#### THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND AGENDA

#### **April 2, 2024**

6:00 PM Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Meeting Announcements - LEGISLATIVE DAY - Time Is Allotted At The End Of Each Meeting For The Commissioners To Receive Comments From The Public

#### Consent Items

- #1 Regular Session Minutes, March 26, 2024
- #2 Liquor Minutes, March 26, 2024
- #3 Public Hearing Minutes, March 26, 2024
- #4 Closed Session Minutes, March 26, 2024
- #5 Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, Raffle Only, June 17, 2024
- #6 Main Street Rock Hall, Raffle Only, August 10, 2024

#### Appointments

Shelly Neal-Edwards, Director, Kent County Department of Social Services

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Legislative Session Protocol

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Jamie Williams, Director, Economic and Tourism Development

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Letter of Support - Washington Square Development

Bill Mackey, Director, Planning, Housing, and Zoning

A Resolution to Allow Temporary Storage Units with Certain Conditions

#### County Administrator

**Ethics Commission** 

**Ethics Commission Appointments** 

#### County Administrator Report

Jacob R. Day, Secretary, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Letter of Thanks

Monique Upshur Davis, Pastor, Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church

#### Letter of Agreement

#### Letters for Signature

Public Landings and Facilities Board - Citizen Interest Form

Public Landings and Facilities Board

Social Services Advisory Board - Thank You For Your Service Letter

Social Services Advisory Board

Workforce Investment Board - Citizen Interest Form

Workforce Investment Board

Public Comment/Media Review

Procedures For Public Comment

#### For Your Information

Matt Godbey, Maryland Department of the Environment

Notice of Tidal Wetlands Division Application From Wharf at Handy's Point

Carla Gerber, Deputy Director, Planning, Housing, and Zoning Notification

PHZ #24-14 Camp Fairlee - Major Site Plan Review

Carla Gerber, Deputy Director, Planning, Housing, and Zoning Notification

PHZ Notification of #23-68 KNR, Inc. Site Plan Review

Kate Van Name, Executive Director, Kent Attainable Housing

Press Release

American Rescue Plan Act Funds

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Spend Plan

#### Contingency Fund

Contingency and Use of Fund Balance Report

#### Closed Session

Jim Miller, Director, Human Resources and Captain Allan Hanifee, Acting Warden, Kent County Detention Center

Personnel and Public Safety

The meeting was closed under the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article §3-305 (b) (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.

(Meetings are conducted in Open Session unless otherwise indicated. All or part of County Commissioners' meetings can be held in closed session under the authority of the MD Open Meetings Law by vote of the Commissioners. Breaks are at the call of the President. Please note that times listed for specific items on the agenda are only estimates, and that the order of agenda items may change as time dictates or allows. Meetings are subject to audio

and video recordings.)



## #1 - Regular Session Minutes, March 26, 2024 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:



## #2 - Liquor Minutes, March 26, 2024 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS: Description



## #3 - Public Hearing Minutes, March 26, 2024 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

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## #4 - Closed Session Minutes, March 26, 2024 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS: Description



### #5 - Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, Raffle Only, June 17, 2024 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co., Raffle Only Permit. June 17, 2024

Permit# 11-2024

## MULTIPLE GAMING DEVICE AND RAFFLE PERMIT APPLICATION Pursuant to the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Law §§ 13-1701 to 13-1706.

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Name of Organization: Che Stertown Vol. Fire	Co.	
Address of Organization: 211 May Are Po Bo	× 294	~
Telephone: (410) 778 - 3434		
Is the organization formed or located in Kent County?	(Fes.)	No
Does the organization serve the residents of Kent County?	Yes	No
Is this organization tax exempt under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code?	Yes	No
Tax Exempt Number:		
Person responsible for complying with permit regulations and requirements:  Name:  Address:  E-Mail:  Se Cretary & Chasterboy V f C  Telephone:  (40) 708-(357)  Type of permit sought: (Raffle Only () Combined gaming devices used in a second of the second	single fund-raising	
Are these premises owned, leased, or regularly occupied by the organization named Date(s) of fund-raising:		) No
Date(s) of fund-raising: April 3 = June 17  Date and Time of Drawing: June 17 3024 Begin at: 7:00	End at:	30
f you are seeking a permit authorizing only a raffle that is not conducted in combi please sign below.		
f, however, you are seeking to conduct a fund-raiser using more than one gaming please complete the following page.	activity in a singl	e event,
Signature of person completing this application:		
Please Select One:  (*) Pick Up  (*) Mail Permit (will be mailed to person responsible)	NEGEI	VEN

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### #6 - Main Street Rock Hall, Raffle Only, August 10, 2024 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Main Street Rock Hall Raffle Permit Only, August 10, 2024

Permit#

#### MULTIPLE GAMING DEVICE AND RAFFLE PERMIT APPLICATION Pursuant to the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Law §§ 13-1701 to 13-1706.

Name of Organization: Main Street Rock Hall		
Address of Organization: PD Box 45 Rock Hall MD 21	661	C
Telephone: (443) 465-0681		
Is the organization formed or located in Kent County?	Yes	No
Does the organization serve the residents of Kent County?	Ŷes	No
Is this organization tax exempt under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code?	Yes	No
Tax Exempt Number:83- 2278471		
Person responsible for complying with permit regulations and requirements:  Name: Laurie Walters		
Address: POBOX 45 Rock Hall MD 21661		
E-Mail: lewalte1@yahoo.com		-
Telephone: (443) 465-6681		
Type of permit sought: ( ) Raffle Only ( ) Combined gaming devices used in a s	ingle fund-raising	g event
Location address of fund-raising affair: Town Wide - Rack Hall		_
Are these premises owned, leased, or regularly occupied by the organization named and the second sec		
Date(s) of fund-raising: May 20 - August 10 <sup>th</sup> 2024  Date and Time of Drawing: August 10, 2024  Begin at: 10 pm		
Date and Time of Drawing: August 10, 2024 Begin at: 10pm	End at: \( \bar{\D} \)	15 pm
f you are seeking a permit authorizing only a raffle that is not conducted in combin please sign below.	nation with other	r gaming activi
f, however, you are seeking to conduct a fund-raiser using more than one gaming a please complete the following page.  ignature of person completing this application:	ectivity in a singl	le event,
lease Select One: ( ) Pick Up	DEGE!	J W E D

Mail Permit (will be mailed to person responsible)



Pursuant to the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Law §§ 13-1701 to 13-1706. Check the gaming devices to be used at this fund-raising event to award merchandise or cash prizes:

Raffles	( ) Chance books	( ) Paddle Wheels
( ) Wheels of fortune	( ) Card games	( ) Lotteries
( ) Other	ed only by individuals dom	
Will alcoholic beverages be served or availa	ble for purchase at this fun	d-raising event? Yes No
Is the organization a religious organization?  Yes No		Yes No
If yes, has it conducted services regularly in Where are services conducted and how ofte		
·		
What percentage of funds derived from the	multiple gaming devices w	ill be spent or donated to:
% Civic	% Charitable	% Educational
Name, address and telephone of person com	pleting application:	
()		
Signature of person completing application:		



# Shelly Neal-Edwards, Director, Kent County Department of Social Services 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

#### **Item Summary:**

Proclamation - Kent County Child Abuse Prevention and Child Advocacy Appreciation Month

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Description

04.02.24 Proclamation, Kent County Child Abuse Prevention and Child Advocacy Appreciation Month

## Kent County, Maryland



## Proclamation

#### KENT COUNTY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND CHILD ADVOCACY APPRECIATION MONTH

#### APRIL 2024

WHEREAS, Kent County's future quality of life depends on the safe and healthy development of children

residing in communities across our County; and

WHEREAS, Kent County seeks to raise awareness of child abuse prevention and support for children who

have suffered abuse; and

WHEREAS, Kent County Child Advocacy Center reports that more than 30 of the youngest and most

vulnerable citizens seek support each year for abuse through our child advocacy center; and

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention and support efforts to child victims and families succeed because

of partnerships created among local law enforcement, human service agencies, legal experts, health care providers, mental health experts, and other agencies dedicated to improving the lives

of children; and

WHEREAS, Maryland has adopted laws to protect child victims' rights and provide essential services, our

public and private sectors must continue to work cooperatively to maintain and improve programs and legislation that will benefit these youngest and most vulnerable victims; and

WHEREAS, Kent County calls on all citizens, community agencies, medical and mental health providers,

elected officials, schools, and businesses to increase their collaboration with Kent County Child Advocacy Center in support of child victims of maltreatment, and to prevent child abuse and

strengthen the community in which we live;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim April 2024, as "Child Abuse Prevention and Child Advocacy Center Appreciation Month" in Kent County, and recognize and acknowledge the importance of bringing awareness to our community.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Ronald H. Fithian, President Albert H. Nickerson, Member

Member / John F. Price, Member

April 2, 2024



### Legislative Session Protocol 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

#### **Item Summary:**

Third Reading of Code Home Rule Bill No. 3-2024 Short-Term Rental Tax

ATTACHMENTS:



## Jamie Williams, Director, Economic and Tourism Development 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

#### **Item Summary:**

Code Home Rule Bill No. 3-2024 Short-Term Rental Tax

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

03.26.24 CHR 3-2024 Short-Term Rental Tax Cover Sheet, 3rd Read amd Vote CHR Bill No. 3-2024 Short-Term Rental Tax DRAFT Legislation



## **Department of Economic and Tourism Development**

## CHR Bill 3-2024 Short-Term Rental Tax, 3rd Read and Vote



#### THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

March 5, 2024 Legislative Session Day Legislative Session Day March 5, 2024

#### CODE HOME RULE BILL No. 3-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Ronald H. Fithian, President of the Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, Maryland.

AN ACT concerning Chapter 152 Taxation, Article III Hotel Rental Tax.

FOR the purpose of ensuring equal treatment of all transient lodging including short-term rentals.

BY repealing Chapter 152 Taxation, Article III Hotel Rental Tax, and reenacting with amendments Chapter 152 Taxation, Article III Short-Term Rental Tax herein.

THE COUNTY COMMISSI	ONERS OF KENT COUNTY
Ronald H. Fithian, President	

INTRODUCED, read first time, March 5, 2024, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on March 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Hearing Room, R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., Kent County Government Center, 400 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland.

By Order of:	
Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk	

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

HAVING been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and copies having been made available to the public and the press, a public hearing was held on March 26, 2024. Reported favorably [with] [without] amendments; read second time and ordered to be considered on April 2, 2024, a legislative session day.

#### A BILL ENTITLED CHR 3-2024 SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX

SECTION 1. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND that Chapter 152, Taxation is hereby amended by repealing Chapter 152 Taxation, Article III Hotel Rental Tax, and reenacting with amendments Chapter 152 Taxation, Article III Short-Term Rental Tax herein.



§ 152-16 Establishment AND DEFINITIONS.

The Board of County Commissioners may impose, by resolution, a tax on a transient charge paid to a hotel **SHORT-TERM RENTAL** located in Kent County as authorized by and consistent with the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 24, Title 9, Subtitle 3, Part I LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE § 20-403.

AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANING INDICATED:

- A. "SHORT-TERM RENTAL" MEANS AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT OFFERS SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR COMPENSATION AS DEFINED IN THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE § 20-401 AND 152-16 OF THIS CODE.
  - 1. "SHORT-TERM RENTAL" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:
    - (A) AN APARTMENT;
    - (B) A COTTAGE;
    - (C) A HOSTELRY;
    - (D) A HOTEL
    - (E) AN INN;
    - (F) A MOTEL;
    - (G) A ROOMING HOUSE;
    - (H) A TOURIST HOME;
    - (I) A RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, INCLUDING THOSE FACILITATED BY A HOSTING PLATFORM OR BOOKING SERVICE, OR
    - (J) AN OUTDOOR RETREAT
- B. "SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX" MEANS A TAX ON A TRANSIENT CHARGE.

- C. "TRANSIENT CHARGE" MEANS A CHARGE FOR SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 4 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY CHARGE FOR SERVICES OR ACCOMMODATIONS OTHER THAN SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS.
- D. "OWNER OR OPERATOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO POSSESSES OR HAS AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN A SHORT-TERM RENTAL OR IS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF OPERATING SHORT-TERM RENTALS.
- E. "COLLECTING AUTHORITY" MEANS THE COUNTY CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER.
- F. "COUNTY" MEANS KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND.

§ 152-17 Payment; collection; distribution RETURN.

The procedures set forth in § 9-301 et seq of Article 24 of the Annotated Code of Maryland shall be followed. These provisions control the payment, collection, and the distribution of the taxes so collected.

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES CONSISTENT WITH § 20-406 ET SEQ. OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND SHALL BE FOLLOWED.

- A. THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL, OWNER, OR OPERATOR SHALL GIVE A PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED TO PAY A TRANSIENT CHARGE A BILL THAT IDENTIFIES THE TRANSIENT CHARGE AS A SEPARATE ITEM FROM ANY OTHER CHARGE AND COLLECT THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX FROM THE PERSON WHO PAYS THE TRANSIENT CHARGE.
- B. A PERSON SHALL PAY THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX TO THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL, OWNER, OR OPERATOR WHEN THE PERSON PAYS THE TRANSIENT CHARGE.
- C. THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX SHALL BE HELD IN TRUST BY THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL, OWNER, OR OPERATOR UNTIL REMITTED TO THE COUNTY AS REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE.
- D. A SHORT-TERM RENTAL, OWNER, OR OPERATOR SHALL COMPLETE, SIGN, AND FILE A SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX REPORT, ON THE FORM AND IN THE MANNER THE COUNTY REQUIRES AND REMIT THE FULL TAX DUE ON OR BEFORE THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF EACH MONTH FOR THE PRECEDING MONTH.

- E. THE REMITTER OF THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX, FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, MAY RETAIN 1.5% OF THE GROSS AMOUNT OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX COLLECTED IF, ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE, THE SHORT-TERM **RENTAL:** 
  - 1. FILES A COMPLETED SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX REPORT; AND
  - 2. PAYS THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX TO THE COUNTY.
- F. IF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL, OWNER, OR OPERATOR FAILS TO PAY THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX AS REQUIRED ABOVE, THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL, OWNER, OR OPERATOR SHALL PAY 0.5% INTEREST ON THE UNPAID TAX FROM THE DATE WHICH THE TAX WAS DUE UNTIL THE DATE THE TAX IS PAID.
- G. IF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL, OWNER, OR OPERATOR FAILS TO PAY THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX WITHIN 1 MONTH AFTER THE PAYMENT IS DUE, THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL, OWNER, OR OPERATOR SHALL PAY A TAX PENALTY OF 10% OF THE UNPAID TAX.
- § 152-18 Disposition of revenue DISTRIBUTION AND OTHER REGULATIONS.

All revenue generated to the county by this tax is to be used exclusively for economic development and tourism efforts on behalf of Kent County.

- A. ALL REVENUE GENERATED BY THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF THE CALENDAR MONTH AS FOLLOWS:
  - 1. FOR A SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN A MUNICIPALITY:
    - (A) 10% TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF COLLECTION OF THE TAX; AND
    - (B) 90% TO THE MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED.
  - 2. FOR A SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTY LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF A MUNICIPALITY: 100% TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY.

- B. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS CONSISTENT WITH TITLE 20 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND TITLE 11 OF THE TAX-GENERAL ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, TO PROVIDE ORDERLY, SYSTEMATIC, AND THOROUGH ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX.
- C. SHORT-TERM RENTALS AS DEFINED ABOVE IN § 152-16 A. 1., SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS, LICENSING, AND ORDINANCES, WHERE APPLICABLE, TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING, FEE STRUCTURES, ADOPTED REGULATIONS, AND LAND USE ORDINANCE(S).

**SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the County Commissioners of Kent County that this

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Read Third Time	·	
PASSED this	day of	, 2024.
Failed of Passage		
		By order of:
		Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk
		THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
		OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND
(SEAL)		Ronald H. Fithian, President
		Albert H. Nickerson, Member
•		John F. Price, Member

ORDERED a fair summary thereof or the entire bill shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County, not less than three times at weekly intervals within a four-week period.

Act shall take effect on the 1st day of July 2024.



## Jamie Williams, Director, Economic and Tourism Development 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

#### **Item Summary:**

Letter of Support - Washington Square Development

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

04.02.24 Azyia Ryans – DHCD, Washington Square Development Project Loan Request



#### The County Commissioners of Kent County

Ronald H. Fithian, President | Albert H. Nickerson, Member | John F. Price, Member Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator | Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney

April 2, 2024

Azyia Ryans - DHCD Program Associate Neighborhood BusinessWorks (NBW) Program 7800 Harkins Road Lanham, MD 20706

Re: Washington Square Development Project Loan Request

Dear Ms. Ryans,

The County Commissioners of Kent County support the loan request submitted by Washington Square TIC, LLC for the Washington Square Development Project. Washington Square TIC, LLC has an excellent reputation working hand in hand with our Economic and Tourism Development Department and has been instrumental in business attraction to the Washington Square shopping center. They are responsive in replying to interested parties and work diligently to meet the needs of proposed tenants.

The Washington Square Development Project is situated within the sustainable community and priority funding area in the Town of Chestertown. This project aligns perfectly with one of the County's key initiatives outlined by the Kent County Economic and Tourism Development Commission, supporting a Smart Growth strategy for additional, affordable, and workforce housing. The twenty-four proposed apartment units represent a notable advancement for both the Town and County, enriching the range of available housing options.

We respectfully urge your careful and favorable consideration in approving this funding request.

Sincerely,

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Ronald H. Fithian, President

Albert H. Nickerson, Member

John F. Price, Member



## Bill Mackey, Director, Planning, Housing, and Zoning 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

#### **Item Summary:**

A Resolution to instruct the Director of Planning, Housing, and Zoning to allow for the temporary placement of shipping containers, which are not addressed in, nor would be subject to, the Kent County Land Use Ordinance, specifically to allow for placement of shipping containers temporarily for storage purposes on properties in Kent County, where such containers are reasonably screened from view by users of adjacent public roadways or public parks, and for which a permit shall not be required; and extending said temporary authorization until such time as further study of storage needs and containers is undertaken.

Staff recommends approval.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

#### Description

04.02.24 Resolution 2024-04 Replacement of Certain Non-Structural Elements for Temporary Storage Containers

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Resolution 2024-04 Temporary Storage Units

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-04**

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### TEMPORARY PLACEMENT OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE TO INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, HOUSING, AND ZONING TO ALLOW FOR THE TEMPORARY PLACEMENT OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS, WHICH ARE NOT ADDRESSED IN, NOR WOULD BE SUBJECT TO, THE KENT COUNTY LAND USE ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY TO ALLOW FOR PLACEMENT OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS TEMPORARILY FOR STORAGE PURPOSES ON PROPERTIES IN KENT COUNTY, WHERE SUCH CONTAINERS ARE REASONABLY SCREENED FROM VIEW BY USERS OF ADJACENT PUBLIC ROADWAYS OR PUBLIC PARKS, AND FOR WHICH A PERMIT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED; AND EXTENDING SAID TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS FURTHER STUDY OF STORAGE NEEDS AND CONTAINERS IS UNDERTAKEN.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland have taken note that shipping containers are now and have been used for temporary storage on properties within Kent County, Maryland; and,

WHEREAS, such shipping containers cannot be categorized as buildings or structures, and as such are hereby considered to be non-structures, which are not addressed in, nor would be subject to, the Kent County Land Use Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners desires to recognize such temporary storage use of said shipping containers by the citizens, property owners, and residents of Kent County, and not to create or require an unduly burdensome process for the use of such non-structures as temporary storage units.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board does hereby instruct the Director of Planning, Housing, and Zoning to allow for the temporary placement of such containers on any land, which is located outside the 100-foot buffer of the Critical Area, and located outside the one hundred year flood plain, on a temporary basis, for storage purposes, where such containers are reasonably screened from view by users of adjacent public roadways or public parks, and for which a permit shall not be required, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board determines that during this period of temporary authorization, additional study is needed in order to consider and address storage needs and containers.

**ADOPTED** this day, April 2, 2024.

ATTEST:

Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Ronald H. Fithian, President

Albert H. Nickerson, Member

John F. Price, Member



## Department of Planning, Housing, and Zoning



#### **RESOLUTION 2024-04**

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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ATTEST:	THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND
Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk	Ronald H. Fithian, President
	Albert H. Nickerson, Member
	John F. Price, Member



### **Ethics Commission** 4/2/2024 **County Commissioners Meeting**

**Item Summary:** Ethics Commission Appointments

ATTACHMENTS:



# Jacob R. Day, Secretary, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

#### **Item Summary:**

Letter of Thanks

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Description

04.02.24 Jacob R. Day, Secretary Maryland Department of Housing Support Letter



#### The County Commissioners of Kent County

Ronald H. Fithian, President | Albert H. Nickerson, Member | John F. Price, Member Shelley L. Heller, County Administrator | Thomas N. Yeager, County Attorney

March 27, 2024

The Honorable Jacob R. Day, Secretary Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development 7800 Harkins Road Lanham, MD 20706

RE: Letter of Thanks, Millington Senior Village

Dear Secretary Day:

We, the County Commissioners of Kent County, want to express a hearty "thank you" for the time you and your staff have given to move the Millington Senior Village development project forward. The time that you have personally given to this project is looked at as a real game changer. Affordable senior housing is a critical need across the country, but here in Kent County, the lack of affordable and secure housing in our rural areas makes this project even more important for our community. The funding sources you have identified and committed to will provide seniors with energy-efficient housing designed to meet their needs. Senior citizens and all aspects of the community that surrounds them will greatly benefit from the State's support in completing this project. On March 26, 2024, we voted unanimously to commit \$1.6 million in funding from the Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund to this project. We look forward to working with you and your department and its partner agencies to make the Millington Senior Village development a reality.

Sincerely,

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Ronald H. Fithian, President

Albert H. Nickerson., Member

John E Price Member

Cc: Susan O'Neill, Executive Director, Upper Shore Regional Council



### Monique Upshur Davis, Pastor, Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

**Item Summary:** 

Letter of Agreement

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

03.27.24 Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church County Roads Waiver

#### MOUNT OLIVE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEEKING, SERVING, AND SHARING GOD TO GIVE HOPE, HELP, AND HEALING TO ALL!

March 27, 2024

Ronald H. Fithian Kent County Commissioner 400 High Street Chestertown, MD 21620



Dear Commissioner Fithian:

The Trustees of Mount Olive AME Church and myself as the chair of the Trustee Board agree for the Kent County Commissioners to repair the potholes on the church semi-circle driveway, which is used by vehicles to turnaround on route 298 in Worton.

We also ask for these repairs to be a yearly activity by the Commissioners. Thank you for your immediate consideration on this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on my cell 302-270-7083.

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In God's Service.

Monique Upshur Davis

Pastor, Mount Olive A.M.E. Church



## Public Landings and Facilities Board - Citizen Interest Form 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

**Item Summary:** 

Public Landings and Facilities Board

ATTACHMENTS:



## Social Services Advisory Board - Thank You For Your Service Letter 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

**Item Summary:** 

Social Services Advisory Board

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### **Workforce Investment Board - Citizen Interest Form** 4/2/2024 **County Commissioners Meeting**

Item Summary:
Workforce Investment Board

ATTACHMENTS:



## Procedures For Public Comment 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

04.02.24 Public Comments Sign In Sheet Procedures for Public Comment

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS SIGN IN SHEET April 2, 2024

NAME (please print)	ADDRESS	TOPIC
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#### **Office of The County Commissioners**

#### Press and Public Comments

Time is allotted at the end of each meeting for the Commissioners to receive comments from the public. Anyone interested in speaking must sign up on the provided Public Comment sign-up sheet located on the table inside the meeting room.

The President of the Board will call the names of the listed individuals when it is time to speak. When making comments, individuals are asked to speak slowly, clearly, and concisely. Precede all comments with your name and address and speak only on the subject under discussion.

Comments in writing are welcomed and should be given to the staff after your presentation. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, or whose speech or actions become disruptive, will be asked to leave the meeting.

Interested parties may address the Commissioners in writing at any time about any matter of County business. Written statements can be hand-delivered or mailed to:

The County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland 400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620
<a href="mailto:kentcounty@kentgov.org">kentcounty@kentgov.org</a>



### Matt Godbey, Maryland Department of the Environment 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

#### **Item Summary:**

Notice of Tidal Wetlands Division Application From Wharf at Handy's Point

#### ATTACHMENTS:

#### Description

03.15.24 Maryland Department of the Environment Project No. 23-WL-0865 Wharf at Handy's Point Notification



Serena McIlwain, Secretary Designate Suzanne E. Dorsey, Deputy Secretary

March 15,2024

Project No. 23-WL-0865

End of Comment Period: April 15,2024

To Whom It May Concern,

The Tidal Wetlands Division Has received an application from your neighbor to perform work in tidal wetlands. Enclosed is a description of the proposed work and associated plans.

Your comments and those of other interested parties and resource agencies will be considered to determine whether to issue, modify or deny a permit for this application.

In order for your comments to be considered they need to be submitted prior to the end of the comment period as specified at the top of this letter. Please include the project number on any correspondence.

Please call the Tidal Wetlands Division Matt Godbey at (410)901-4033 if you have any questions or need additional information.

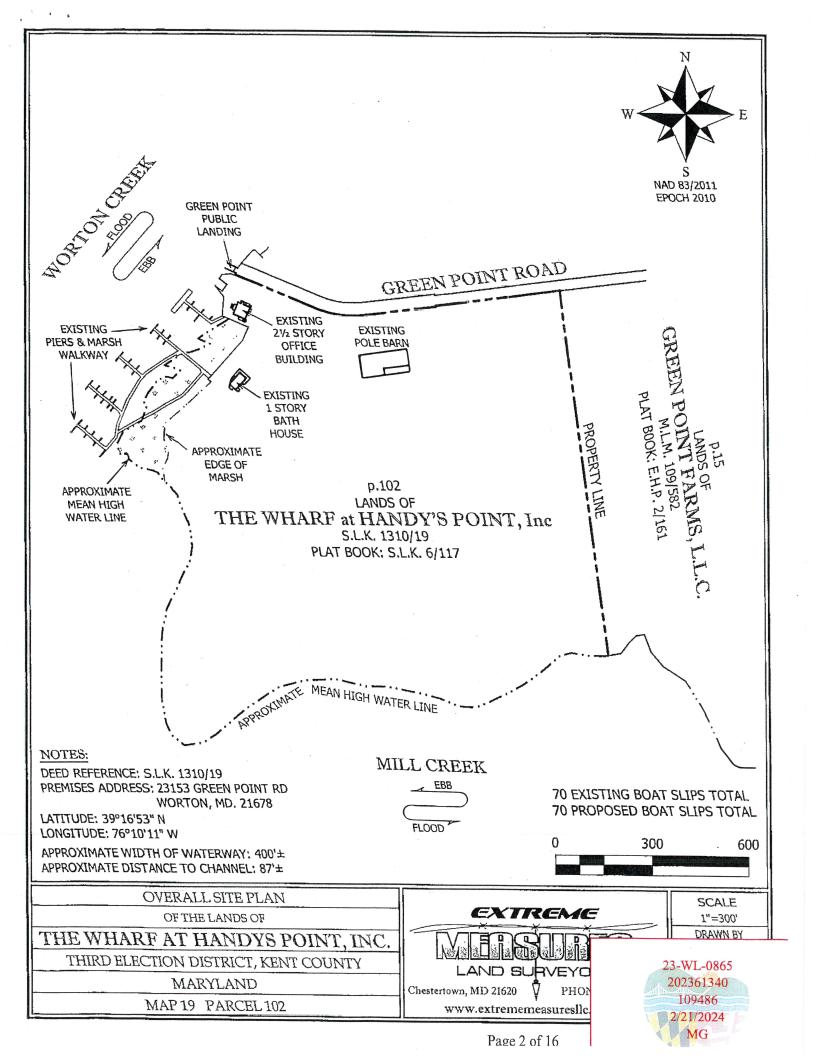


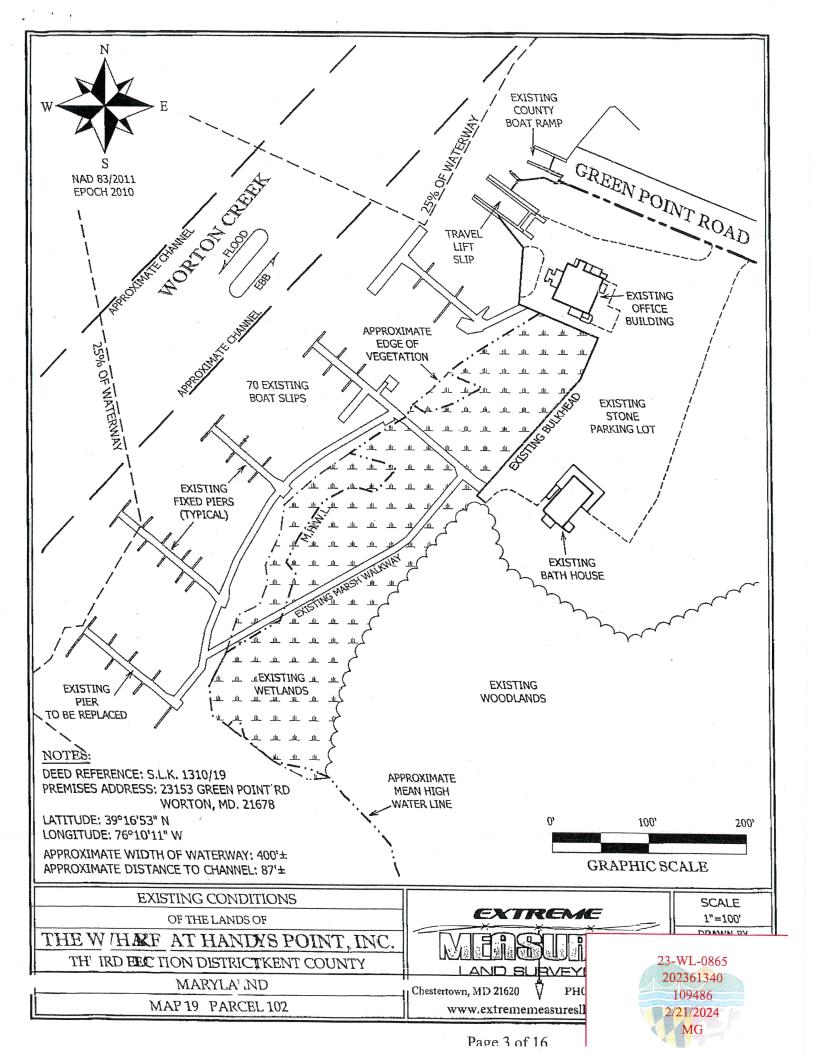
Notice of Application for State Wetland Licenses, Private Wetland Permits, Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permits and/or Water Quality Certification and the Opportunity to Provide Written Comment or Request an Informational Hearing

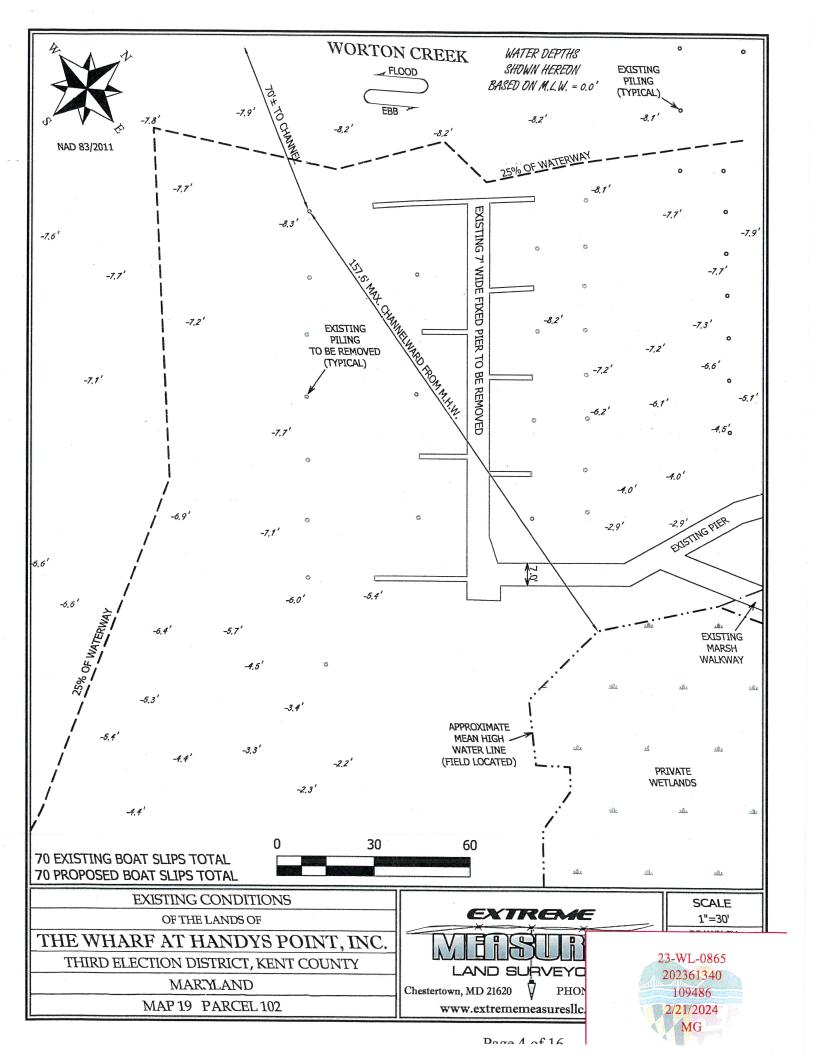
The Water and Science Administration is reviewing the following applications for State Wetland Licenses, Private Wetland Permits, Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Permits and/or Water Quality Certifications. The applications and related information are on file at the Administration. Arrangements may be made for inspection and copying of file materials. Interested parties may provide written comments on the application or request an informational hearing on any listed application. A request for a hearing must be in writing and provide the following information: 1) Name, Address, and Telephone Number of the person making the request; 2) The identity of any other person(s) the requestor is representing; and 3) the specific issues proposed to be considered at the hearing. Please refer to the case number (i.e., 00-NT-0000, 00-WL-000, 00-WP-000, 00-WQC-0000) which identifies each application. Address correspondence to the attention of the Administration contact contained in the project's public notice. If none is listed, send correspondence to the Wetlands and Waterways Program, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland, 21230. For questions regarding any public notice, you can contact the Wetlands and Waterways Program by Telephone; (410) 537-3751. Written comments or requests for a hearing must be received on or before April 15, 2024 unless otherwise noted in the Public Notice.

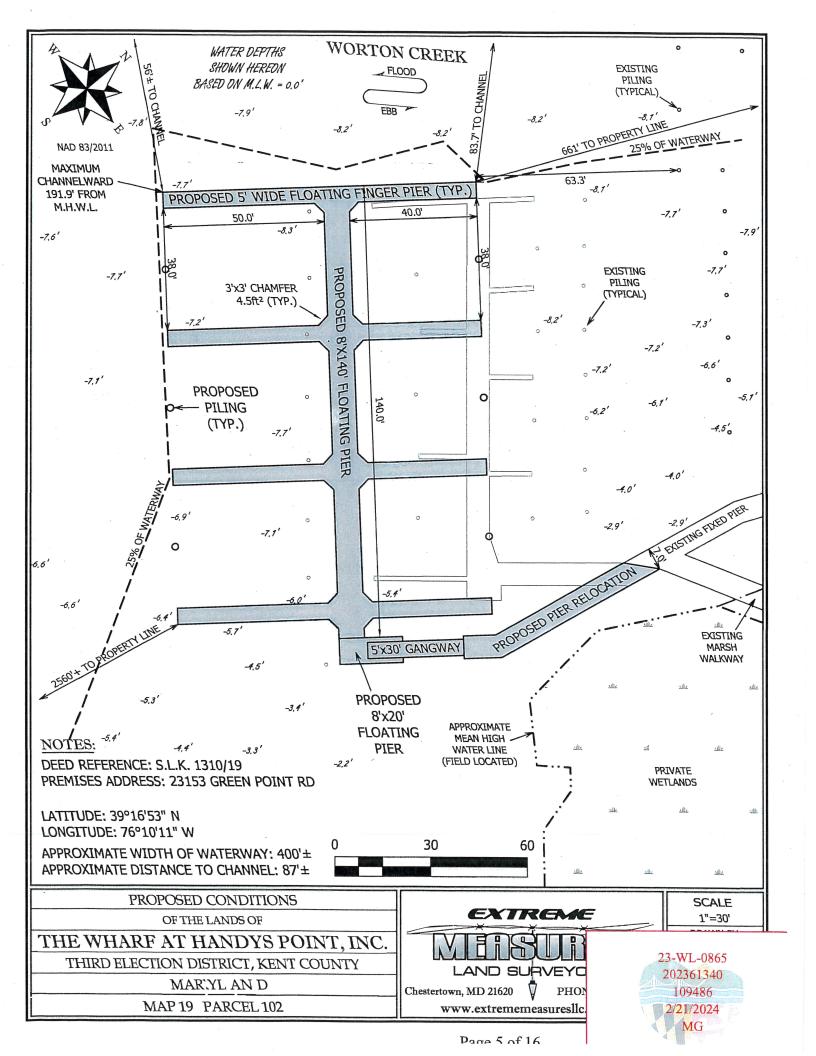
#### **Kent County**

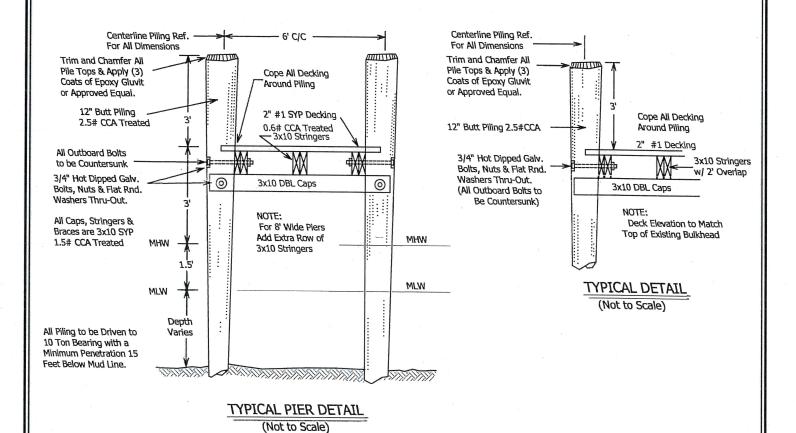
23-WL-0865/202361340 The Wharf at Handy's Point, Inc, 23153 Green Point Road, Worton, MD 21678 has applied to relocate a fixed pier, reconstruct fixed piers with floating piers, and mechanically maintenance dredge within a previously authorized area. The project will relocate a segment of fixed pier with a 70-foot long by 8-foot wide fixed pier, construct a new 30-foot long by 5-foot wide metal gangway, a 20-foot long by 8-foot wide floating platform, a 135-foot long by 8-foot wide floating main pier, a 98-foot long by 5-foot wide "T" headed floating pier, three 50-foot long by 5-foot wide floating finger piers, three 40-foot long by 5-foot wide floating finger piers, and install six mooring piles. Dredging will occur within a 17,344 square foot area to a depth of -5 feet mean low water, 4,079 square feet to a depth of -7 feet at mean low water, and 11,353 square feet in transitional zones at a 3:1 slope ratio, all within 225 feet channelward of the mean high-water line. 1,449 cubic yards of dredged material will be transported to an approved upland disposal site located on site. Authorization will also provide for periodic maintenance dredging for six years. The purpose of the project is to provide greater access to the marina and waters of Worton Creek. The project is located at 23153 Green Point Road, Worton, MD 21678. For more information, please contact Matt Godbey at matt.godbey@maryland.gov or 410-901-4033.











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THIRD ELECTION DISTRICT, KENT COUNTY,

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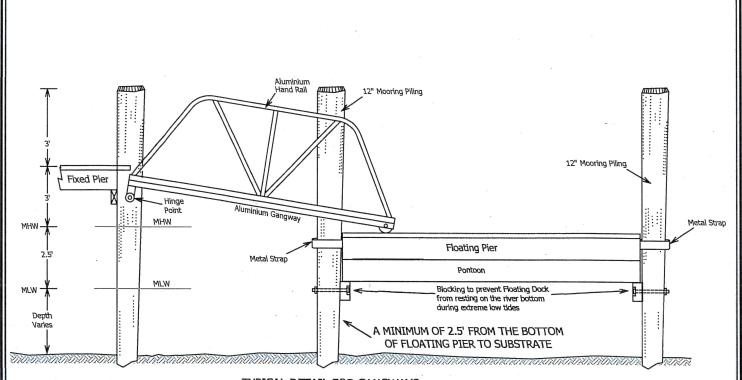
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Chestertown, MD 21620

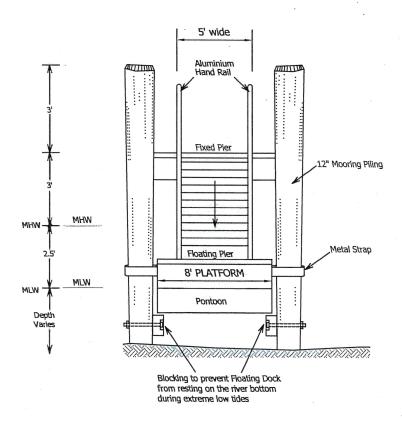
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#### TYPICAL DETAIL FOR GANGWAYS



GANGWAY DETAIL

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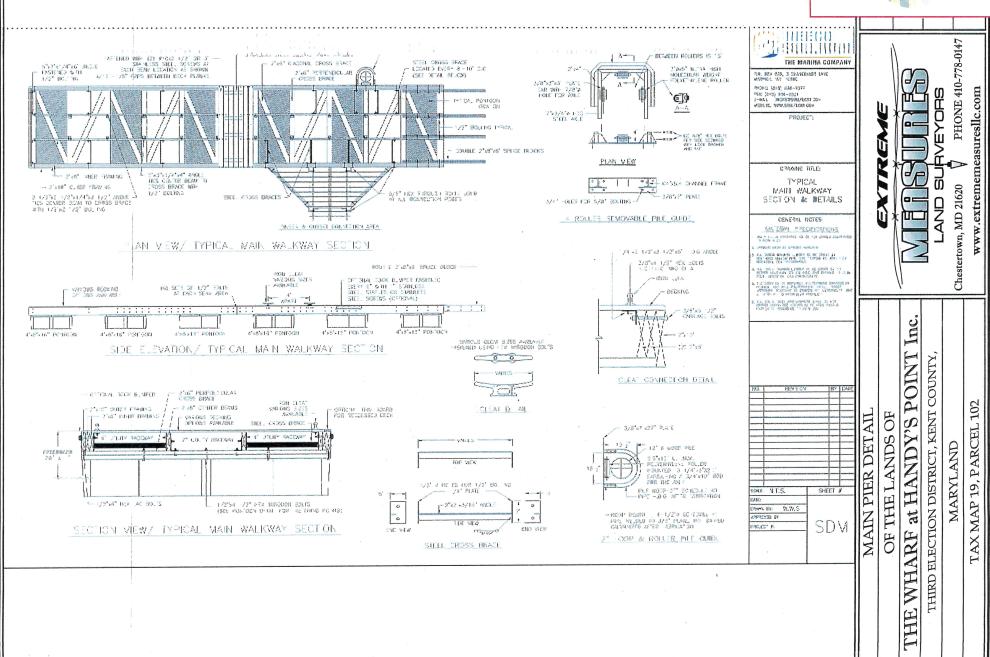
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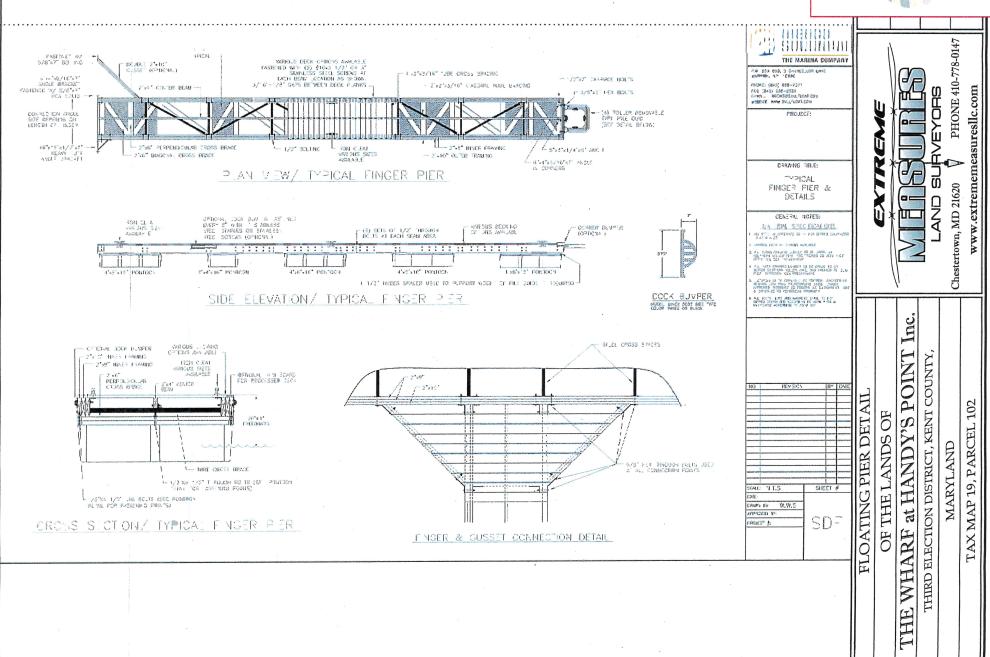
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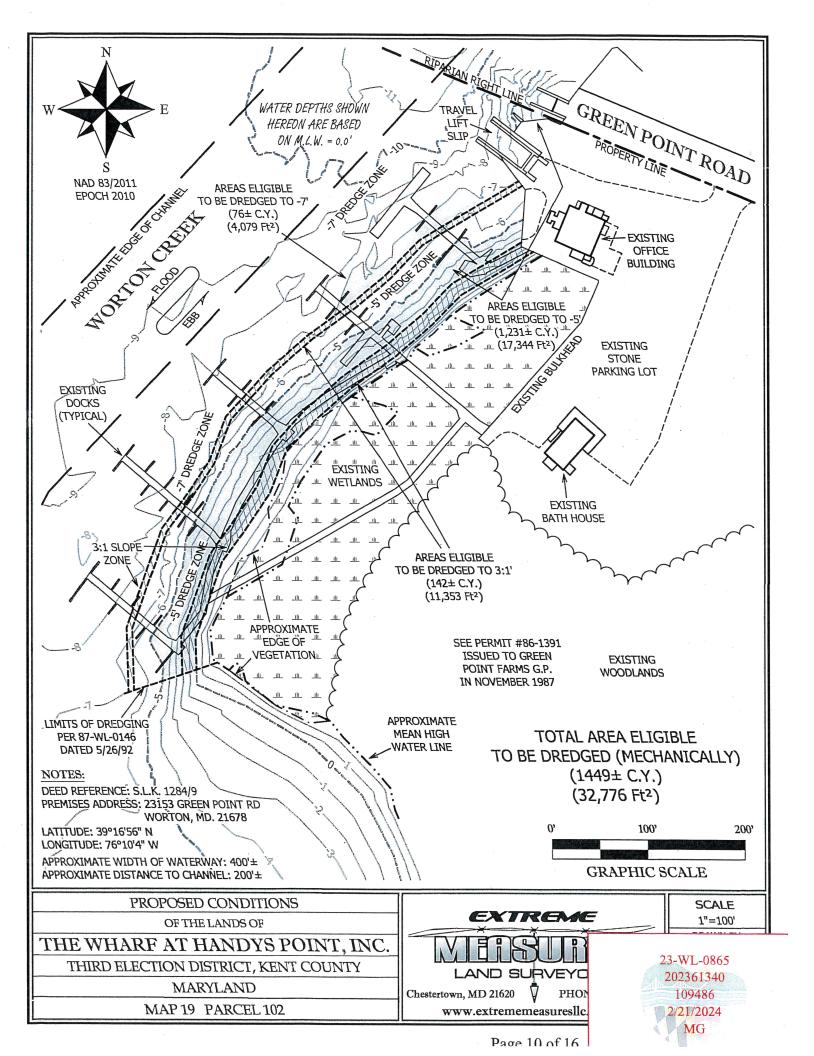
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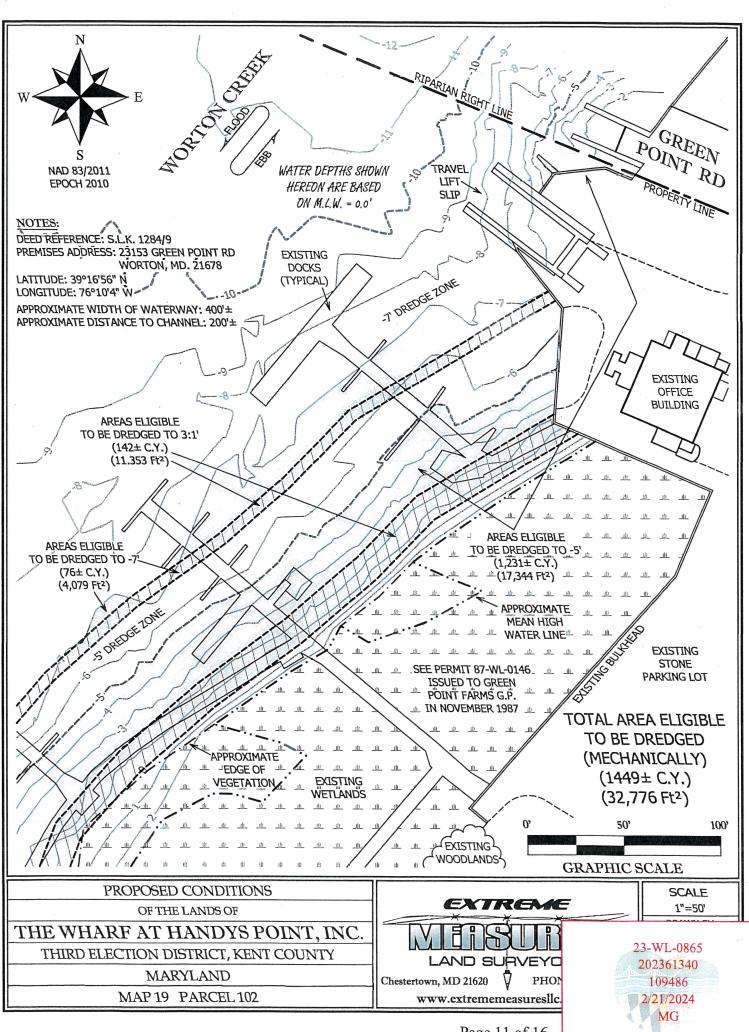
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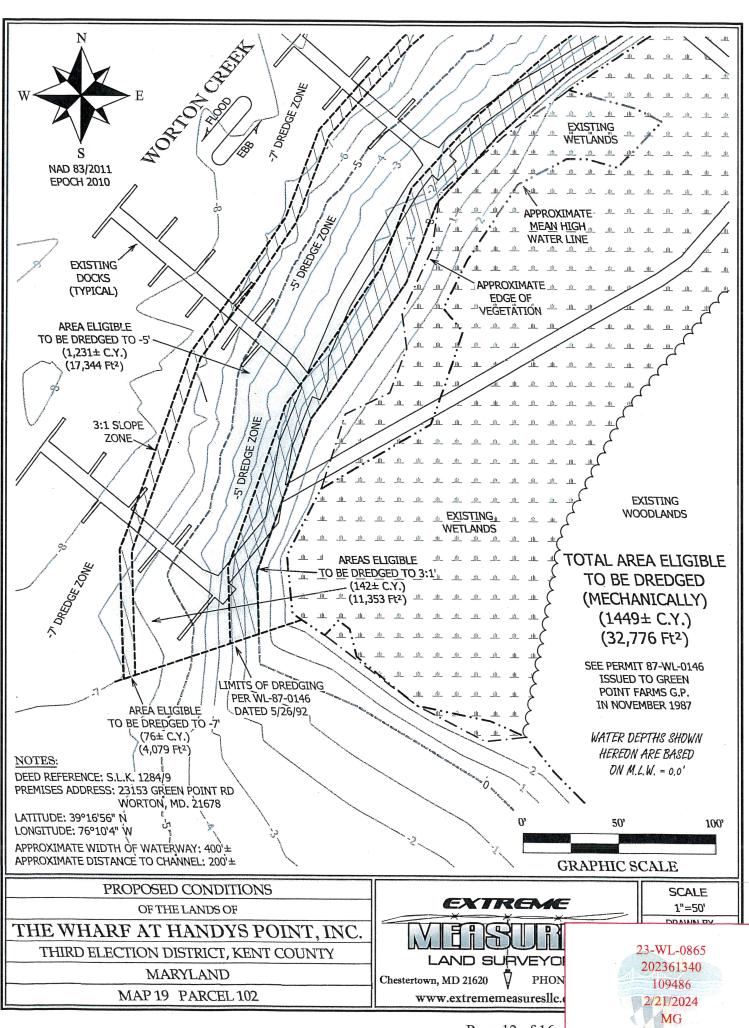


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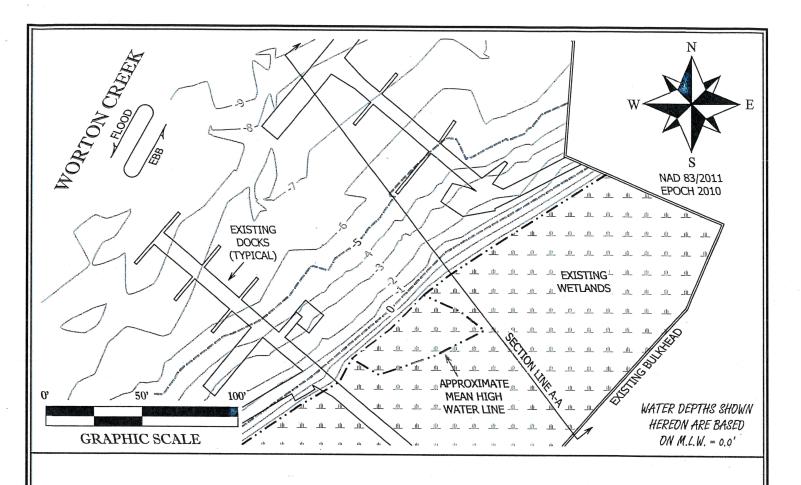




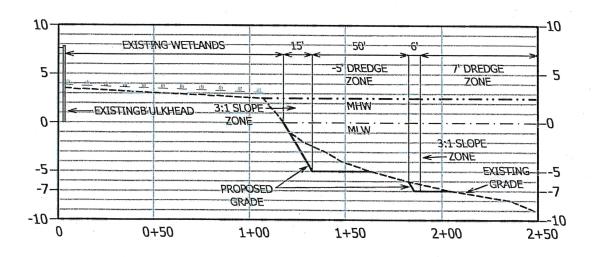




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#### PROFILE VIEW SECTION A-A



HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1"=50' VERTICAL SCALE: 1"=10'

PROFILE VIEW
OF THE LANDS OF
THE WHARF AT HANDYS POINT, INC.
THIRD ELECTION DISTRICT, KENT COUNTY

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR

STANDARD STABILIZATION NOTE

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RIGHT TO ADD, DELETE, MODIFY OR OTHERWISE ALTER THE
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ADDITIONAL PROTECTION BECOMES NECESSARY.

"EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED"

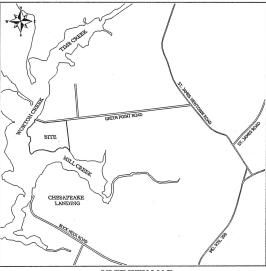
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Kent Co. 23-298 KSWCD 7523

### SEDIMENT & EROSION CONTROL PLAN

#### THE WHARF AT HANDY'S POINT, INC.

THIRD ELECTION DISTRICT, KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND



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#### TABLE OF CONTENTS

......SEDIMENT & EROSION CONTROL PLAN

#### OWNER/DEVELOPER

THE WHARF AT HANDY'S POINT, INC. 23153 GREEN POINT ROAD

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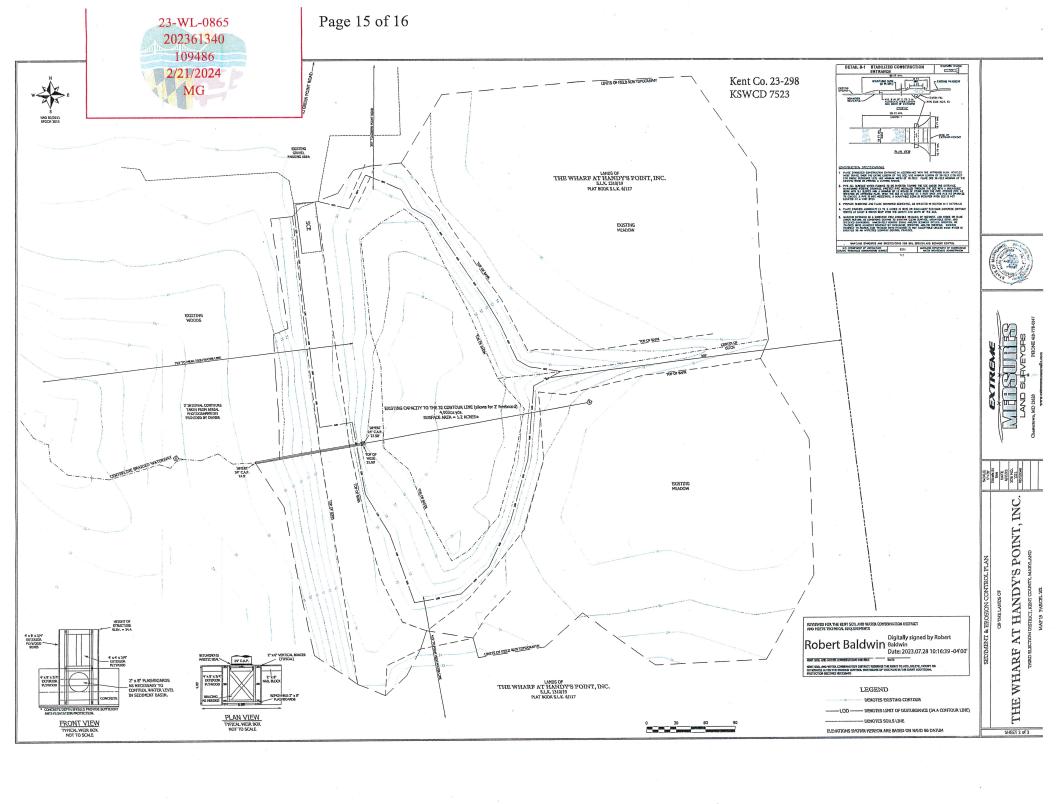
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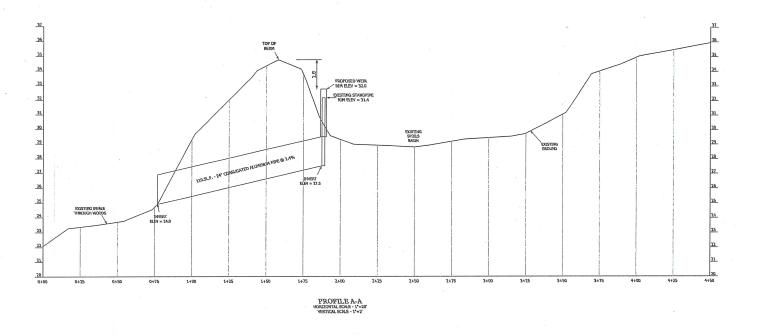
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# Carla Gerber, Deputy Director, Planning, Housing, and Zoning Notification 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

**Item Summary:** 

PHZ #24-14 Camp Fairlee - Major Site Plan Review

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

PHZ, Notification of #24-14 Camp Fairlee Site Plan



#### Department of Planning, Housing, and Zoning

March 15, 2024

County Commissioners Of Kent Co MD 400 High Street Chestertown, MD 21620

RE: #24-14 Camp Fairlee – Major Site Plan – Sensory Cabin (Concept)

22242 Bay Shore Road, Chestertown, Maryland

Dear Adjacent Property Owner:

On **Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.**, the Kent County Planning Commission will review a site plan application submitted by Camp Fairlee, requesting concept review of a proposal to install a sensory cabin of approximately 2,100 square feet, a 20-foot-wide access lane, and an 8-foot-wide concrete walkway, all within the Critical Area. The proposal is part of a master plan that will include two additional sensory cabins and a laundry facility. The property is located at 22242 Bay Shore Road in the Sixth Election District and is zoned Agricultural Zoning District (AZD) and Resource Conservation District (RCD).

The Kent County Land Use Ordinance requires the Planning Commission to review proposals to assure good arrangement and appearance, consistency with the County's Comprehensive Plan, and compliance with all County regulations.

As an adjoining property owner, you are invited to comment on this proposal and attend the meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2024. If you have any questions concerning the application, please contact the Department at 410-778-7423 or send an email to mcarper@kentgov.org. If you are unable to attend but are interested in participating in the meeting, citizens may listen to and/or comment on the meeting via the audio-only phone number and conference identification numbers listed below. Members of the public are asked to mute their phones/devices, until the Chair opens the floor for comment.

1. Dial 1-872-239-8359

Mark Cayper

2. Enter Conference ID: 829 010 853#

Members of the public may also watch the live video feed and view the video after the meeting at the County's YouTube channel: @kentcountygovernment2757.

If you need communication assistance, please contact the Maryland Relay Service at <a href="https://www.mdrelay.org">www.mdrelay.org</a> or 7-1-1 for voice/TDD.

Sincerely,

Mark Carper

Associate Planner, LEED Green Associate

cc: Kevin Shearon, P.E., LEED AP, Principal of DMS & Associates



# Carla Gerber, Deputy Director, Planning, Housing, and Zoning Notification 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

**Item Summary:** 

PHZ Notification of #23-68 KNR, Inc. Site Plan Review

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

PHZ Notification of # 23-68 Site Plan Review KNR, Inc.



#### Department of Planning, Housing, and Zoning

March 15, 2024

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT CO MD 400 HIGH ST CHESTERTOWN, MD 21620

RE: KNR, Inc.

23-68 – Site Plan Review – Concept for Convenience Store/Deli

10816 Worton Road, Worton

Dear Adjacent Property Owner:

On **Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.**, the Kent County Planning Commission will review a site plan application submitted by KNR, Inc., requesting concept review of a proposal to construct a new convenience store and deli. The property is located at 10816 Worton Road in the Third Election District and is zoned Village (V).

The Kent County Land Use Ordinance requires review of proposals to assure good arrangement and appearance, consistency with the County's Comprehensive Plan, and compliance with all County regulations.

As an adjoining property owner, you are invited to comment on this proposal and attend the meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 1:30 pm. The meeting will be held at 400 High Street in Chestertown.

If you have any questions concerning the application, please contact me at 410-778-7474 or send an email to <a href="mailto:cgerber@kentgov.org">cgerber@kentgov.org</a>. If you are unable to attend but are interested in participating in the meeting, citizens may listen to and/or comment on the meeting via the audio-only phone number and conference identification numbers listed below. Members of the public are asked to mute their phones/devices, until the Chair opens the floor for comment.

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Sincerely,

Carla Gerber, AICP

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Deputy Director

cc: Kevin Shearon, P.E., LEED AP, Principal of DMS & Associates



### Kate Van Name, Executive Director, Kent Attainable Housing 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

**Item Summary:** 

Press Release

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

03.25.24 Kent Attainable Housing, Inc., Press Release -CDS 2024

#### **Tonya Thomas**

From:

kate@kentattainablehousing.org

Sent:

Monday, March 25, 2024 11:48 AM

To: Cc: 'Kate Van Name'

'Taylor Frey'

Subject:

Exciting Announcement: Kent Attainable Housing (KAH) Secures \$810,000

Congressional Funding for Affordable Housing Initiatives in Kent County, Maryland

**Attachments:** 

Kent Attainable Housing Press Release-CDS 2024-Final1.docx

#### ATTENTION!

This email originated from an external source. DO NOT CLICK any links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

- KCIT Helpdesk

Dear Kent County Press Release Group and Members of the Community,

I have some exciting news regarding Kent Attainable Housing, Inc. (KAH) and a recent milestone in our continuous efforts to address affordable housing needs in Kent County, Maryland.

I am thrilled to announce that KAH has secured \$810,000 in Congressional funding to support our mission of building affordable houses for limited-income families in our county. This substantial allocation is part of the Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending bill, recently approved by the President. Maryland's U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen played a vital role in obtaining this funding, acknowledging the urgent requirement for affordable housing solutions in Kent County.

We have attached our press release and would greatly appreciate your help spreading the good news within your network to help us amplify our message.

This funding represents a significant achievement in our ongoing mission to offer affordable and financially sustainable housing solutions for families in Kent County. Our commitment to maintaining affordability is unwavering. We have formally submitted our funding request for 2025's Congress budget cycle, supported by endorsements from numerous local organizations and governmental bodies. We are eager to continue making a meaningful and positive impact in Kent County.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Warm regards,

Kate Van Name
Executive Director
Kent Attainable Housing, Inc.
114 S. Lynchburg Street, Suite D
P.O. Box 501
Chestertown, MD 21620



#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Kent Attainable Housing, Inc. Awarded \$810,000 in Congressional Funding to Address Affordable Housing in Kent County, Maryland

Chestertown, Maryland – March 25, 2024: Kent Attainable Housing, Inc. (KAH) has been awarded \$810,000 in Congressional funding to address the affordable housing crisis in Kent County, Maryland. Maryland's U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen secured the funding as part of a package of Fiscal Year 2024 government funding bills, which the President signed. This significant allocation is a vital step forward in addressing the urgent need for affordable housing in Kent County.

"The rising cost of housing has put the goal of homeownership out of reach for too many Marylanders. We worked to secure this direct federal investment to bring more affordable housing to communities in Kent County – offering more residents the opportunity to own a home and build a brighter future for themselves and their families," said Senator Van Hollen.

"This support from the Maryland Senators and the Senate Appropriations Committee will accelerate our efforts to make homeownership attainable and help us jumpstart the revitalization of critical communities within Kent County," said Taylor Frey, Chairman of the Board for Kent Attainable Housing. "We are grateful for this vote of confidence and reaffirm our steadfast commitment to serving the needs of Kent County families. We hope to secure additional funding to accelerate this effort further."

The allocated funds will focus on urgent housing needs in two specific areas within Kent County. Firstly, KAH will continue its efforts in the Prospect Street neighborhood in Chestertown. With years of neglect overshadowing its potential, KAH sees an opportunity for renewal. This funding will enable the rejuvenation process to surge forward, starting with the construction of a duplex at 136 Prospect Street, which will increase affordable housing options and signify a fresh start for the residents of this underserved community.

The project extends beyond Chestertown to Lambs Meadow Road, where KAH recognizes the importance of revitalizing Butlertown, a historic African American community. KAH's commitment to constructing affordable homes aligns with the community's needs and aspirations. With the growing demand for affordable homes in Butlertown, KAH will build additional affordable homes with this funding, continuing to preserve its rich history and heritage.

Kent Attainable Housing (KAH) is committed to addressing housing insecurity in Kent County. Over 3,000 households, which comprise 40% of the county's households, are affected by this problem. To tackle this issue, KAH has implemented a multifaceted approach to expand homeownership opportunities and provide financial education and financial aid support to hardworking families, helping them purchase and maintain a home.

Families must have incomes ranging from 30% to 80% of the county's median income to qualify for their programs. For example, a family of three with a gross income before taxes of up to \$66,900 would be eligible for the Future Homeowner Program. Eligibility extends to larger families with slightly adjusted income thresholds.

Kate Van Name, Executive Director of Kent Attainable Housing, expressed her gratitude to Senator Van Hollen, Senator Cardin, and their staff for supporting and advocating for this funding and affirming the organization's ability to impact affordable housing in Kent County. She also emphasized KAH's commitment to amplifying its fundraising efforts to sustain its transformative work and foster a lasting positive impact.

#### **About Kent Attainable Housing:**

Kent Attainable Housing is a non-profit organization located in rural Kent County on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Our main goal is to assist hardworking families in achieving financial stability and homeownership. We offer tailored services to limited-income families who are facing housing insecurity. We focus on providing financial literacy education, homeownership finance counseling, and affordable home construction to promote long-term financial stability. We also aim to reduce the risk of housing instability by offering comprehensive support throughout the homeownership process.

For media inquiries or further information, please contact:

Kate Van Name Executive Director

Phone: 443-480-6842 (Office) | 410-881-2558 (Cell)

Email: kate@kentattainablehousing.org Website: kentattainablehousing.org

For information about the Kent Attainable Housing's Future Homeowner Program:

Terwana Brown Director of Programs

Phone: 443-480-6842 (Office)

terwana@kentattainablehousing.org
Website: kentattainablehousing.org

This press release was prepared and distributed by Kent Attainable Housing, Inc. Any inquiries or requests for further information should be directed to the contacts listed above.



## American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Spend Plan 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

3-26-2024 ARPA Fund Commissioner Report

### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND AS OF COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES DATED 3/26/2024

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Project	Department	Project Estimate	Date Approved	Amount Approved	Date Completed
Feed the Elderly Year 1 Feed the Elderly Year 2 and 3	Local Management Board Local Management Board	112,800 204,115	08/31/21 03/08/22	112,800 204,115	9/30/2022
Clariflocculator Replacement Project Clariflocculator Replacement Project Change Order #1 Clariflocculator Replacement Project Change Order #2	Water & Wastewater Fund	275,000 2,817 90,642	08/31/21 01/11/22 01/11/22	275,000 2,817 90,642	6/28/2022 6/28/2022 11/23/2022
AV System	Information Technology	71,254	10/26/21	71,254	5/17/2023
IT Software	Information Technology	27,095	10/26/21	27,095	8/10/2022
Neighborhood & Infrastructure Grants	Information Technology	258,402	12/14/21	258,402	
A/V Equipment in EOC	Emergency Operation Center	14,087	02/01/22	14,087	
SCADA Pump Station Monitoring	Water & Wastewater Fund	110,065	02/08/22	110,065	
Millington/RT301 Wastewater Treatment Feasibility Study Millington/RT301 Wastewater Conveyance System Capacity Study	Water & Wastewater Fund	57,500 9,500	02/08/22 09/27/22	57,500 9,500	
Tolchester Wastewater-Design Services Influent Screen Tolchester Wastewater - Bid Services and Const. Management Tolchester Wastewater Influent Screen Construction	Water & Wastewater Fund	52,910 35,735 600,914	02/08/22 09/27/22 04/25/23	52,910 35,735 600,914	
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Kennedyville Pump Station #2 Relocation Design Kennedyville Pump Station #2 Relocation Const. Management Kennedyville Pump Station #2 Construction	Water & Wastewater Fund	52,338 Deferred Deferred	09/27/22	52,338	
Worton/Kennedyville GIS Water and Sewer Facilities Mapping	Water & Wastewater Fund	75,770	09/27/22	75,770	
Worton Vehicle Storage Building & site prep/lighting/heat	Water & Wastewater Fund	40,000	10/25/22	40,000	
Worton WWTP Solids Press Replacement Design Worton WWTP Solids Press Replacement Construction Management Worton WWTP Solids Press Replacement	Water & Wastewater Fund	64,940 20,000.00 250,000.00	11/28/23	64,940	
Total Amount of Funds Committed		\$ 3,446,637		\$ 3,176,637	
Amount of ARPA Funds		3,766,777		3,766,777	
Balance of ARPA Funds Remaining		\$ 320,140		\$ 590,140	



## Contingency and Use of Fund Balance Report 4/2/2024 County Commissioners Meeting

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3-26-2024 Commissioner Report Contingency

#### FY24 CONTINGENCY & USE OF FUND BALANCE AS OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES DATED March 26, 2024

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DATE APPROVED	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT APPROVED	DESCRIPTION
7/25/23	Buildings and Grounds-Government Center I	53,522	Cornice and fascia repair to the Kent County
7/25/23	Buildings and Grounds-Courthouse	23,949	Government Center Building (400 High Street) Replacement of (2) Packaged Terminal Air Conditioner Units within Jury Assignment Office
8/8/23	Office of Finance	10,320	Lease Query subscription for GASB 87 and
8/22/23	Water & Wastewater Fund	10,200	GASB 96 reporting Edesville sewer service district-Parcel 46 Lover's La
10/31/23	Buildings and Grounds - EMS Lynch Station	10,400	construction of sewer service line to the manhole Building repairs at EMS Lynch Station
10/31/23	Capital Projects Fund - Detention Center	32,967	Regional Detention Center - Part I & Part 2
1/30/24	Parks	5,078	programing study - letter of intent Turner's Creek Grannary-drawings, photography
1/30/24	County Commissioners	1,000	and keeping the record in an institutional achive National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29
3/5/24	Information Systems	2,365	
3/5/24	Information Systems	5,303	Government Center Upgraded and additional panic buttons at the
3/26/24	Information Systems	3,747	County Government Center Extend county fiber at Tolchester Fairgrounds
3/26/24	State's Attorney	6,000	Grant writer for the Reciidivism Reduction Project
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TOTAL		164,851	•
BEGINNING C	ONTINGENCY BUDGET	400,000	
ENDING CONT	TINGENCY BALANCE	235,149	

#### **USE OF FUND BALANCE**

DATE APPROVED	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT APPROVED	DESCRIPTION
10/31/2023	General Services	23,848	Technology software solution software to identify monitor, and collect taxes on short-term rentals
1/23/2024	Detention Center	94,377	Fill vacant Correctional Officer that was placed on hold during FY24 Budget process
2/13/2024	County Commissioners	10,000	Greenwill Consiting Group, LLC - Government relation services

TOTAL \$ 128,225

#### USE OF FUND BALANCE

Note: If expenses are not reduced or offset by the same amount of fund balance used, this will result in a decrease in fund balance below our 7.5% target.



#### Jim Miller, Director, Human Resources and Captain Allan Hanifee, Acting Warden, Kent County Detention Center 4/2/2024

#### **County Commissioners Meeting**

#### **Item Summary:**

Personnel and Public Safety

The meeting was closed under the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article §3-305 (b) (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.

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#### **Department of Human Resources**

"Providing leadership and support to ensure the successful recruitment, development, and retention of a diverse, effective, and competent workforce to serve the residents of Kent County, MD."- Kent County Human Resources

