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Program Open Space is a state program providing aid for the acquisition and development of public recreational areas. The program is funded through the collection of State property transfer taxes. For the fiscal year 2024 \$ 89,189,998 was appropriated in POS funds state wide with \$993,046 being allocated to Allegany County to fund local projects. The County has received **18 protentional projects for 2024**. Each project was reviewed by Allegany County's Program Open Space committee and **17 were deemed consistent with the County's 2022-2027 Local Land Preservation and Recreation Plan**. The program Open Space Committee recommends approving the following projects for funding in the fiscal year 2024:

1. Allegany College of Maryland's "A Green Field for Safety". The proposed project would allow ACM to install a new irrigation system for the soccer and softball field located at ACM. Total project cost \$100,00 with POS funding \$75,000.
2. Allegany College of Maryland's "ACM Baseball Field Phase III". This would allow the final improvement to the existing baseball field. Improvement includes new dugouts, safety fencing for the outfield and baseline, and a home plate halo. Total project cost is \$226,000 with POS funding \$180,800.
3. Cresaptown Civic Improvement Association's "PVAA Picnic Tables and Park Benches". This project would replace six picnic tables that were damaged due to a collapsed pavilion and add six pedestrian benches at various locations withing the PVVA Sports Complex. Total project cost \$19,695 with POS funding \$17,725.
4. City of Frostburg's "Glending Recreation Complex Improvement". The scope of the project includes replacing the basketball court goals, replace wooden stairs at Field 8 with concrete stairs, regrading Field 6 and adding new infield mix, replacement of the playground equipment, adding storm water drainage to field 8 and replacing park signage. Total project cost \$100,100 with POS funding 90,090.00
5. Town of Lonaconing's "New Accessories for Furnace Park". Funding would allow the Town of Lonaconing to install 4 six-foot benches and 4 picnic tables in the Historic Iron Furnace Park. Total project cost \$11,460 with POS funding 10,314.
6. Town of Luke's "Legacy Park Rubber Mulch". This project would allow the Town of Luke to place a 2in depth of recycled rubber mulch at the Legacy Park. Total project cost \$10,000 with POS funding \$9,000.
7. Town of Luke's "Pratt Street Surfacing". They are seeking funding for excavation and installation of concrete and a new park bench swing. Total project \$11,900 with POS funding \$10,710.
8. Town of Westernport's "Maryland Avenue Playground". The project would consist of removing current playground equipment and installing a new play system. Total project cost \$60,000 with POS funding \$54,000.
9. Town of Westernport's "Maryland Avenue Basketball Court". This project would seal coat and paint lines on two and half basketball courts. It would also replace 3 backboards. Total project cost \$50,000 with POS funding \$45,000.
10. Town of Barton's "Pavilion Upgrade- Meadow Park" They are requesting funding to purchase new picnic tables and install a new ceiling with lights in the Meadow Park pavilion. Total project cost \$16,000 with POS funding \$14,400.

11. Oldtown Community Center's "Oldtown Ballfield Walking Track". This project would allow Oldtown to refurbish an already established quarter mile walking track around the baseball field. Total project cost \$8,600 with POS funding \$7,740.
12. Piney Plain Civic Association's "Park Improvements and Renovation". Funding for this project would allow for installation of new field lighting, a batting cage, and a perimeter chain link fence. Total project cost \$100,000 with POS funding \$90,000.
13. Potomac Valley Athletic Association's "Field Resurfacing and Maintenance Buildings". PVAA is requesting funding to grade, slope, and resurface 7 baseball/ softball fields located within the Cresaptown Sports Complex. It will also fund the installation of 2 new outdoor storage sheds. Total project cost \$97,292 with POS funding \$87,563.
14. City of Cumberland's "Poured in Place Rubber Surfacing". Funding this project would allow the City of Cumberland to remove existing mulch and pour a 3 ½" rubber surfacing at the Gene Mason Recreation Complex playground. Project cost \$192,200 with POS funding \$153,760.
15. Allegany County Public Works' "Miners Memorial Park". ACPW is seeking funding to install signage that highlight and commemorate the mining heritage. Total project cost \$53,264 with POS funding \$47,937.
16. Bel Air Citizens Committee "Soccer Field Update and Additional Play Equipment". Bel Air is seeking funding to install and purchase equipment for a bocce ball court and shuffle board court. This includes developing the area surrounding the baseball field with excavation and hydroseeding. They would also install a new batting cage and playground equipment. Project total \$58,650 with POS funding \$52,785.
17. Allegany County Public Works "Depot Brick Repair". ACPW is requesting funding to repair and replace the current brick walkways at the Frostburg Depot. Project total \$51,350 with POS fund \$46,215.

Each applicant has been advised of their requirements including but not limited to agreements, funding match, and general regulations of Program Open Space.

18. Ellerslie VFD's "New Pavilion, Stage Area". Ellerslie VFD is requesting funding to build a pavilion area, stage, and separate bathroom facilities. Project total \$100,000. **The proposed site location is not included in the County's LPPR plan and does not align with our current set goals.**

Program Open Space 2024 Annual Plan Recommendation

#	Project Name	LPPRP Goals	Description	Project Total	POS%	Local %	Local Sponsor	Notes
1	A Greener Field for Safety	1,4,5	Irrigation Baseball and Soccer Field	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	25%	Allegany College of Maryland	Increased Match
2	ACM Baseball Field Phase III	1,4,5	Dugouts, Home Plate Halo	\$ 226,000.00	\$ 180,800.00	20%	Allegany College of Maryland	Increased Match
3	PVAA Picnic Tables and Park Benches	1,4,5	Picnic Table, Benches	\$ 19,695.00	\$ 17,725.50	10%	Cresaptown Civic Association	
4	Glendening Recreation Complex	1,4,5	Basketball Court, Playground	\$ 100,100.00	\$ 90,090.00	10%	City of Frostburg	
5	Iron Furnace Park	1,4,5	Benches, Picnic Tables	\$ 11,460.00	\$ 10,314.00	10%	Town of Lonaconing	
6	Luke Legacy Park	1,4,5	Rubber Mulch	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	10%	Town of Luke	
7	Luke Pratt St. Park	1,3,4,5	Refurbish Park	\$ 11,900.00	\$ 10,710.00	10%	Town of Luke	
8	Maryland Ave. Playground	1,3,4,5	Playground Equipment	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 54,000.00	10%	MRDC	
9	Maryland Ave. Basketball Court	1,3,4,5	Basketball Court Resurfacing	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	10%	MRDC	
10	Pavilion Upgrade-Barton	1,4,5	Pavilion-Lights, Soffit, Tables	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 14,400.00	10%	Town of Barton	
11	Oldtown Ballfield Walking Track	1,4,5	1/4 Mile Walking Track	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 7,740.00	10%	Oldtown Community Center	
12	Piney Plains Improv. & Reno.	1,4,5	Field Lights, Batting Cage, Fence, Septic	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	10%	Piney Plain Community	Requested \$170,000
13	Field Resurfacing and Buildings	1,4,5	Resurface fields, Replace Buildings	\$ 97,292.00	\$ 87,562.80	10%	PVAA	
14	Gene Mason Poured in Place Rubber	1,4,5	Rubberized Poured in Place Surface	\$ 192,200.00	\$ 153,760.00	20%	Cumberland	Increased Match
15	Miner's Memorial	1,3,5	Additional Funding	\$ 53,264.00	\$ 47,937.60	10%	ACPW	
16	Soccer Field/Play Equipment	1,3,5	Field Update, Bocce Ball, Shuffleboard	\$ 58,650.00	\$ 52,785.00	10%	Bel Air Citizens Comm.	
17	Depot Brick Repair	1,3,4	Repair Brickwork at Depot	\$ 51,350.00	\$ 46,215.00	10%	ACPW	
18	New Pavilion		Pavilion, Stage, Bathroom	\$ 100,000.00			Ellerslie VFD	Not Recommended

Total	\$ 1,166,511.00	\$ 993,039.90	\$ 173,471.10	FY24 Available Funds \$993,046
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2022 Allegany County LPPRP

1. Project increases the variety of quality recreational environments and opportunities; creates a unique recreational experience
2. Development of Fairgrounds, maximizing ability to host large-scale events
3. Project utilizes current trail network or increases connectivity or provides recreational opportunities without reliance on the automobile
4. Project updates or replaces amenities at existing facilities and provides additional amenities to meet the needs of the community and general public
5. POS funding request for public use neighborhood/community park; neighborhood/community facility; and or school recreation facility and has public health benefits

LPPRP: Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan