



Town Council AGENDA

Monday, October 16, 2023 - 5:30 PM
Council Chambers, Easton Town Office
14 S Harrison Street

4:30 PM Workshop.

Maryland Department of Transportation/State Highway Administration to discuss US 50 From Dutchmans Lane to West of Lomax Street Geometric and Safety Improvements.

5:30 PM: Call to Order by President Gunsallus.

Opening remarks and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilmember Curry.

Moment of silence to underscore the Town of Easton's profound sympathy and support for Israel following the October 7 attacks.

Presentation of Proclamation stating the Town of Easton's Sympathy and Support for Israel after the October 7 attacks.

Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of the October 2, 2023 workshop and meeting.

Municipal Official Items.

Items by Mayor Cook.

Items by Town Manager

Public Assembly Event: 52nd Annual Waterfowl Festival, 11/09 - 11/12/23

Public Assembly Event: YMCA Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk, 11/23/23

Public Assembly Event: Free Community Holiday Event "Frosty", 12/1/23

Items by Town Attorney.

Letter from Planning & Zoning Commission Chair regarding PUD Amendment Application - Mallard Construction Group Inc. and Elliott Road, LLC.

Police Board.

Presentations.

Mr. Phillip Munley, the Director, Service and Benefits Program Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and Secretary Anthony Wood, present to answer any questions regarding the Veterans Center lease.

Ms. Lyndee Zeller, Festival Director, to present the 2023 Waterfowl Festival Transportation Plan and Food Vendor List.

Public Hearing.

(cont'd.) PUBLIC HEARING to discuss Ordinance Number 799, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ADOPTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE APPLICATION FOR, APPROVAL OF, CONSTRUCTION OF, EXPANSION OF, PROCESSING OF, OR ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE OPERATION OF A BUSINESS ENGAGED IN THE GROWING, PROCESSING, AND/OR SELLING OF CANNABIS WITHIN THE TOWN OF EASTON FOR A PERIOD OF NINE (9) MONTHS PENDING CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF REVISED ZONING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS AS THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY CONSIDER ADVISABLE TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE."

Legislation.

Resolution No. 6174, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SALE FROM THE TOWN OF EASTON PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS OF 2020."

Public Participation/Comments.

Items by Members of the Council:

Closed Session General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.

Adjournment.

The public can access the meeting as follows:

<https://www.eastonmd.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes>

If you are an Easton Cable subscriber, you can view the meeting through TV-Channel 98.

Please note: There is a possibility of all or part of the meeting may be held in Closed Session.

US 50 FROM DUTCHMANS LANE TO WEST OF LOMAX STREET

Geometric and Safety Improvements

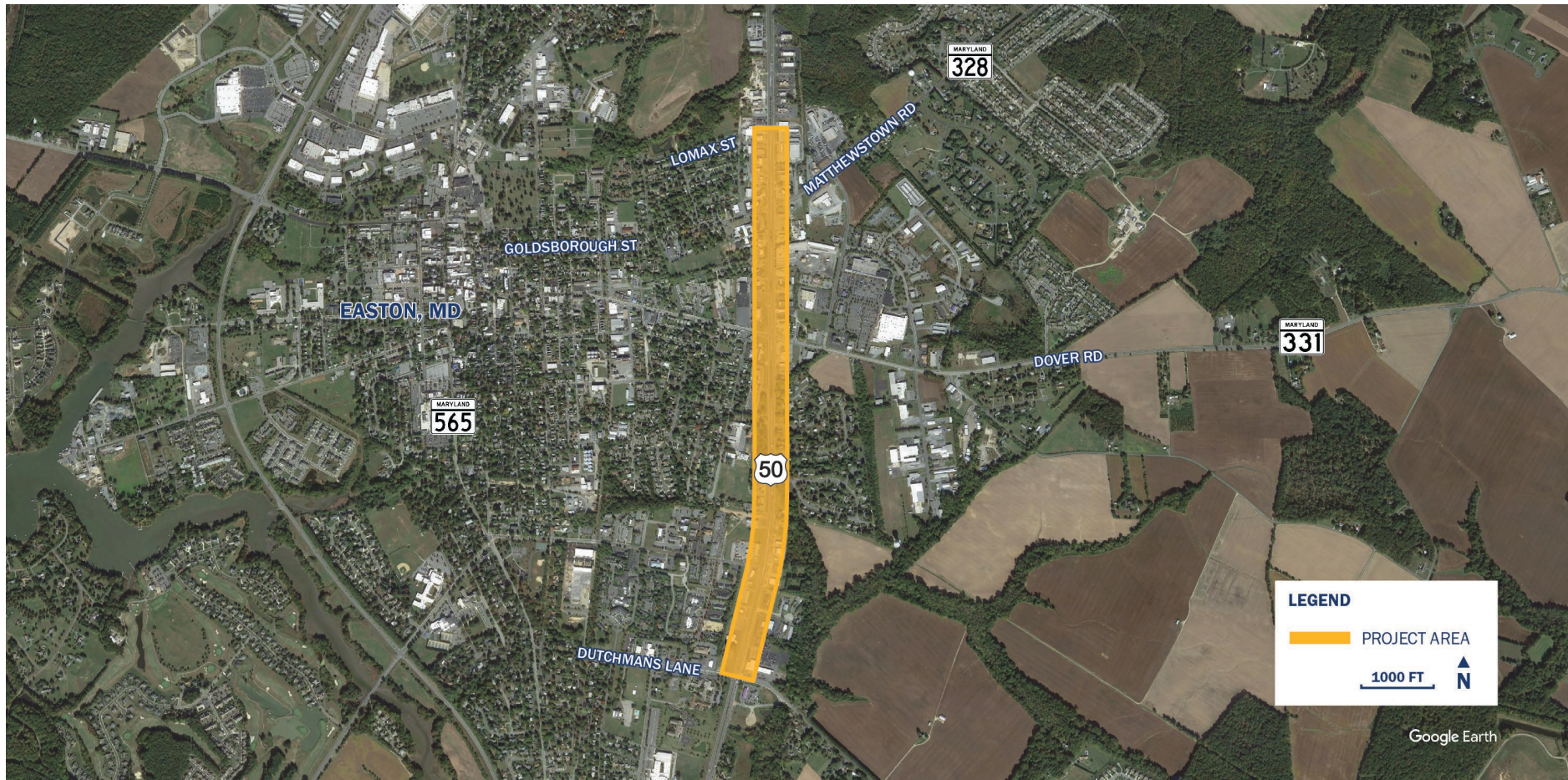


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Project Overview

Project Location





Project Overview

Goal

The project proposes geometric and safety improvements along 1.5 miles of US 50 from Lomax Street to Dutchman's Lane, located in the Town of Easton, Talbot County. The project's improvements include median reconfiguration, new channelizing islands at intersections, lengthening of left turn bays, sidewalks, traffic signal modifications, roadway resurfacing, drainage improvements, and landscaping.

To improve vehicular and pedestrian safety along US 50 throughout the 1.5-mile corridor.



Project Overview

Scope

- Improve sidewalk and ADA facilities
- Add crosswalks and pedestrian signals at the two major intersections
- Median landscaping/streetscaping
- Add channelizing right-turn islands
- Lengthen left-turn lanes at select locations
- Modify some median cross-overs
- Pavement resurfacing and rehabilitation
- Drainage and Stormwater Management
- Minimize impacts to existing utilities

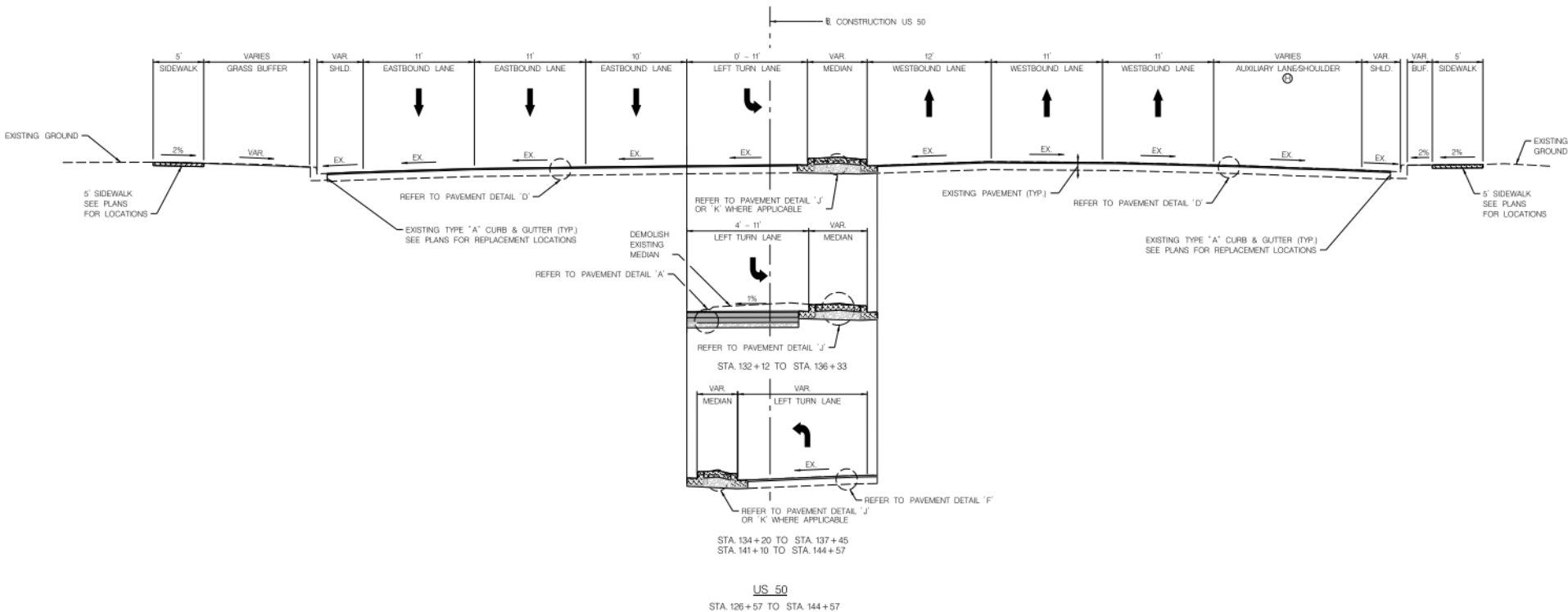


Project Overview

History

- Traffic Study – 2013
- Preliminary Investigation (30%) – November 2016
- Semi-Final Review – July 2018
 - Proposed median closures at Arcadia St and Lomax St
- Town of Easton voiced concerns and requested a new Traffic Study – February 2019
- More meetings held with Town of Easton – Dec 2018 - April 2019
- New Traffic Study and design updated – June 2019
 - Removed median closures at Arcadia St and Lomax St (to allow lefts in)
- Met with Town of Easton – June 2019
- Project goes on-hold – July 2020
- Final Design resumes - February 2021

Typical Roadway Section – Raised Median



Project Features

Sidewalk and ADA ramps

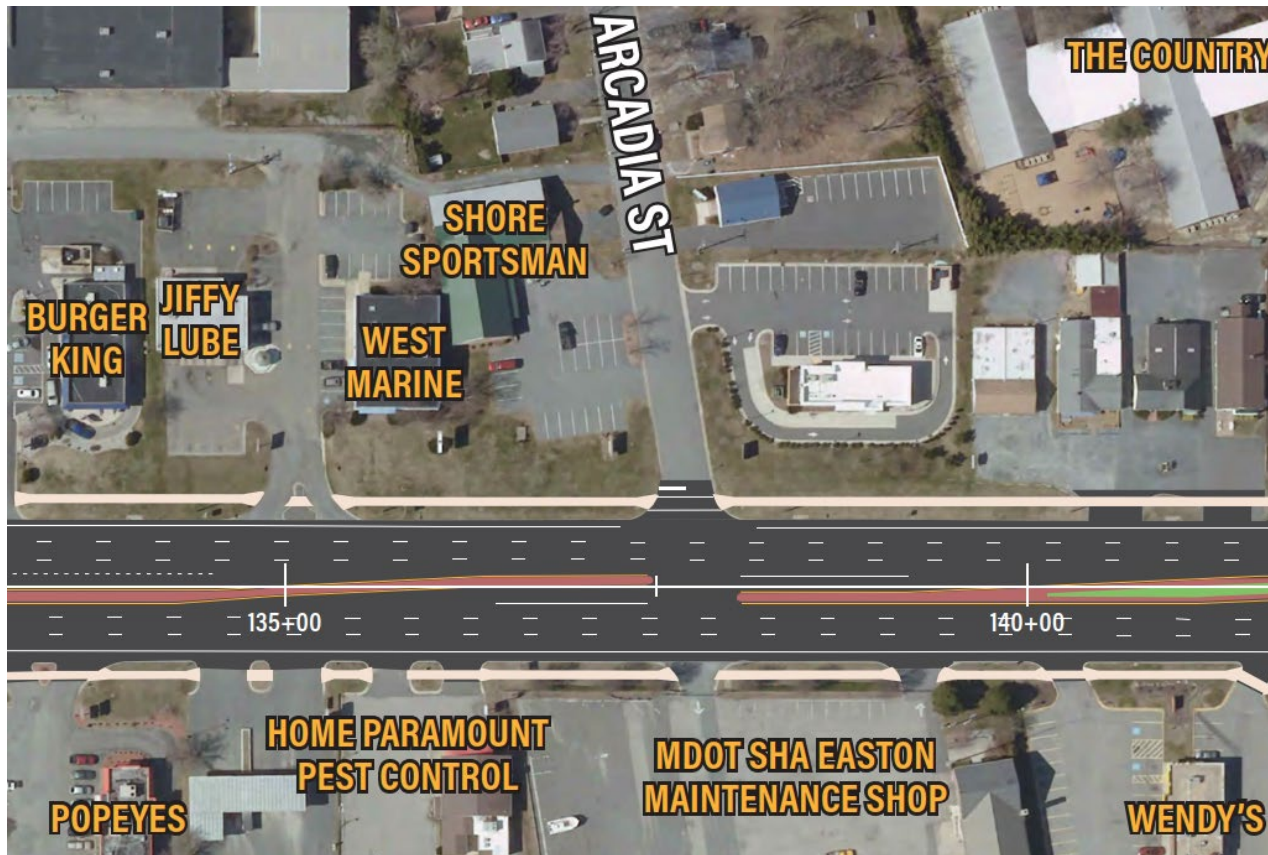
- *Existing Condition = no sidewalk*



Project Features

Sidewalk and ADA ramps

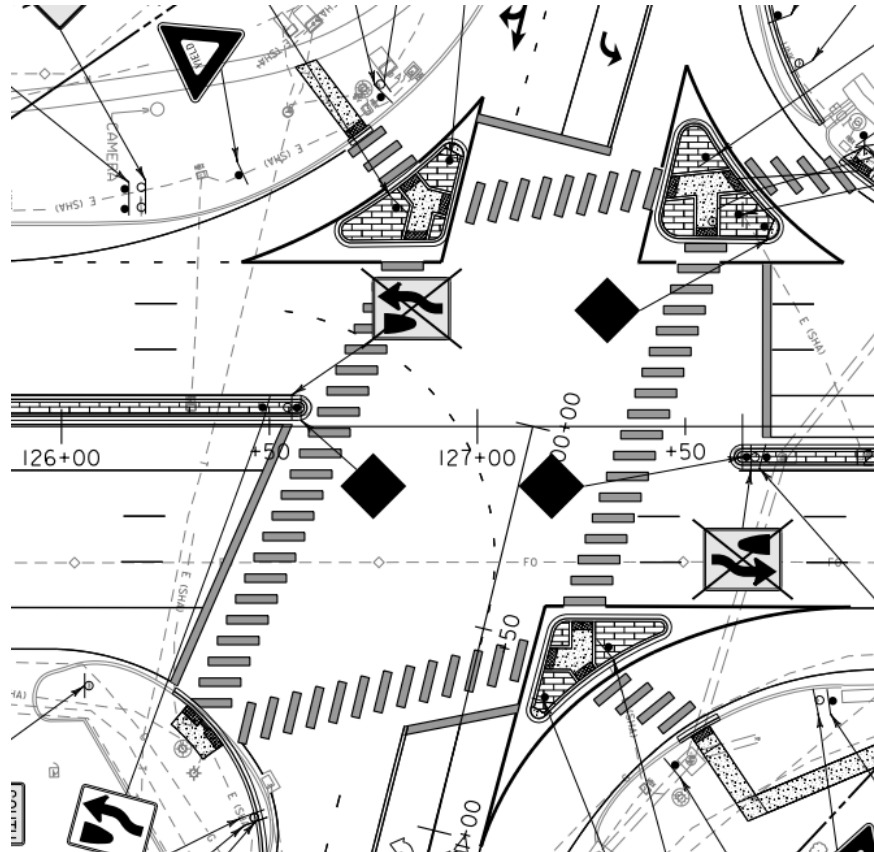
- Proposed 5' sidewalk w/ variable buffer from Dover to Goldsborough



Project Features

Crosswalks at Intersections

- Proposed at Dover Road and Goldsborough Street
 - cut-through islands



Project Features

Pedestrian Signals

- *Proposed at Dover Road and Goldsborough Street*



Project Features

Median Landscaping/Streetscaping

- *Existing Condition = concrete median*





Project Features

Landscape Opportunities and Constraints

- Roadside
 - Competition for space
 - Utilities
 - Stormwater management facilities
 - Sight distance to businesses and services
 - Setbacks from road and sidewalk
- Median
 - Consistent median treatment can provide corridor-wide cohesiveness
 - Reduce mid-block pedestrian crossings



Project Features

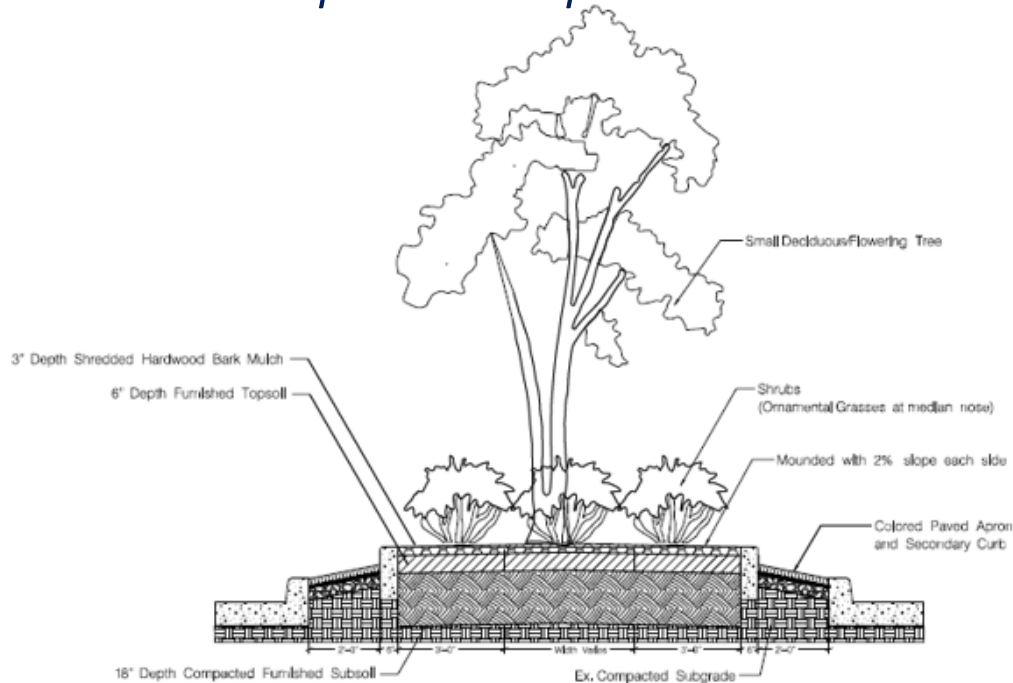
Landscape Design Proposal

- Rehabilitate all the closed raised medians
- Add colored paved apron with secondary curb
 - Provide a distinctive and consistent median treatment for the entire corridor
- Replace all plants in medians
 - Small deciduous/flowering trees in center
 - Under-planted with small shrubs
 - Ornamental grasses at median noses
- Minimize roadside planting
- Do not install median fence
 - Not in character with area

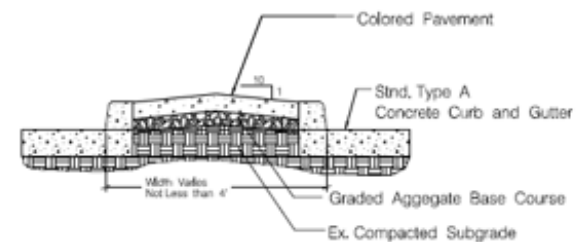
Project Features

Median Landscaping Details

- Proposed stamped concrete median with and without plantings



Median Detail with Plants
and Colored Paved Apron with Secondary Curb



Median Detail
in Narrow Areas

Project Features

Landscape Design Proposal

- *Raised landscape median with paved apron and secondary curb*





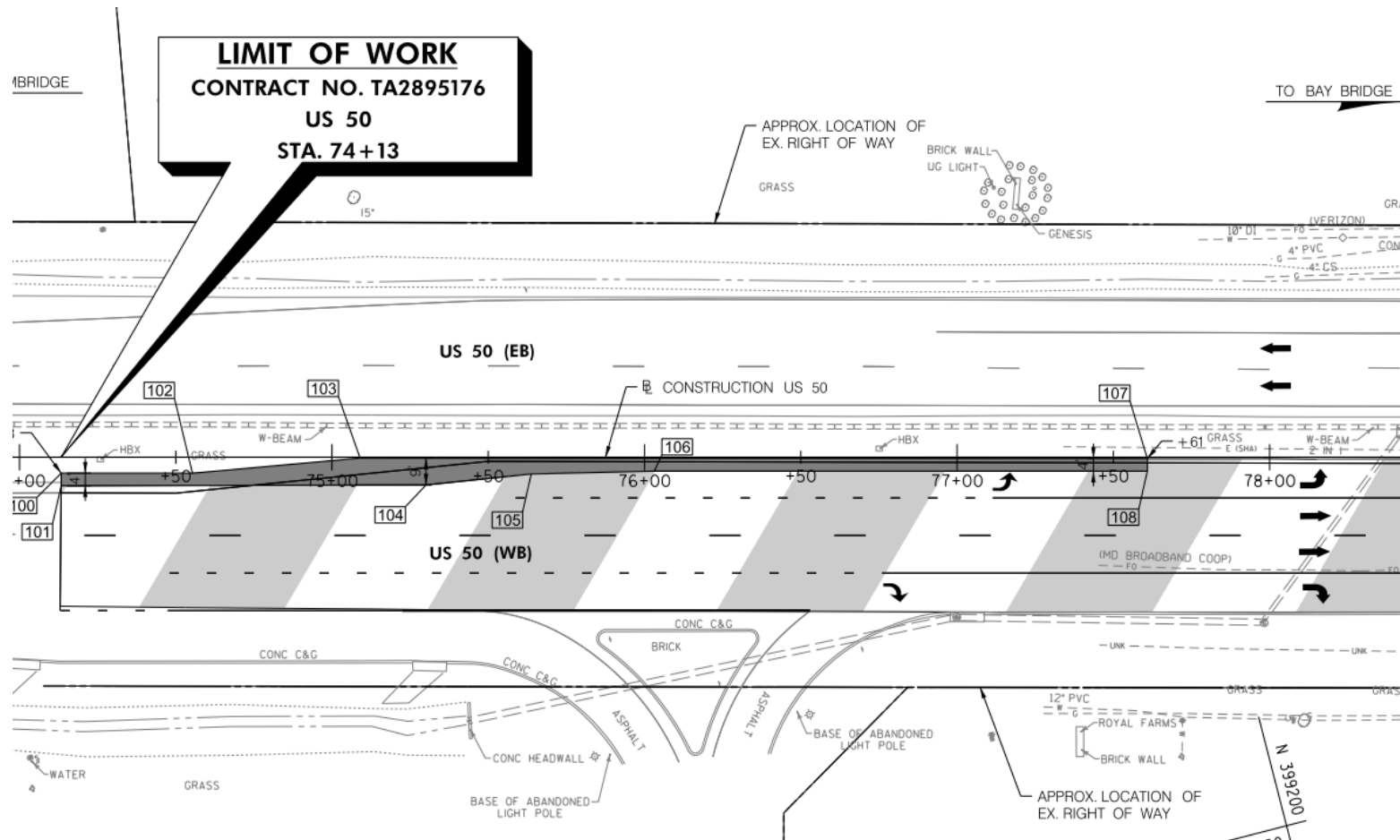
Project Design

Geometric Improvements at Intersections

- Dutchmans Lane
- Idlewild Avenue
- Bartlett Avenue
- Hawkes Hill Road
- High Street
- Heworth Road
- MD 331 (Dover Road)
- Arcadia Street
- MD 328 (Goldsborough Street)
- Lomax Street

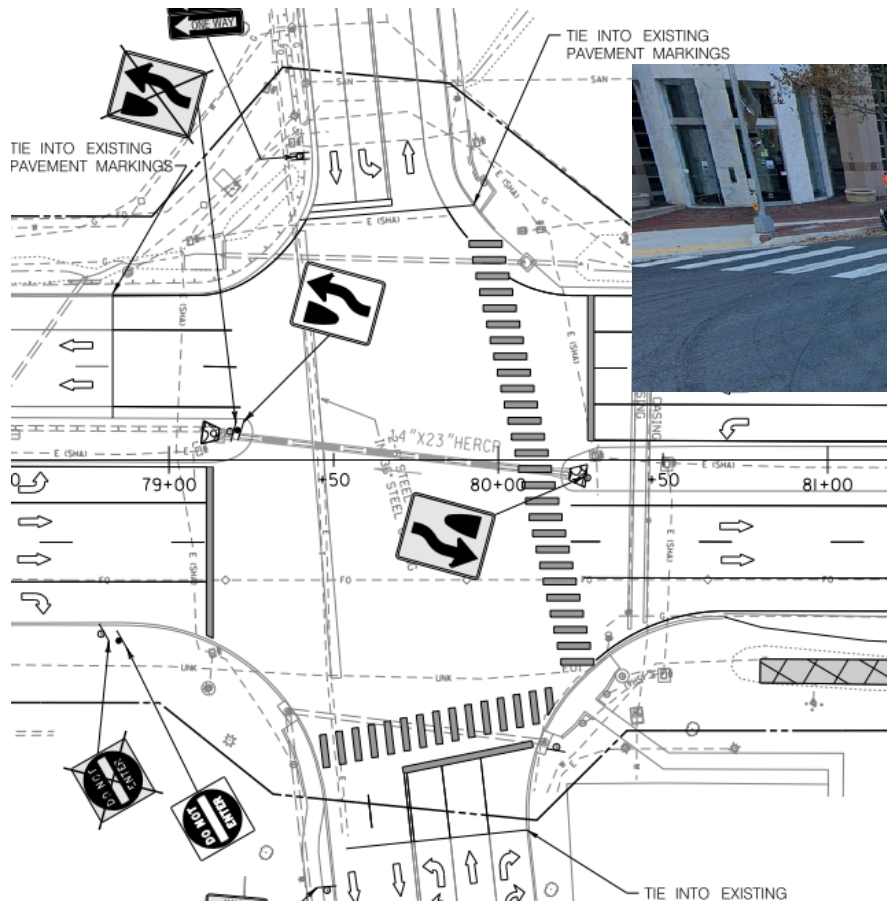
Project Design – Dutchmans Lane

Lengthen WB Left Turn Lane – Pavement Widening



Project Design – Dutchmans Lane

Install Continental Crosswalks and Replace Stop Bars



Project Design – Idlewild Ave

Maryland T – No Changes to Existing



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Project Design – Bartlett Avenue

No Changes to Existing Median Opening Geometry



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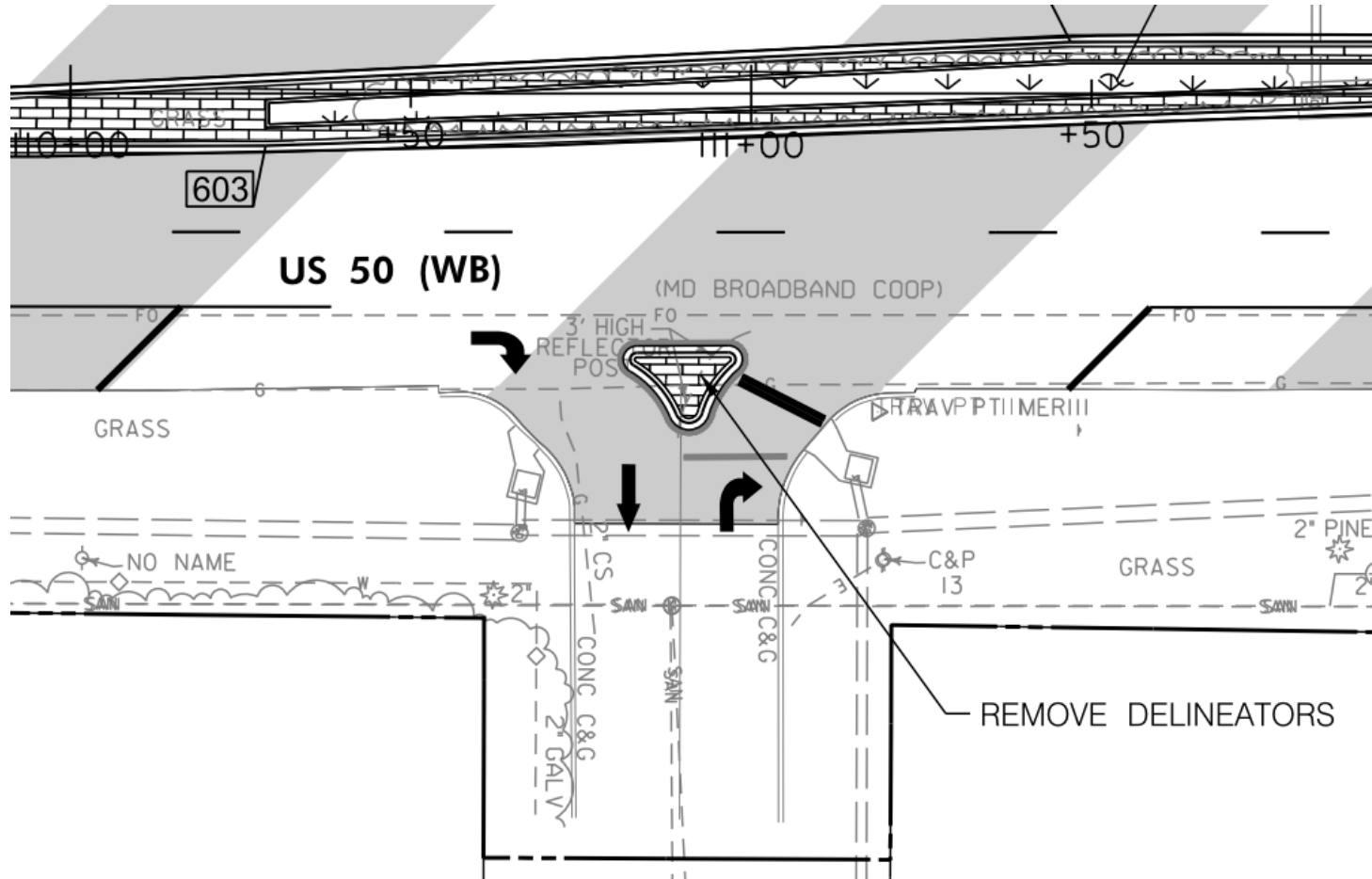
Project Design – Hawkes Hill Road

Existing Condition – Plastic Delineators



Project Design – Hawkes Hill Road

Proposed Condition – Channelizing Right-Turn Islands





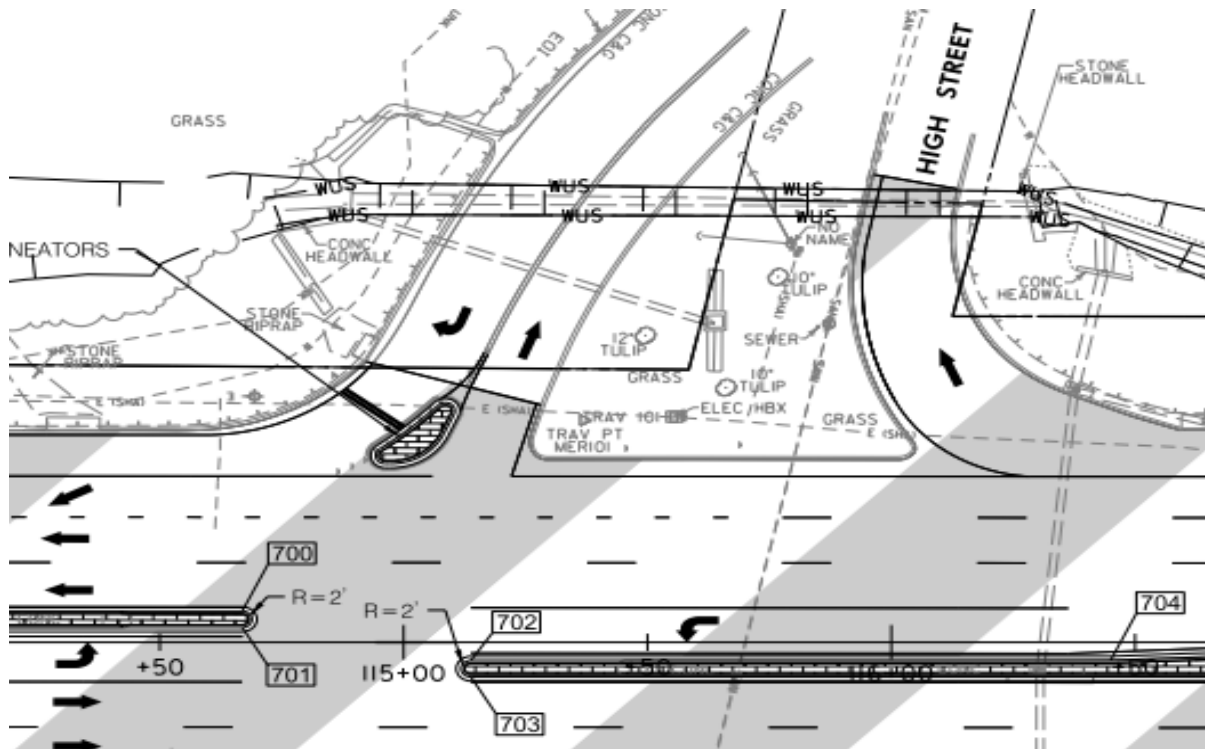
Project Design – High Street

Existing Condition – Plastic Delineators



Project Design – High Street

Proposed Condition – Channelizing Right-Turn Islands and Median Opening Widened to Allow Simultaneous Left Turns



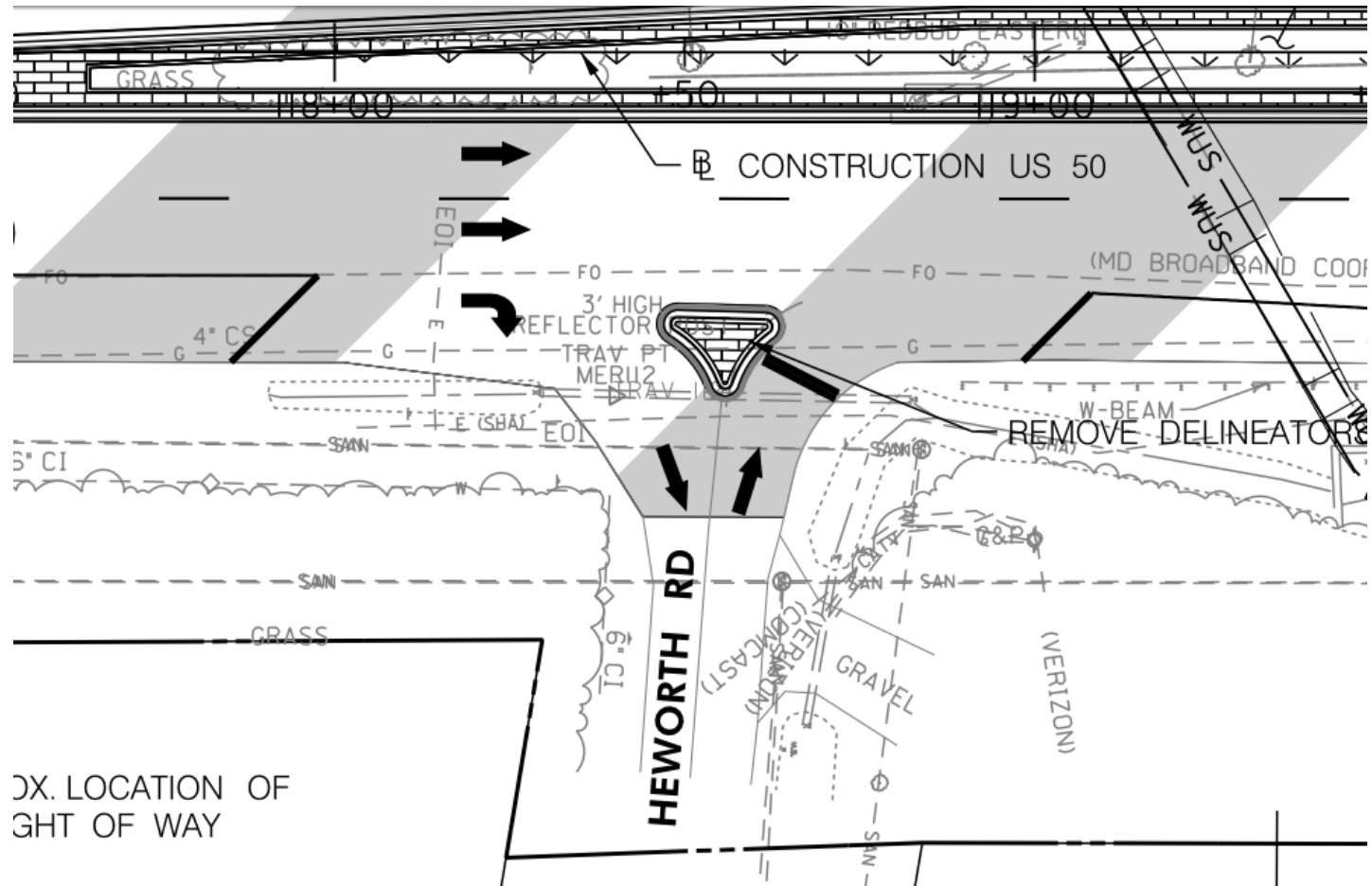
Project Design – Heworth Road

Existing Condition – Plastic Delineators



Project Design – Heworth Road

Proposed Condition – Channelizing Right-Turn Islands





Project Design – MD 331 (Dover Road)

Existing Conditions



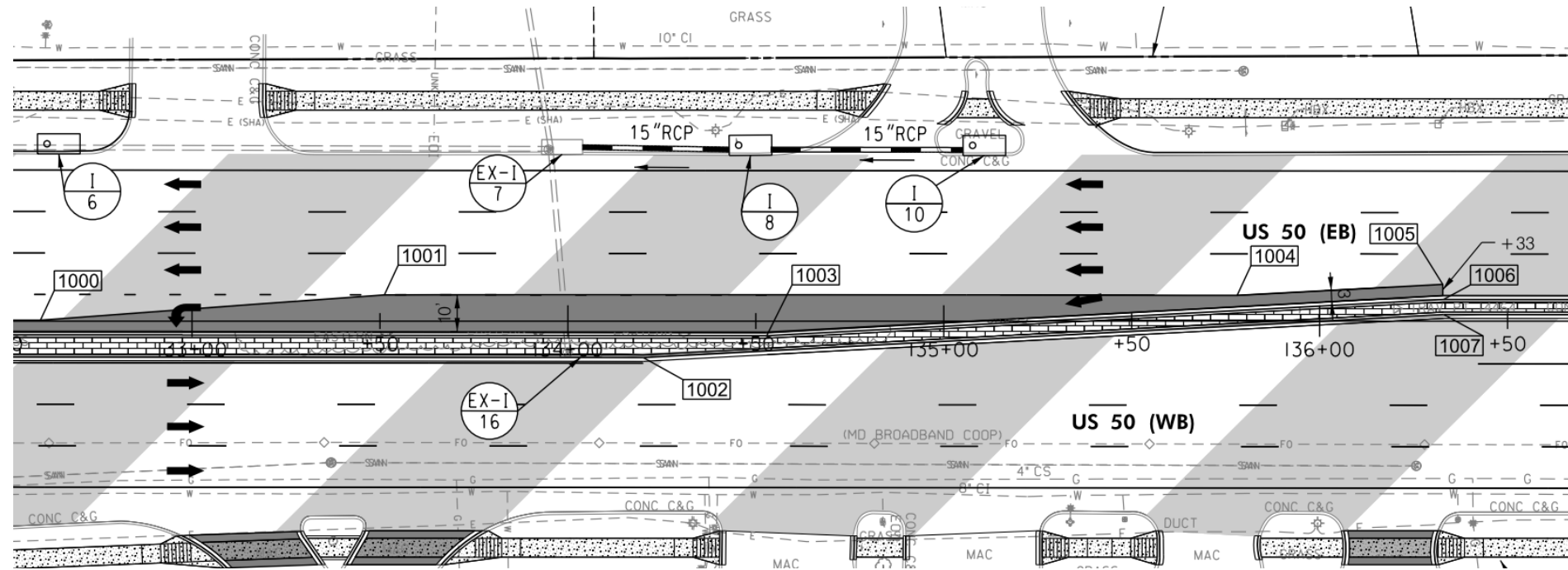
Project Design – MD 331 (Dover Road)

Proposed Conditions



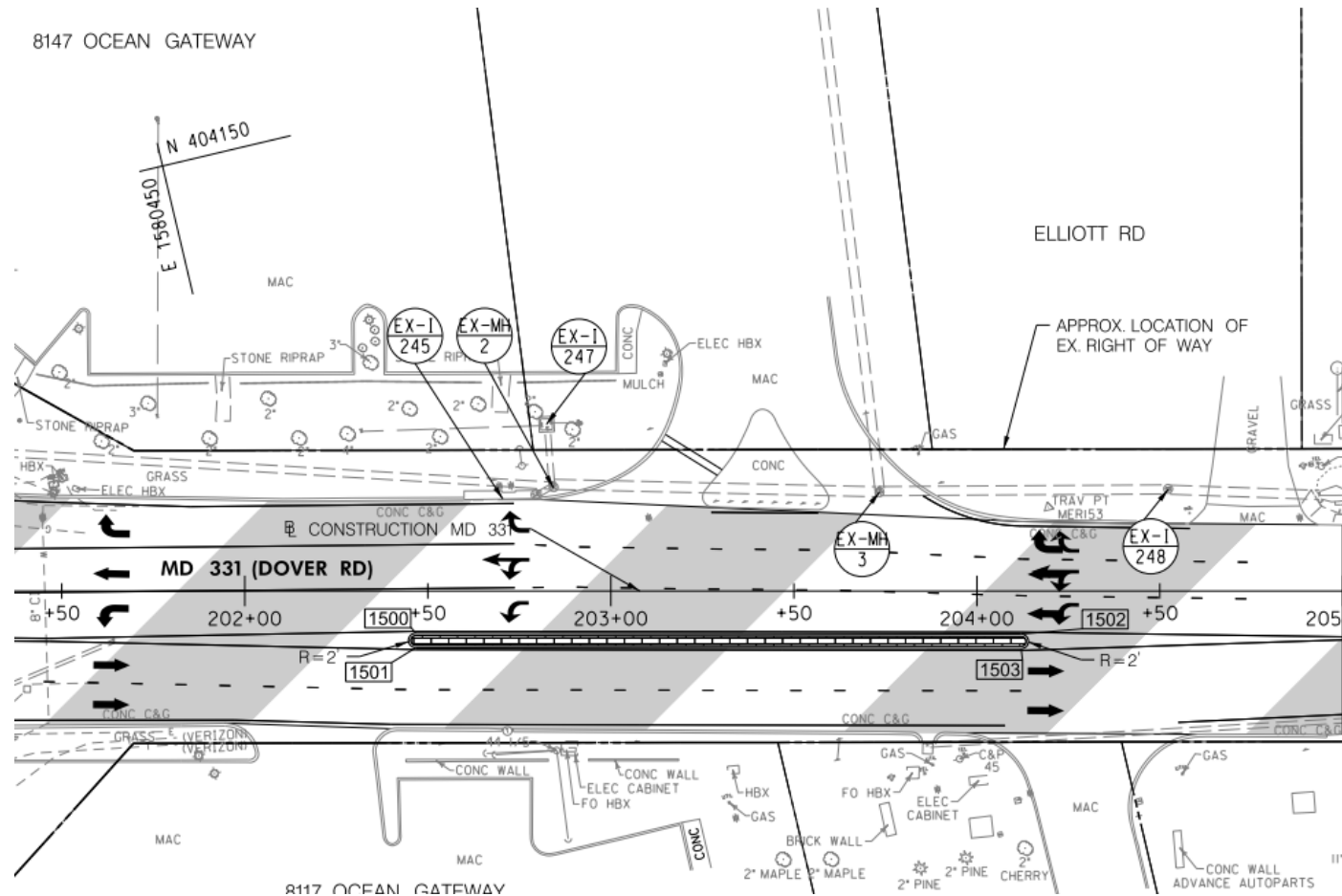
Project Design – MD 331 (Dover Road)

Proposed Conditions – Lengthen EB Left Turn Lane, Pavement Widening



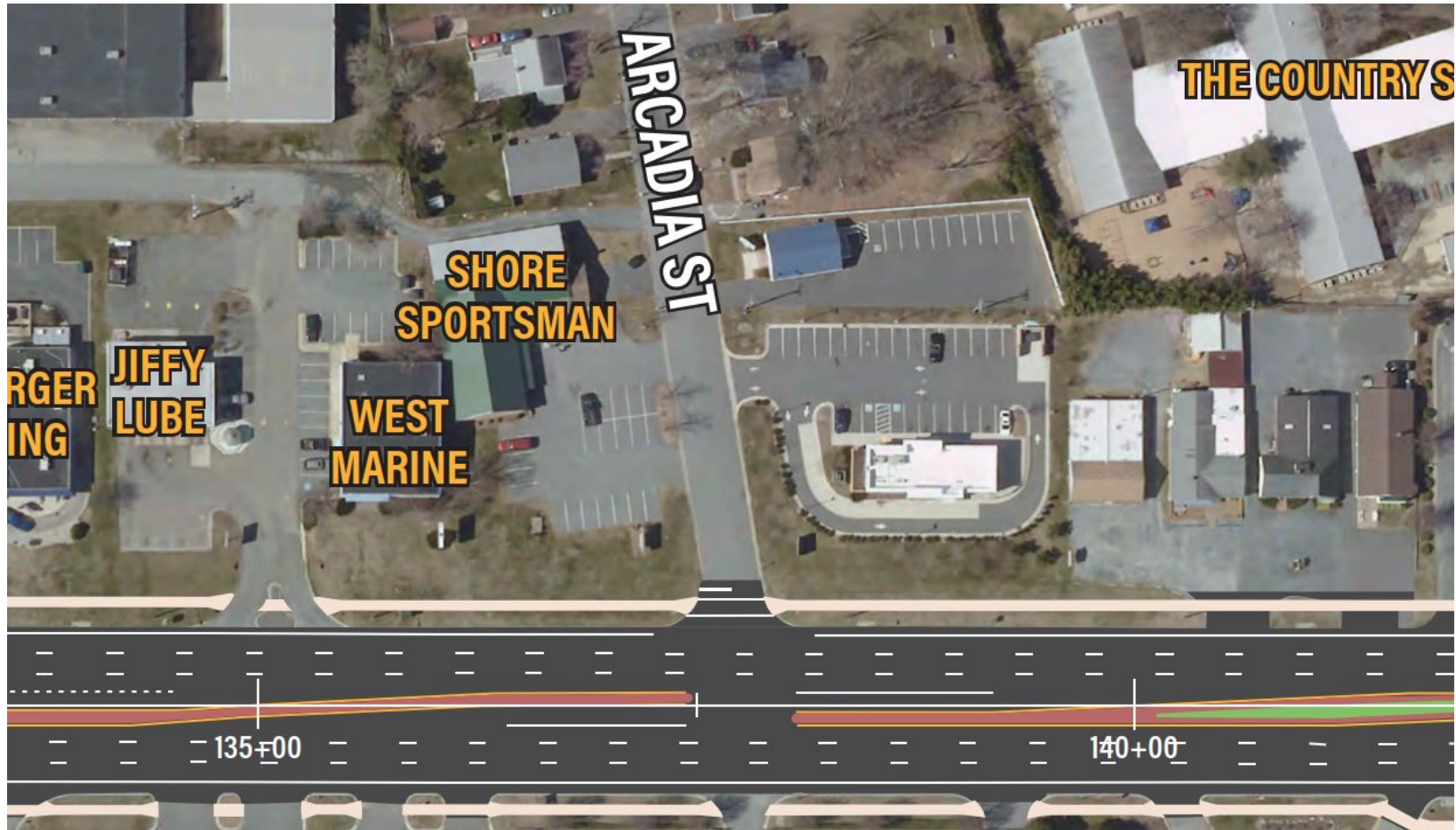
Project Design – MD 331 (Dover Road)

Raised Median at Aldi Entrance (East of US 50)



Project Design – Arcadia Street

Allow lefts-in from WB US 50



Project Design – MD 328 (Goldsborough St)

Existing Conditions



Project Design – MD 328 (Goldsborough St)

Proposed Improvements



Project Design – Lomax Street

Proposed Improvements – Cannot Lengthen EB Left Turn Lane

Current Design

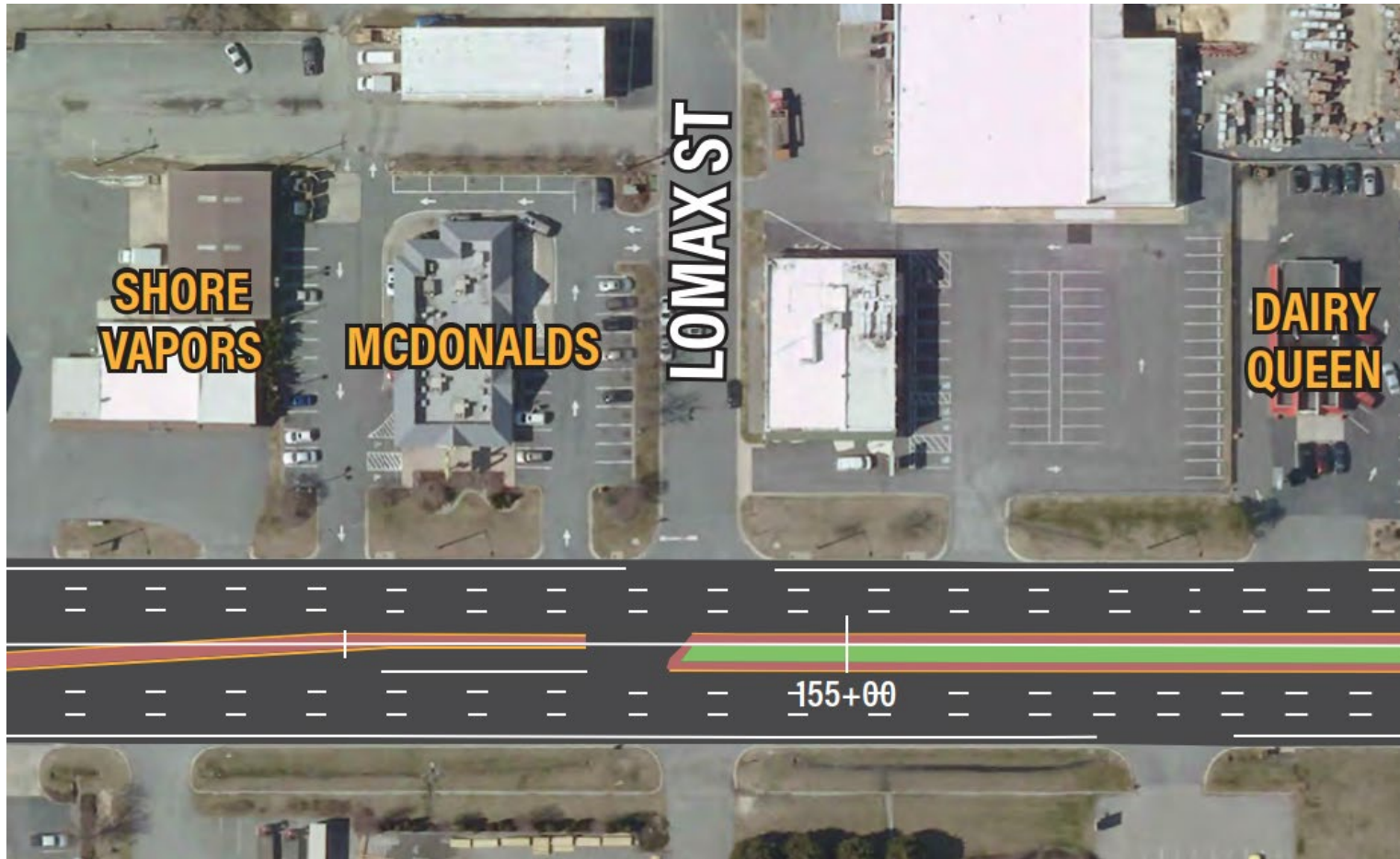


Previous Design



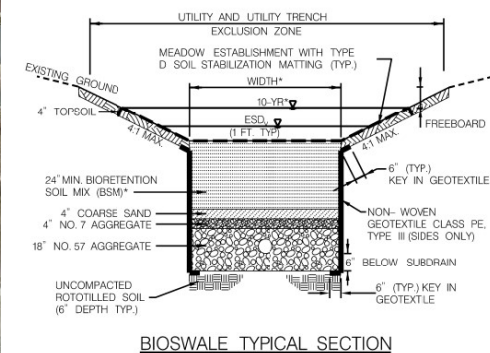
Project Design – Lomax Street

Continue to allow lefts-in from WB US 50, but prevent lefts-out



Project Design – Stormwater Management

Linear SWM Facilities between Dutchmans Lane and Bartlett Ave



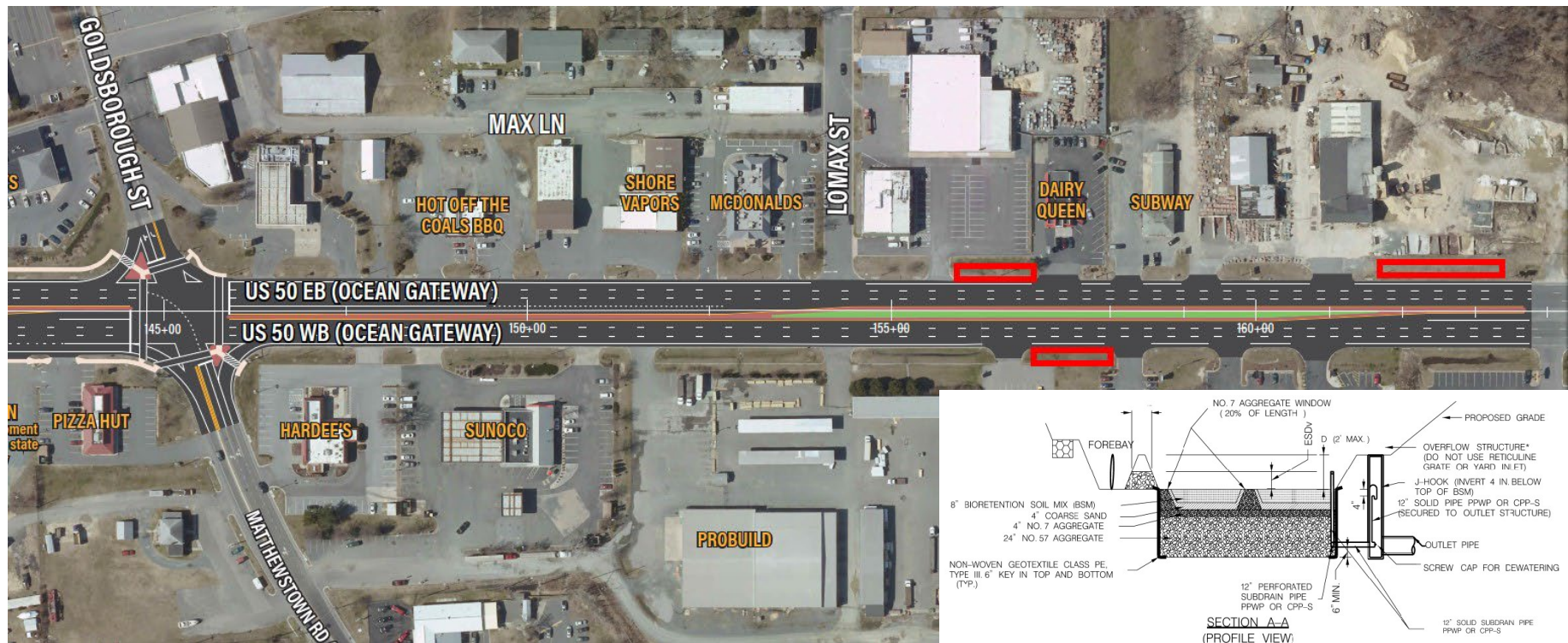
Project Design – Stormwater Management

Possible Proposed Underground Vault north of Dover Road



Project Design – Stormwater Management

Submerged Gravel Wetland Facilities between Lomax Street and Project Limits



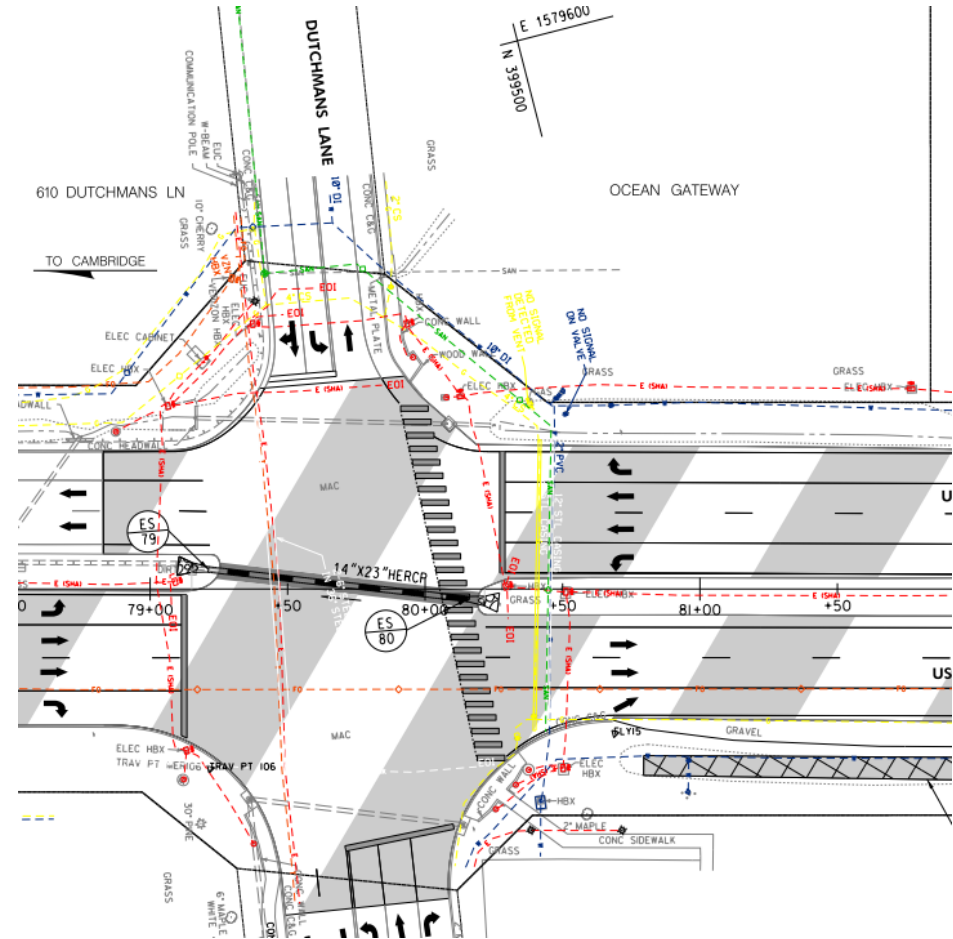
Project Design – Existing Utilities

Underground Utilities

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- Gas
- Sanitary
- Electric
- FO

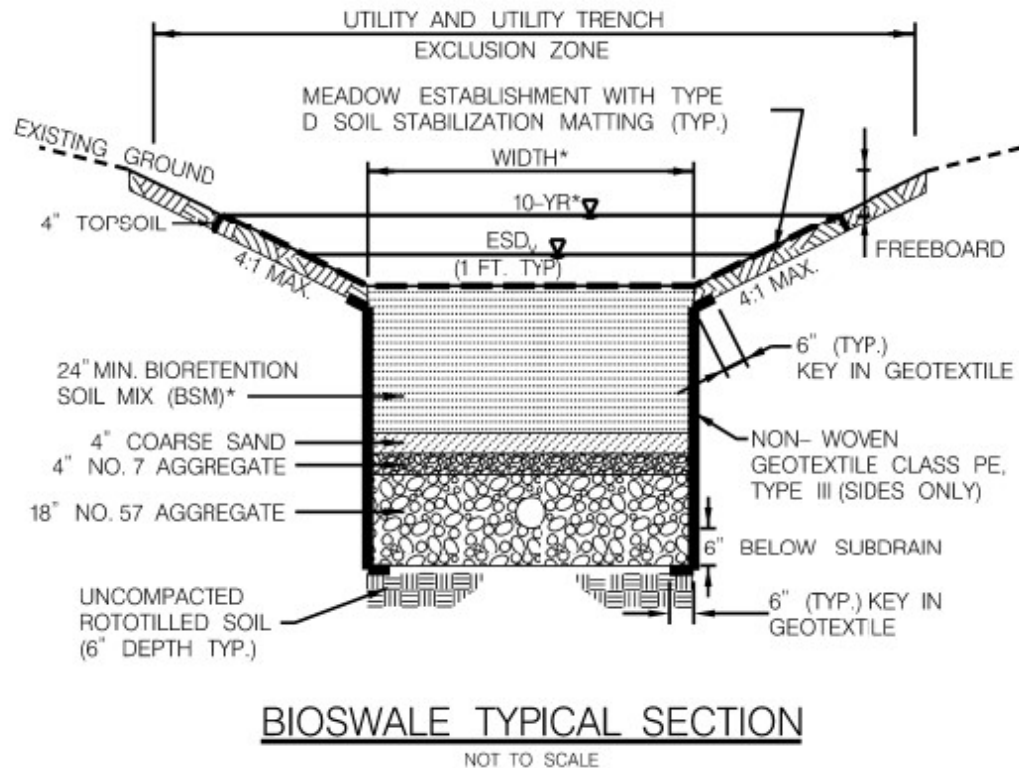
Subsurface Investigation

- Test Pit Program



Stormwater Management/Erosion Sediment Control

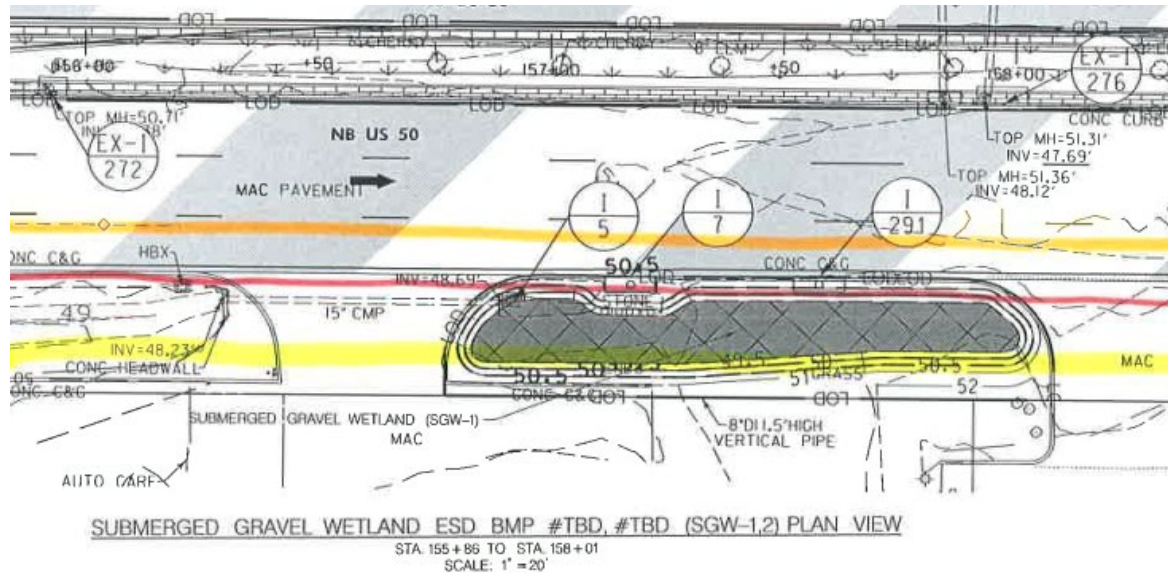
- MDOT SHA Highway Hydraulics Division
 - 10 ft Exclusionary Zone



Permitting

Stormwater Management/Erosion Sediment Control

- MDOT SHA Highway Hydraulics Division
 - 10 ft Exclusionary Zone



Plan View



Permitting

SWM ESC

- MDOT SHA Plan Review Division
 - 3-step process: Concept, Site Development, Final Approval

Roadside Tree Permit

- Roadside and median trees impacted

Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE)

- No impacts to historic structures nor rare, threatened endangered species

NPDES General Permit for Construction Activity

- Disturbance greater than 1 acre

Schedule

- Constructability Review
- Final Review
- PS&E
- Advertisement
- Construction



STATE HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATION

THANK YOU!



EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

"With Pride We Serve"

UPCOMING PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENT

TO: Mayor Cook and Don Richardson
DATE: 10/05/23
PREPARED BY: 1st Sgt. P. Sally 0135
PERMIT #: 23-042
APP. RECEIVED: 10/05/23

EVENT: 52nd Annual Waterfowl Festival

APPLICANT: Lyndee Zeller – WFF Events Director

LOCATION: Town of Easton (see Transportation Plan, submitted by WFF)

DATE/TIME: 11/09/23 – 11/12/23 10am – 5pm daily

ATTENDANCE: 12,000 +

PURPOSE: Fundraiser for waterfowl habitat and conservation projects

DETAILS: Details to be presented by Waterfowl Festival Staff at Council Meeting

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Police assistance throughout the festival with posting no parking, street closures, traffic direction and security. (See Transportation Plan).

CONCERNS: We are opposed to any open-containers of alcohol being permitted on property owned by the Town of Easton – i.e.: parking lots, streets, sidewalks.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Increase of uniformed security hours requested at several venues (factored in to approx. cost).

APPROXIMATE COST: Easton Police Department overtime hours for officers as well as civilian personnel will be approx. \$28,000

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval



EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Application # _____

Application for Public Assembly Permit

Attached instructions must be followed or application will not be processed

APPLICANT INFORMATION-Must be a named individual with all contact information correct

1. Name: Lyndee Zeller
2. Organization Name: Waterfowl Festival Inc
3. Address: 405 Harrison St. Easton MD 21601
4. Phone numbers: (home)- _____ (work)- 410 822 4567 (cellular)- 828 329 6652
5. Email address: lzeller@waterfowlfestival.org

EVENT CONTACT PERSON INFORMATION-with complete information

6. Name: Lyndee Zeller
7. Address: 503 Bainbridge Pl. Easton MD 21601 (Residence) | See Above for Employment + address.
8. Phone numbers: (home)- _____ (work)- 410 822 4567 (cellular)- 828 329 6652

EVENT DETAILS-Type of event, location, dates, times, purpose, etc.

9. Type of Event Requested: Heritage, art & conservation Festival
10. Event Location: Throughout downtown, VFW Glebe, Elks Lodge, High School, Bay St. Ponds
11. Event Date: 11/9 - 11/12 2023 Event Times: _____ Rain Date: N/A
12. Purpose of event: Eastern Shore Heritage, art, sporting tradition & conservation Festival
13. Number of people participating/attending: 12,000 +
14. Type of sound amplification, if applicable: Various street music
15. Is alcohol permitted: ☒ YES ☐ NO Alcohol License #: multiple temp. permits
Alcohol is NOT permitted on public property

Parade / Running / Walking Event details

16. Parade / Run-Walk Route (attach map): N/A
17. Number of Units participating in parade: N/A

Miscellaneous

18. Street closures required? (applicant must make notifications been sent to affected merchants): ☒ YES ☐ NO
19. Streets requested to be closed: See attached Transportation Plan
20. Street closure times: See attached 10-5 on Fri + Sat., 10-4 on Sun.
21. Requested services of the Easton Police Department (traffic control, security, etc.): Traffic + Security
22. Certificate of Liability Insurance Attached? ☒ Yes ☐ No

"I acknowledge that all of the above information is correct. I further agree that compliance with the "Public Assembly Permit Act", to include all local and state laws, will be made. I acknowledge that the Permit Fee of \$100 is due to the Town of Easton upon submission, that the standard billing rate associated with this event will be estimated, and I agree to pay any incurred charges when invoiced by the Town of Easton at conclusion of the event."

Signature of Applicant: Lyndee Zeller Date: 9/16/23

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED _____ DATE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL _____
 DATE _____ ☐ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED Op Order # _____
 SIGNATURE: _____ NOTIFIED OF APPROVAL: _____
 CHIEF OF POLICE



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

9/13/2023

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an **ADDITIONAL INSURED**, the policy(ies) must have **ADDITIONAL INSURED** provisions or be endorsed. If **SUBROGATION** IS **WAIVED**, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER

Ashley Insurance
38 S. Harrison St

Easton

MD 21601

CONTACT
NAME: Carol Frampton
PHONE
(A/C, No, Ext): (410) 822-1900
E-MAIL
ADDRESS: carol@ashleyinsurance.com

FAX
(A/C, No):**INSURED**

Waterfowl Chcsapeake Inc
40 S Harrison St
40 S HARRISON ST

Easton

MD 21601

INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE

NAIC #

INSURER A : BRETHREN MUT INS CO

13501

INSURER B : OHIO CAS INS CO

24074

INSURER C :

INSURER D :

INSURER E :

INSURER F :

COVERAGES**CERTIFICATE NUMBER:****REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL SUBR INSD WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	☒ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☒ OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: ☐ POLICY ☐ PRO-JECT ☐ LOC OTHER:		CPP0026400	01/01/2023	01/01/2024	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 500,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000
A	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☐ ANY AUTO ☐ OWNED AUTOS ONLY ☒ HIRED AUTOS ONLY ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☒ NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY		CPP0026400	01/01/2023	01/01/2024	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
A	☒ UMBRELLA LIAB ☐ EXCESS LIAB DED ☒ RETENTION \$ 10,000 OCCUR CLAIMS-MADE		CUL0074935	01/01/2023	01/01/2024	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 4,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 4,000,000 PIADV \$ 4,000,000
B	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	N/A	XWO58261250	01/01/2023	01/01/2024	PER STATUTE OTHER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 500,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 500,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Town of Easton Police Department

129 Port Street

Easton MD 21601

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Carol S. Frampton

EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

"With Pride We Serve"

UPCOMING PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENT

TO: Mayor Cook and Don Richardson
DATE: October 05, 2023
PREPARED BY: 1st Sgt. P. Sally 0135

EVENT: YMCA Turkey Trot 5K Run / Walk

APPLICANT: Wendy Palmer – YMCA of the Chesapeake

LOCATION: Easton YMCA, Easton Bypass, S. Washington Street, side streets surrounding YMCA

DATE/TIME: 11/23/23 7am to 10am

ATTENDANCE: 800

PURPOSE: Fundraiser for YMCA

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

- 2 Officers to monitor traffic on Easton Bypass at Peachblossom Rd and S. Washington Street

APPROXIMATE COST:

- On-duty officers will handle, no overtime anticipated

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Recommend approval.

EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

"With Pride We Serve"

UPCOMING PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENT

TO: Mayor Cook and Don Richardson
DATE: October 10, 2023
PREPARED BY: 1st Sgt. P. Sally 0135
PAP #: 23-044
Received: October 09, 2023

EVENT: Free Community Holiday Event "Frosty"

APPLICANT: Lauren Weber – For All Seasons

LOCATION: West St. from Federal St to Dover St and Dover St. from West St to Gas Plant Lot. This also includes the Circuit Courthouse grounds

DATE/TIME: December 01, 2023 Event - 5pm. to 8pm.
Street Closure – 1pm. to 9pm.

ATTENDANCE: Approx. 1,000 to 1,500

PURPOSE: Holiday celebration for the community

DETAILS:

- This event has occurred the last two previous years but was contained on the courthouse grounds. They are requesting street closure as described above. Will include a movie, and holiday music provided by WCEI

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

- None

EPD CONCERNS:

- None

APPROXIMATE COST:

- Requesting two officers for security on an overtime basis for 3 hours.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approve



September 27, 2023

Mayor and Town Council
14 South Harrison Street
Easton, MD 21601

RE: PUD Amendment - Mallard Construction Group Inc. and Elliott Road, LLC

Dear Council Members & Mayor Cook:

The Easton Planning and Zoning Commission recently reviewed an application to amend the previously approved Planned Unit Development to add an additional sixteen (16) units to the approved 120-unit multifamily residential development, resulting in a total of 136 multifamily apartment units.

At our regular monthly meeting of September 21, 2023, the Commission approved the sketch site plan and recommended Council approval for the request via a 4-0 vote, and recommended that the proposed amendment be conditioned per the following:

1. The applicant shall monitor parking usage, and shall designate additional parking spaces to satisfy additional demand, if needed.
2. The applicant shall monitor the demand for electric charging stations, and shall provide any necessary infrastructure to fulfill the demand.

The Commission also respectfully recommended that the applicant report market rates and other relevant affordable housing data to the Town of Easton Affordable Housing Board and Town staff on an annual basis.

If you should have any questions concerning our recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me or either the Town Planner or Town Attorney, both of whom were present and can speak to our actions in this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jennifer M. Dindinger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a stylized "D".

Easton Planning and Zoning Commission
Jennifer Dindinger, Chair

Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs



Phillip Munley, Director, Service Program, Maryland
Department of Veterans Affairs

410-230-4449

Phillip.Munley@maryland.gov

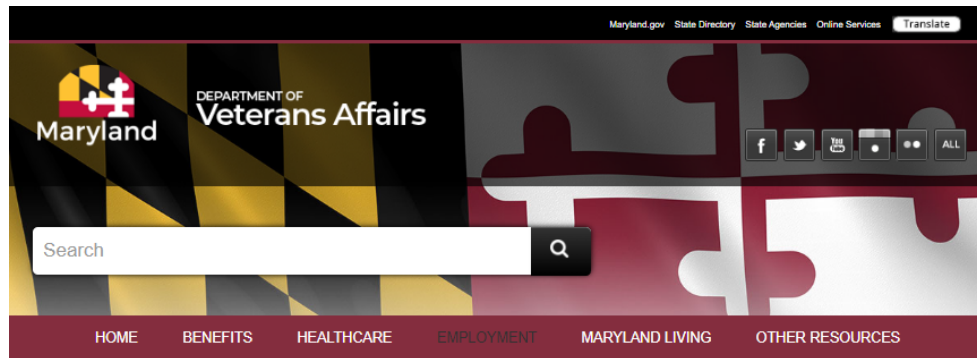
MDVA MISSION

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs was created by the State Legislature in 1999 as an executive agency with the mission of assisting veterans, active-duty service members, their families and dependents, in securing benefits earned through military service. The Department's origin follows the history of the Maryland Veterans Commission back to 1924, when the Soldiers' Relief Fund Commission was formed to administer a State relief fund for disabled veterans of World War I.

MDVA is a State Agency, separate from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, which is a Federal Agency. Our job is to advocate for Veterans. To assist and obtaining the maximum benefits possible through the three administrations of the Federal VA.

- ▶ Veterans Benefits Administration
- ▶ Veterans Health Administration
- ▶ National Cemetery Administration

MDVA Programs

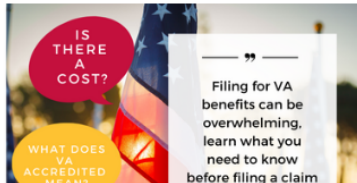


MDVA Programs

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veterans.maryland.gov

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

- ▶ Opened in 1985, located in St. Mary's County
- ▶ A total of 444 beds, 318 skilled nursing, 126 assisted living
- ▶ Veterans and eligible spouses may apply for admission to Charlotte Hall
- ▶ Admissions: 301-884-8171, ext 409 or email admissions@charhall.org
- ▶ Onsite medical services:
attending physicians, nurse practitioners, dental, optometry, physical therapy, OT, and speech therapy
- ▶ In addition: on site pharmacy, barber/beauty shop, massage therapy, robust volunteer program
- ▶ Website: charhall.org



Cemetery and Memorial Program

Five State Veteran Cemeteries

- ▶ Crownsville
- ▶ Rocky Gap
- ▶ Cheltenham
- ▶ Eastern Shore
- ▶ Garrison Forest

Memorials

- ▶ World War II (Annapolis)
- ▶ Vietnam War (Baltimore)
- ▶ Korean War (Baltimore/Canton)
- ▶ Gold Star Families Memorial Monument (Annapolis)
- ▶ War Memorial Building (shared operations with Baltimore City)

*\$0 charge for veteran
and eligible
dependent*

*\$948 for members of
the National Guard
and members of
Reserve components
and their eligible
dependents*

Communications, Outreach, and Advocacy Program

Mission: to find innovative ways to reach service members, veterans and families (SMVF) and educate on VA benefits, resources and programs

Responsible for communications, public relations (website, social media, newsletter, media engagement, public briefings, resource table staffing, welcome home mailings), and a number of other programs:

- ▶ Women Veterans/Inclusion Program (Roslyn Jones, Program Manager)
- ▶ Veterans Services Specialist Program
- ▶ Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program
- ▶ Governor's Customer Service Initiative
- ▶ Maryland State Library Partnership

Maryland Veterans Trust

- ▶ Provides grants to veterans and their family members who are experiencing temporary financial difficulties
- ▶ 100% of donations are returned back to veterans who are in need
- ▶ Assistance is one time only and not designed to address chronic financial difficulties or emergency situations

Service and Benefits Program

- ▶ Veterans Service Officer = VSO
 - ▶ Employed by State, Accredited through Federal VA
 - ▶ 'Middle man' between Veteran/Families and Federal VA to aide in benefit submission
 - ▶ 13 locations state wide, co-located in 6 Motor Vehicle Administration buildings to bring our services closer to veterans.
- ▶ VSO for Easton is Janet Thomas/Salisbury is Jodi Satterfield
 - ▶ Network with various community partners
 - ▶ Network with Military installations

Overview

- ▶ Primary area's of focus for the Service Program are:
- ▶ VA Disability Compensation
- ▶ Dependency and Indemity Compensation (DIC)
- ▶ Non-Service connected veterans Pension
- ▶ Death Pension for a surviving spouse
- ▶ Additional Resources through VHA

Disabilty Compensation

- ▶ Compensated for service-related injuries/illnesses or diseases
- ▶ Presumptive lists
 - ▶ Agent Orange Exposure (Vietnam Service)
 - ▶ <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/>
 - ▶ Camp Lejeune Water Contamination (08/01/ 1953 to 12/31/1987)
 - ▶ <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/>
 - ▶ Burn Pit Exposure (South-West Asia Service)
 - ▶ <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>
 - ▶ Lou Gehrig's Disease (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS)
 - ▶ Hearing Loss for veteran who were engaged in military occupational specialties that exposed them to loud noise

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

Life-time annuity paid if:

- ▶ Death of the Veteran Can be attributed to Service-related causes or the Veteran was rated at 100% P&T
- ▶ Attributed to a presumptive condition if no VA Comp was established

<https://www.va.gov/disability/survivor-dic-rates/>

Veterans Pension

- ▶ Income based program designed to supplement income when majority or all income is being used on unreimbursed medical expenses.

You may be eligible if:

- ▶ You were discharge from service under other than dishonorable conditions **AND**
- ▶ You served 90 days or more of active-duty service with at least one day during a period war, **AND**
- ▶ You are permanently and totally , **OR** you are age 65 or older, **AND**
- ▶ Your countable income is below the yearly income limit set by law

<https://www.va.gov/pension/eligibility/>

Survivor Pension

- ▶ Income based program designed to supplement income when majority or all being used on unreimbursed medical expenses.

You may be eligible if:

- ▶ The deceased veteran was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions **AND**
- ▶ The veteran served 90 days or more of active-duty service with at least one day during a period war, **AND**
- ▶ You are the surviving spouse or unmarried child of the deceased veteran, **AND**
- ▶ Your countable income is below the yearly income limit set by law

<https://www.va.gov/pension/survivors-pension/>

Results

In Fiscal Year 2023 the MDVA Service Program made contact with, 153,309 veterans, dependents or survivors submitting 4,423 claims for adjudication to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

The monetary value of claims adjudicated by VA on behalf of veterans represented by the State of Maryland in FY 2023 was \$37,783,423.

Economic Studies indicate that monies brought into a community roll over 3 to 7 times. Using the conservative multiplier of 3, the economic impact of services provided by MDVA is \$113,350,299.

The Easton Office in Fiscal 2023 made contact with 8,787 veterans, dependents or survivors, submitting 154 claims.

The monetary values of adjudicated claims for the Easton office in FY 23 was \$1,260,545 with an economic impact of \$3,781,635 to Maryland residents of the Upper Shore area.

VA In-Home and Supportive Services

- ▶ Additional Veteran Health Administration Benefits to explore
 - ▶ Adult Day Care Health Centers
 - ▶ Home-Based Primary Care
 - ▶ Home Hospice Care
 - ▶ Home maker and Home Health Aids
 - ▶ Home Telehealth
 - ▶ Respite Care
 - ▶ Skilled Home Care

https://www.caregiver.va.gov/Care_Veterans.asp

Questions ?

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September 20, 2023

Frank Gunsallus, President
Easton Town Council
Easton Town Office
14 S. Harrison St.
Easton, MD 21601

RE: 2023 Waterfowl Festival Transportation Plan

Dear President:

The 52nd Waterfowl Festival will be held November 9-12, 2023. In order to minimize the impact of the crowds on the Town of Easton, the Festival Board and the Waterfowl Festival Commission have approved a transportation plan similar to that used in the past. The purpose of this letter is to acquaint you with the plan, to obtain the consent of the Town Council to those aspects of the plan requiring official approval, and coordinate our efforts for a successful festival.

Please note that the festival hours will remain 10:00am to 5:00pm on Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday Nov. 11, and 10:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday, Nov. 12. We will be supplying bus service again this year to move people between the parking areas and the various festival exhibits. We anticipate using approximately 4 buses on Friday, 6 buses on Saturday and 4 buses on Sunday. Visitors will be encouraged by directional signs along area streets and highways, to park in the Tred Avon Square, Elk's Lodge, VFW on Glebe, Amish Market Parking Lot, Public Lot at the Library/ Gas Plant Lot, Overflow parking at the Hospital across from the Eastern Shore Conservation Center (a new WF art gallery in 2023), Easton Plaza parking lots, as well as the Easton High School on the south.

I. SET UP

During the set up of exhibits on Monday, November 6 through Thursday, November 9 we request that you authorize Sgt. Patrick Sally to assist us with reserving certain temporary areas for loading/unloading at the following locations. The signs will read NO PARKING - LOADING/UNLOADING ONLY.

1. Old Armory Building
 - a. South Harrison Street from yellow curb in front of Armory approximately 100' north -



- Waterfowl Festival will mark area.
- b. Talbot Lane behind Armory from Town of Easton parking lot to South Street - Waterfowl Festival will mark area.
 - c. South side of South Street between Harrison Street and Talbot Lane to permit parking for Festival volunteers who need to park near the Armory basement to be designated by 2023 Waterfowl Festival Parking Pass - Waterfowl Festival will mark area.
 - d. East and west sides of Harrison Street from intersection of South Street to residential parking.
2. Avalon Theater
- a. Dover Street in front of the Avalon Theater, space large enough for a mid-sized truck from Monday, November 6 – Sunday, November 12. Easton Police to mark area.
 - b. Harrison Street in front of the old Bannings Tavern and Troika Gallery to provide access to small alley leading to side entrance to Theater from Monday, November 6– Sunday, November 12. Easton Police to mark area.
3. Harrison Street in front of Lot #1
- a. All Parking spaces on both sides of Harrison Street from Dover Street to Glenwood Avenue for exhibitor loading and unloading on Thursday, November 9 from 8:30am – 5:00pm. Easton Police to mark area.
 - b. The same spaces on Sunday, November 12 from 4:00pm – 8:00pm for exhibitor tear-down. Easton Police to mark area.

II. STREET CLOSINGS

In an effort to reduce congestion in the central business area during the Festival, we are requesting to officially close the following streets to vehicular traffic during the hours of 9:00am to 5:30pm on November 10 and 11 and from 9:00am to 4:30pm on November 12.

1. Dover Street between Hanson Street and Washington Street. There will be a Rotary manned barricade at the Hanson Street intersection permitting access for postal customers, designated handicapped parking behind the Mayor & Council Building, residents requiring access to Talbot Lane, as well as Festival officials bearing the 2023 Waterfowl Festival Parking Pass.
 - a. On Friday Only, Dover Street will remain open from Shore United Bank exit to West St. for Hill's Pharmacy and Shore United Bank Patrons and they gain access to the area from Glenwood Ave. by way of Washington Street.



- b. An unmanned barricade across Dover Street between Talbot Lane and the Tidewater Inn driveway entrance to allow presence of food concession run by Tri-County Ruritan on Dover Street between Tidewater Inn Drive and Harrison Street. A second barricade where the Tidewater's driveway meets the Harrison Street sidewalk will be placed to prohibit access to Harrison Street. The Waterfowl Festival will place an A-frame sign stating "For Your Safety all pedestrians from this point are restricted to sidewalks" at the unmanned barricade across Dover Street between the Tidewater Inn driveway and the intersection with Harrison Street.
2. Harrison Street between Goldsborough and South Streets with an Easton Police Department Employees present at the South Street intersection.
3. Glenwood Avenue between Harrison Street and Washington Street – Please note there is one resident that will need access to and from their residence throughout the Festival.
4. Washington Street between Goldsborough Street and the entrance to Lot #3. "Buses only" signs will be placed at the intersection of Glenwood Avenue & Washington Street and Goldsborough Street & Washington Street. These areas will be used as the Easton Lions Club food court as well as a pedestrian area near the bus stops at Lot #3 on Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday, November 12 from 8:00am to 5:00pm
5. South Street between Harrison Street and Talbot Lane. Barricades will be placed at each intersection.
6. Bay Street Ponds Road from intersection with Bay Street to just past the ponds, leaving access open to the townhouses parking lot. Waterfowl Festival will place "No Thru Traffic" barricades and "Pedestrian Safety" signs.
7. Parking Lot #2 North of Mill Place Parking Lot – Request "Reserved Parking" of 3 parking spaces for Easton Volunteer Fire Department Food Concessions and 1 Portable Restroom to accommodate increase volume of foot traffic.

It is our understanding that the Police Department will be posting "No Parking" signs on Dover and Harrison Streets within the restricted areas noted above. The Waterfowl Festival will again place A-frame signs stating "For Your Safety all pedestrians from this point are restricted to sidewalks" at the end of the following closed streets: Harrison and Goldsborough, Harrison and South Street, Dover Street and Talbot Lane, Dover Street at the Talbot Bank exit, Washington and Federal Streets, and Dover Street and West Street, Washington Street and Glenwood Avenue.



No vehicles will be permitted within these pedestrian use areas along the above-mentioned streets. In order to provide parking for affected merchants and residents, the Festival requests that the Town of Easton make available Lot #2 North of Mill Place, next to the Elizabeth Claire Salon, as reserved parking. (See #7 above request).

The Waterfowl Festival will host a cornhole tournament in the street Saturday Nov 11 from 11-2pm (weather pending), on N. Harrison Street, between Dover St and Goldsborough Street – See request #7 above, to accommodate additional food from EVFD and portable restroom. Anticipate high foot-traffic volume at this time.

It is our understanding that the Police Department will close and reopen the above-mentioned streets at the times noted above. The Waterfowl Festival will provide barricades and cones and have them located at each designated area.

We request to have Streets closed from 3:45 to 8:30 for our Premiere Night Celebration Nov 9th, due to lighting concerns as patrons go from venue to venue. Closure would be Harrison Street, from South Street intersection to Washington Street and to the intersection for the Avalon and Bullitt House.

III. ADDITIONAL SIGNS AND BARRICADES

The following additional barricades and signs will be placed and removed daily by Waterfowl Festival volunteers:

1. Barricade at intersection of Washington and South Streets permitting only “No Thru Traffic Except Residents” sign. Also add additional barricade mid-way down South Street.
2. South and Talbot Lane - barricade permitting only resident traffic making westward turns onto South Street with “No Thru Traffic Except Residents” sign.
3. Hanson and South Street - barricade permitting only resident traffic making westward turns onto South Street with “No Thru Traffic Except Residents” sign.
4. Harrison Street and Brookletts Avenue - barricaded north with “No Thru Traffic Except Residents” sign.
5. Talbot Street and Harrison Street - barricade with “No Thru Traffic” sign. Rotary will man post at this location from 9am-12pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



6. Talbot Street and Hanson Street –“Residents Only” sign.
7. West Street and Federal Street –“No Thru Traffic” sign.
8. Harrison and Glenwood Avenue - barricade with “No Thru Traffic” sign at the east side of Lot 1.
9. On N. West Street at the intersection of Federal Street and Lot #3 –“No Thru Traffic” sign.
10. On N. West Street between Bay Street and Glenwood - “No Thru Traffic” sign.
11. Existing One Way on Dover between West St and Washington Street - “No Thru Traffic” sign

IV. NO PARKING SIGNS

1. To ensure the absence of vehicles at certain bus stops and to minimize congestion in other areas, we request that you authorize the Police Department to post “No Parking” signs in the following areas:
 - a. Five parking spaces on Harrison Street from Mill Street to Tidewater Inn from midnight Thursday, November 9 until 4:30pm Sunday, November 12, for the Tri-County Ruritan food concession storage trucks.
 - b. Five parking spaces on Dover Street from Tidewater Inn drive to 111 Dover Street (Lacaze Meredith Realty) from midnight Thursday, November 9 until 4:30pm Sunday, November 12, for the Tri-County Ruritan food concession storage trucks.
 - c. All eight spaces on the east side of South Washington Street in front of the Verizon Building from midnight Tuesday, November 6 until 5:00pm on Sunday, November 12 for Verizon emergency service vehicle parking. For informational purposes, these spaces are needed because Verizon’s parking lot behind the building on Harrison Street is blocked once the roads are closed. The adjoining parking lot owned by Ashley Insurance will be unavailable for parking as it will be covered by tents for Festival exhibits.
 - d. West Street (2) parking spaces from midnight Thursday, November 9 until 4:30pm Sunday, November 12 for Festival Busses to stop for the Bay Street Pond Bus Stop, Pedestrians will cross from West Street corner, across Bay Street to access programming at the Ponds.
 - e. From West Street in front of Talbot County Free Library from midnight Thursday, November



- 9 until 4:30pm Sunday, November 12, (2) parking spaces reserved for Festival Bus Stop at the Family and Children's Activities venue. Pedestrians will be crossing West Street to go downtown as well as to board the busses at the Library.
- f. South Street 2 Parking Spaces next to Academy of Art reserved for Food Concessions and Storage of Spanky's Soul Food.
 - g. Both sides of Federal Street in the block between West and Washington Street from midnight Thursday, November 9 until 5:00pm on Sunday, November 12.
 - h. Historical Society Auditorium parking Lot #3 - spaces on both sides of lot east after island toward Washington Street to facilitate the Orange Line AND Blue Line Downtown Bus Stop. This is the only location where both busses intersect to be able to ride the bus from one side of town (VFW Glebe to Elks Lodge)
 - i. Southerly side of South Street between Washington Street and Talbot Lane from midnight Thursday, November 10 until 5:00pm Sunday, November 12. Northerly side of South Street during the same hours to the end of the vacant lot only. On Sunday, November 12 this will be enforced beginning at 10:30am to accommodate services at Christ Church.
 - j. "No Parking" signs along Harrison Street in front of the Armory and Ashley Insurance business during the same hours.
 - k. All metered parking spaces adjoining sidewalk on the west side of Talbot Lane excluding five spaces closest to Mason's in Lot #4 behind Mayor & Council Building for Festival staff and volunteer parking from midnight Tuesday, November 7th until 5:00pm on Sunday, November 12. A Waterfowl Festival parking pass is required.
 - l. Behind the Avalon Theatre in Lot #1, 17 spaces consisting of the 8 unmetered spaces closest to Harrison Street and 18 metered spaces opposite the unmetered spaces from 5:00pm on Monday November 6th until midnight on Sunday, November 12. This area will be used as a tented exhibit space.
 - m. Two parking spaces on the south corner of the Court House at the intersection of Washington and Dover Streets from midnight Thursday, November 9 until 4:30pm Sunday, November 12 for storage trucks associated with the Lions Club food concession.



- n. Along the length of the back of the Armory on Talbot Lane, from Friday October 27 – Friday November 17 for dumpster placement and pickup.
 - o. The Festival has requested the use of three spaces in the second section of Lot #1 (behind the Avalon) for exhibitor and volunteer parking from Monday November, 6 at 8:00am until Monday, November 13, at noon. Also use of the entire lot from 8:00am Friday, Nov. 10 to 6:00pm Sunday Nov. 12. Waterfowl Festival Parking pass will be required.
 - p. Along West side of Mecklenberg Street approximately 100' between backside of Elks pool building and intersection with Dutchman's Lane.
 - q. Along westerly side of intersection of Glenwood Ave and West St. to facilitate bus traffic.
2. We ask permission for Waterfowl Festival volunteers to place additional "No Parking" signs in the following areas:
- a. The westerly side of Harrison Street from the intersection of Harrison and South Streets to the handicapped parking area alongside Christ Church as well as the easterly side of Harrison Street from the intersection of Harrison and South Streets to the intersection of Talbot Street and S. Harrison on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 8:00am to 4:00pm and on SATURDAY, Nov. 11 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm as a loading/unloading area (artist party).
 - i. Foot traffic encouraged to walk on sidewalks to get to the back entrance of ESLC from "no outlet" across from Talbot Street off of S. Harrison St for NEW venue entrance.
 - ii. Food truck will also be located at this point to block off traffic from entering Harrison Street after Talbot Street.
 - b. The westerly and easterly side of Harrison Street from the intersection of Talbot Street and the end of the "No Parking" sections (noted above) Waterfowl Festival will place "Residents Only, No Waterfowl Festival Parking" signs.
 - c. On Oak Avenue (near Easton Elks Lodge) "Exhibitor Parking Only" signs
 - d. Along the south side of Talbot Street from Harrison Street to Hanson Street, Waterfowl Festival will place "Residents Only, No Waterfowl Festival Parking Signs." Along the north side of Talbot Street from Harrison Street to Hanson Street, Waterfowl Festival will place "No Parking" signs.



- e. Along both sides of South Street from Hanson Street to Talbot Lane road closure, Waterfowl Festival will place “Residents Only, No Waterfowl Festival Parking.”
- f. No parking signs along all of Bay Street from intersection of Washington Street to the Easton Bypass.
- g. NEW- For new VFW exhibit, Waterfowl will post no parking at residential area across the street.
- h. NEW – For new Eastern Shore Conservation Center (Eastern Shore Land Conservancy), Waterfowl will post no parking in front of the building on Washington Street.

V. UNIFORMED POLICE ASSISTANCE

We would like to request uniformed assistance as follows:

1. On South Harrison Street from South Lane to South Street from 8:00am to 3:00pm on Thursday, November 9 to assist with traffic flow and exhibitor loading into their respective sites. This same location also from 4:00 – 5:30pm on Sunday, November 12 to assist with Festival break-down.
2. Intersection of South and Harrison Streets from 9:00am to 5:30pm on Friday Nov. 10 & Saturday Nov. 11 and 9:00am to 4:30pm on Nov. 12 to assist movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
3. Intersection of Washington Street and Goldsborough Street from 9:00am to 6:00pm on Nov. 10 and 11, and 5:00pm on Nov. 12 to assist movement of vehicular, bus, and pedestrian traffic.
4. Intersection of Bay Street and West Street to assist Orange line bus in making left hand turn onto Bay Street from 9:00am to 5:30pm on Nov. 10 and 11 and 4:30pm on Nov. 12.
5. Intersection of Bay Street and Bay Street Ponds road to assist pedestrian traffic from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Nov. 10 and 11 and to 4:00pm on Nov. 12.
6. Intersection of Mecklenburg and Dutchmans Lane Friday 12:30pm-5:30pm, Saturday 9:30am-5:30pm, and Sunday 11am-3pm.
7. VFW Volunteers will monitor traffic at their exhibit and do not require assistance.



8. Police monitoring/ presence requested at Intersection of West Street and Dover at Library Venue to help bus traffic, pedestrian crossing at Library for children's and family activities, and pedestrian foot-traffic crossing West Street to Dover/ Courthouse. No pedestrians should cross in front of bus, wait for bus to exit then pedestrians cross.

Please note that Waterfowl Festival personnel will first coordinate with the Police Department on the proper wording of all signs referred to in this letter.

As in prior years with the consent of the Town Council and Easton Utilities, the Festival will use signs and cones from Easton Utilities to assist with traffic control. The Festival will be responsible for pick-up of these items on Wednesday, Nov. 8 and the return of those items on Sunday, Nov. 12. Easton Utilities has also consented in the past to our placement of directional arrows to the parking areas on or near Easton Utility poles in the town on the condition that the Festival remove both the signs and any staples used to mount the signs promptly upon the conclusion of the Festival. We again request your permission to use these poles for that purpose on the same conditions.

In an effort to most efficiently direct visitors, the Festival will place exhibit and transportation signs as necessary.

To accommodate disabled visitors, the Waterfowl Festival requests the use of five parking spaces in the lot behind the Mayor & Council Building from Nov. 10 to Nov. 12. Preferred spaces would be next to the building where town employees park. A means of marking those spaces will be determined by the Festival and the Town of Easton. Additionally, the Waterfowl Festival requests permission to designate ten additional parking spaces as reserved for handicap visitors in the parking lot behind the Armory. The Festival also requests that Sgt. Sally advise police officers directing traffic of the location of handicapped parking spaces so they may inform visitors.

In order to promote efficiency in carrying out this transportation plan, the Festival requests the Council's consent to work directly with the Police Department in addressing any minor alterations that may arise in the next few weeks during the final planning stages of the Festival.

Also, recognizing that visitors and exhibitors may not be familiar with specific parking regulations - head in parking, etc. - the Festival requests that the enforcement patrols be flexible and lenient from Monday, Oct. 30 through Sunday, Nov. 12. Finally, with the consent of the Council following approval of this transportation plan, we request your permission to publicize the details of the plan in the media. Through such publication, we hope to encourage the utilization of the bus system by visitors to the Festival and to minimize the inconvenience



to Easton residents and merchants during the hours in which the plan is in effect.

Finally, during the Festival, various members of the Board of Directors will have cellular phones as well as 911 radios from Talbot County ensuring that they may be contacted at any time. Should you or any Town official become aware of any problems, you may contact any of the following individuals by calling the Festival office at 410-822-4567 where a member of the staff will contact us:

Charles Wrightson, President
Lyndee Zeller, Festival Director
Carl Treat, Transportation Chairman

Thank you for your consideration of our requests. We hope to make the 52nd Festival a grand success for both Waterfowl Festival Inc. and the Town of Easton.

Sincerely,

Lyndee Zeller
Festival Director

CC: Hugh Grunden, General Manager, Easton Utilities Commission
Members of the Waterfowl Festival Commission: Martha Horner, Ann White, Linda Laramy, Bruce Berrier, Peggy Ford
Kenneth Bush, Chief, Fire Protection Engineer
Sheriff Joe Gamble, Talbot County Sheriff's Department
Lieutenant Robert Phillips, MD State Police
Carl Treat, Transportation Chairman

Via Kathy Ruf:

Mayor Megan JM Cook
Town Council: Frank Gunsallus, Maureen Curry, Don Abbatiello, David Montgomery, Elmer Davis, Jr.
Sgt. Patrick Sally, Easton Police Department
Mike Dickerson, Superintendent of Public Works
Donald J. Richardson, Town Manager
Lynn Thomas, Town Planner
Clay Stamp, Talbot 911 Center



The Waterfowl Festival, on behalf of the Waterfowl Festival Commission requests approval of the below food vendors to serve and offset food service for increased pedestrian traffic during the annual Waterfowl Festival, November 10- 12, 2023.

- 1 BBQ Bueno
- 2 Big Bad Wolf Bacon
- 3 Black Horse Kettle Corn
- 4 Christ Church
- 5 Cousins Marine Lobster
- 6 Crunch Stacks
- 7 Delightful Bites
- 8 Easton Lions Club
- 9 Easton Volunteer Fire Department
- 10 Elks Lodge Post 1622 Easton MD
- 11 Eternal Life Ministries
- 12 Hot Off the Coals
- 13 Jimmys Fat Rolls
- 14 Petes Peteza
- 15 The Sweet Fix Treats & Cookies
- 16 Spanky's Soul Food
- 17 Trappe Lions Club
- 18 Tri-County Ruritan
- 19 VFW Easton Post 5118
- 20 Zeke's Coffee



September 18, 2023

Mayor and Town Council
14 South Harrison Street
Easton, MD 21601

RE: Ordinance Number 799 - Proposed Cannabis Use Moratorium

Dear Council Members & Mayor Cook:

As requested by the Council during the August 7, 2023 meeting, the Easton Planning and Zoning Commission recently reviewed a draft of Ordinance No. 799 - the proposed Cannabis Use moratorium.

At our regularly monthly meeting on August 17, 2023, the Commission voted (5-0) for a favorable recommendation to adopt Ordinance No. 799 to enact a nine (9) month Cannabis Use moratorium.

If you should have any questions concerning our recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me or either the Town Planner or Town Attorney, both of whom were present and can speak to our actions in this matter.

Regards,

Easton Planning and Zoning Commission
Jennifer Dindinger, Chair

ORDINANCE NO. 799

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ADOPTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE APPLICATION FOR, APPROVAL OF, CONSTRUCTION OF, EXPANSION OF, PROCESSING OF, OR ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE OPERATION OF A BUSINESS ENGAGED IN THE GROWING, PROCESSING, AND/OR SELLING OF CANNABIS WITHIN THE TOWN OF EASTON FOR A PERIOD OF NINE (9) MONTHS PENDING CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF REVISED ZONING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS AS THE TOWN COUNCIL MAY CONSIDER ADVISABLE TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE

INTRODUCED BY _____

WHEREAS, the Town of Easton is authorized by Maryland Annotated Code, Local Government Article §5-202 to enact such ordinances as it deems necessary in order to assure the good government of the municipality, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Easton is authorized by Maryland Annotated Code, Local Government Article §5-213 to enact and administer a zoning ordinance, which ordinance is Chapter 28 of the Easton Town Code (the “Zoning Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Easton is authorized by Maryland Annotated Code, Land Use Article §4-102 to develop and adopt zoning restrictions to promote the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the community, including the location and use of buildings, signs, structures and land; and

WHEREAS, by ballot referendum, Maryland voters approved making it legal for individuals aged 21 and older to possess and consume cannabis in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland General Assembly passed the Cannabis Reform Act (HB556/SB516) which allowed for cannabis sales to adults 21 and older from licensed dispensaries and established the framework for adult-use cannabis sales beginning July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Cannabis Reform Act provides political subdivisions with the power to establish reasonable zoning requirements for cannabis facilities subject to certain limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Cannabis Administration is tasked under the Cannabis Reform Act with adopting various regulations relating to, but not omitted to, establishing: (1) operating requirements for cannabis licenses, (2) the maximum potency of cannabis products sold in the State, and (3) the packaging and labeling of cannabis products for sale. Not all of the regulations have been fully established at this time and/or are available for close study and consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Code currently does not contain regulations regarding businesses engaged in the growing, processing and/or sale of recreational cannabis; and

WHEREAS, while the Town Code does have some provisions related to the growing, processing and/or sale of medical cannabis, those provisions need to be revisited in light of the Cannabis Reform Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town requires time to ensure that the appropriate study and desired public input can be obtained before establishing effective and enduring textual amendments to the Zoning Ordinance related to cannabis growing, processing and distribution; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance and processing of an application and/or site plan and/or issuance of other zoning approvals or business licenses for the operation of businesses engaged in the growing, processing and/or selling of cannabis, before appropriate study of the matter, obtaining desired public input, and consideration and approval of meaningful and effective Town ordinances and regulations governing the matter, would frustrate the Town's ability to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and visitors to the Town and be adverse to the orderly business development of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that a temporary moratorium, for a term of nine (9) months, is a reasonable length of time to study, receive input and adopt any revisions to the Zoning Ordinance necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Easton Planning and Zoning Commission considered the matter at its August 17, 2023 meeting and has recommended that the Town Council approve this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Easton hereby ordains that:

Section 1. A moratorium on the application for, consideration of, approval of, construction of, expansion of, processing of, or issuance of permits for businesses engaged in the growing, processing and/or selling of cannabis, is hereby imposed for a period of nine (9) months.

Section 2. During the moratorium, the Town (including the Town Planner's office, the Building Department, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Appeals, the Town staff, and the Town Council) shall not process, consider, review, or approve any

application, permit, license, or other approval under the Town Zoning Ordinance for businesses engaged in the growing, processing and/or selling of cannabis.

Section 3. The moratorium shall apply to applications currently pending before the Town, as well as, applications filed after the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This moratorium is adopted to allow sufficient time for the Town to accomplish the following:

- a. Receive public input;
- b. Consider any revisions to the Zoning Ordinance; and
- c. Consider all such other matters as the Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Town staff deem appropriate.

Section 5. The Town Council shall have and reserves the right to extend or modify this moratorium on businesses engaged in the growing, processing and/or selling of cannabis for such additional period or periods and on such terms and conditions as it deems necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Easton.

Section 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase, and to that end, all provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 7. In accordance with Article II Section 9 of the Easton Town Charter, this ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) calendar days after approval by the Mayor or

passage of this ordinance by the Council over the Mayor's veto.

Curry	-
Abbatiello	-
Montgomery	-
Davis	-

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was passed by a yea and nay vote of the Council this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Don Abbatiello, Acting Town Council President

Delivered to the Mayor by me this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Date: _____
Megan J. M. Cook, Mayor

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 6174

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING THE ALLOCATION
OF THE PROCEEDS OF SALE FROM THE TOWN OF EASTON PUBLIC
FACILITIES BONDS OF 2020

Introduced By: _____

WHEREAS, Ordinance 754 was enacted by the Town of Easton on August 17, 2020 (effective September 6, 2020) and authorized and empowered the Town of Easton to issue and sell, upon its full faith and credit, general obligation, fully registered bonds pursuant to the authority of Sections 19-301 to 19-309, inclusive, and Section 19-207 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement) and Section 19 of Article VI of the Charter of the Town (the “Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Ordinance authorized the Proceeds of Sale from the Public Facilities Bonds of 2020 (“2020 Bonds”) to be used for the financing or refinancing of all or a portion of the items described on Exhibit A to the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 10 of the Ordinance provides that “in the event that the amount of funds allocated to one or more purposes exceeds the amount needed for any such purpose, the excess may be allocated to other purposes authorized by this Ordinance or may be allocated to other public capital improvement projects of the Town which are authorized by the Town Council”; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance authorized the following projects:

Park Improvements, including, but not limited to, Easton Point Park, Boat Ramp Launch Facility, RTC park Access and Indoor Sport Complex in the amount of \$6,750,000 and Municipal Building repairs in the amount of \$250,000;

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to approve and confirm the actual allocation of the bond proceeds among the park projects and municipal building repairs as described on the Attached Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF EASTON HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The Remaining Proceeds from the 2020 Bonds are hereby allocated as set forth on the Attached Exhibit A, all of which are public capital improvement projects of the Town.

Section 3. In the event that the amount of funds allocated to one or more purposes authorized by this Resolution exceeds the amount needed for any such purpose, the Mayor is hereby authorized to reallocate any excess amounts to any of the other purposes authorized by this Resolution or by the Ordinance.

Section 4. The Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Finance Officer are hereby authorized to take whatever additional actions are reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution and the Ordinance.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective upon approval by the Mayor after adoption by the Town Council.

Curry	-
Abbatiello	-
Montgomery	-
Davis	-
Gunsallus	-

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was passed by a ye and nay vote of the Council this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Frank Gunsallus, IV Town Council President

Delivered to the Mayor by me this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Date: _____
Megan J. M. Cook, Mayor

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____, 2023

PROJECTS

Park Improvements, including, but not limited to, Easton Point Park, Boat Ramp Launch Facility, John F. Ford Park Access, Indoor Sport Complex, Rails to Trail Expansion, North Easton Sports Complex, Easton Woodland Park, Brewers Lane Dog Park, Hunters Mill Park, Matthewstown Run Park and Mulberry Station Park	\$6,677,100
Municipal Building	<u>322,900</u>
TOTAL	\$7,000,000*

*Additionally, capitalized interest on the bonds through February 1, 2021
Will be funded with a portion of the proceeds of the bonds.