

# M-NCPPC, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

## Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee

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# Park Police

## Community Engagement

- Held Park Police Day at Watkins with a soaring success of over 1,200 participants
- Hosted a Law Enforcement Job fair with 27 agencies represented
- Provided over 20 family-friendly movie nights and come out and play events across the county

## Riding for a Cause

- Breast cancer awareness rides
- Bike rodeos for youth to teach safe riding techniques.
- Back to school drives
- Juneteenth Ride





# Parks and Facilities Management

## Improving Natural Surface Trails (NST)

- Installed NEW map signage at Cosca Regional Park (wayfinding)
- Installed a NEW bridge along natural surface trails at Watkins Regional Park
- Initiated layout plans for NEW Charles Branch Natural Area with loop for people with disabilities



## Providing NEW Experiences on Paved Surface Trails (PST)

- Installation of dog waste stations (Tanglewood, Watkins, Hillantrae, Henson Creek)
- Creating Innovative trail experiences
  - Acquired (6) new solar powered radar activated warning signs for blind spots and slick spots on trails
  - Acquired new Convex mirrors to aid with blind spots on trails
  - Added 14 bike repair stations (need more details)
- Repaired 26 bridges and boardwalk
- Renovated/resurfaced 27,005 linear feet (5.11 miles) of trail





# Parks and Facilities Management

## Advancing Cultural Expressions

- Celebrate Africa! honors this rich culture through community collaboration with emphasis on music, food, and experiences of that is Africa.
- Shakespeare in the Park toured the County in a custom-built stage inviting the community in for a more theatrical experience.



## Preserving History and the Environment for our Future

- The Sustainability Learning Center is the first-of-its-kind facility focus on sustainability practices with plans to offer public programming and new opportunities for community engagement and environmental advocacy.
- The 'Descendent Network' is a collaboration of more than 50 descendants of once enslaved people of a Department's historic site advising on interpretation and visitor experience to better understand the lives and legacy of their ancestors.



# Administration and Development

## Investing in New and Existing Infrastructure

- Grand Opening for the NEW Marlow Heights Community Center expected Spring 2025
- Construction has begun on the NEW Good Luck Community Center
- Completed 12 playgrounds
- Installed NEW turf field at Sports and Learning
- Completed irrigation systems at Landover Hills and Glenarden Community Centers

## Provide NEW and Improved ADA Accessibility and Services

- Installed Adult changing station at SAARC
- Completed ADA connections at Captain's Cove Playground
- Raised PGPARKS.com accessibility score from 68/100 on July 1 to 76.4/100 allowing access to more visitors





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## Completed Lake Arbor Park Master Plan

- Implemented partnership with Casey Trees to increase tree canopy
  - Pilot Projects- Planted 180+ trees on DPR parkland in 2024
  - Scheduled to plant 71 more trees in Spring 2025
  - Partnering on Urban Trees Grant to implement the afforestation plan at Lake Arbor Park
- Adding new amenities
  - 9-hole disc golf course, golf putting practice area
  - Open play and flexible green space areas
  - Parking, comfort station, maintenance facility



## Initiated Search for Branding Study Contractor

- 26 companies attended the pre-proposal meeting
- 11 companies submitted a proposal
- Contract expected to be awarded on March 18





# Recreation and Leisure Services

## Increased Participation in Summer Youth Programs

- 544 total summer camps were held at community centers
- 10,701 total summer camp participants
- 4,883 registrants participating in extended morning and afternoon care
- 1,632 total registrants between the ages of 6 and 17 participated in summer playground/teen sites operated in Prince George's County Public Schools
- and 873 participated in S.T.E.A.M. related camps

## Hosted “one of kind” events/programs

- Hosted the first LEGO League Qualifiers Tournament with 12 competition teams and spectators; the winning teams will now compete at the regional tournament.
- Held first of its kind CSI STEAM camp
- Showcased a Department original performance “The Twisted Wiz”
- Hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “In the Water Basketball” sports competition





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## Raising the Bar for Programming

- Named 2024 Champions of Tennis Parks and Recreation Agency of the Year by Racquet Sports Industry Magazine
- 4500 community members participated in Yoga and Fitness in the Park
- Celebrated 50 Years of Therapeutic Recreation
- “Communication Boards” NOW available
- Introduced RYSE Up, an after-school program designed to enhance youth’s physical and mental well-being, at 15 after school programs

