

Overview of Conservation and Open Space CIP

The FY 20 – 25 Conservation and Open Space CIP includes funding for land preservation and water resources. Approximately \$38.9M is planned for the Agricultural Preservation Program in both the Capital and Operating budgets, and is funded with a combination of dedicated Property Tax, bonds, Agricultural Transfer Tax, 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 20 – 25 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 2020 TO 2025

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Prior Allocation	Balance To Complete	Total Project Cost
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE									
Agricultural Land Preservation	\$4,663,680	\$4,678,190	\$5,003,940	\$4,983,000	\$4,983,000	\$4,983,000	\$0	\$0	\$29,294,810
Stormwater Facility Renovation	320,000	310,000	310,000	310,000	310,000	310,000	0	0	1,870,000
Watershed Assessment and Improvement (NPDES)	3,450,000	3,350,000	3,450,000	3,550,000	3,650,000	3,750,000	0	0	21,200,000
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE TOTAL	\$8,433,680	\$8,338,190	\$8,763,940	\$8,843,000	\$8,943,000	\$9,043,000	\$0	\$0	\$52,364,810
SOURCES OF FUNDING:									
Transfer from General Fund	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
Reallocated GF Transfer	532,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	532,999
Property Tax	2,680,680	2,695,190	3,020,940	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	0	0	17,396,810
Bonds	3,971,199	4,422,000	4,493,000	4,563,000	4,631,500	4,698,400	0	0	26,779,099
Reallocated Bonds	175,202	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175,202
Ag. Preservation (MALPF)	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	0	3,000,000
Ag Transfer Tax	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	0	0	900,000
Municipal	223,600	571,000	600,000	630,000	661,500	694,600	0	0	3,380,700
CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE TOTAL	\$8,433,680	\$8,338,190	\$8,763,940	\$8,843,000	\$8,943,000	\$9,043,000	\$0	\$0	\$52,364,810

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 preserve 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.

2.25% of the Property Tax revenue was dedicated to the Agricultural Land Preservation program, and 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 Capital Fund portion was reduced by \$0.5M in FY 20, \$0.5M in FY 21, and \$0.25M in FY 22, and capped at \$3.0M ongoing beginning in FY 23.

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 - Ag Pres at the bottom of this page includes costs for both the Lump Sum and IPA options.

	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
Engineering/Design									0
Land Acquisition	4,663,680	4,678,190	5,003,940	4,983,000	4,983,000	4,983,000			29,294,810
Site Work									0
Construction									0
Equipment/Furnishings									0
Other									0
EXPENDITURES									

TOTAL	4,663,680	4,678,190	5,003,940	4,983,000	4,983,000	4,983,000	0	0	29,294,810
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SOURCES OF FUNDS

Property Tax	2,680,680	2,695,190	3,020,940	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000			17,396,810
Bonds	1,333,000	1,333,000	1,333,000	1,333,000	1,333,000	1,333,000			7,998,000
Ag. Preservation (MALPF)	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000			3,000,000
Ag Transfer Tax	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000			900,000

PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS

	1,439,230	1,504,330	1,563,490	1,624,400	1,685,100	1,752,500			
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Total Appropriation - IPA	1,848,959	1,875,231	2,002,251	2,015,441	2,035,472	2,057,714			11,835,068
Total Appropriation - Lump Sum	3,753,950	3,807,288	4,065,178	4,091,958	4,132,627	4,177,785			24,028,786
Total Appropriation - MALPF	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000			3,000,000

Total Appropriation - Ag Pres	6,102,910	6,182,520	6,567,430	6,607,400	6,668,100	6,735,500			38,863,854
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Stormwater Facility Renovation

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This project provides ongoing funding to keep existing County-owned stormwater management facilities in working condition and in compliance with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. The plan is to evaluate and repair five to seven facilities per year over a 30-year period. Funding will be used for repairs and to replace pipes and filter media.

	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
Engineering/Design	10,000	35,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000			145,000
Land Acquisition									0
Site Work									0
Construction	310,000	275,000	285,000	285,000	285,000	285,000			1,725,000
Equipment/Furnishings									0
Other									0
EXPENDITURES									
TOTAL	320,000	310,000	310,000	310,000	310,000	310,000	0	0	1,870,000
SOURCES OF FUNDS									
Transfer from General Fund									0
Local Income Tax									0
Bonds	227,534	310,000	310,000	310,000	310,000	310,000			1,777,534
Reallocated Bonds	92,466								92,466
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 issues in FY 16, the County and municipalities are required to mitigate impervious surface runoff. As part of the MOA, the County manages the construction of the mitigation projects on behalf of the municipalities. The municipalities 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 anticipation that the Towns and County will again participate in a joint permit. The estimate is based on the assumptions as the MOA signed by the Towns and County for the current permit.

	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
Engineering/Design	40,000	140,000	130,000	485,000	170,000	200,000			1,165,000
Land Acquisition									0
Site Work									0
Construction	3,410,000	3,210,000	3,320,000	3,065,000	3,480,000	3,550,000			20,035,000
Equipment/Furnishings									0
Other									0
EXPENDITURES									

TOTAL	3,450,000	3,350,000	3,450,000	3,550,000	3,650,000	3,750,000	0	0	21,200,000
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SOURCES OF FUNDS									
Transfer from General Fund	200,000								200,000
Reallocated GF Transfer	532,999								532,999
Bonds	2,410,664	2,779,000	2,850,000	2,920,000	2,988,500	3,055,400			17,003,564
Reallocated Bonds	82,737								82,737
Municipal	223,600	571,000	600,000	630,000	661,500	694,600			3,380,700

PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS									
	0	0	0	0	0	0			0