

Overview of Conservation and Open Space CIP

The FY 17 – 22 Conservation and Open Space CIP includes funding for land preservation and water resources. Approximately \$36.0 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 17 – 22 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 to combine the municipalities and County into one permit. The new permit, issued for 2015 – 2020, requires an additional 20% 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 requirements for improving water quality by placing limits on allowable pollutants in bodies of water. The funding levels required for assessment of the watersheds, installation of remediation projects, and post-monitoring efforts to meet the Chesapeake Bay TMDLs have not been clearly identified.

To remain compliant with the NPDES permit, Stormwater Facility Restoration was established to keep stormwater management facilities working properly and to extend their useful life.

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 2017 TO 2022

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE:									
Agricultural Land Preservation	\$2,169,800	\$5,163,700	\$4,210,000	\$5,361,300	\$4,448,300	\$5,511,100	\$0	\$0	\$26,864,200
Environmental Compliance	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	0	450,000
Stormwater Facility Renovation	331,500	331,500	331,500	331,500	331,500	331,500	0	0	1,989,000
Watershed Assessment and Improvement (NPDES)	5,189,408	4,445,770	3,405,000	2,260,000	3,010,000	3,010,000	0	0	21,320,178
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE TOTAL	\$7,765,708	\$10,015,970	\$8,021,500	\$8,027,800	\$7,864,800	\$8,927,600	\$0	\$0	\$50,623,378
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	806,500	2,800,400	2,846,700	2,998,000	3,085,000	3,147,800	0	0	15,684,400
Bonds	5,899,090	5,742,670	4,649,300	3,738,700	4,712,300	4,712,300	0	0	29,454,360
Ag Transfer Tax	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	0	0	180,000
Ag. Preservation (MALPF)	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	0	3,000,000
Municipal	871,000	405,400	458,000	223,600	0	0	0	0	1,958,000
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE TOTAL	\$7,765,708	\$10,015,970	\$8,021,500	\$8,027,800	\$7,864,800	\$8,927,600	\$0	\$0	\$50,623,378

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 the rural character of Carroll County and enables agriculture to remain a viable industry.

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.

Generally 2.25% 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. Appropriations in FY 17 have been reduced to draw down on the existing balance.

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 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
Engineering/Design									0
Land Acquisition	2,169,800	5,163,700	4,210,000	5,361,300	4,448,300	5,511,100			26,864,200
Site Work									0
Construction									0
Equipment/Furnishings									0
Other									0
EXPENDITURES									

TOTAL	2,169,800	5,163,700	4,210,000	5,361,300	4,448,300	5,511,100	0	0	26,864,200
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SOURCES OF FUNDS									
Property Tax	806,500	2,800,400	2,846,700	2,998,000	3,085,000	3,147,800			15,684,400
Bonds	1,333,300	1,333,300	1,333,300	1,333,300	1,333,300	1,333,300			7,999,800
Ag Transfer Tax	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000			180,000
Ag. Preservation (MALPF)	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000			3,000,000

PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS									
	1,437,800	1,487,500	1,538,700	1,519,300	1,572,800	1,626,400			

Total Appropriation-IPA	284,410	962,336	978,078	1,029,520	1,059,100	1,080,452			5,393,896
Total Appropriation-Lump Sum	552,090	1,868,064	1,898,622	1,998,480	2,055,900	2,097,348			10,470,504
Total Appropriation-MALPF	1,333,300	2,333,300	1,333,300	2,333,300	1,333,300	2,333,300			10,999,800

Total Appropriation for Ag Pres	3,607,600	6,651,200	5,748,700	6,880,600	6,021,100	7,137,500			36,046,700
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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 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	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 compliance with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination Permit and to extend the useful life of the facility. 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 pipes with concrete pipes, for erosion repairs, and for replacement of filter media.

	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
Engineering/Design	63,000	63,000	63,000	63,000	63,000	63,000			378,000
Land Acquisition									0
Site Work									0
Construction	268,500	268,500	268,500	268,500	268,500	268,500			1,611,000
Equipment/Furnishings									0
Other									0
EXPENDITURES									
TOTAL	331,500	331,500	331,500	331,500	331,500	331,500	0	0	1,989,000
SOURCES OF FUNDS									
Transfer from General Fund									0
Local Income Tax									0
Property Tax									0
Bonds	331,500	331,500	331,500	331,500	331,500	331,500			1,989,000
PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS	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 NPDES permit to address stormwater issues. Under the joint permit, issued in FY 15, the County is 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.

	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
Engineering/Design		105,000	70,000	80,000	130,000	130,000			515,000
Land Acquisition									0
Site Work									0
Construction	5,189,408	4,340,770	3,335,000	2,180,000	2,880,000	2,880,000			20,805,178
Equipment/Furnishings									0
Other									0
EXPENDITURES									
TOTAL	5,189,408	4,445,770	3,405,000	2,260,000	3,010,000	3,010,000	0	0	21,320,178

SOURCES OF FUNDS									
Transfer from General Fund									0
Bonds	4,196,790	4,040,370	2,947,000	2,036,400	3,010,000	3,010,000			19,240,560
Reallocated Bonds	121,618								121,618
Municipal	871,000	405,400	458,000	223,600					1,958,000

PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS									
	0	0	0	0	0	0			0