



COMMUNITY PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS (CPP) PROGRAM FY2027 Application and Project Agreement

CPP PROJECT # 8005-11-329

A. PROJECT INFORMATION: Complete this form digitally unless otherwise indicated. Handwritten submissions will not be accepted.

Park Name: Friendsville Elementary School

Project Name: Friendsville Elementary Inclusive Playground

Street Address: 841 1st Avenue

City/Town: Friendsville

County: Garrett

Zip: 21531

County Tax Map: 300

Grid: 9

Parcel: 1077

Lot: NA

SDAT Account Identifier: 1202013401

District-Subdivision-Account Number or Ward-Section-Block-Lot (as applicable)

MD Legislative District: 1A

Click [here](#) to find the 2022 Legislative District (Number 1-47)

Confirm the project location is eligible for Community Parks and Playground Program

Funding: Project location must be within the blue areas on [this map](#). **Eligible**

Previous DNR/Land Acquisition and Planning (LAP) projects at this location:

Note that this application may only contain project elements that have not been funded by CPP or Program Open Space (POS) Local grants in the last 20 years or Local Parks and Playground Infrastructure (LPPI) grants in the last 15 years.

None

Project Period:

From: 5/1/2026

To: 09/30/2027

Date of Letter of Acknowledgement (DNR Use Only)

Estimated Date of Completion

B. PROJECT DETAILS:

1. Type of project: (Select one) Development

2. Project Description (Please summarize the proposed project in 2-3 sentences. Attach a separate sheet to provide a further narrative of the project as needed.):

Friendsville Elementary's existing playground is outdated, non-ADA compliant, and restricts play for mobility-challenged students. Replacing it with a universally accessible, multi-generational play space. By replacing hard surfacing with engineered wood fiber and upgrading to inclusive equipment to improve recreational access for all.

3. Public need for the proposed project: Explain why this project is being developed/acquired and how it relates to other local facilities/plans.

Friendsville Elementary's current playground is non-ADA compliant, limiting access for mobility-challenged students. PTO surveys and student feedback confirm the need for an inclusive, nature-connected play space. This project uses engineered wood fiber surfacing and accessible design to fulfill Garrett County's 2022 LPPRP goals and the School Board's FEMP equity mandate. Offering extended hours for both school and community use, it enhances recreation access and strengthens neighborhood ties.

4. Public benefits associated with the proposed project: How do these benefits address the purpose of the Community Parks and Playgrounds Program? Would this project provide access for a segment of the community that is in need of additional park facilities and greenspace? If so, please describe how.

This project delivers: accessible play supports social inclusion and child development; proximity to the river fosters outdoor education; extended hours increase community gathering and wellness; inclusive design promotes mental health and peer integration; local partnerships ensure volunteer stewardship; reduces travel for regional families; supports Garrett County's LPPRP targets; & boosts local economic activity through community events.

5. Low impact development techniques incorporated in the proposed project: What measures will be used to minimize the effect of stormwater runoff? What environmentally sensitive materials and/or green building techniques will be used in your proposed project?

This project offers accessible play fostering social inclusion and child development; leverages river adjacency for outdoor education; extends community access for wellness and gatherings; promotes mental health through inclusive design; engages local volunteers in stewardship; reduces use of automobiles barriers; aligns with LPPRP goals; and stimulates the local economy via events and partnerships.

6. Playground Surfacing: If this project includes installing playground surfacing materials, please confirm that the materials do not include more than 90 parts per million (ppm) of lead, or a component product, material, or substance to which PFAs (per- and polyfluoroalkyl) chemicals are added. (Select one):

Project includes playground surfacing and applicant confirms requirement

C. DEVELOPMENT SECTIONCheck this box if this is a Development Project: ☒

(skip to Section D if this is an acquisition project)

1. Itemized Cost Estimate: Round to the nearest dollar:

Item Description	Estimated Cost
Equipment & Freight	\$ 120,000.00
Installation & Site Prep	\$ 30,000.00
Surfacing	\$ 35,000.00
Stormwater Management	\$ 15,000.00

Total project cost: \$ 200,000.00**2. Development Project Costs and Funding Request:**

CPP Funds Requested:	\$ 200,000.00	100 %
Local Funds:		0 %
Other Funds (specify below):	\$ 0.00	0 %
Total Project Cost:	\$ 200,000.00	

If "Other Funds" are expected to be used for this project, please identify the source and amount and include any in-kind contributions from other sources for the implementation of this project.

NA

3. Proposed project timeline, if funds are awarded:

Note: This is for FY 2027 funding. Costs incurred prior to project funding notification date will not be eligible for reimbursement.

a. Design Start Date (if applicable)	06/01/2026	b. Design End Date	09/30/2026
c. Construction Start Date	10/01/2026	d. Construction End Date	12/01/2026

D. PROPERTY ACQUISITION SECTIONCheck this box if this is an Acquisition Project: ☐

(If this project is a development project complete Section C and go to Section E.)

1. This is a(n) (select one)**a. Nearest town or community served:****b. Deed acres:** (in acres) **c. Acres to be funded with this acquisition:****d. Existing park acreage:** **e. Planned ultimate acreage:** (in acres)**f. How many acres are:**

Wooded:

Agricultural:

Floodplain:

In the Critical Area:

Non-Tidal Wetlands:

g. The topography is flat, steep, sloping or other (describe):**h. Road Frontage in feet:****Paved:****Unpaved:****i. This property is:**

If improved, list all current improvements – identify size, condition, and future use of each improvement:

2. Explain Zoning:**a. Current Land Use:****b. Is the property currently being utilized at its highest and best use?****c. Highest and Best Use:****Developable potential - # of lots:****d. Subdivided?****If Yes, # of lots:****Average size of lots:****(In acres)****e. Utilities Available: Water****Sewer****Electric****Gas****Phone****f. Environmental Hazards:**

If there are any hazards, list them and identify how they will be addressed:

3. Infrastructure: Will the development planned for this site result in an increased demand on existing infrastructure (roads, utilities, etc.)?

If yes, please explain the impact on the infrastructure and how this will be addressed:

4. Potential Conflicts: Are there any potential conflicting uses or possible non-compatible uses being planned (e.g., road widening, utility easements, etc.) which might require a Land-Use Conversion?

If yes, please explain the impact on the infrastructure and how this will be addressed:

5. Interim Use: Will there be an interim use on the property prior to park development, including rental, lease, and/or other management techniques?

If yes, please describe the interim use in detail. (Note that any interim use must have prior approval by DNR.)

6. How will the property be managed and funded for the intended use?:

7. Seller's Name:

8: Title will be held by:

Name of County/Municipality

9. Appraisal Values: Place the higher appraisal value first and lower appraisal value second.

Name of Appraiser:

Appraisal Amount: \$ per acre:

Date of Appraisal:

Name of Appraiser:

Appraisal Amount: \$ per acre:

Date of Appraisal:

10. Appraisal Evaluation

a. Spread between appraisals:

If the value of the high appraisal is more than 20% greater than the low appraisal, please explain:

b. Average of appraisals:

If the cost of the acquisition is not equal to the average of the two appraisals, please explain:

c. Is the appraisal value reasonable relative to the area? (select one)

If not, please explain:

d. The appraisals were performed by licensed real estate appraisers with qualifications consistent with industry standards and all applicable Local, State and Federal statutes and regulations.

Initial Here:

11. Acquisition Project Costs and Grant Request

a. Direct

(Land Costs)

b. Incidentals

(Complete chart below)

c. Total

Incidental Costs Itemized (due diligence costs):

Item*

Cost

*i.e. appraisals, surveys title work, closing costs

d. Acquisition Project Costs and Funding Request:

CPP Funds Requested:

%

Local Funds:

%

Other Funds:

%

Total Project Cost:

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12: Acquisition Project Period:

From:

Date of Letter of Acknowledgement (DNR Use Only)

To:

Estimated Date of Closing (Must be filled in by Applicant)

E. Applicant Information and Authorization:

1. Applicant: Town of Friendsville

2. Federal ID# 52-0963816

3. Point of Contact Name: Spencer Schlosnagle

4. Title: Mayor

5. Department: Town

6. Organization: Town

7. Mailing address: PO Box 9

8. City/State/Zip: Friendsville, MD 21531

9. Phone Number: 301-746-5919

10. Email address: info@friendsville.org

DECLARATION OF ADHERENCE TO AWARD CONDITIONS/REQUIREMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATION

I have read and agree to adhere to all award eligibility requirements and conditions for all submitted projects including:

1. All projects must comply with all applicable Local, State, and Federal statutes and regulations.
2. All projects shall be open for public use at all reasonable hours and times of the year, according to the type of area and facility.
3. All projects shall be open to entry and use by all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, or ancestry or national origin, and shall be operated in compliance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, P.L. 88-354 (1964) and its amendments, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, P.L. 101-336 and its amendments, and Section 20-601 et. seq. (Discrimination in Employment) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2016 Supp.)
4. All projects must be consistent with National Playground Safety Standards and with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
5. All development projects must have a minimum twenty (20) year life span. Conversions of project use will require replacement with a project of equal or greater recreational use, recreational area, and equal or greater monetary value approved by the Community Parks and Playgrounds Program. Acquisition projects must be maintained for public use in perpetuity. Conversion of use of land will require replacement with land of equal or greater recreational use, acreage, and equal or greater monetary value approved by the Community Parks and Playgrounds Program.
6. All projects are within the applicant's jurisdiction and the applicant holds the right to develop on the property.
7. A Community Parks and Playground funding acknowledgement sign will be installed prior to the completion of the project.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATION

Community Parks and Playgrounds projects are to be administered in accordance with the Program Open Space (POS) Grants Manual. As the authorized representative of this Political Subdivision, I read the terms of the "Project Agreement and General Conditions" of the POS Grants Manual and I agree to perform all work in accordance with the Manual, POS Law and Regulations, Special Conditions of the Community Parks and Playgrounds Program and with the attachments included herewith and made a part thereof.

If unable to sign this section in Adobe please print this page, sign, scan and send in e-mail with the rest of this document

Signature 

Date 08/20/2025

Print Name Spencer Schlosnagle

Title Mayor, Town of Friendsville

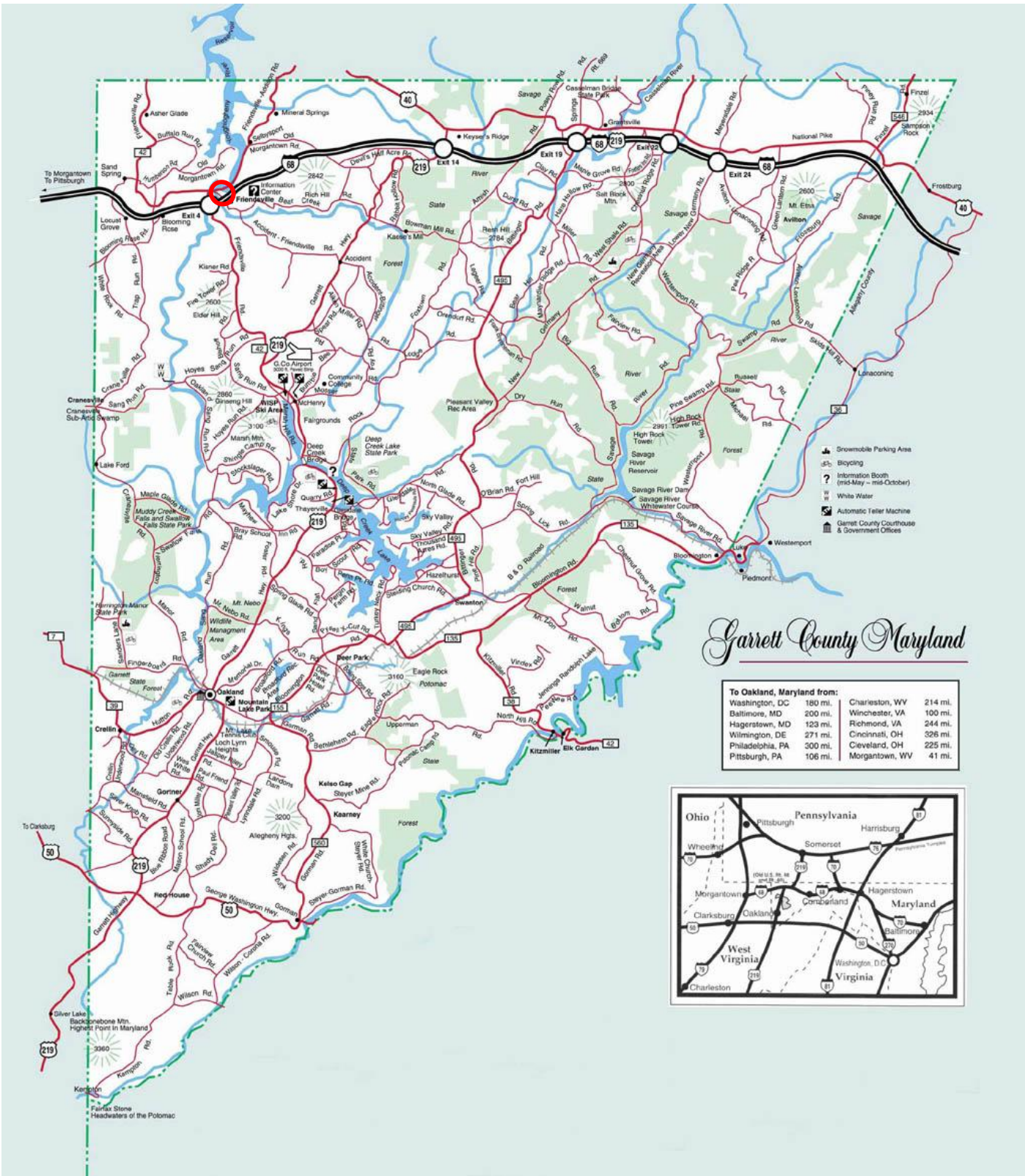
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW (DNR Use Only)

Date: _____ By: _____
Department of Natural Resources – Community Parks and Playground Approval:
BPW Approval Date: _____ BPW Agenda Item Number: _____
Signature: _____

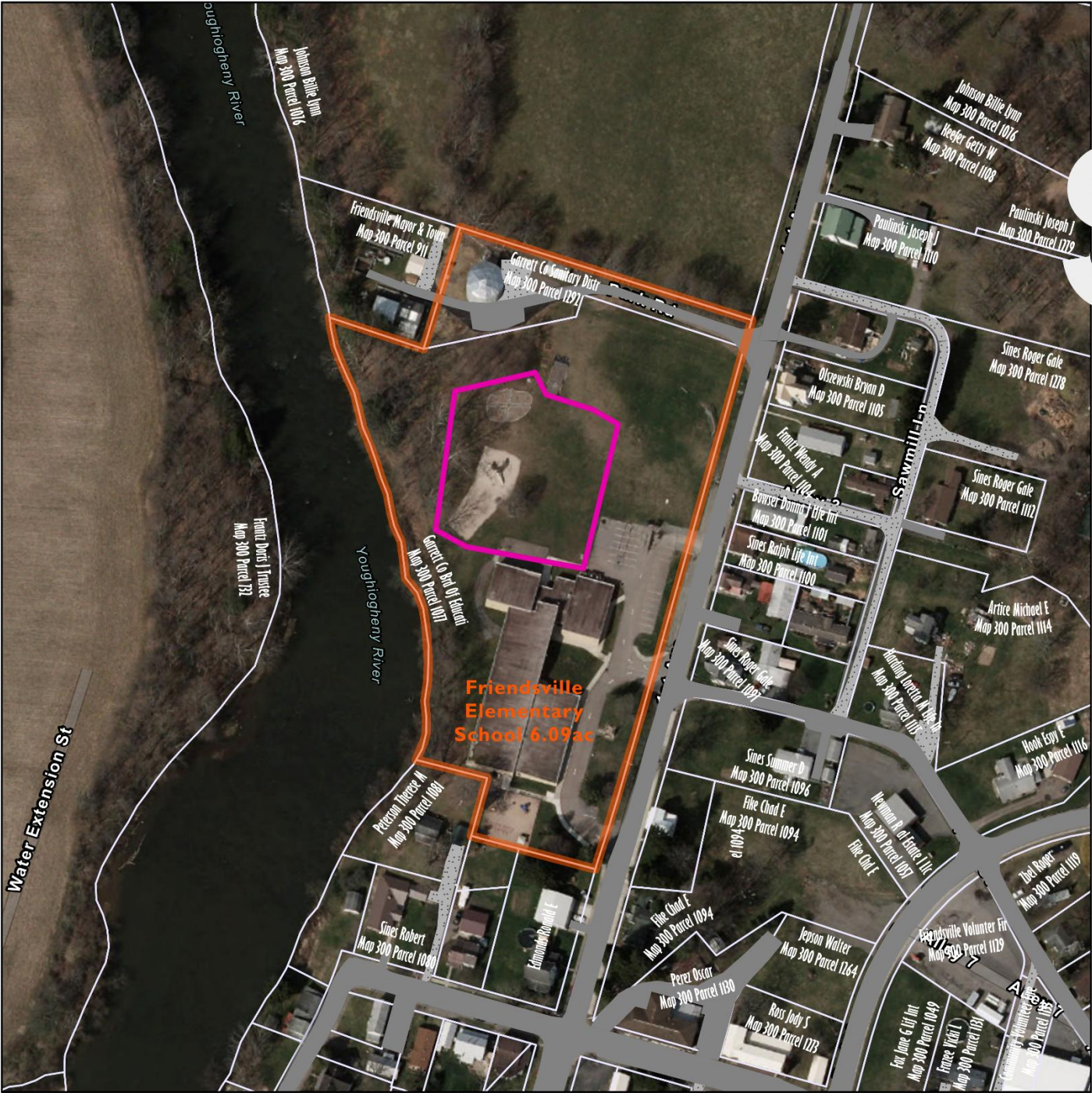
ATTACHMENT #1 Area Map

PARK NAME Friendsville Elementary School

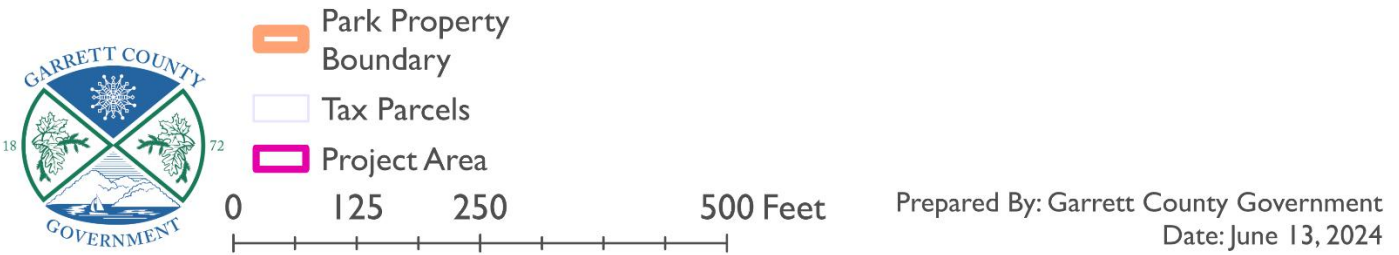
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ATTACHMENT: Site Plan



Site Plan for Friendsville Elementary Inclusive Playground
Town of Friendsville & Garrett County Board of Education





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Re: Attachment #3 CPP FY 2027 Application Consistency Letter

Dear Mayor Schlossnagle,

I have reviewed your application for the Community Parks and Playgrounds Program for Fiscal Year 2025. The proposed inclusive playground project for Friendsville Elementary School is consistent with parks and recreation goals 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the County's Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) 2022. Additionally, this project aligns with the Garrett County Comprehensive Plan and the School Board's Facilities and Educational Master Plan (FEMP).

This project meets the requirements of our local planning agency approval, ensuring consistency with existing plans and addressing the relationship with water, sewer, stormwater, roads, schools, and other facilities. The new playground will enhance Friendsville's community spaces, providing meaningful play experiences for all children, and promoting inclusivity and well-being.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for allowing me to review your application. I hope the Town is funded for this much-needed project to benefit the Friendsville community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Siera Wigfield".

Siera Wigfield

Senior Planner

LPPRP 2022 Recreation Goals

GOAL 1: Provide diverse recreational experiences and opportunities readily accessible to residents and visitors, meeting current and future community needs.

GOAL 2: Revitalize municipalities and community spaces to enhance residents' quality of life making Garrett County a desirable place to live work, play, and visit.

GOAL 3: Maximize investments in public school facilities to support and complement community recreation opportunities to learn, play, and connect.

GOAL 4: Promote non-profit organizations to provide inclusive recreation programming that contribute to the health and well-being of residents of all ages and abilities

GOAL 5: Foster collaborative partnerships to leverage strengths and resources to expand, maintain, and promote an identifiable image of Garrett County recreation experiences for residents and tourists.

GOAL 6: Expand the network of multi-use trails linking parks, schools, and community destinations to provide safe connections for transportation and recreation whilst decreasing the reliance on automobiles.

GOAL 7: Determine the need for an oversight for County parks and recreation. Work with the local municipalities and other local agencies to collectively market, maintain and develop resources and services to provide the best recreational experience for residents and visitors of Garrett County

Friendsville Inclusive Playground Friendsville, MD

Design • Build • PLAY!



View 2



View 3



View 4



Attachment: Project Photos







CPP 2027 – Friendsville Elementary Inclusive Playground