



# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



*Breaking down the Board of Public Works*

**Meeting Date**  
October 25, 2023

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN FREDERICK COUNTY



The BPW approved a request from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to lend \$3.5 million in general obligation bond proceeds through the **Rental Housing Works Program** to Overlook East Associates, LLC for the construction of an **85-unit housing development for low-income residents in Frederick.**

The project includes a number of **sustainability features** that demonstrate Maryland's commitment to reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions, conserving water resources, and protecting the environment. For example, the project adheres to Green Building standards criteria from Enterprise Green Communities; includes solar panels and water-conserving toilets, sinks, and showers; utilizes Energy Star rated appliances and weatherization and air sealing technology in accordance with the Dept. of Energy Air Leakage Guide.

The Comptroller applauded DHCD for their work to address the affordable housing crisis, and for doing it in a way that prioritizes sustainability.

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 107 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$376 million including:

- 13 items awarding \$37 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 5 items awarding \$10 million to prime Minority Business Enterprises.
- 2 items awarding \$11.7 million to Employment Works Program providers.
- 10 items awarded with established participation goals for Minority Business Enterprises.

## ACCESS TO OUTDOOR RECREATION IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY



The BPW approved a request to commit \$23 million in Program Open Space Local Share and Local Parks and Playgrounds Infrastructure funding for **seven acquisition and development projects** in Prince George's County, including:

- \$12.8m to acquire an additional 537 acres for Charles Branch Stream Valley Park.
- \$5.2m to replace the aging Good Luck Community Center in Lanham and expand the parking lot, resurface the tennis and basketball courts, add outdoor fields, a trail, and more.
- \$1.4m to replace the indoor track at the Prince George's County Sports and Learning Complex in Landover.
- \$524,000 to acquire 27 acres in Upper Marlboro for the creation of a new park.

## EASTERN BUS DIVISION REDEVELOPMENT



The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Transit Administration to award Clark Construction Group, LLC (Baltimore) a contract to provide preconstruction services for the Eastern Bus Redevelopment Project in Baltimore's Greektown neighborhood. A new, LEED Silver certified facility will be constructed to replace the existing 80-year-old site, which is designed to initially accommodate a combined fleet of diesel and Electric Buses, then transition into a 100% electric fleet with approximately 200 buses.