



Fredrick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe
Advisory Committee Minutes
June 11, 2026



Called to Order- The meeting was called to order by Cassandra Vanhooser

Members in attendance: Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Nate Hoxter, Harriett Lowery, Jasmine Chen – LSG, Amol Deshpande – LSG, Cassandra Vanhooser, Kristen Goller, County Manager Clay Stamp, Director Emily Gilmer, Asst. Director LaDarian Blake

Interpretive Panel Plan Review

Lonny Schwartz (The Design Minds) confirmed that he is revising the interpretive signage design based on comments received.

- Overlook signs are prioritized for fabrication.
- The bid package for the signage is anticipated to be issued next fiscal year.

Construction of Overlooks and Path

- Staff are potentially pursuing additional grant funding to implement the path leading to the overlooks beyond the current CIP budget.

Engineering Recommendations for Erosion Control

Casey Rauch (RAUCH inc.) and Josh Elliott (Talbot County Public Works) discussed erosion control methods for the park.

- A short-term erosion control measure could be implemented soon and later incorporated into a long-term solution.
- Rauch proposed extending rock protection from the inlet down to the toe of the slope to prevent erosion and washouts.
- The preliminary budget for this stonework is approximately ~\$40,000.
- A comprehensive, long-term stormwater management (SWM) solution is anticipated to be a six-figure investment.

Pollinator Meadow Update

- **Mark Burchick** (ESA Environmental Consultants) provided an update noting the pollinator meadow is doing well, with wildflowers beginning to emerge.
- The meadow is anticipated to operate on a two-year maintenance cycle.

Liberty Tree Planting

- Presented by **Kristen Goller** (Talbot County Economic Development and Tourism) and **Emily Gilmer** (Talbot County Parks & Recreation).
- Tree planting date TBD. The tree is currently being taken care of by Adkins Arboretum.

Next Steps / Future Meetings

- Next meeting: August 13, 2026.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned following completion of the agenda.