



MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe

PURPOSE: Advisory Meeting

PREPARED BY:	Jasmine Chen	NEXT MEETING Day	February 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
LOCATION:	Microsoft Teams	NEXT MEETING Time	
DAY & TIME:	December 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 at 4:00PM	DATE PREPARED:	2/10/2025

Present:

Cassandra Vanhooser, Talbot County Clay Stamp LaDarrian Blake Harriet Lowery Nate Hoxter Pete Leshner	Dale Green Richard Marks Amol Deshpande, LSG Casey Rauch, Rauch Kyle Kowalczyk, Rauch Mark Burchick, ESA
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- TAC Meeting Update
  - a. Overall, the in-person TAC meeting went well. The staff thought the plans were coming along nicely and have provided relatively minor comments to address for the resubmission, apart from comments from the Health Department.
  - b. Despite other precedents in the County, the Health Department from the State is opposed to Porta-Johns in the park and is firm on the requirement of a permanent restroom structure, especially if a Building Permit is to be issued.
  - c. Discussion with staff about using the restroom in the existing building was brought up. However, if it is open to the public, then the restroom and access would need to be upgraded to being ADA-compliant. This can potentially be complicated and cost prohibitive.
  - d. While there are some extra capacities at the existing SDA, combining usage with the existing SDA for a standalone restroom is not recommended as it may create regulatory complications and a different set of hurdles with the State for approval.
  - e. If an approach to tie the restroom to the existing SDA, then we need to be aware that the investment is going into a system that is already about 30 years old, and that the drainage field is already partially used. There may be additional concerns that come with the functionality of the system due to its age.
  - f. Connecting a new restroom to the new SDA is also acceptable. While the new SDA approval is ultimately for Phase 3, we can allocate a portion of the drainage field for Phase 2. When Phase 3 commences, the drainage field can be disconnected and expanded.
  - g. A potential meeting with the Health Department was discussed.
  - h. Composting toilet was discussed as not being an option for this park.

- i. A plumbable trailer type restroom was discussed with the ability to hook into the septic system. This can potentially be an option if the facility needs to go into the existing building without a lot of retrofitting. A prefabricated outbuilding was also discussed that can be picked up with a crane or excavator and set down where needed.
  - j. A handwashing facility and water connection are required for the restroom.
  - k. The budgetary and timeline impact for each of the options is important to understand before a decision is made.
  - l. The roadway would need to be widened and add additional bump out for passing.
  - m. Additional grading in respect to stormwater is requested, such as more detailed grading to divert rainwater away from the proposed rain garden.
- SDA and Geotech Update
  - a. County requested changes to the SDA has been made and submitted.
  - b. The borings for the overlooks are completed. This can be evaluated in a report separate from the walkways.
  - c. The borings for the walkway pose logistic challenges to get down the slope.