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## COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

DEALE COMMUNITY PARK PUBLIC MEETING – Project# P576500

There were 62 community comments, questions or responses received during the 14 day Open Question Comment period of the June 14, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Zoom platform meeting for the above mentioned project. \*Attached as 6 page spreadsheet.

Name	Email	Question/Comment (Deale Community Park Virtual Public meeting (June 14, 2022) 14 day open comment period) - OPZ meeting #1044698	County Response
Jessica Jones		Hi. I wanted to thank you and your team for the meeting tonight! I appreciate the plans and we are so excited for the park! We can't wait to start using it! Of note, we love that there is no dog park despite all the frustration in the opposite opinion regarding this tonight! And we love the pickleball and volleyball courts! And playground for our kiddos! I have no complaints. I just want to tell you thank you again!	Noted.
Jane Lucia		<p>Thank you for the meeting last night about the new Deale Park. I have a couple questions/comments. Who was on the planning committee? Myself and my neighbor live directly next to this and were not part of this committee. Would like to plan a meeting with you to come to Deale and show us what you plan to do with the wet land area that is next to our property. This has run off that always floods behind our houses and has always done this. I have lived here for 50+ years and this has always done this. But if you have a plan to correct this great - just don't want to make it worse and did not see on the plan what was being done with this or if you even knew about this run off since it is only a problem when it rains.</p> <p>And last and THANK YOU for not planning on sidewalks on Deale Churchton Road. I do not want a sidewalk in front of my house and truly don't believe it is needed.</p> <p>Please contact me via e-mail response or my cell is 410-353-xxxx.</p>	There is no work intended to be done to the wetlands in the vicinity of your property. Disturbance to Wetlands is to be avoided unless there is no way to avoid them.
Brad Mendez		<p>Good evening,</p> <p>I wanted to express how valuable I think a dog park would be for this area. This park would give so many locals a chance to get to know one another. The more connected a community is, the safer and more desirable it tends to be. The closest dog park is about 20 minutes away so this would be very helpful for many people in the community. Especially a boating community. People need a place to allow their dogs to get out some energy and be social with other dogs. I think the idea of a dog park might be undervalued but this really is a great way to make this a better community for people with or without dogs.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Walter Weakley		Please consider a dog park for us and I agree with no basketball.	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
William Roberts		Wanted to see who I could talk to about asking that the park going in beside the Deale library to have an off leash place for pups to go?	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Kaitlyn Roberts		<p>I recently heard news about a dog park potentially being constructed in Deale and I'm beyond excited! My family and our two dogs have to consistently travel to Edgewater to go to the dog park due their high energy. It would be amazing to have a dog park in the local area to get the community and dog-lovers together!</p> <p>I hope all goes well with this potential plan!</p>	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Helen Schoeberlein		I was unable to attend the zoom meeting last night but Jessica Hair mentioned we could email this address with our request. Could you please make sure there is a dog park added to the current design?	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Jason Merson		I live in the Deale community and with the new Deale park being built soon I am requesting the design to have some form of dog park implemented. The closest dog park to our 3 city area is Edgewater and that's a 20-25 minute ride to get to a dog park. The dogs in the area lack a social interaction where dogs can run around and play with other dogs or space to be used to help train other dogs. This is a heavy dog community and just about every household here has some kind of dog. In this area we already have outdoor activity areas for kids and adults like baseball fields and tennis courts that get used but not as often so adding more things for people to not use on frequent would be frustrating. I take my dogs down to Calvert which is the closest park in our area but not the closest in the county and you will find that park is used anyway and everyday rain or shine. If your going to build a park build one with a dog park. Thank you and have a great day!	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Pamela Morton		<p>If possible I would like to see a dog park maybe on a smaller scale added to this project. Deale has a lot of dog owners and there is really no area designated for walking our dogs. I do believe this would be a great asset to Deale and just maybe a good selling point for anyone buying in our area.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration</p>	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Katie Collins		<p>I hope this email finds you well. I was informed that the dog park portion of the Deale Community Park was being reconsidered so I wanted to show my interest. There are no dog parks in southern Anne Arundel county. Not a single one. We have many children's playgrounds throughout the local neighborhoods. I know myself and many other dog owners would be extremely disappointed if we lost the opportunity to have a local dog park in our part of county. In my experience a very high percentage of South County family's are dog owners. It would be amazing to have a dog park so close to home.</p> <p>Thank you for your time</p>	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Donna Petro		A dog park is desperately needed for South County	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.

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Ryan Collins		Our area a small town feel with commodities and amenities close enough by that its a good living. A dog park is a aspect that would impact our community greatly, our area would be more self sufficient. Not having to travel to a different county or up north to annapolis, we create a stronger community for ourselves.	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Rich Stevens		Are there any plans to include water access at the proposed Deale Community Park? There seems to be a near total lack of free public access along that stretch of the Bay shoreline and the proposed park seems to be very close to Rockhold Creek.	The park site does not border any waterway.
Dani Feldman		Would it be possible to add to your list of requests from the community to add an off leash dog space at the new community green space soon to be built in Deale Maryland (South Anne Arundel County)?	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
David Quesenberry		I'm just putting my two cents in on the removal of the dog park to make way for FOUR pickleball courts..... Today, there are precious few areas available to let a dog off leash. A park offers room that not even those with fenced in yards can offer. Nobody pets their pickleball bat. Nobody talks to their pickleball bat. Nobody cherishes their pickleball bat like a family member. Nobody walks onto an area of virgin ground and says out loud with angst and desperation in their voice: "Please God, let there be pickleball." This is an opportunity to create an area for our four-legged family members to get out and have a good time with us.	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Robin Whitehurst		Unfortunately my husband and I were unable to attend the 14 June Deale community meeting. We did review the presentation including the latest design and overall think its well thought out. We are concerned about adding pavement to the park instead of permeable pavers. Are there any plans for solar energy? Why not be a 'green' park?  The kids in this area seem to be more into basketball that volleyball. Who are the intended users here?  We are happy to see no buildings in the design. Less hard structures are better.  Thanks for your creativity and design.	Noted.
Heidi Mudd		I'm writing to vote NO for the dog park at the south county park. This project is simply putting lipstick on a pig. The children of soco have been denied services since my kids were little. I'm 67. Purchase the Wilkerson property on Rt 2 in Tracy's Landing and give soco the proper park we deserve. You have always treated us as step children. Broadneck, Severna Park and others have beautiful parks. We don't!	Noted.
Lisa King		I am writing to request that you please consider a dog park rather than pickle ball courts in the Deale park.	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Breanna Nicholson		Hello,  I saw a post regarding the new Deale Community Park and wanted to chime in on my vote for the dog park. While I know there are parks within a short driving distance (Dunkirk & Mayo) we live in a community where a lot of people walk, and bike to local businesses, especially those without vehicles. This would allow those individuals to be able bring their dogs to socialize and run around. We see so many dogs chained up or in small fenced in areas because the ability to let them run free isn't always attainable. As someone who works locally, and has lived locally my whole life, the opportunity to be able to bring my dogs for even short periods of time, to play with other dogs would be huge. I know a lot of concern comes from people who have been involved with dog fights, which I respect, but when going to a community dog park, we know the risks. It should be the owners decision to allow their dogs to play with other dogs or not. As a dog owner and someone who attends dog parks weekly, I know that this always allows the opportunity for people to socialized and talk about the community, support small business, etc.  Stats show that dog parks benefit local communities - Gives dogs a safe space to exercise and roam around freely Allows dogs to socialize with other dogs Allows owners a chance to be physically active with their pet  And honestly, I think a pickle ball court is just going to end up like all the tennis courts we see that nobody uses anymore. People will always have dogs and will always want the opportunity to take them out! With everything this community has been through throughout Covid, the chance to get out and enjoy the park - even those without kids - would mean a healthy and happier community.  Dog Park > Pickle Ball  Thank you for hearing me out :)	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Christine Feight		Good afternoon,  I wanted to write quickly, as I heard there was a an option for public comments on the Deale park coming soon.  I wanted to share that I would not utilize pickle ball courts if installed in Deale. I would utilize a dog park. Currently we drive all the way to Crofton or Dunkirk to allow our dog to socialize with others. Something in town would be fantastic!	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Colleen Kelley		Please DO NOT create a dog park in Deale. This neighborhood is notorious for big dogs attacking other dogs while off leash. Franklin Manor is even worse. My two leashed small dogs-and i were victims of an UNPROVOKED ATTACK on my own street. After 2 surgeons and 2.5 hours in surgery after almost losing my hand, I spent 10 mos in occupational therapy, I have a plate in my hand and live with chronic pain. The dog owners here pay ZERO attention to their dogs and this will come to a disastrous end if you all allow community members to take their dogs into a park and just let them go. They have no comprehension that the dogs need SUPERVISION in a dog park. Please take note!! - dog parks are not safe for dogs, children or anyone else. Do your homework and read the studies. Thank you for your time.	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.

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Cate Bower		Please do not replace the proposed dog park with pickle ball. There are courts in Galesville but no dog park in SoCo...	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Katelyn Prochazka		<p>Good morning,</p> <p>Our community would love and could use a Dog park more than pickle ball courts.</p>	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Katherine Atterbury		<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am a happy Tracy's Landing resident. Love SoCo.</p> <p>As I understand commentary has reopened on the subject of Dog Park vs PickleBall Court, I just hope you all realize (I'm sure you do) just how a Dog Park builds community all year long, promotes much better behavior in socialized beasties and creates a real inter-generational endeavor in its' own little passive way...</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. It's such a GOOD IDEA!!!</p>	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Joanne Howl		<p>Hello,</p> <p>I understand that the plans for the Deale Park, which originally included a dog park, have been changed to place a pickleball court there instead.</p> <p>Please reconsider. There is no dog park in South County although there is a large pet population who would benefit greatly. The closest dog parks are in Edgewater and Dunkirk. On the other hand, at least two facilities offer the opportunity for pickleball - one in Galesville and also the South County Senior Center.</p> <p>The number of people served at one time is smaller in a pickle ball court than in a dog park. For some people, including seniors, a dog park is the one of the very few places they can go to socialize safely outdoors with their pets. Some of us can't play pickleball or walk trails, but still want to get outside. From a personal perspective, I can attest that visiting the Edgewater Dog Park, despite the long drive, was critical to my mental health and social life during the pandemic. The health benefits of pets cannot be underestimated. The value of having a place to gather with pets, for all ages including seniors, is vastly underrated and often overlooked.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the presence of a dog park will increase traffic to local businesses. I live halfway between Deale and Edgewater. When I take the dogs out for the evening, I will almost always pick up something to eat, either at fast food or the grocery stores in Edgewater. No way am I going back to Deale for that. If I were coming to Deale, I'd love to get a bite to eat at our local, home town restaurants or shop at Christophers, or pick up some needed items at one of the two hardware stores. Or maybe enjoy a drink locally!</p> <p>Please put the dog park back on the plans for Deale Park. It's good for our community - much better than a pickleball court. It will serve so many more people of many more ages, as well as promote community business.</p>	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Charles Carbone		Dog Park. People will loose interest in Pickle Ball in five minutes.	Noted.
Linda Abbott		I am all for a dog park in Deale.	Noted.
Patty Burbank		<p>This is a vote for a dog park vs. (or in addition to) a pickle ball court at the new community park being constructed in Deale, MD. The closest dog parks are in Edgewater &amp; Dunkirk...and the one in Dunkirk is not that great - especially the small dog part.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Lucia Karnes		<p>Good afternoon!</p> <p>I hope this message finds you well. I am a resident of Churchton and heard the dog park has been pulled from the new park plan based on perceived interest.</p> <p>Please reconsider this dog park for our community as a place for our family members with four legs to enjoy an off leash area too!</p> <p>Thanks,</p>	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
K. Baker		Put the park back!!!	noted.
Greta Petrilla		Please consider creating a dog park in Deale as originally planned instead of a pickle ball court.	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Dale Gordon		Please keep the plans alive for a Deale dog park.	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.

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Diane Giuliani	dgiulian@dealecommunitypark.com	Please keep the dog park in plans for park in Deale. Thanks!	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Chris Nadrowski	cnadrows@dealecommunitypark.com	I live in Shady Side, and would beg you to reconsider eliminating the dog park from the planned Deale Park, to make room for Pickle Ball Courts. There are tennis courts right behind the library in Deale, but absolutely nothing this end of the county for our dogs. I have zero doubt that the dog park would be used far more than any pickle ball courts. They would be used everyday, and throughout the day, including during the winter, when I'm quite sure the pickle ball courts would remain empty.  Again, please reconsider this decision and add the dog park back into the plan.	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Nicole Veltre-Luton	nluton@dealecommunitypark.com	We were very much looking forward to the dog park. Please add it back into the plans.	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Dirk Schwenk	dschwenk@dealecommunitypark.com	On Tuesday June 14th Public Works and Recreation and Parks hosted a zoom meeting concerning project details for the New Deale Park. I represent two sets of neighbors who are directly impacted by the proposed development of the park - which currently places 4 pickle ball courts, and two volley ball courts near residential homes and a Church. My clients are Robert & Mitzi Turner, 5890 Deale Churchton Road and Francisco & Lynn Flores 5921 Deale Churchton Road.  My clients oppose placing noisy active sports facilities near their homes in the park. The Deale Park Master Plan should be amended to include quiet recreation more suitable to the location. Citizens had no opportunity to speak in the conference zoom call, and were only able to type comments in the side bar. My clients did state that they were opposed. Their comments were also echoed by others: noisy sports facilities should be located at an appropriate location such as the sports complex in Shady Side, which has room, parking and is an appropriate distance from homes.  I have been retained and asked to put the Department of Public Works, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the County Executive on notice, that if these sports remain in the current inappropriate location, we will appeal avenues administratively and judicially. It would be best for all to meet the wishes of the sports community to relocate to an appropriate location.	Noted.
Carmen Waggoner	cwaggoner@dealecommunitypark.com	Please, include a dog park. Currently, pickleball courts are more plentiful in our area. I am sure a designated dog park near the creek, would be a draw for our seasonable tourists.	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
James Benson	jbenson@dealecommunitypark.com	Hello-  The upcoming Deale Park needs to have a legitimate dog park 1000x more than another pickle ball court. There are already two such locations in South County to play a sport 14 people in the area might try twice.  We need an actual fenced dog park so people will stop allowing their dogs on our athletic fields. The few we have.  Please don't make the ridiculous mistake of approving another fad tennis court.	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.
Wayne Lucas	wlucas97@gmail.com	The Deale Community is in favor of a Community Center, based on input at the June 14th meeting. Please consider the Library addition / Community Center as a part of this project, now. Not later.	The County is aware of the community's desire for a community center. That element is not a part of the approved project. The County remains committed to trying to locate a space for the center.
Wayne Lucas	wlucas97@gmail.com	Please consider a median / island for ingress and egress. This median/island would also be an attractive design component, and can also be utilized for stormwater aspects.	A median / island is not proposed for the project.
Wayne Lucas	wlucas97@gmail.com	As mentioned in the meeting, please consider a Basketball Court in place of two of the Pickle Ball Courts or Volleyball Courts.	noted
Wayne Lucas	wlucas97@gmail.com	Although the trail along Route 256 will be utilized as a sidewalk, please consider the following: a walkway connection from the Roundabout to the Rockhold Creek Bridge. As a walker, it is extremely dangerous to walk along Route 256. Just the other day, a Mother with three young children on bicycles and walking, were so close to be hit by cars. They literally were walking the white line! Additionally, as mentioned in the meeting, a sidewalk connection to the Deale Elementary School is desperately needed, especially since kids/children will have to cross over Rt. 256.	MD Route 256 is state route. A large scale sidewalk project such as the comment mentions would be under the purview of MDOT SHA.
Wayne Lucas	wlucas97@gmail.com	Please consider using black chain link fence rather than silver. Reference: the New Galesville Athletic Park, currently under construction.	Noted - Recreation and Parks typically use PVC-coated mesh on its chain link fences.
Wayne Lucas	wlucas97@gmail.com	Please consider providing on site water. For folks doing athletic activities and the ability to hydrate, as well as for dogs, if a dog park is an aspect of this project, and to water the turf and the newly landscape installation. This is a human health consideration as well as ensuring the environmental benefits of the park development (Stormwater facility plantings, turf, landscaping etc.)	noted
Wayne Lucas	wlucas97@gmail.com	Please consider providing the Pavilion Architecture.	more details will be provided in the 60% design plans as we progress through the design process.
Wayne Lucas	wlucas97@gmail.com	Please consider providing information on site furniture: Benches. Waste Receptacles, etc., as well as Light Poles and Fixtures – what type of lighting is being provided?	Additional details will be shown on later drawings

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Bonnie Greenwell		<p>Per your request, my husband and I are submitting our questions and concerns via e-mail regarding the Deale Community Park project. As I mentioned to you during our June 15th phone conversation, my husband and I attended the subject meeting by phone and therefore did not have an opportunity to ask questions or express concerns as phone participants are not provided with a means to actively participate.</p> <p>Our first and major concern about the park project is the non-tidal wetland area located adjacent to the pickleball and volleyball courts. As I expressed to you during our phone conversation, this non-tidal wetland area, in its current state, contributes to the majority of the flooding on our end of Swan Drive. This has been an ongoing problem since we moved to our home on Swan Drive over 30 years ago. The stormwater drainage on our street is poorly designed, grossly inadequate and absolutely cannot handle the rain that falls on Swan Drive and the overflow from the non-tidal wetland area. The stormwater from this non-tidal wetland area flows toward our end of Swan Drive and collects into a shallow concrete-lined ditch across the road from our home. This concrete-lined ditch may have been pretty when our development was built over 30 years ago, but given the amount of stormwater that flows from the non-tidal wetland into our development, this shallow concrete-lined ditch is absolutely not practical and almost completely useless. This concrete-lined ditch, which my husband and I have cleaned out countless times over the years, is now even more shallow as debris has collected in it over the past 30 years and basically become part of the ditch. The concrete needs to be removed from the ditch and the ditch needs to be much deeper and, perhaps a large pipe installed in the deeper ditch to somewhat alleviate the flooding problem.</p> <p>You said during our June 15th phone conversation, that is it not the intent of the County or the park project to correct the flooding problem on Swan Drive. You also said that, based on my description of the flooding problem on Swan Drive, our development probably never should have been built. We do not anticipate the County will ever take any action to correct the flooding problem on our street as we have called the County dozens and dozens of times over the past 30+ to complain and nothing has ever been done to seriously address and/or correct the problem. However, we do feel it is the County's responsibility to ensure that the development of this park does not in any way exacerbate the flooding problem on our street.</p> <p>During the June 14th meeting, I recall Mr. Randy Hughes stated that the park project would require no grading/grading permits. The meeting packet I requested and received from DPW does mention grading/grading permits. I discussed the grading issue with you relative to the decades-long flooding problem on Swan Drive. You and I both agreed that grading would be required to accomplish this build. This park project will result in the creation of thousands of square feet of impervious surface in order to realign the road through the park, build parking lots, a playground, walking paths, pavilions, pickleball courts and volleyball courts, as well as a future Waterman's Memorial. While we do understand there is mandatory LOD around the perimeter of the non-tidal wetland area that drains onto our street, the County does have park projects planned around 3 sides of this wetland area.</p> <p>We have little to no confidence that anyone involved in this park project can say with any degree of certainty that this project may/might/could exacerbate the flooding problem on Swan Drive. We doubt that anyone involved in this project had any idea there was a flooding problem on Swan Drive caused primarily by the stormwater runoff from this non-tidal wetland area that is now owned by the County.</p> <p>We feel it is necessary that you and everyone who reads this e-mail has a clear understanding of the extent of this flooding problem. Over the past 30+ years we have owned 4 cars. Three of those cars have been flooded a total of 4 times due to the stormwater runoff from the non-tidal wetland area onto Swan Drive. I don't mean that the carpet in the car floorboard was simply damp. We would have to wade in ankle to knee-deep water to get to the car, open the car door and let water drain out, then bail out the car and use a wet-dry vac to remove as much water as possible from the interior of the car. Our current 20 year old car has been flooded twice. We have missed time from work because the car was flooded and/or water on the street was too deep to safely drive through. We have had to keep an eye out during the day and throughout the night to decide if/when we would have to move our car to higher ground to prevent it from being flooded. Our children, when they were younger, missed days from school because while we were able to make it to work, we didn't want or expect our children to wade through ankle to knee-deep water to get to the bus stop. We have had to wade through ankle to knee-deep water to retrieve our mail and newspaper, that's if the mail and newspaper carriers would even attempt to drive through the flood waters to make a delivery. UPS and FedEx have declined to deliver packages to our home because of the flood water and repairmen have declined to come to our home for repair service for the same reason. We have literally had people in canoes and inflatable pool toys, as well as people swimming in the flood waters on Swan Drive in front of our home. The flooding problem on Swan Drive is not always this extreme; however, the properties across the street and our property are frequently flooded with 4 - 6+ inches of water. The road and the shallow concrete-lined ditch are both impervious and the ground can only absorb so much water. This has been and continues to be our reality for the past 30+ years and we have no hope the County will ever correct the problem.</p>	<p>During the meeting it was indicated the project would require a grading permit but that it has not been submitted yet as the project is still in the schematic design phase. The wetlands in question are not responsible for any flooding. Water seeks the lowest point and the wetland area is it. The flooding is a result of runoff from upstream areas being directed toward the wetland. The proposed park project that was presented does not include off-site public drainage improvements on other roads and streets in the vicinity. The purpose of this specific project is development of a park.</p>
Bonnie Greenwell		<p>Our second concern is that the County has no plans to build a sidewalk along Deale-Churchton Road so that people, particularly children, may safely access the park on foot or by bike/skateboard. Deale-Churchton Road is the main road through Deale and has little to no shoulder area to safely accommodate walkers/bikers/skateboarders. Traffic on Deale-Churchton Road on too many occasions, particularly the weekends, is so busy that we have difficulty exiting our development in our car. Although the speed limit on Deale-Churchton Road is 30 and 40 mph, there are far too many drivers who far to often exceed the posted speed limits by 10+ mph. It is absolutely not safe for anyone to walk/bike/skateboard to any location along this road. The County should, in conjunction with the park project, build a sidewalk along Deale-Churchton Road which includes crosswalks. The sidewalk should at a minimum extend from the traffic circle to Cedar Grove Church, and again include crosswalks.</p>	<p>The current design for the park does include a walkway along Deale-Churchton Road on the park property.</p>
Bonnie Greenwell		<p>Another concern is increased traffic on Deale-Churchton Road. I've previously stated that it is the main road through Deale and we already have difficulty exiting our development due to the amount of traffic currently on this road. That traffic flow will only increase upon completion of the park. People who share our opinion that it is not safe to walk/bike/skateboard along this road will have no alternative but to drive to and from the park. As the park will be open from sunrise to sunset, this will result in increased traffic throughout the day and into the evening, particularly after school and when school is not in session,</p>	<p>A Traffic Impact Study (TIS) is currently being developed per MDOT SHA and Anne Arundel County guidelines. The TIS takes into account existing traffic data, background traffic data from approved development in the surrounding area, and site generated traffic from the proposed park. The TIS will evaluate traffic operations at intersections within the study area (MD 256 from Masons Beach Road to Swamp Circle Road) and along MD 256 for the Existing, Future No-Build, and Future Build scenarios. Mitigation measures will be proposed as necessary to alleviate traffic impacts due to the proposed park development. Sidewalks will be part of the proposed on-site park walkway system and will run parallel to MD 256 along the entire site frontage with stub-outs for a future sidewalk connection; it is not within the scope of this project to install sidewalk or bicycle facilities outside of the park right-of-way.</p>
Bonnie Greenwell		<p>Our last concern is noise. We have read numerous on-line articles about pickleball. Far too many articles cite the repetitive sound caused by hitting the ball with a hard plastic racket creates disturbing noise levels. If pickleball is as popular nationwide as you claim and the park will have 4 pickleball courts, the pickleball activity alone has a very high probability of creating a constant racket throughout the day and into the evening, and particularly on the weekends and holidays.</p>	<p>The location and the final design for the pickleball area, and its continued inclusion in the project, will be evaluated as the design progresses.</p>
Bonnie Greenwell		<p>Can the County assure us that building on this park site will not exacerbate the flooding problem on our end of Swan Drive? In the event the flooding problem becomes worse during/after completion of the park, will the County address and correct the flooding problem on our street?</p>	<p>The proposed park project that was presented does not include off-site public drainage improvements on other roads and streets in the vicinity. The purpose of this specific project is development of a park.</p>
Bonnie Greenwell		<p>Is the County aware that a flooding problem exists on our end of Swan Drive that is caused by stormwater runoff from a non-tidal wetland area located on property owned by and to be developed by the County?</p>	<p>The wetland is not the cause of any flooding. Water seeks the lowest point and the wetland area is the low point. Runoff from higher ground will collect at the low point until it can overflow to another area.</p>
Bonnie Greenwell		<p>Will grading be necessary to build any portion of the park? Please be specific regarding the location of the areas to be graded and/or the ground disturbed.</p>	<p>Grading will occur throughout the entire proposed park area. The limits of disturbance as shown in the public meeting presentation is approximately 9.7-acres.</p>
Bonnie Greenwell		<p>How many square feet of impervious surface will have been created in this park upon completion of the project?</p>	<p>There is an estimated 124,344 SF of new walks, paving and pavilions. The majority of walks and parking areas are intended to be permeable. Note as mentioned in the public meeting this is in schematic design currently and final quantities will be determined as the design details is finalized.</p>
Bonnie Greenwell		<p>Why did the County not include plans for a sidewalk and crosswalks along Deale-Churchton Road so that people could access the park by means other than driving their vehicle?</p>	<p>The current design for the park does include a walkway along Deale-Churchton Road on the park property.</p>

Name	Email	Question/Comment (Deale Community Park Virtual Public meeting (June 14, 2022) 14 day open comment period) - OPZ meeting #1044698	County Response
Bonnie Greenwell	[Redacted]	Will the County install fencing around the perimeter of the park? If not, can the County consider installing sufficient fencing to at least contain the noise from the picketball court?	Final configuration of the fence will be determined in later design stages. The pickleball courts are presently shown to be enclosed by fencing.
Bonnie Greenwell	[Redacted]	Specifically who selected the stakeholders and how was the selection process conducted? How many stakeholders were selected and actually participated? How many of the stakeholders were residential homeowners and how many were businesses, churches, State/County public service providers? How many of the stakeholders actually live around the perimeter of the park area, and please be specific if these are residential homeowners, businesses, churches, etc?	The stakeholders were a group of Deale area residents who were appointed by the County Executive to assist Recreation & Parks with the development of the master plan for the new park. The members included both residential and commercial property owners. Some are adjacent property owners, and some were members of the small area plan stakeholders.
Bonnie Greenwell	[Redacted]	Was an environmental impact study conducted relative to the park project, specifically how this project affects Rockhold Creek, the unnamed tributary to Rockhold Creek and all of the non-tidal wetland areas located within the park? If so, how may I obtain a copy of the study?	A specific environmental impact study has not been conducted for the project.
Bonnie Greenwell	[Redacted]	How much did the County pay to purchase this park property? When this park project is complete, how many taxpayer dollars (in total) will have been spent? How much will it cost the taxpayers on an annual basis for maintenance of and repairs to the park?	Total budget for this project is \$6.2 million. Park maintenance will be handled by the Southern Maintenance division of the Department of Recreation and Parks. There will not be a separate line item in the operating budget for this park.
Bonnie Greenwell	[Redacted]	As the COVID mask mandate is no longer in effect in Anne Arundel County, why was a virtual meeting conducted on June 14th instead of a locally held, in person meeting? Will additional public meetings be held in the future to discuss this park project?	This method is consistent with the current public meeting guidelines issued by the OPZ
Bonnie Greenwell	[Redacted]	You told me that approximately 60+ people, including us, attended the June 14th meeting by phone. Can the County explore ways to include an option for those who participate by phone to be able to verbally record a question/concern and have that question/concern addressed during the meeting? AARP has this option available for townhall meetings it conducts by phone.	We will look into this possibility for future meetings. Thank you.
Christine Schwartz	[Redacted]	A dog park would be nice. Pickle ball is in edgewater. And why not make the tennis courts behind the Deale library pickle ball/tennis. Then everyone is happy.	A dog park was not initially proposed at this location because there was no interest during the masterplan process, water service to the site was not proposed, and there was not enough space for the larger dog parks the Department typically constructs. However, the Department is reviewing the site to determine if a much smaller dog park can be constructed in this park. The budget will also have to be reviewed to determine if a water supply can be added.