

Town of La Plata

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Chairman Kumar Bavre
House Environmental and Transportation Committee
Room 251
Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 203 Community Parks and Playgrounds

Dear Chairman Bavre:

Community Parks and Playgrounds grant funds have helped the Town of La Plata further enhance our parks system. Since the program's inception, the Town has received over \$550,000 in grants. The money was used for:

1990's	purchase of property to move a historic train station
2002	pavilion on a concrete pad with picnic tables at Tilghman Lake
2010	tennis court repaving, installation of two tot lots
2011	installation of public restrooms at Tilghman Lake
2012	installation of a parking area at Tilghman Lake
2015	extension of a trail in Tilghman Lake
2016	shore restoration at Tilghman Lake, exercise stations at Tilghman Lake
2018	installation of a floating/removable dock at Tilghman Lake
2019	additional exercise stations at Tilghman Lake

As indicated above, most of the funds have been used to create a passive park known as Tilghman Lake. The park is approximately 65 acres with a large, fish stocked, stream feed lake. Without the Community Parks and Playgrounds funds the evolution of this park to what it is today may not have been possible.

The Town Council would like to acknowledge our opposition to HB 203 and encourage you to do the same. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeannine E. James
Mayor