



# Town of Upper Marlboro

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Town Commissioners  
From: Kyle Snyder, Town Administrator  
Date: Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
Re: FY 2024 Community Parks and Playgrounds (CP&P) Program Grant

Commissioners,

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is now accepting grant proposals for the Community Parks and Playgrounds (CP&P) Program. These proposals will be reviewed and considered for inclusion in the Department's FY 2024 capital budget request. As you are aware, the Town has been awarded this grant three times for Phase 1-3 of the Upper Marlboro Community Playground.

Maryland's CP&P Program is designed to restore existing and create new park and green space systems in Maryland's cities and towns. The Community Parks and Playgrounds Program provides flexible grants to municipalities to respond to the unmet need for assistance to rehabilitate, expand or improve existing parks, create new parks, develop environmentally oriented parks and recreation projects, or purchase and install playground equipment in older neighborhoods and intensely developed areas throughout the state. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on August 24, 2022. With the playground development underway, the next project we have ready to go is the pocket park since we already own the land. Below is a proposed overview of a potential pocket park development project:

Title: Main Street Urban Pocket Park Development

Cost: \$175,000

Description: The Town of Upper Marlboro recently purchased a vacant, undevelopable vacant lot along its Main Street commercial district. The Town is proposing to renovate this space into a urban pocket park with sitting & picnic table areas, historic signage, public art, water fountain & bottle filler, artificial turf area, and LED lighting.

### What does staff need from the Board?

- *Who will design the project?* Staff is currently considering utilizing the playground vendor Sparks at Play or their partner company playspacecreative, but wanted to get input from the Board on how to proceed.
- *What features would you like to see?*
- *Should the Town apply for funding for a different project?*

# Concept Artwork

