



PROJECT: Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe

PURPOSE: Advisory Committee Meeting

PREPARED BY: Jasmine Chen	NEXT MEETING Day	March 12 th , 2025
LOCATION: Microsoft Teams	NEXT MEETING Time	
DAY & TIME: February 12 th , 2025 at 4:00PM	DATE PREPARED:	2/16/2025

Present:

<p>Cassandra Vanhooser LaDarian Blake Emily Gilmer Kenneth Morris Jr. Marci Ross</p>	<p>Corey Pack Nate Hoxter Jasmine Chen, LSG Casey Rauch, Rauch Mark Burchick, ESA</p>
------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

1. Approval Updates

- The Site Plan has been approved.
- The Joint Permit Application (JPA) will remain valid until 2030 for implementation of water-dependent elements, including the boardwalks and kayak launch. It is advisable to evaluate the need for renewal by mid-2028 to avoid any lapse in authorization.

2. Bid Set Progress

- The bid set is currently in development. The team is evaluating strategies to address ongoing erosion issues within the park.
- Mark has recommended installing rebar pipes to monitor erosion conditions over time and inform potential stabilization measures.
- The cost estimate for the overlooks and pathway has been reviewed and is currently exceeding the county budget.
- A clear funding strategy is needed to determine how the overlooks and remaining park improvements will be financed, which will directly inform project phasing and implementation sequencing.
- As the current figures are preliminary budgetary estimates, obtaining contractor feedback and local pricing validation would help refine and ground-truth the cost assumptions.

3. Pollinator Meadow

- Drill seeding for the pollinator meadow has been successfully completed.

4. Liberty Tree Planting

- Each county in Maryland may receive a Liberty Tree in recognition of America’s 250th anniversary.
- The designated species is Tulip Poplar.

- This species is not recommended for planting adjacent to the courthouse due to its self-pruning habit and fruit drop.
- An appropriate location within the park will be identified and designated.
- Tentative planting dates discussed include May 1 or September 3, to be confirmed.

5. Next Steps

- Develop a comprehensive forward-looking strategy, including funding mechanisms and planned programming/events.
- Determine the appropriate funding source (County vs. State).
- Confirm final ownership and long-term management responsibility for the park.
- Schedule an in-person meeting to advance these discussions and establish clear direction