



TOWN OF  
**Poolesville**  
MARYLAND

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February 19, 2020

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

Re: HB 203 Community Parks and Playgrounds (CP&P)

Dear Chairman Bavre and Committee Members:

Community Parks and Playgrounds grant funds have helped the Town of Poolesville further enhance our parks system. Since the program's inception, the Town has used \$829,808.00 in grants. The money has been used to:

- Upgrade our parks to meet American with Disability Act (ADA) requirements
- Create the Town's most visible and centrally located park known as Whalen Commons
- Addition of a band shell at Whalen Commons
- Creation of a Skate Park
- Creation of a Dog Park

Located in the center of Town, Whalen Commons hosts a wide variety of community events, such as:

- Yearly Poolesville Day Celebration with
- Friday Night on the Commons (movies and concert)
- Summer Carnival for Children
- Bark in the Park
- Uncommon Dinner to raise funds for charity
- Memorial Service for a fallen Marine
- American Legion Post 247 Veteran's Day Ceremony
- Springfest
- Octoberfest
- Big Flea (rummage sale) and Recycling (paper and electronics) Event
- Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Our other parks support:

- Playgrounds for children
- Fields for local baseball, football, and lacrosse teams
- Tennis courts for individual matches

- Community group picnics and wedding receptions,
- Our yearly fishing tournament
- Summer recreation program for children
- And later this year, the much requested and anticipated Pickle Ball courts

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

Sincerely,



Jerome J. Klobukowski  
President

Commissioners of Poolesville