

The Public Water Access Committee
Anne Arundel County
FY22 Budget Request

- 1) Beverly Triton Park: Finish and open the decades overdue public swimming beach as soon as possible. The beach construction start was set for Fall 2020. Opening of the new public swimming beach was set for Summer 2021. Inexplicably, construction has not begun, leading to yet another delay. The completed public swimming beach would have been a treasured destination for families in our second pandemic summer. Finish and open the long promised public swimming beach at Beverly Triton in calendar year 2021.
- 2) Mayo Beach Park: Open Mayo Beach 7 am to dusk seven days a week all year round like the rest of the county parks, public use limited only by the adaptive camp for children that uses the park from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays for 8 weeks in the summer. Mayo Beach Park is the best county public beach and should be open for everyday use for everyone instead of only summer weekends.
- 3) Mayo Beach Park: Stop the reservation scheme planned in secret for Mayo Beach Park without public notice and without public participation. This stealth development does not meet the county's own commitment to openness and transparency. A reservation scheme that requires a smartphone, an app and QR code to get into a county park is an unconscionable barrier to many people, especially those in marginalized communities. The county should instead manage traffic at Mayo Beach Park by creating a waiting parking lot at Mayo Elementary School and increase capacity by opening Mayo Beach Park seven days a week.
- 4) Programming: Create a summer sailing and kayaking day program for children. Recreation and Parks runs many wonderful programs for children. A sailing and kayaking day program would take advantage of the county's 530 miles of shoreline and help all children reach the water.
- 5) South River Farm Park: Create a kayak launch from South River Farm Park onto Selby Bay for an investment of \$500 and volunteer labor. This launch would give recreational and novice paddlers access to sheltered Selby Bay and Ramsey Lake.
- 6) Weinberg Park: Create a kayak launch from Weinberg Park onto Rock Creek for an investment of \$1000 and volunteer labor. This launch would give recreational and novice paddlers access to sheltered Rock Creek and White Pond.
- 7) Riverwalk on the Little Patuxent: Create a parking lot, kayak launch and small fishing pier at the northernmost navigable point on the Little Patuxent River.
- 8) Valentine Creek Park on the Severn River: Create a parking lot, access path and kayak launch onto the beautiful upper Severn.
- 9) Boat ramps: Continue to identify a mid-county location for the next public boat ramp. The wild success of the Fort Smallwood boat ramp in North County and popularity of the Discovery Village boat ramp in South County show the demand for public boat ramps to serve the county's 9,000 trailered boats. The opening of the new Solley Cove boat ramp will provide needed extra capacity in North County.