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July 29, 2016

Ms. Margaret Lashar
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Re: Anne Arundel County
FY2017 Program Open Space Annual Program

Dear Ms. Lashar,

Enclosed is Anne Arundel County's Fiscal Year 2017 Program Open Space Annual Program, which provides a description of park acquisition and development grant requests that are under evaluation for submittal during fiscal year 2017. The projects listed in the Annual Program are consistent with the 2013 Anne Arundel County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan, the County's General Development Plan and Planning Act of 1992 as detailed within the project descriptions.

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Daniel Rosen, AICP
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Program Open Space
Fiscal Year 2017
Annual Program
July 29, 2016

Introduction

Anne Arundel County hereby submits the fiscal year 2017 Annual Program for continued participation in the grant funding provided by Program Open Space. The project selection process in Anne Arundel County is based on the following criteria:

- The need for parkland and recreation facilities in growth areas
- Additions to existing parks and natural areas
- Protection of sensitive natural resources and wildlife habitat
- Protection of Green Infrastructure and identified Greenways
- Compliance with the Planning Act of 1992
- Compliance with the 2013 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan
- Compliance with the 2009 Anne Arundel County General Development Plan
- Address recommendations in the 16 Small Area Plans
- Distribute funds to benefit all communities, County-wide

Below are the projects included in this Annual Program. The required Acquisition and Development forms, as well as, the detailed descriptions and maps are attached.

Land Acquisition and Planning Projects Projects

Project Name	State Share
West Area Park Burgoon Property	$ 1,677,500
South River Farm Acquisition #2 (Johnson Property)	$ 636,600
South River Farm Acquisition #3 (Mount Chase Property)	$ 40,000
2017 Land Preservation Park and Recreation Plan	$ 25,000
Total	$ 2,379,100

Park Development Projects

Project Name	State Share
Bell Branch Park Development	$ 800,000
Millersville Park Development Installment #1	$ 400,000
Total	$1,200,000

Land Acquisition Projects

West Area Park – Burgoon Property **$1,677,500**

Project Description:

This project proposes to acquire 15.248 acres in Severn Maryland for the purpose of West Area Community Park. The 2013 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan identified a need for recreation facilities to address the growing population in the Severn, Fort Meade, and Odenton areas of the County. This growth has been spurred by the Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) which has increased the military and civilian population in these communities. The Odenton Town Center is also being developed along with significant residential housing. Community recreation facilities such as athletic fields, court games, playgrounds, pathways and picnic facilities are envisioned subject to a future master plan with citizen input. This will be the County's only land holding at this location, however an additional 29.175 acres is also under review

This property will provide much needed parkland and recreation area necessary to address the needs of a growing population. Youth sports programs continue to expand, requiring additional fields.

This project is consistent with the 2013 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan and the 2009 General development Plan, both of which identify a need for recreation facilities to address the growth in West County. This property acquisition is also consistent with the Planning Act of 1992 by: providing quality of life enhancements, promoting sustainability, utilizing state funds in existing communities, and providing adequate public facilities.

The location of this property within new residential communities, in the Route 170 and Route 32 corridors presents an excellent opportunity to provide community recreation facilities.

South River Farm Park Acquisition #2 (Johnson Property) **$636,600**

Project Description:

This project proposes to add 5 acres of land to the 186.71 acre South River Farm Park. This property is located at 784 Central Ave. East in Edgewater Maryland. This property is surrounded by the 109.7293 acre Mayo Water Reclamation Facility which has recently been transferred to the Department of Recreation and Parks to expand the recreational facilities at South River Farm Park. This property is improved by an 1886 two story home that will be evaluated to determine its historic significance, and its potential future use within the park. As part of the transfer the Department of Public Works and their engineering consultant have developed several concept plans for the water reclamation facility to include: athletic fields, picnic areas, trails, dog park, and playground.

The development of athletic fields and other active and passive recreation facilities is identified in the Mayo-Edgewater Small Area Plan referenced as Appendix "B" in the 2013 Land Preservation and Recreation Plan. The Plan also calls for the expansion of existing parks to meet the needs of a growing population. The extension of public sewer on the Mayo Peninsula has spurred additional residential housing and the need for recreation facilities.

This project is consistent with Planning Act of 1992 by providing quality of life enhancements, adequate public facilities and directing funds to areas of existing and expanding populations.

South River Farm Park Acquisition #3 (Mount Chase Property) $ 40,000
Project Description:
This project proposes to add 5,000 square feet of land to the existing 186.71 acres South River Farm Park. This building lot is surrounded by parkland and its incorporation into the park will prevent the potential construction of a residence within the park boundary.
The expansion of existing parks is identified in Table III-10 of the 2013 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan under "Greenways, Parkland and Open Space Acquisition." The extension of public sewer on the mayo Peninsula has spurred additional residential housing and the need for recreation facilities.
This project is consistent with Planning Act of 1992 by providing quality of life enhancements, adequate public facilities and directing funds to areas of existing and expanding populations.

2017 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan $ 25,000
Project Description:
Anne Arundel County is seeking Program Open Space assistance to develop the 2017 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan in accordance with Section 5-905(b)(2), Natural Resources Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. The Plan will contain three primary elements: Recreation and Parks element, Agricultural Preservation element and the Natural Resource Preservation element. The Recreation and Parks element will include an inventory of parkland and facilities, a demand/needs analysis and a long range program for additional land and facilities. The Agricultural Preservation and Natural Resource Preservation elements will present the local and state goals for each respective program, strategies for achieving those goals, and a current status of each program. The 2017 LPPRP will be consistent with, and expand upon, the 2010 Anne Arundel County General Development Plan and the 2013 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan. The 2017 LPPRP will include goals and objectives that are consistent with the "Visions" of the Planning Act of 1992. This LPPRP update will be developed in accordance with the 2017 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan Guidelines provided by the Department of Natural Resources on January 11, 2016. The $25,000 request in FY17 will be the second of three installments on a $75,000 grant.

Park Development Projects

Bell Branch Park Development $800,000
Project Description:
This project proposes to construct two synthetic turf athletic fields with lights, score boards, a press box, fencing, pathways, and bleachers. The installation of synthetic turf and lights will double the current capacity of two existing natural turf fields. Bell Branch Park is a major youth sports complex for the Crofton community. By installing synthetic turf and lights, the County reduces the need to acquire land and remove trees for sports field development.
This project is consistent with the 2013 Land Preservation Park and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) and the 2009 General Development Plan. The LPPRP, page III-29, identifies the need to rehabilitate parks and major park elements. This project and proposed POS funding have been

endorsed by the Anne Arundel County Council as part of the County's FY2017 Capital Budget. The 2009 General Development Plan recommends that the County "improve and expand recreational opportunities so that all communities have sufficient access to facilitate and programs". It is also consistent with the State Planning Visions by: providing quality of life enhancements, sustainability, directing funds to growth areas, and providing adequate public facilities. This park is also located just beyond the border of a designated Priority Funding Area (Crofton).

Millersville Park Development
Project Description:
This project proposes to develop an indoor and outdoor tennis center and community recreation facilities for residents county-wide.
Millersville Park is a 33 acre site located on MD Route 175 which was purchased with Program Open Space funds in 2010. Anne Arundel County has always had an active tennis population which for many years utilized indoor facilities at Severn Valley Fitness and Tennis Club and Big Vanila Racquet Club. These privately owned facilities have transitioned to fitness, swimming and indoor turf and no longer address the needs of the tennis community.
The non-profit Tennis Alliance of Anne Arundel County has approached the County regarding a public-private partnership to provide a public tennis center for county residents. A feasibility study was performed in 2015 which confirmed the market and viability of this facility.
This initial POS grant will provide design funding for this facility coupled with county funds. A future POS grant request will support the outdoor tennis facilities, roads, parking and other community recreation facilities as per the pending master plan. The indoor facility will be constructed with funds provided by the Tennis Alliance.
The design will include roads, parking, utilities, pathways, storm water management, indoor-outdoor tennis courts and support facilities.
The Millersville Park tennis facilities are described in the 2013 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan on pages III-29 and Table III-10.
This project and proposed POS funding have been endorsed by the Anne Arundel County Council as part of the County's FY2017 Capital Budget. The 2009 General Development Plan recommends that the County "improve and expand recreational opportunities so that all communities have sufficient access to facilities and programs." This project is also consistent with the State Planning Visions by exhibiting quality of life benefits, sustainability, public participation, state and local collaboration and smart growth.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
***ANNUAL PROGRAM* FOR ACQUISITION AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING**
FISCAL YEAR 2017

Sponsor	**Project Name,** Project Description	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State (POS Local Funds)	Federal
Anne Arundel County	West Area Park – Burgoon Property	0	44	15	1,677,500		1,677,500	
Anne Arundel County	South River Farm Acquisition #2	187	302.11	5	636,600		636,600	
Anne Arundel County	South River Farm Acquisition #3	187	302.11	.11	40,000		40,000	
Anne Arundel County	2017 Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan	N/A	N/A	N/A	25,000		25,000	
	Totals			20.11	2,379,100		2,379,100	

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
***ANNUAL PROGRAM* FOR DEVELOPMENT**
FISCAL YEAR 2017

Sponsor	**Project Name,** Project Description	Source of Funds for Annual Program Only			
		Total	Local	State (POS Local Funds)	Federal
Anne Arundel County	Bell Branch Park Development	1,066,666	266,666	800,000	
Anne Arundel County	Millersville Park Development	533,333	133,333	400,000	0
	Totals	1,599,999	399,999	1,200,000	

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West Area Park - Burgoon Property

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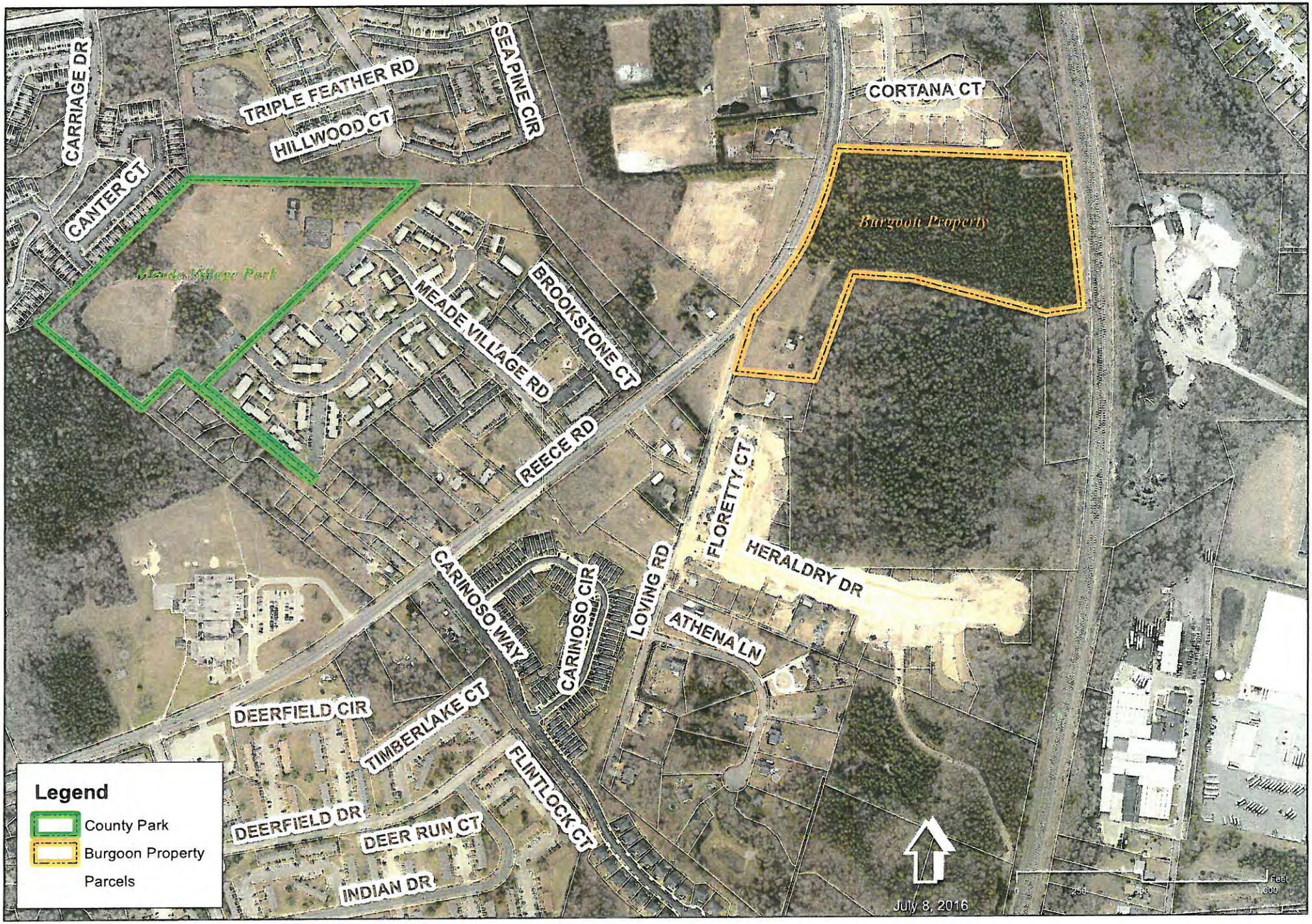

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South River Farm Park Acquisition #6 - Johnson Property
South River Farm Park Acquisition #7 - Mount Chase Property

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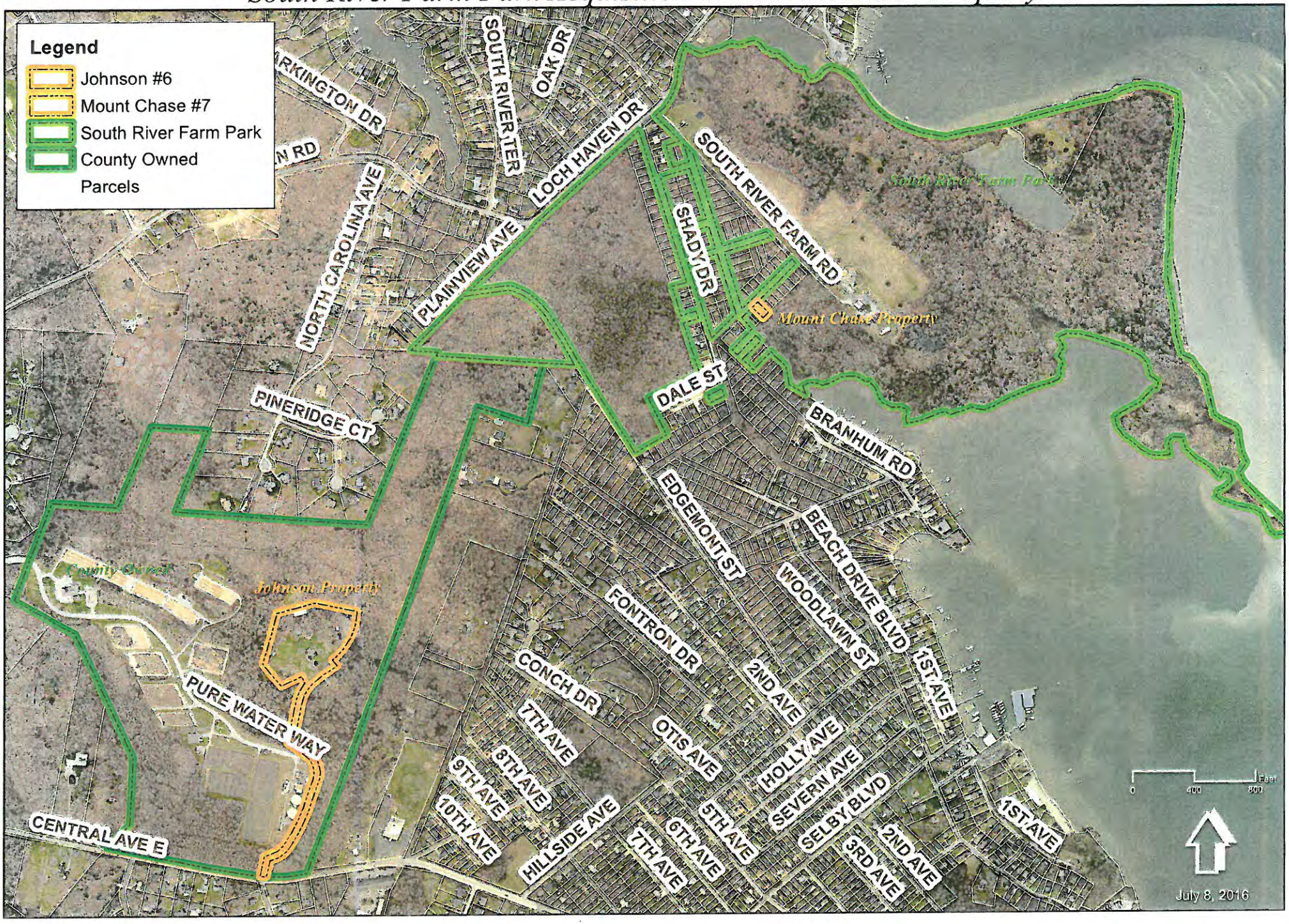

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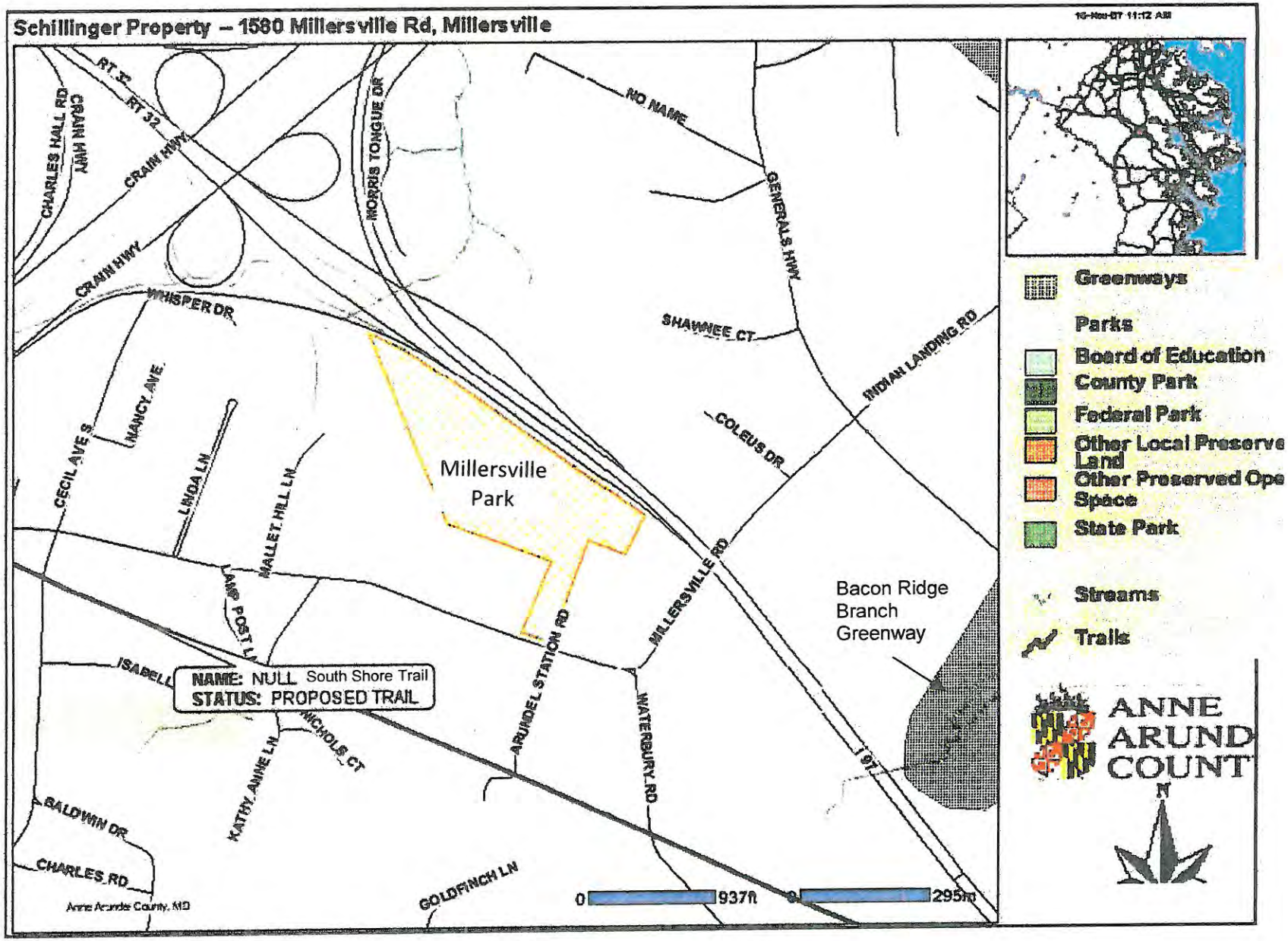
Millersville Park – Site of Proposed Indoor-Outdoor Tennis Center