



House Bill 0203
*Community Parks and Playground Program-
Baltimore County and Howard County-Expansion*

Position: **SUPPORT**
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The Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks SUPPORTS HB 0203.

Community Parks and Playground funds will provide Howard County with new opportunities to develop new active, passive and environmental oriented parks and purchase property to create new parks to continue to provide the Howard County citizens with the best quality of life through our parks system. Being eligible for Community Park and Playground funds, Howard County will be able to apply for much needed funding for future projects such as playgrounds and other park amenities that are reaching their life span and that are in need of replacement due to excessive wear and unsafe conditions as well as funds for new park development.

With the approval of **House Bill 203**, it will allow Howard County to develop community-based parks and recreation capital projects within our Priority Funding Areas, which includes the communities of Columbia and Savage. This funding will be used for the following projects:

Replacement of the Savage Park playground	250K
Replacement of Schooley Mill Park playground	250K
Replacement of Centennial Park West area playground	250K
Replacement of Rockburn Park playground	225K
Design & Installation of a new playground at Rockburn Park – Landing Road	225K
Installation of basketball courts and pathway at Huntington Park	200K
Centennial Park West area replacement tennis lighting	250K
Centennial Park North area handball court wall refinishing	180K
Centennial Park South area amphitheater deck replacement	75K
Font Hill Wetlands Park wood truss bridge replacement	50K
Bridge decking replacements at Sewell’s Orchard & Font Hill Parks	65K
Pickleball court installation/conversions at several sites	100K
David Force Park trail improvements and bridge installation	250K
Centennial Park West area sports field fencing replacements	300K

Thank you for your time and consideration for the approval of House Bill 203.