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Dear Michael:

Enclosed is the Program Open Space Annual Plan for Wicomico County for fiscal year 2024. Maps delineating the location of each proposed project are attached for your reference.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven E. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Steven E. Miller  
Director  
Recreation, Parks & Tourism

# FY24 Wicomico County Annual Program Open Space Plan

## I. INTRODUCTION:

The 2022 Wicomico County Land Preservation, Parks & Recreation Plan (LPPRP) serves as a guide in maintaining the County's quality of life in the face of increasing population. The plan, like its predecessors, lays out measures to use natural resources wisely and provide suitable areas to meet recreational needs for present and future residents of the County. Projects outlined in the LPPRP are designed to stimulate new development, revitalize existing neighborhoods affecting their ability to attract new businesses and residents, generate tourist dollars, increase property values and provide additional tax revenue.

Over the past 50 plus years, Program Open Space funding has enabled Wicomico County to develop an outstanding system of parks making it a very desirable place to live. The FY24 POS Annual Plan will focus on maintaining safety and functionality through rehabilitation of existing park facilities. Project requests exceed Wicomico's unencumbered POS balance and will be paired down accordingly.

## II. PLAN OBJECTIVES:

The projects under consideration will fulfill the following policy and program recommendations outlined in the 2022 LPPRP:

RP-1 *Work with DNR, MDP, MDOT, and local agencies/stakeholders to develop trail systems within the County and increase connectivity to State-owned lands.*

The proposed Pirate's Wharf development project would increase trail access and connectivity in the overall system.

RP-2 *Develop recreational programming and leisure opportunities for citizens and tourists to enjoy low impact eco-tourism activities such as hiking, biking, equestrian, and non-motorized water sports.*

The proposed Cove Road parking and site improvements would increase water access and opportunities for these types of activities for local residents and visitors.

RP-5 *Continue to evaluate older playgrounds to ensure compliance with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines.*

Projects under consideration for FY24 include new play equipment at Adkins Mill Park.

RP-6 *Continue to enhance the comprehensive parks maintenance management program to ensure safe and attractive parks and to replace older equipment and vehicles.*

Projects under consideration for FY24 include restoration of the tennis courts at Nick Meyer and San Domingo basketball court.

RP-8 Continue to bring visitors and dollars into the County by leveraging the County's outstanding recreation and parks system, Board of Education facilities, and facilities operated by private entities.

Projects under consideration for FY24 include: Pirate's Wharf park improvements which will serve local residents and enhance the County's profile to attract tourism-related outdoor enjoyment.

RP-9 Continue to strengthen municipal, recreation council & stakeholder relationships to support programs and park operations.

The proposed resurfacing of tennis courts by the City of Salisbury would enhance the municipal park system and could lead to future opportunities for park and program development.

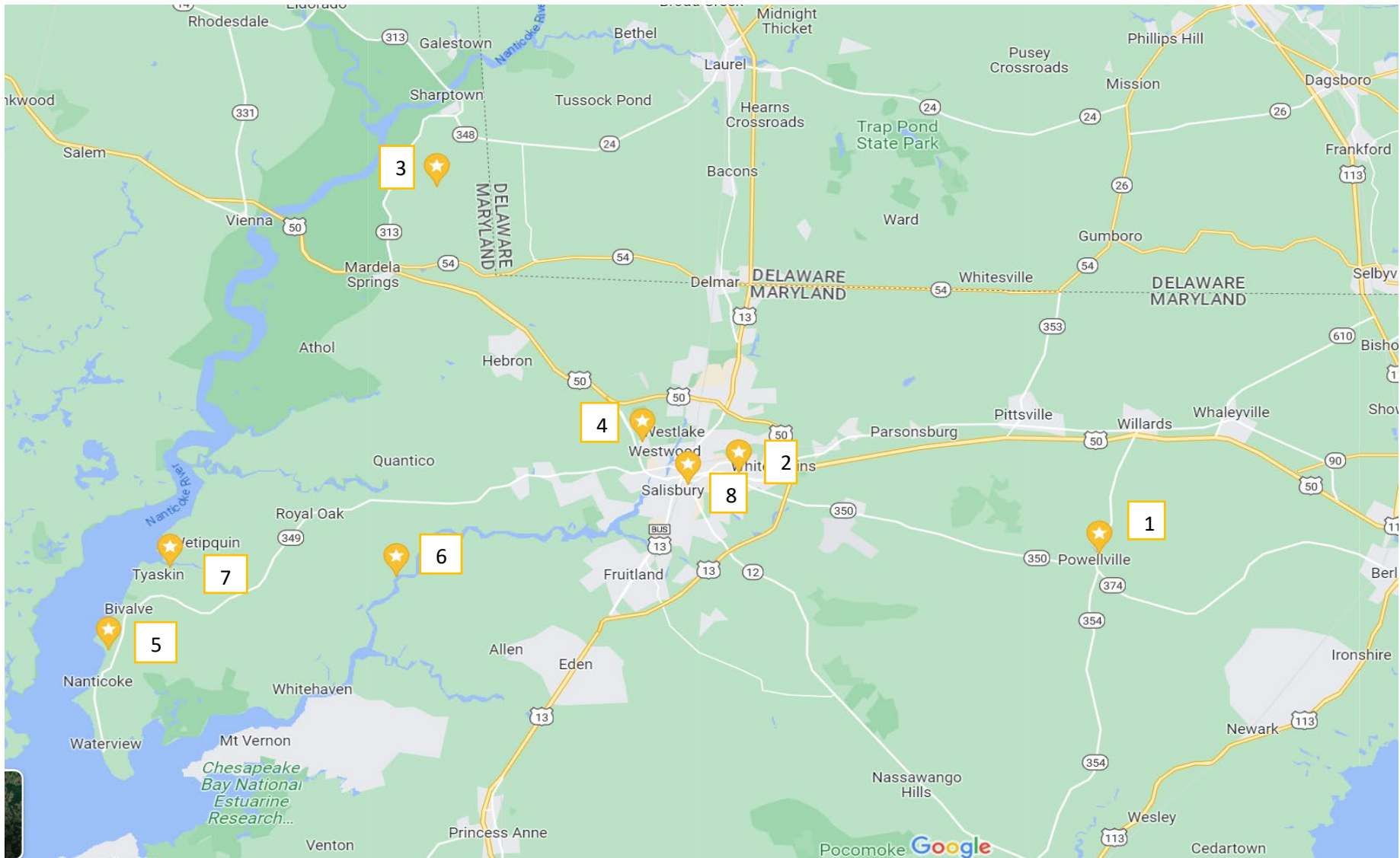
### **III. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS:**

Each year municipalities and their respective local recreation councils are asked to submit a list of projects to be considered in the County's Annual POS plan. Selection of projects is recommended by the Wicomico County Recreation Commission, a 14-member citizen board representing each of the County's planning districts. Recommendations of the Commission are given to the Wicomico County Executive's office for final approval and are included in budget submissions to the Wicomico County Council (for match funding) before being submitted to the State.

The following criteria are employed to evaluate each of the proposed projects:

- Consistency with the County's Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan;
- Available funding including cost/benefit analysis; and
- Evidence of the required local funding match.

The enclosed Annual Plan includes projects as recommended by the Recreation & Parks Commission and County Administration.



### KEY TO SITES

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| 1. Adkins Mill Playground                              | 5. Cove Road Beach Parking/Site Improvements |
| 2. Nick Meyer Tennis Courts                            | 6. Pirate's Wharf Development                |
| 3. San Domingo Basketball Courts and Perimeter Fencing | 7. Wetipquin Park Improvements               |
| 4. Indian Village Basketball Court                     | 8. City of Salisbury Tennis Courts           |

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE								
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT-FISCAL YEAR 2024								
SPONSOR	PROJECT NAME, PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only ('000s)			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State (POS)	Federal
1 Wicomico County	<b>Adkins Mill Playground</b> - Install play module and equipment that is consistent with National Playground Safety Standards	33.7	33.7	0.1	\$75,000	\$7,500	\$67,500	
2 Wicomico County	<b>Nick Meyer Tennis Courts</b> - Resurface and stripe bituminous concrete court.	5	5	0.1	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$90,000	
3 Wicomico County	<b>San Domingo Basketball Court Restoration and Perimeter Fencing</b> - Resurface and stripe bituminous concrete court and install new perimeter fencing around the community park	23	23	0.1	\$105,000	\$10,500	\$94,500	
4 Wicomico County	<b>Indian Village Basketball Court Restoration</b> -Resurface and stripe bituminous concrete court.	6.00	6.00	0.1	\$110,000	\$11,000	\$99,000	
5 Wicomico County	<b>Cove Road Parking and Site Improvements</b> - Expand parking and include additional park amenities such as picnic & grill areas, shade structure and improved access points/wayfinding for the expanded beach area.	1.25	1.25	1	\$138,000	\$13,800	\$124,200	
6 Wicomico County	<b>Pirate's Wharf</b> - Park development project which will include construction of trails, soft launch area, parking/roadway access, observation decks/fishing piers, playground, wayfinding signage and other landscaping & park amenities.	340.7	340.7	10	\$493,000	\$49,300	\$443,700	
7 Wicomico County	<b>Wetipquin Park Improvements</b> - Project includes installation of small fishing pier, pavilion, soft launch area, and other park amenities.	2.70	2.70	1.00	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$135,000	
8 Wicomico County	<b>City Park Tennis Courts</b> - Resurface the courts by grinding, repaving, sealing and striping four courts.	41.00	41.00	0.5	\$110,000	\$11,000	\$99,000	
<b>TOTALS:</b>					<b>\$1,281,000</b>	<b>\$128,100</b>	<b>\$1,152,900</b>	

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

SPONSOR	PROJECT NAME, PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only ('000s)			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State (POS)	Federal
								\$0
<b>Total</b>					\$0		\$0	