rights and opportunities for all persons, regardless of their gender;
 - To advise and counsel the residents of Frederick County and all government agencies on all matters involving the needs of women and especially those matters relating to discrimination or prejudice on account of gender.
- **Number of Commissioners:** 15
- **Garrett County**
 - **Purpose/Mission/Duties:**
 - To collaborate with other Garrett County Departments and Agencies for the purpose of facilitating the commission's mission and purpose
 - To monitor legislation affecting women
 - To establish an information and referral system that consists of all services in Garrett County specifically related to women
 - To inform the public of the nature and extent of sex discrimination and the range of issues affecting women in Garrett County
 - **Number of Commissioners:** 12 – 15
- **Harford County**
 - **Purpose/Mission/Duties (Harford County Code, Article X, Sections 9-60 – 9-70)**
 - The Commission shall assemble, analyze and disseminate information which will assist in meeting the needs of women.
 - The Commission shall study the conditions which demonstrate inequalities, identify unmet needs concerning women and recommend procedures and legislation to remedy them.
 - The Commission shall issue a policy recommendation by a majority vote of the Commissioners.
 - The Commission shall develop and implement programs to educate women in the process of seeking leadership positions.
 - The Commission shall work with the County Executive, the County Council and the Department of Community Services in order to expand the potential of the Office of and the Commission for Women.
 - The Commission shall review legislation and policy decisions in order to identify the impact they have on women.
 - The Commission shall expand educational and employment opportunities for women.
 - The Commission shall promote a positive image of women and secure recognition of their accomplishments.
 - The Commission shall conduct workshops and public information forums relative to women's issues.
 - **Number of Commissioners:** 15

- **Howard County**

- **Purpose/Mission/Duties** (per website: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/boards-commissions/commission-women#:~:text=About-,The%20Howard%20County%20Commission%20for%20Women%20was%20established%20by%20statute,activities%20to%20support%20this%20purpose.>)
 - Collecting, analyzing and disseminating information to assist in changing attitudes and eliminating discriminatory behavior
 - Studying conditions which demonstrate inequalities and unmet needs concerning women, issuing position papers, and recommending procedures or legislation to remedy them
 - Stimulating efforts to expand educational and employment opportunities for women
 - Promoting recognition of women's accomplishments
 - Publicizing activities and services of interest to women
- **Number of Commissioners:** 12, including one student member

- **Montgomery County**

- **Purpose/Mission/Duties** (Public Policy (1972 L.M.C., Ch. 22, § 1; 1977 L.M.C., Ch. 30, § 13)
 - Develop when necessary an information and referral system for all services in the County related specifically to the needs of women, and to develop other services when a need for such services is determined.
 - Research, assemble, analyze, and disseminate pertinent data and educational materials relating to activities and programs which will assist in meeting the needs of women and in the elimination of prejudice and discrimination on account of sex; and to institute and conduct educational and other programs, meetings, and conferences to promote equal rights and opportunities for all women. In performance of its duties, the Commission shall cooperate with interested citizens, community, business, professional, technical, educational, and civic organizations.
 - Cooperate with the County Executive and all governmental agencies concerned with matters within the jurisdiction of the commission.
 - Study and investigate by means of public or private meetings, conferences and public hearings, conditions which demonstrate unmet needs, or discrimination or prejudice because of sex.
 - Advise and counsel the residents of the County, the Council, the County Executive and the various departments of County, State, and Federal governments on matters involving the needs of women and on matters relating to discrimination and prejudice on account of sex, and to recommend such procedures, program, or legislation as it may deem necessary and proper to promote and insure equal rights and opportunities for all persons, regardless of their sex.
 - Work to remove inequalities due to unmet needs or discrimination and prejudice on the basis of sex in such areas as housing, recreation, employment, education, community services, and related matters.
 - To adopt, under method (2) of section 2A-15 of this Code, such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this article; to keep a record of its activities and minutes of all meetings; such records and minutes shall be on file and shall be open to the public at reasonable business hours upon request.

- To prepare and submit to the county executive a budget to include the recommended appropriation for its own operation. In submitting a recommended budget for carrying out the operation of the commission, the county executive shall take into consideration the recommendations of the commission.
 - **Number of Commissioners:** 15
- **Prince George's County**
 - **Purpose/Mission/Duties (CB-166-1972):**
 - Develop when necessary an information and referral system for all services in the County related specifically to the needs of women, and to develop other services when a need for such services is determined.
 - Research, assemble, analyze, and disseminate pertinent data and educational materials relating to activities and programs which will assist in meeting the needs of women and in the elimination of prejudice and discrimination on account of sex; and to institute and conduct educational and other programs, meetings, and conferences to promote equal rights and opportunities for all women. In performance of its duties, the Commission shall cooperate with interested citizens, community, business, professional, technical, educational, and civic organizations.
 - Cooperate with the County Executive and all governmental agencies, and to refer to the County Executive and to the proper governmental agencies any matters already in the jurisdiction of their existing powers, with the intent that duplication of effort will be avoided.
 - Study and investigate by means of public or private meetings, conferences and public hearings, conditions which demonstrate unmet needs, or discrimination or prejudice because of sex.
 - Advise and counsel the residents of the County, the Council, the County Executive and the various departments of County, State, and Federal governments on matters involving the needs of women and on matters relating to discrimination and prejudice on account of sex, and to recommend such procedures, program, or legislation as it may deem necessary and proper to promote and insure equal rights and opportunities for all women.
 - Work to remove inequalities due to unmet needs or discrimination and prejudice on the basis of sex in such areas as housing, recreation, employment, education, community services, and related matters.
 - **Number of Commissioners:** 11
- **St. Mary's County**
 - **Purpose/Mission/Duties (Resolution No. 2015 – 25)**

The Commission shall consider matters involving the concerns of and issues affecting women, such as employment, education, health, public office, home and legal rights.
 - **Number of Commissioners:** 11

- **Washington County**
 - **Purpose/Mission/Duties**
 - Serve as a source of information and referral for women;
 - Identify, research, and help to find solutions to the problems of women and girls;
 - Promote the full and equal participation of women in work, government and society;
 - Strengthen home life by directing attention to critical problems confronting women as wives, mothers, homemakers and workers;
 - Recommend methods of overcoming discrimination against women in public and private employment and encourage women to become candidates for public office; and
 - Secure appropriate recognition of women's accomplishments and contributions to Washington County.
 - **Number of Commissioners:** 15
- **Wicomico County**
 - **Purpose/Mission/Duties** (Resolution No. 106-202 1)
 - The Wicomico Commission on Women is a non-partisan organization dedicated to enriching the lives of women and families by focusing on issues of importance and concern to them including education, economic opportunities, health care, social issues and legislation. The Commission advocates for women and advises the County Executive and County government on all areas of concern.
 - The mission of the Commission is to create a stronger Wicomico County by addressing challenges faced by women, fostering opportunities, removing barriers and promoting a positive image of women.
 - **Number of Commissioners:** 13
- **Worcester County**
 - **Purpose/Mission/Duties** (Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Worcester County: Subtitle I, 11-28-1995 as Bill No. 95-18.)
 - The purpose of the Commission is to promote a positive image for women by assisting them in achieving economic, social and political equality.
 - The Commission shall have such duties in furtherance of its purpose, as from time to time assigned by or approved by the County Commissioners.
 - **Number of Commissioners:** 11 with 4 ex-officio



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Spend Plan 4/18/2023 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

4-4-2023 ARPA Fund Commissioner Report

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND
AS OF COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES DATED
4/4/2023**

Project	Department	Project Estimate	Date Approved	Amount Approved	Date Completed
Feed the Elderly Year 1	Local Management Board	112,800	08/31/21	112,800	
Feed the Elderly Year 2 and 3	Local Management Board	204,115	03/08/22	204,115	
Clariflocculator Replacement Project	Water & Wastewater Fund	275,000	08/31/21	275,000	6/28/2022
Clariflocculator Replacement Project Change Order #1		2,817	01/11/22	2,817	6/28/2022
Clariflocculator Replacement Project Change Order #2		90,642	01/11/22	90,642	11/23/2022
AV System	Information Technology	67,429	10/26/21	67,429	
IT Software	Information Technology	27,095	10/26/21	27,095	
Neighborhood & Infrastructure Grants	Information Technology	262,227	12/14/21	262,227	
A/V Equipment in EOC	Emergency Operation Center	14,087	02/01/22	14,087	
SCADA Pump Station Monitoring	Water & Wastewater Fund	110,065	02/08/22	110,065	
Millington/RT301 Wastewater Treatment Feasibility Study	Water & Wastewater Fund	57,500	02/08/22	57,500	
Millington/RT301 Wastewater Conveyance System Capacity Study		9,500	09/27/22	9,500	
Tolchester Wastewater-Design Services Influent Screen	Water & Wastewater Fund	52,910	02/08/22	52,910	
Tolchester Wastewater - Bid Services and Const. Management		35,735	09/27/22	35,735	
Tolchester Wastewater Influent Screen Construction		652,897			
Worton WWTP Influent Lagoon Engineer Design & Bid Services	Water & Wastewater Fund	32,981	03/22/22	32,981	
Worton WWTP Influent Lagoon Engineer Const. Management		43,736	03/08/23	43,736	
Worton WWTP Lagoon Sludge Removal Contract		1,400,500	12/13/22	1,400,500	
Kennedyville Pump Station #2 Relocation Design	Water & Wastewater Fund	52,338	09/27/22	52,338	
Kennedyville Pump Station #2 Relocation Const. Management		<i>Deferred</i>			
Kennedyville Pump Station #2 Construction		<i>Deferred</i>			
Worton/Kennedyville GIS Water and Sewer Facilities Mapping	Water & Wastewater Fund	75,770	09/27/22	75,770	
Worton Vehicle Storage Building & site prep/lighting/heat	Water & Wastewater Fund	40,000	10/25/22	40,000	
Worton WWTP Solids Press Replacement Design	Water & Wastewater Fund	40,000.00			
Worton WWTP Solids Press Replacement Construction Management		20,000.00			
Worton WWTP Solids Press Replacement		250,000.00			
Total Amount of Funds Committed		<u>\$ 3,930,144</u>		<u>\$ 2,967,247</u>	
Amount of ARPA Funds		3,766,777		3,766,777	
Balance of ARPA Funds Remaining		<u>\$ (163,367)</u>		<u>\$ 799,530</u>	



Contingency and Use of Fund Balance Report 4/18/2023 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

4-4-2023 Commissioner Report Contingency

**FY23 CONTINGENCY & USE OF FUND BALANCE
AS OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES DATED
April 4, 2023**

CONTINGENCY					
Date Approved				Amount Approved	Description
6/14/22	Upper Shore Aging	\$	15,000	To secure a grant funded prgram	-
6/14/22	Circuit Court/Building and Grounds		25,000	Arch Design-lobby expansion design phase	-
8/9/22	Circuit Court/Building and Grounds		11,291	Asbestors Abatement - Court House - asbestors insulation around exposed heat pipes	-
9/6/22	Kent Ag Center, Inc.		7,385	Kent Ag Center-Pavilion Roof	-
9/6/22	Kent Ag Center, Inc.		9,600	Kent Aq Center-pavilion electrical work	-
9/6/22	LPPI Parks		20,000	Worton Park multipurpose field lighting project	-
9/6/22	Kent Ag Center, Inc.		1,000	Kent Ag Center-asbestos assessment report of two buildings at Kent Aq Center	-
9/27/22	Kent Ag Center, Inc.		1,625	Kent Aq Center-asbestos assessment report of two buildinas at Kent Aq Center	-
12/13/22	Office of Finance		28,275	Central Square Payments-Web Enablement, Click2Gov Tax & CIS, Accounts Receivable	-
2/7/23	Water & Wastewater Fund		18,650	Edesville sewer service district-Parcel 46 Lover's Lane contruction of sewer service line to the manhole	-
2/28/23	Commissioners Office		14,000	Greenwill Consulting Group, Inc. Contract costs \$33,000, remainder of contract in FY24	-
2/28/23	Office of Finance		3,465	Central Square Payments-3rd module \$2340 Paymentus-5 devices @ \$1125 ea	-
3/8/23	Water & Wastewater Fund		6,850	Fairlee Water Plant-replacement of water treatment filter media	-
3/14/23	Parks and Recreation		23,640	Millington pool replaster	-
3/14/23	Parks		4,500	Fencing around Granary Building	-
4/4/23	The Chestertown Tea Party		10,000	Wi-Fi assistance for The Chesterown Tea Party festival	-
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TOTAL		\$	200,281		
BEGINNING CONTINGENCY BUDGET		\$	400,000		
ENDING CONTINGENCY BALANCE		\$	199,719		

USE OF FUND BALANCE					
Date Approved				Amount Approved	Description
07/01/2022	State Attorney's Office		8,000	Increase in State Attorney's Salary	
07/01/2022	Sheriff's Office		6,400	Increase in Sheriff's Salary	
09/20/2022	Detention Center		16,794	Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment Initiative. additional costs of employee benefits.	
11/15/2022	Water & Wastewater Fund		71,672	Utility Tech position-salary and benefits	
12/13/2022	Emergency Medical Service		152,794	EMT (2) positions-salary and benefits	
12/13/2022	Office of Finance		19,172	Central Square Payments, Web Enablement Fusion, Click2Gov Tax & CIS, Accounts Receivable	
02/14/2023	Human Resources		96,883	New HR Coordinator position	
TOTAL		\$	371,715		
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.					