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## **Somerset County Program Open Space Plan 2017**

The following projects are detail proposals to improve the recreational facilities and meet the needs of Somerset County residents in the coming year. In determining these projects the following factors were considered:

1. Number of people impacted
2. Date of last POS project completed at the site
3. How the project benefits citizens in the outer lying areas of the county
4. How the project contributes to the overall fitness and opportunities for exercise of the citizens

### **Project 1- Westover Centralized Athletic Complex Facility Improvements**

This project seeks to improve the capacity for parking at our main facility and remove the potential for accidents due to on street parking during larger events and recreational programs. The proposal calls for an expansion of the parking area using W57 stones to create area for an additional 25-30 vehicles. In addition, adding 2-3 workout stations along the ½ mile walking trail will help to provide variety in user's routines and attract new users. This is our main facility that serves people throughout the year.

### **Project 2- Raccoon Point Park Improvements**

Raccoon Point is a park on the banks of the Manokin River in Westover that serves a wide range of users. Currently this park has a pavilion, picnic tables and a grill. This project proposes to add a large playground structure, 1 exercise station, additional larger grill, and a fire ring. Additionally, the parking lot needs to be regraded and filled with new stone. Also, the addition of signage to direct people to the park and make them aware of the amenities there and it's availability as a shallow water kayak launch will add to the parks visibility and use.

### **Project 3 – Mt. Vernon Park Improvements**

Mt. Vernon Park serves residents in the Northwestern portion of the county and currently has a pavilion, 2 grills, and 3 playground units. This project calls for the addition of a workout station, small paved area with basketball court, and a fire ring area.

**Project 4 – Ruritan Softball Field Rehabilitation**

This project would allow for the regrading of the infield, inclusion of a ball park mix surface, new bases and foundations, seeding and establishment of outfield grass, and some concession stand improvements including bathroom work, and an overhaul of equipment. This field currently is the home of several benefit softball tournaments, middle/JV softball and 4 coed and men's slow pitch leagues sponsored by the county.

It is my pleasure to submit this plan on behalf of the citizens of Somerset County. If you have any questions or need further elaboration please contact me.

Respectfully,

Clint Sterling  
Director



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RE: 2016-17 Program Open Space Amendment

Dear Ms. Lhotsky:

I would like to amend Somerset County's 2016-17 Program Open Space Plan to include the following project:

**Old Washington High School Gym Renovations**

***Description:***

Currently the Department uses an aging facility to run a variety of indoor recreational and community programs. This plan will include the installation of new flooring, bleachers, wall system and paint. We believe that the improvements will provide a safer, modern facility for the youth and adults who participate in programming in that area and allow for expansion of programming.

Respectfully,

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Clint Sterling,  
Director