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DORCHESTER COUNTY PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PROGRAM FY 2017

1. INTRODUCTION

The town mayors of each county municipality are traditionally contacted each year to submit projects for the coming fiscal year. This year was slightly different. Because Dorchester County received a grand total of only \$95,696 in Open Space funding, with only \$71,772 of that total allowed for development projects, the Dorchester County Recreation & Parks Board voted to not take any requests for FY 2017 from municipalities. The board determined that the entire \$71,772 plus most of the counties remaining unencumbered development balance from previous years would be used to complete the third and final phase of the large 10 court renovation at the County-owned Busick Tennis Court complex. With phases 1 & 2 already approved to be completed, the County would need to use almost all of its remaining funding to finish this renovation to ensure that all ten courts were renovated around the same time.

Based on this lack of funding that Dorchester County is being provided through Program Open Space, many towns are considering and being encouraged to consider utilizing the Community Parks and Playgrounds program to secure funding for new projects as these projects are 100% reimbursable, basically costing the towns nothing.

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 a relatively easy planning year for Program Open Space funding. Since the funding is so scarce, the County can only do 1-2 projects annually with so little money. This lone project that Dorchester County will be submitting is consistent with our current LPPRP. However, our current LPPRP calls for 90 projects costing in excess of over 4.9 million dollars to be completed in this five year period. Sadly, we are only accomplishing 1-2 projects being completed with the financial assistance being provided. 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 :

There are no current acquisition projects for Dorchester County at this time.

Development Projects include:

- A) Busick Tennis Court Surface Renovation Phase 1 (Continued from FY 2015)
- B) Busick Tennis Court Surface Renovation Phase 2 (Continued from FY 2016)
- C) Planning Grant for completion of the upcoming 2017 LPPRP Plan (Continued from FY 2016)
- D) Busick Tennis Court Surface Renovation Phase 3 (Final Phase) – New for FY 2017

2. CURRENT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. ACQUISITION PROJECTS

None

B. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

1) 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. This project, Phase 1 has been bid out and a vendor has been selected to complete the work. We anticipate work on this project beginning in August 2016, with Phase 2 being several months later.

2) 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.

3) 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.

4) Busick Tennis Court Surface Renovation Phase 3

This project will continue with the renovation process at the James G. Busick Tennis Courts in Cambridge. This particular project will resurface the final 4 tennis courts (courts 7-10). It is anticipated that after receiving approval for this project to begin, that it will be started next summer in 2017 and completed by early fall of next year, thereby having all 10 courts renovated by fall of 2017.

This is the proposed Program Open Space Project Program for FY 2017. It includes projects continued from FY 2015, two projects for FY 2016, and one new project for FY 2017. 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.

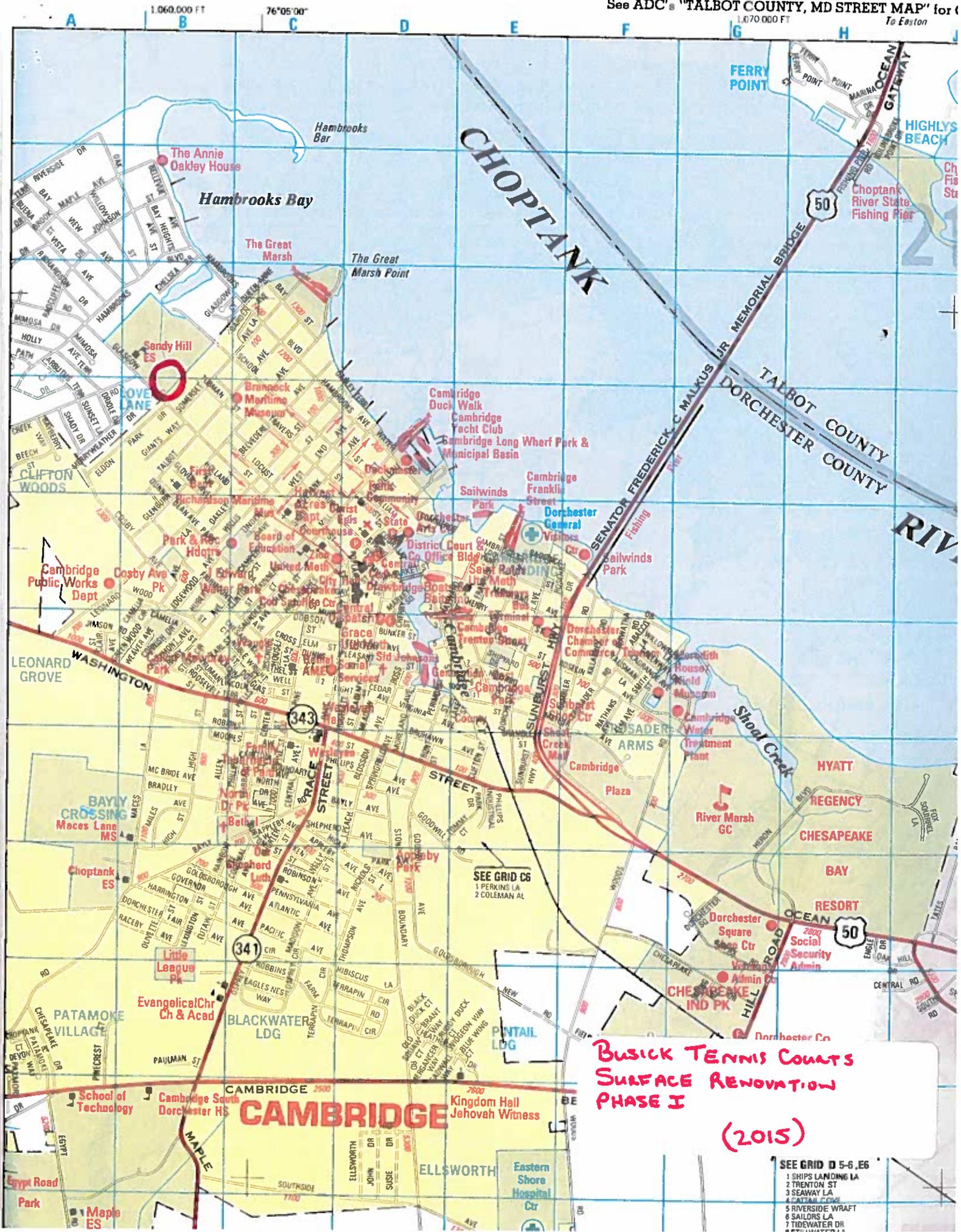
Program Open Space Annual Program for Acquisition
Fiscal Year 2017

Sponsor	Project Name	Acreage	Total Funds	Local Funds	State (POS Local Funds)	State (POS Local Funds)
	NONE		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	---

**Program Open Space Annual Program for Development
Fiscal Year 2017**

Sponsor	Project Name	Acreage	Total Funds	Local Funds	State (POS Local Funds)	Federal Funds
Dorchester County	Busick Tennis Court Surface Renovation Phase 3	2.5	\$160,000	\$16,000	\$144,000	---
	PROJECTS CONTINUED FROM FY 2015					
Dorchester County	Busick Tennis Court Surface Renovation Phase I	2.5	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$135,000	---
	PROJECTS CONTINUED FROM FY 2016					
Dorchester County	Busick Tennis Court Surface Renovation Phase 2	2.5	\$90,000	\$9,000	\$81,000	---
Dorchester County	LPPRP Planning Grant	---	\$15,000	\$0.00	\$15,000	---

**Development Projects
Continued From FY 2015**



1,060,000 FT 76°05'00"

1,670,000 FT

CHOPTANK

FERRY POINT

50

Choptank River State Fishing Pier

HIGHLYS BEACH

Hambrooks Bay

Hambrooks Bar

The Great Marsh

The Great Marsh Point

Sandy Hill ES

Branchock Maritime Museum

Cambridge Duck Walk

Cambridge Yacht Club

Cambridge Long Wharf Park & Municipal Basin

Sailwinds Park

Cambridge Franklin Street

Dorchester General

Visitors

Sailwinds Park

Cambridge Public Works Dept

Cosby Ave Pk

Water Park

City Hall

Cambridge Boat Basin

LEONARD GROVE

WASHINGTON

BAY CROSSING

Maces Lane MS

Choptank ES

PATAMOKE VILLAGE

Evangelical Chr Ch & Acad

Little League Pk

Blackwater LDG

School of Technology

Cambridge South

Dorchester HS

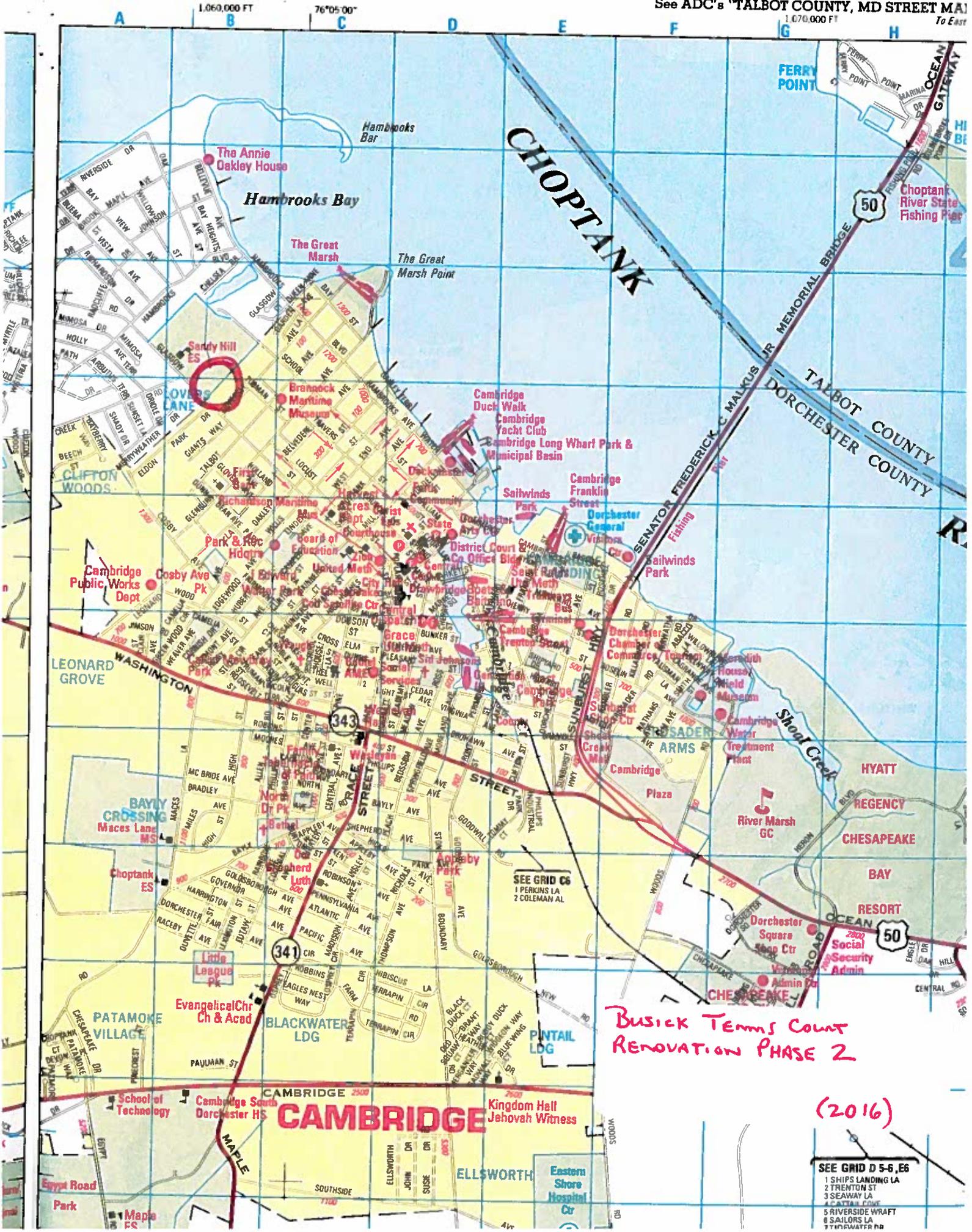
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BUSICK TENNIS COURTS SURFACE RENOVATION PHASE I (2015)

- SEE GRID D 5-6, E6
- 1 SHIPS LANDING LA
 - 2 TRENTON ST
 - 3 SEAWAY LA
 - 4 PATRIAL CREEK
 - 5 RIVERSIDE WRAFT
 - 6 SAILORS LA
 - 7 TIDEWATER DR



Development Projects For FY 2016

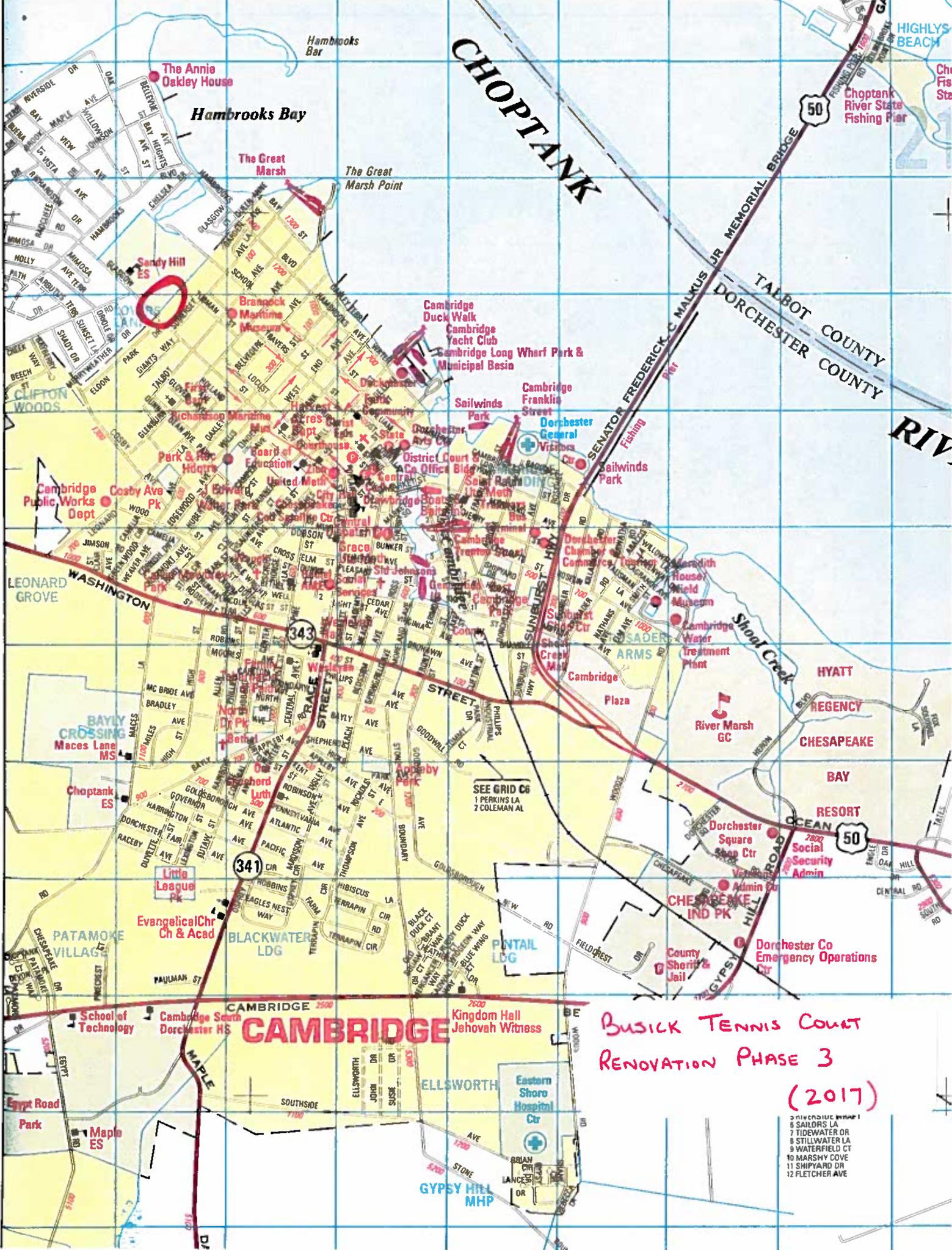


**BUSICK TERMS COURT
RENOVATION PHASE 2**

(2016)

- SEE GRID D 5-6, E6
- 1 SHIPS LANDING LA
 - 2 TRENTON ST
 - 3 SEAWAY LA
 - 4 CANTON COURT
 - 5 RIVERSIDE WRAFT
 - 6 SAILORS LA
 - 7 TIDEWATER RD

Development Projects For FY 2017



CHOPTANK

Hambrooks Bay

The Great Marsh

The Great Marsh Point

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TALBOT COUNTY
DORCHESTER COUNTY

RIV.

Sandy Hill ES

Braddock Maritime Museum

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

Cambridge Franklin Street

Dorchester General Visitors

Sailwinds Park

Sailwinds Park

Cambridge Water Treatment Plant

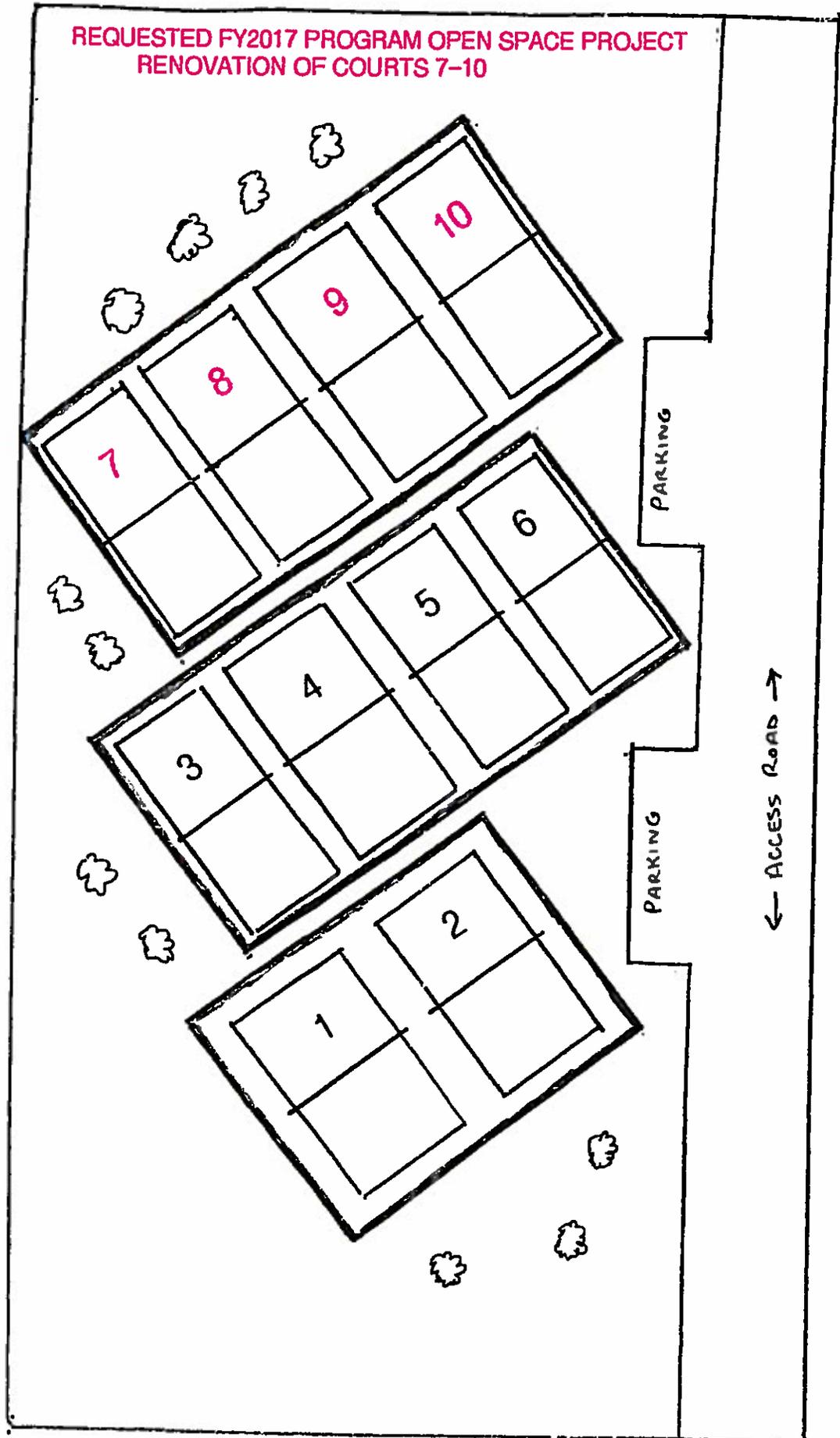
Cambridge Plaza

Cambridge

BUSICK TENNIS COURT
RENOVATION PHASE 3
(2017)

- 3 RIVERSIDE WALK
- 6 SAILORS LA
- 7 TIDEWATER DR
- 8 STILLWATER LA
- 9 WATERFIELD CT
- 10 MARSHY COVE
- 11 SHIPYARD DR
- 12 FLETCHER AVE

Glasgow Street Tennis Court Renovation





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July 8, 2016

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

Please review the following proposed Program Open Space project for FY 2017 to see that it is consistent with the Dorchester County's Comprehensive Plan. This will be the third and final phase of the tennis court project at Glasgow Street. The first 2 phases of this project have been consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, so I anticipate this one will be as well.

1) Glasgow Tennis Court Renovation Phase 3

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

Thank you for your assistance with this project.

Sincerely,


Scott Eberspacher

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July 12, 2016

Mr. Scott Eberspacher
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RE: FY17 Program Open Space Project

Dear Mr. Eberspacher,

In response to your letter dated July 8, 2016, I have determined that Phase three of the Glasgow Tennis Court renovation project is consistent with the current Dorchester County Comprehensive land use plan.

Sincerely,

Steve M. Dodd