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DORCHESTER COUNTY PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FY 2016

1. INTRODUCTION

The town mayors of each county municipality are contacted each year to submit projects for the coming fiscal year. In recent years, many towns as well as our County Government have limited on the amount of capital budget programs being approved, due to a shortfall of funding. Based on this lack of funding, many towns are considering fewer projects and are utilizing the Community Parks and Playgrounds program to secure funding for new projects as these projects are 100% reimbursable, basically costing the towns nothing. Additionally, our annual apportionment from Program Open Space has been reduced down to a point this fiscal year, where very few projects can be completed with the amount of funding allotted. Therefore requests for FY 2016 are few in number.

Dorchester County has currently met it's official goal for recreational acreage under the provision of the Maryland Code relating to Program Open Space.

This has been another tough planning year for Program Open Space funding. The Dorchester County Council has been approving very few capital improvement projects for any of its departments. With all of our local funding for Open Space projects coming through the County's approved annual capital budget, we are only able to do so much each year right now. Dorchester County will be submitting a total of two new development projects this year. Each project is consistent with our current LPPRP. We will continue to be open to any and all future requests from our local municipalities should any be brought forward.

Listed below are our current and ongoing county and municipal Program Open Space projects for Dorchester County.

The Acquisition Projects include :

A) \$50,000 towards the acquisition of Cannery Park in Cambridge, Maryland by the City of Cambridge (FY 2014). The acquisition process was recently finished and this project is now completed.

Development Projects include:

- A) Sailwinds Park East Playground Renovation Phase 3 (Continued FY 2015)
- B) Busick Tennis Court Surface Renovation Phase 1 (Continued from FY 2015)
- C) Busick Tennis Court Surface Renovation Phase 2 (Requested for FY 2016)

D) Planning Grant for completion of the upcoming 2017 LPPRP Plan (Requested for FY 2016)

2. CURRENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. ACQUISITION PROJECTS

1) Cannery Park (City of Cambridge) – Completed in late Spring 2015

Dorchester County provided \$50,000 of P.O.S. Acquisition funding towards the purchase of 6.6 acres of property centrally located in the City of Cambridge. This property will be renovated into a public park to be owned and operated by the City of Cambridge. Ideas that are being considered as future amenities of the park include a skateboard park and rails to trails linkage within the confines of the existing property. This acquisition should provide additional recreational opportunities for city residents and tourists as well as aid in the enhancement of the potential future business in the area.

2) Planning Grant for the Completion of the Upcoming 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan for Dorchester County

This planning grant will assist the county in completing its 2017 LPPRP Plan for Program Open Space and the State of Maryland. The grant provides financial assistance in the development and printing of the plan for state agencies and public use.

B. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

3) Sailwinds Park East Playground Renovation Phase III

This project will expand on the first and second renovations of the Sailwinds playground over the past three years, by installing a third play area adjacent to the other two. Phases have been completed on the basis of need, with the 2-5 play area being renovated first in 2011. The 2014 renovation upgraded the largest area of the playground, designated for 5-12 year olds. This phase will add additional features that will complete the play area, by installing additional equipment including a new lighthouse component in the remaining area where old equipment once stood, until being removed last year due to safety concerns.

4) Busick Tennis Court Surface Renovation Phase I

This project will begin the renovation process of the 10 court tennis complex dedicated in honor of longtime tennis enthusiast James Busick. These courts have existed in their present form for nearly 20 years. They have started to show large cracks in the playing surfaces of every court. These courts are used extensively by the public and the area high schools. Our plan is to renovate their courts in three phases as the courts themselves are broken up into 3 sections. We intend to renovate the 2nd section of courts – Court #'s 3, 4, 5, & 6. In our and several tennis court paving company's

opinion, the worst section of the three. Phase 2 will complete section #1 – Court #'s 1 & 2, followed finally by Phase 3 – Court #'s 7, 8, 9, & 10. We hope to complete a phase each successive year and have the courts completely renovated during the FY 2017 budget year.

5) Busick Tennis Court Surface Renovation Phase 2

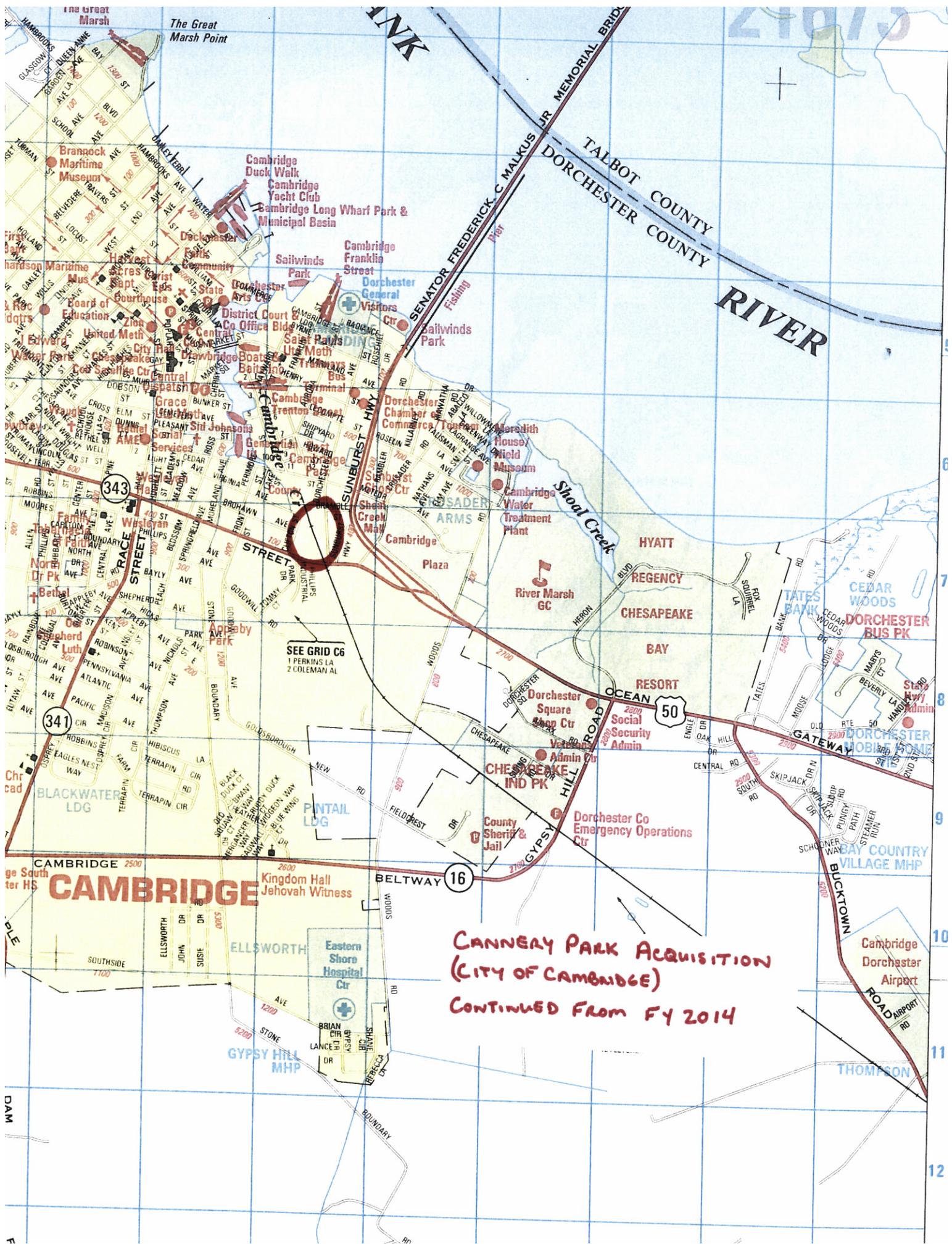
This project will continue with the renovation process at the James G. Busick Tennis Courts in Cambridge. This particular project will resurface Court #'s 1 & 2 of the 10 court facility, leaving only Court #'s 7-10 for FY 2017 to complete the renovation of the entire facility. We are hopeful that the County's apportionment in FY 2017 will be enough to complete the third and final phase.

This is the proposed Program Open Space Project Program for FY 2016. It includes projects continued from FY 2015 and two new projects for FY 2015. These projects are consistent with several of the requests/visions of the adopted FY 2012 Land Preservation, Recreation & Parks Plan for Dorchester County. We believe that each of these projects is very worthwhile, and will promote an increase in recreation, tourism and leisure activities in Dorchester County. We feel that our enthusiasm will be shared by our county residents once these projects are completed and anxiously await the go ahead to begin work on them very soon.

Program Open Space Annual Program for Acquisition
Fiscal Year 2016

Sponsor	Project Name	Acreage	Total Funds	Local Funds	State (POS Local Funds)	State (POS Local Funds)
Dorchester County	Planning Grant for 2017 LPPRP	0	\$15,000	\$0.00	\$15,000	\$0.00
	PROJECTS CONTINUED FROM FY 2015					
City of Cambridge	Cannery Park Acquisition	6.6	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

**Acquisition Projects
Continued From FY 2014**



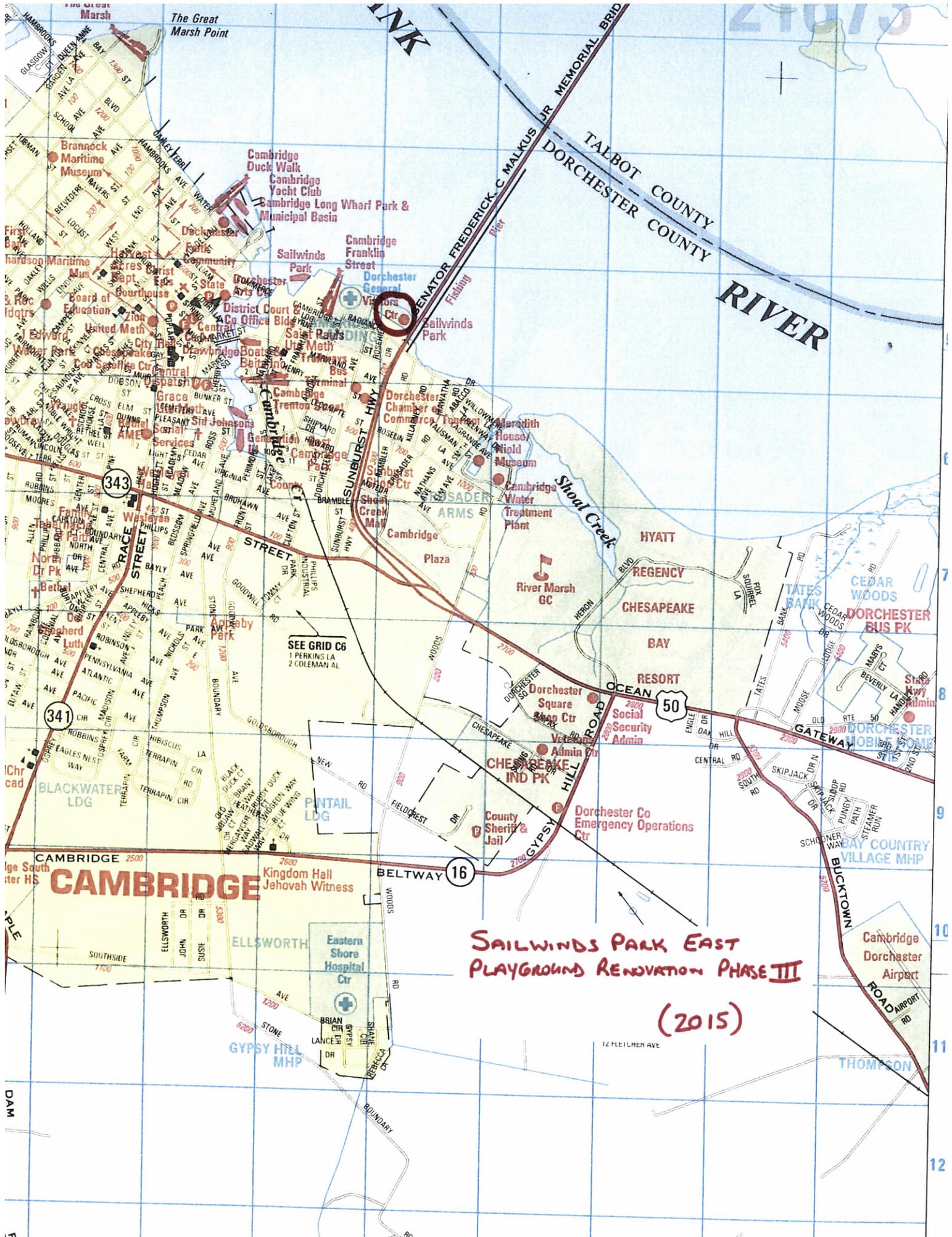
**CANNERY PARK ACQUISITION
(CITY OF CAMBRIDGE)
CONTINUED FROM FY 2014**

SEE GRID CA 6
1 PERKINS LA
2 COLEMAN AL

DAM

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**Development Projects
Continued From FY 2015**



SAILWINDS PARK EAST
PLAYGROUND RENOVATION PHASE III
(2015)

The Great Marsh Point

Brannock Maritime Museum

Cambridge Duck Walk
Cambridge Yacht Club
Cambridge Long Wharf Park & Municipal Basin

Cambridge Franklin Street
Dorchester General Vets Ctr

Cambridge District Court & Co Office Bldg

Cambridge Grace Temple AME Church

Cambridge North Dr Pk

Cambridge Weymouth Ave

Cambridge Robbins Ave

Cambridge Terrapin Cir

Cambridge Ellsworth Ave

Cambridge Southside

Cambridge Ellsworth Ave

Cambridge Ellsworth Ave

Cambridge Ellsworth Ave

Cambridge Ellsworth Ave

Cambridge State House

Cambridge Central Library

Cambridge Central Bus Terminal

Cambridge Cambridge Court



**BUSICK TENNIS COURTS
SURFACE RENOVATION
PHASE I
(2015)**

- SEE GRID D 5-6, E6
- 1 SHIPS LANDING LA
 - 2 TRENTON ST
 - 3 SEAWAY LA
 - 4 CATTAIL COVE
 - 5 RIVERSIDE WRAFT

Acquisition Projects For FY 2016

- 1) Planning Grant for 2017 LPPRP
(No site map available for this project)**

**Development Projects
For FY 2016**



BUSICK TENNIS COURT
RENOVATION PHASE 2

(2016)

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September 1, 2015

Mr. Steve Dodd, Director
Planning & Zoning
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Dear Mr. Dodd;

Please review the following proposed Program Open Space projects for FY 2016 to see that they are consistent with the Dorchester County's Comprehensive Plan.

- 1) James G. Busick Tennis Court Renovation Phase 2**
- 2) Planning Grant for 2017 Land Preservation, Parks & Recreation Plan**

I would like to submit these projects for approval to the Maryland Board of Public Works as soon as possible, so that I may be able to get started on them later this calendar year.

Thank you for your assistance with these projects.

Sincerely,


Scott Eberspacher

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September 4, 2015

Mr. Scott Eberspacher, Director
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Mr. Eberspacher,

I have received the proposed open space projects contained in your letter on September 1, 2015, and find that both the Busick tennis court renovation and Planning Grant for the 2017 land Preservation; Parks and Recreation Park to be consistent with Dorchester County's Comprehensive Land use plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Dodd', is written over a horizontal line.

Steve Dodd
Director

Encl: letter from Mr. Eberspacher