

Overview of Conservation and Open Space CIP

The FY 18 – 23 Conservation and Open Space CIP includes funding for land preservation and water resources. Approximately \$39.2 million is planned for the Agricultural Preservation Program in both the Capital and Operating budgets and is funded with a combination of dedicated Property Tax revenue, bonds, Agricultural Transfer Tax revenue, and State participation. Property Tax funding is included to allow for the acquisition of easements through Installment Purchase Agreements and for the payment of interest to landowners.

The FY 18 – 23 CIP continues funding to maintain the County's permit associated with the Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. The 2005 – 2010 permit required a total of 10 percent of the County's impervious surface be remediated. The County and the eight municipalities have entered into a memorandum of agreement combining the municipalities and County into one permit. The joint permit, issued for 2015 – 2020, requires an additional 20 percent remediation of impervious surface and is linked to the Watershed Implementation Plan of the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). The Chesapeake Bay TMDL sets limits on allowable pollutants in bodies of water. The requirements for the Chesapeake Bay TMDLs are currently unknown and may require additional funding above and beyond planned levels.

To remain compliant with the NPDES permit, the Stormwater Facility Restoration project was established to keep stormwater management facilities working properly.

For additional information on these or other Conservation and Open Space projects, please refer to the individual project pages.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018 TO 2023

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE:									
Agricultural Land Preservation	\$5,509,500	\$4,303,700	\$5,454,700	\$4,531,900	\$5,607,600	\$4,692,200	\$0	\$0	\$30,099,600
Environmental Compliance	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	0	450,000
Stormwater Facility Renovation	335,000	335,000	335,000	335,000	335,000	335,000	0	0	2,010,000
Watershed Assessment and Improvement (NPDES)	3,300,000	3,400,000	3,500,000	4,171,000	4,300,000	4,430,000	0	0	23,101,000
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE TOTAL	\$9,219,500	\$8,113,700	\$9,364,700	\$9,112,900	\$10,317,600	\$9,532,200	\$0	\$0	\$55,660,600
SOURCES OF FUNDING:									
Transfer from General Fund	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$0	\$0	\$225,000
Property Tax	2,986,500	2,940,700	3,091,700	3,168,900	3,249,600	3,334,200	0	0	18,771,600
Bonds	4,550,193	4,647,500	4,981,900	5,305,500	5,405,500	5,505,500	0	0	30,396,093
Reallocated Bonds	49,907	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49,907
Ag Transfer Tax	190,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	25,000	25,000	0	0	330,000
Ag. Preservation (MALPF)	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	0	0	3,000,000
Municipal	405,400	458,000	223,600	571,000	600,000	630,000	0	0	2,888,000
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE TOTAL	\$9,219,500	\$8,113,700	\$9,364,700	\$9,112,900	\$10,317,600	\$9,532,200	\$0	\$0	\$55,660,600

Agricultural Land Preservation

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This project provides ongoing funding for the Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation program. The program provides an opportunity for landowners to make a long-term commitment to agriculture by offering financial incentives in exchange for property development rights. Preserving farmland with permanent easements helps to maintain agriculture as a viable industry and preserves the rural character of Carroll County.

The County offers two payment options to the landowners: Installment Purchase Agreement (IPA) or lump sum. The IPA option pays the landowner for the easement over a 20-year period. The lump sum option pays for the easement at the time of settlement. The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF), a lump sum payment program, is jointly funded by the State of Maryland and Carroll County.

Two and a quarter percent of the Property Tax revenue is dedicated to the Agricultural Land Preservation Program and is appropriated in the Capital Fund for easement purchases and in the General Fund for interest payments to landowners in the Debt Service - Agricultural Preservation budget.

The appropriations are listed in the charts below. The Total Appropriation - IPA and Lump Sum are for easement purchases, the Projected Operating Impacts are interest payments appropriated to the General Fund, and the Total Appropriation for Ag Pres, at the bottom of this page, includes costs for both the Lump Sum and IPA options.

	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
Engineering/Design									0
Land Acquisition	5,509,500	4,303,700	5,454,700	4,531,900	5,607,600	4,692,200			30,099,600
Site Work									0
Construction									0
Equipment/Furnishings									0
Other									0
EXPENDITURES									

TOTAL	5,509,500	4,303,700	5,454,700	4,531,900	5,607,600	4,692,200	0	0	30,099,600
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SOURCES OF FUNDS									
Property Tax	2,986,500	2,940,700	3,091,700	3,168,900	3,249,600	3,334,200			18,771,600
Bonds	1,333,000	1,333,000	1,333,000	1,333,000	1,333,000	1,333,000			7,998,000
Ag Transfer Tax	190,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	25,000	25,000			330,000
Ag. Preservation (MALPF)	1,000,000		1,000,000		1,000,000				3,000,000

PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS									
	1,442,000	1,483,000	1,465,000	1,520,000	1,575,000	1,631,000			

Total Appropriation-IPA	1,533,200	1,463,300	1,514,600	1,540,800	1,566,600	1,595,300			9,213,800
Total Appropriation-Lump Sum	2,976,300	2,840,400	2,940,100	2,991,100	3,041,000	3,096,900			17,885,800
Total Appropriation-MALPF	1,000,000		1,000,000		1,000,000				3,000,000

Total Appropriation - Ag Pres	6,951,500	5,786,700	6,919,700	6,051,900	7,182,600	6,323,200			39,215,600
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Environmental Compliance

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This project provides ongoing funding for remediation efforts to maintain compliance with State and Federal environmental permits.

	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
Engineering/Design									0
Land Acquisition									0
Site Work									0
Construction	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000			450,000
Equipment/Furnishings									0
Other									0
EXPENDITURES									
TOTAL	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	0	450,000
SOURCES OF FUNDS									
Transfer from General Fund	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500			225,000
Local Income Tax									0
Property Tax									0
Bonds	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500			225,000
PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS	0	0	0	0	0	0			0

Stormwater Facility Renovation

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This project provides ongoing funding for a long-term plan to keep existing County-owned stormwater management facilities in working condition for compliance with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit. The plan is to evaluate and repair five to ten facilities per year over a 30-year period. The funding will be used to replace metal and concrete pipes, erosion repairs, and replacement of filter media.

	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
Engineering/Design	50,000	70,000	70,000	50,000	60,000	50,000			350,000
Land Acquisition									0
Site Work									0
Construction	285,000	265,000	265,000	285,000	275,000	285,000			1,660,000
Equipment/Furnishings									0
Other									0
EXPENDITURES									

TOTAL	335,000	335,000	335,000	335,000	335,000	335,000	0	0	2,010,000
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SOURCES OF FUNDS									
Transfer from General Fund									0
Local Income Tax									0
Bonds	285,093	335,000	335,000	335,000	335,000	335,000			1,960,093
Reallocated Bonds	49,907								49,907

PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS									
	0	0	0	0	0	0			0

Watershed Assessment and Improvement (NPDES)

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This project provides ongoing funding to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act. The Act requires the County to secure a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for storm sewer systems. The permit requires the County to map and assess the condition of the storm sewer systems and of the watersheds that discharge into them. The County and the eight municipalities have entered into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to obtain a joint five year NPDES permit to address stormwater issues. Under the joint permit, issued in FY 16, the County and municipalities are required to mitigate impervious surface runoff. As part of the MOA, the County will manage the construction of mitigation projects on behalf of the municipalities. The municipalities will provide funding to the County equivalent to 20% of the construction cost of municipal impervious acres.

The current permit will expire in FY 20. Estimates of Town contributions have been included in FY 21 through FY 23 in anticipation that the Towns and County will again be included in a joint permit. The estimate is based on the same assumptions as the Memorandum of Agreement signed by the Towns and County for the prior permit.

	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
Engineering/Design		105,000		345,000	230,000	90,000			770,000
Land Acquisition									0
Site Work									0
Construction	3,300,000	3,295,000	3,500,000	3,826,000	4,070,000	4,340,000			22,331,000
Equipment/Furnishings									0
Other									0
EXPENDITURES									
TOTAL	3,300,000	3,400,000	3,500,000	4,171,000	4,300,000	4,430,000	0	0	23,101,000
SOURCES OF FUNDS									
Local Income Tax									0
Property Tax									0
Bonds	2,894,600	2,942,000	3,276,400	3,600,000	3,700,000	3,800,000			20,213,000
Municipal	405,400	458,000	223,600	571,000	600,000	630,000			2,888,000
PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS	0	0	0	0	0	0			0