



BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



Breaking down the Board of Public Works

Meeting Date

January 3, 2024

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM GRANTS



The BPW approved a request from the Department of Planning to grant \$5 million in general obligation bond proceeds for twenty-four projects through the African American Heritage Preservation Program.

The goal of this program is to identify and preserve buildings, communities and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland. This competitive grant program, offered once per year, is supported through an annual appropriation from the General Assembly, and is administered as a joint partnership of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, and the Maryland Historical Trust.

MARTIN STATE AIRPORT RUNWAY REHABILITATION



The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Aviation Authority to award P. Flanigan and Sons, Inc. (Baltimore, MD) a \$32 million contract to rehabilitate Runway 15-33 at Martin State Airport. Martin State Airport is a joint civil-military public use airport located in Middle River (Baltimore County), and is home to Maryland's Air National Guard. The National Guard partnership helped the state secure federal Department of Defense funding for this project.

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 107 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$187 million including:

- 7 items awarding \$22.8 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 6 items awarding \$22.7 million to prime Minority Business Enterprises.
- 5 items awarded with established participation goals for Minority Business Enterprises.

PEPCO POWERLINE TRAIL EXPANSION



The BPW approved a request from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to commit \$10 million in Local Parks and Playgrounds Infrastructure funding to design and construct a 3.5 mile extension of the PEPCO Powerline Trail between Westlake Drive and St. James Road in Montgomery County. This trail is a partnership agreement between the County and the Exelon Corporation. Completed in May 2018, the trail is currently 6 miles and uses PEPCO right-of-way to connect South Germantown Recreational Park with the Muddy Branch Stream Valley Park in North Potomac.

JOPPATOWNE COMMUNITY COMPLEX ACQUISITION



The BPW approved a request from the Dept. of Natural Resources and Harford County to commit a combined \$7.8 million in Program Open Space funding to acquire 127 acres for a new recreation complex on Trimble Road. Development plans for the future park include athletic fields, walking trails, and more.