



BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

 **Breaking down the Board of Public Works**

Meeting Date

April 5, 2023

PIKESVILLE ARMORY

The BPW approved a request from the **Military Department to declare the Pikesville Readiness Center as surplus to the State's needs.** This Armory was built in 1903 on a 14-acre campus. Troops have since been transferred and the property is no longer needed by the Military Department.

In 2017, Governor Hogan appointed a Commission on the Future of the Pikesville Armory composed of local leaders, legislators, and community activists. Over a 2-year period of meetings, studies, focus groups, design charrettes, and an online survey with 1500 respondents, the Commission agreed on a unanimous vision. **When completed, the Armory campus will be a center for recreation, cultural arts, historic preservation, and community engagement** for the benefit and use by all segments of Pikesville's diverse community. Learn more at: www.pikesvillearmoryfoundation.org

MARYLAND SUPREME COURT BUILDING

The BPW approved a \$135,290 modification on a contract for the design for the new Maryland Supreme Court Building in Annapolis. The modification removed natural gas from the project and **re-designed the HVAC and plumbing systems to utilize an all-electric heat source to comply with the Climate Solutions Now Act.**

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 89 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$621,402,720 including:

- 9 items awarding approx. \$3.5m to prime certified small businesses
- 4 items awarding approx. \$2.6m to prime minority business enterprises (MBEs)
- 2 items awarding approx. \$1.9m to Employment Works Program providers
- 7 of the items awarded had established participation goals for minority business enterprises, and 3 items had established participation goals for veteran-owned small business enterprises (VSBES)

MD ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE & MBE'S

The BPW approved two items from the Maryland Environmental Service (MES) totaling \$250,456.70. Governor Moore commended Executive Director, Dr. Charles Glass, and the team at MES for **achieving their MBE participation goal for the second year in a row.** The MBE Program exists to ensure that socially and economically disadvantaged small business owners are included in the state's procurement and contracting opportunities. The state has failed to meet its 29% goal for the past 10 years.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE

The Board of Public Works approved a request from the **Department of Natural Resources** to commit \$33,000 in Program Open Space State Share funding for the acquisition of 10-acres of completely forested property within **Green Ridge State Forest in Allegany County.**