

CITY OF SALISBURY

115 S. Division Street, Salisbury, MD 21801

WORK SESSION

125 N. Division Street, Room 301, Salisbury, MD 21801 Monday, August 25, 2025 7:00 PM

D'SHAWN M. DOUGHTY Council President ANGELA M. BLAKE Council Vice President APRIL R. JACKSON Councilwoman MICHELE R. GREGORY Councilwoman SHARON C. DASHIELL Councilwoman

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATIONS

- Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Presentation
- Presentation of Brand New Downtown SBY Website

RESOLUTIONS

- <u>Franchise Fee Negotiations</u>
 Resolution appointing Cohen Law Group and its partner, CBG Communications, Inc., to provide cable franchise renewal consulting services on behalf of the city
- Annexation Introduction for Gordy Road/Beaglin Park Drive
- Annexation Introduction for Johnson Road, Parcel 269

ORDINANCES

• Drug Court Grant

Ordinance to accept grant funds from the office of problem-solving courts discretionary grant adult drug court program to provide overtime reimbursement to police officers conducting curfew and contract compliance checks on clients in the city of Salisbury.

• Budget Amendment for North Prong
Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to appropriate funds for

Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to appropriate funds for land acquisition for the North Prong Park project using reallocated proceeds of the public improvement bonds of 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

City Council Meetings are conducted in Open Session unless otherwise indicated. All or part of the Council's meetings can be held in Closed Session under the authority of the Maryland Open Meetings Law, Annotated Code of Maryland General Provisions Article § 3-305(b) by vote of the City Council.



To: Tom Stevenson, City Administrator

From: Caroline O'Hare, Events and Culture Manager

Date: July 25, 2025

Subject: Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Presentation

This year's Maryland Folk Festival was awarded a \$50,000 grant which will be used for this year's Folklife Stage, "Maryland: America in Miniature". We'd like to take an opportunity to highlight the importance of this grant to this year's Festival.

Attachment(s):

MD Folklife Presentation.pdf

BIGNEMS

2025 Maryland Folklife Stage and Area: "Maryland: America in Miniature"

MARYLAND FOLK FESTIVAL RECEIVED A \$50,000 GRANT FROM THE MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS AUTHORITY (MHAA)

Why This Matters



- Supports one of the festival's most beloved areas
- Helps highlight Maryland's rich cultural traditions
- Promotes Salisbury as a regional heritage hub
- Strengthens our city's tourism, arts, and economic development

What the Grant Covers

The \$50,000 grant + matching funds may be used for:

















Maryland: America in Miniature

This year's theme, "Maryland: America in Miniature," highlights the state's remarkable cultural landscape, from its Eastern Shore waterways to its urban enclaves and rural highlands. Through vibrant dance, stirring music, hands-on crafts, and powerful storytelling, the Folklife Area showcases the living traditions of communities across the state. As the nation approaches its 250th anniversary, these artists and tradition bearers remind us that the story of America begins in places like Maryland—where heritage is both rooted and evolving.

Celebrating the diversity and depth of Maryland's cultures

Live music, dance, crafts, storytelling, and more

Part of our build-up to America's 250th anniversary in 2026

Thank you to our partners

This year's Maryland Folklife programming is made possible in part by the generous support of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority and the Beach to Bay Heritage Area, whose investment in cultural preservation helps ensure that Maryland's rich traditions continue to thrive and be shared.

This project has been financed in part with State funds from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority but does not necessarily reflect its views or policies.



HERITAGE AREA

FINAL THOUGHTS

- From Salisbury's streets to the heart of the nation, the Maryland Folk Festival brings communities together in celebration.
- This funding brings us closer to delivering a fully-funded, high-impact event for all.
- Thank you for your continued support and belief in the power of this cultural celebration!





To: Tom Stevenson, City Administrator

From: Derek Jarmon, Economic Development Manager; Jordan Ray, Media Specialist

Date: July 21, 2025

Subject: Presentation of Brand New Downtown SBY Website

The City of Salisbury has officially launched the new Downtown SBY website, developed as a centralized and user-friendly resource to better promote and support our downtown district. This project has been thoughtfully designed to enhance visibility, encourage community engagement, and provide both residents and visitors with easy access to downtown offerings.

During our upcoming presentation, we look forward to showcasing the new site's key features, including:

- A dynamic Downtown Events Calendar, which highlights all City-hosted signature events throughout the year.
- An updated Business Directory that captures the diverse range of retail, dining, service, and cultural establishments located within Downtown Salisbury.
- New tools to help visitors navigate the district, discover things to do, and connect with local businesses.

This website represents a step forward in our shared vision of making Downtown Salisbury a welcoming and thriving destination. We're excited to present it to you and share how this platform will support tourism, economic development, and local entrepreneurship.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration on this request.



To: Tom Stevenson From: Sandra Green Date: August 7, 2025

Subject: Franchise Fee Negotiations

Attached is a resolution requesting the appointment of Cohen Law Group, along with its partner, CBG Communications, Inc., to provide cable franchise renewal consulting services on behalf of the City.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. Unless there are further questions from the Mayor or administration, please forward this memo and the attached resolution to City Council for their review and consideration.

Attachment(s):

Resolution - Cohen Law Group for Franchise Fee Negotiations.docx

1 2	RESOLUTION			
3 4 5 6	A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, APPOINTING COHEN LAW GROUP AND ITS PARTNER, CBG COMMUNICATIONS, INC., TO PROVIDE CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL CONSULTING SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.			
7 8	WHEREAS , the City of Salisbury, Maryland (the "City"), receives revenue through franchise fee agreements with utility and service providers operating within its jurisdiction; and			
9 10 11	WHEREAS , current franchise agreement has expired and requires renegotiation to maintain compliance with applicable legal and regulatory standards, as well as to ensure fair compensation for the use of the City's public rights-of-way; and			
12 13	WHEREAS, negotiating franchise agreements is a complex undertaking that demands specialized legal, financial, and regulatory expertise; and			
14 15 16	WHEREAS , City staff have recommended retaining a qualified consulting firm with demonstrated experience in franchise fee negotiations to support the City in obtaining favorable and legally sound contract terms; and			
17 18 19	WHEREAS , Cohen Law Group, in partnership with CBG Communications, Inc., possesses th necessary qualifications and a strong track record in representing municipalities in cable franchis negotiations;			
20 21 22	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Salisbury, Maryland, that Cohen Law Group and its partner, CBG Communications, Inc., are hereby appointed to represent the City in matters related to the renewal and negotiation of cable franchise agreements.			
23 24	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.			
25 26	THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Salisbury City Council held on the day of, 2025.			
27 28 29 30	ATTEST:			
31	Julie A. English, City Clerk D'Shawn M. Doughty, City Council President			
32 33 34 35 36	Approved by me, thisday of, 2025.			
37	Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor			



To: Mayor Randy Taylor From: Zachary White Date: August 15, 2025

Subject: Annexation Introduction for Gordy Road/Beaglin Park Drive

Salisbury Beaglin, LLC, is requesting the annexation of a portion of a parcel identified as Parcel # 312 of Wicomico County Tax Map #29 which are lands located along the southerly right of way line of Gordy Road, at its intersection with Beaglin Park Drive. The majority of this parcel was previously annexed into city limits, and is shown on the annexation plat. The property totals approximately 9.4 acres however the petitioner is requesting the annexation of the final .87 acres of the property which was left out of the previous annexation. Along with this previous annexation, a proposed townhome development was approved by the Planning Commission, and is showcased on the attached site plan. As part of that site plan the corporate limit line bisects a number of lots closest to Gordy Road. To maintain continuity, they request these additional lands be annexed in and zoned in accordance with the rest of the property as Planned Residential Zone #7 - Aydelotte Farms.

Attachment(s):

Gordy Road Annexation - Petition.pdf

Gordy Road Annexation - Narrative.pdf

Gordy Road Annexation - Annexation Plat.pdf

Gordy Road Annexation - Site Plan.pdf

Gordy Road Annexation - Eagleview.pdf

CITY OF SALISBURY

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

I/We request annexation of my/our land to the City of Salisbury.				
Parcel(s) #	Gordy Road and Beaglin Park Drive			

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury:

P/O Parcel 312

Map #

SIGNATURE (S)

Signature

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Signature

Date

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February 24, 2025

Les Sherrill, Prof. LS
City surveyor
Department of Infrastructure
City of Salisbury
125 N. Division St.
Salisbury, MD 21801

RE: Petition for Annexation Parcel 312, Gordy Road

Dear Les,

On behalf of the developer/owner, Salisbury Beaglin, LLC, I hereby am requesting annexation of portion of a parcel of land located along the southerly right of way line of Gordy Road, at its intersection with Beaglin Park Drive. The parcel of land is more particularly identified as Parcel # 312, as shown on Wicomico County Tax Map # 29. This parcel is further described/shown on the attached annexation plat. In total, the parcel of land currently encompasses approximately 9.4 acres ac, however, we are only respectfully petitioning for annexation of .87 acres of the property.

At some point in the history of this project, the annexation/corporate limits line did not incorporate the entire property. There was a portion left out of the annexation and left outside of the city's corporate limits line. This annexation seeks to annex the remainder of the property so that 100% of the property boundaries are located within the City of Salisbury.

The proposed development of the site is intended to be in substantial conformance with the attached site plan, which has also been approved by the Planning Commission. The current proposal is to construct fee simple townhouse lots as shown on the attached site plan. The current corporate limits line bisects some of those lots that are currently being proposed, and as a pseudo-housekeeping measure, we would like to petition the city to consider annexing this portion of the property that has been left out of previous annexations.

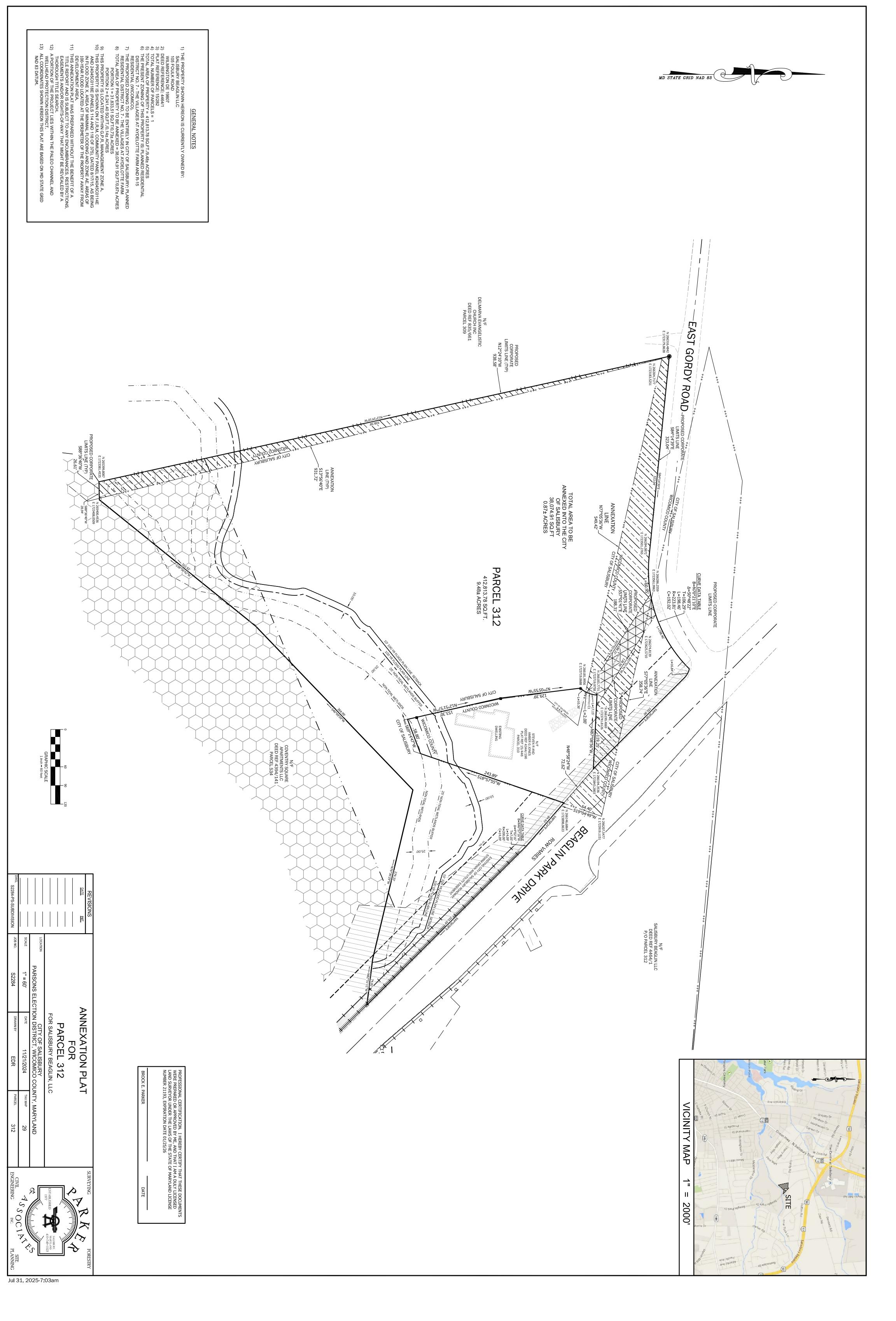
We would also like to respectfully request that this portion be zoned the same as the rest of the property, which is part of the Villages at Aydelotte Farms PRD.

Please be aware that I have been authorized by the property owners to make this request and will provide any fees or signatures you deem necessary to commence/continue this process.

Thank you for your time and consideration with this project.

Sincerely,

Brock E. Parker, PE, RLS Parker and Associates, Inc



Gordy Road Annexation - Eagleview







To: Mayor Randy Taylor

From: Jennifer Jean
Date: August 15, 2025

Subject: Annexation Introduction for Johnson Road, Parcel 269

The Department of Infrastructure & Development respectfully requests that the proposed annexation of Johnson Road, Parcel 269, be placed on the City Council work session agenda scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2025, for consideration of an annexation agreement.

Pursuant to the City's Annexation Policies and Procedures, the applicant has executed the annexation petition and submitted the required supporting documentation for preliminary review.

The subject property consists of a single parcel totaling approximately 14.88 acres. It is situated along the northerly right-of-way line of Johnson Road, just northeast of its intersection with MD Route 12/Snow Hill Road. The property is currently zoned R-20 Residential in Wicomico County. Upon annexation, the applicant requests a zoning designation of R-5A Residential.

Enclosed for your review are the following:

- Petition for Annexation
- Narrative Statement
- Site Plan
- Annexation Plat

Unless there are questions from you or the Mayor, please forward this memorandum and the accompanying materials to the City Council for their review.

Attachment(s):

JohnsonRoadParcel269_Narrative.pdf
JohnsonRoadParcel269Petition_for_Annexation.pdf
JohnsonRoadParcel269_AnnexationPlat.pdf
JohnsonRoadParcel269_SITE PLAN 07 23 2024.pdf
JohnsonRoadParcel269_Annexation - Eagleview.pdf
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November 25th, 2024

Les Sherrill, Prof. LS City surveyor Department of Infrastructure City of Salisbury 125 N. Division St. Salisbury, MD 21801

RE: Petition for Annexation Johnson Road, Parcel 269

Dear Les.

On behalf of the developer/owner, Johnson Road CSA, LLC, I hereby am requesting annexation of a parcel of land located along the northerly right of way line of Johnson Road, just North East of its intersection with MD route 12/Snow Hill Rd. This parcel of land is more particularly identified as Parcel # 269, as shown on Wicomico County Tax Map #48. These parcel of land is further described/shown on the attached annexation plat In total, the parcel of land currently encompasses approximately 14.88 ac, and we are respectfully petitioning for annexation of the entire property.

The present zoning of the property is R-20 Residential (Wicomico County). In order maintain consistency with the neighboring developments as well as to support the proposed development, we are respectfully requesting that this parcel be annexed into the City of Salisbury and zoned R-5A.

The proposed development of the site is intended to be in substantial conformance with the attached annexation site plan. The current proposal is to construct 148 fee simple, for sale, townhouses on the property. The site plan indicates a traditional fee simple townhouse project with public water, sewer, and roads. This proposed development is consistent with development on the adjacent properties and in the neighborhood in general. The site plan indicates a self-contained community with significant open space and other community amenities.

Please be aware that I have been authorized by the property owners to make this request and will provide any fees or signatures you deem necessary to commence/continue this process.

Thank you for your time and consideration with this project.

Sincerely,

Brock E. Parker, PE, RLS Parker and Associates, Inc

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PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury:

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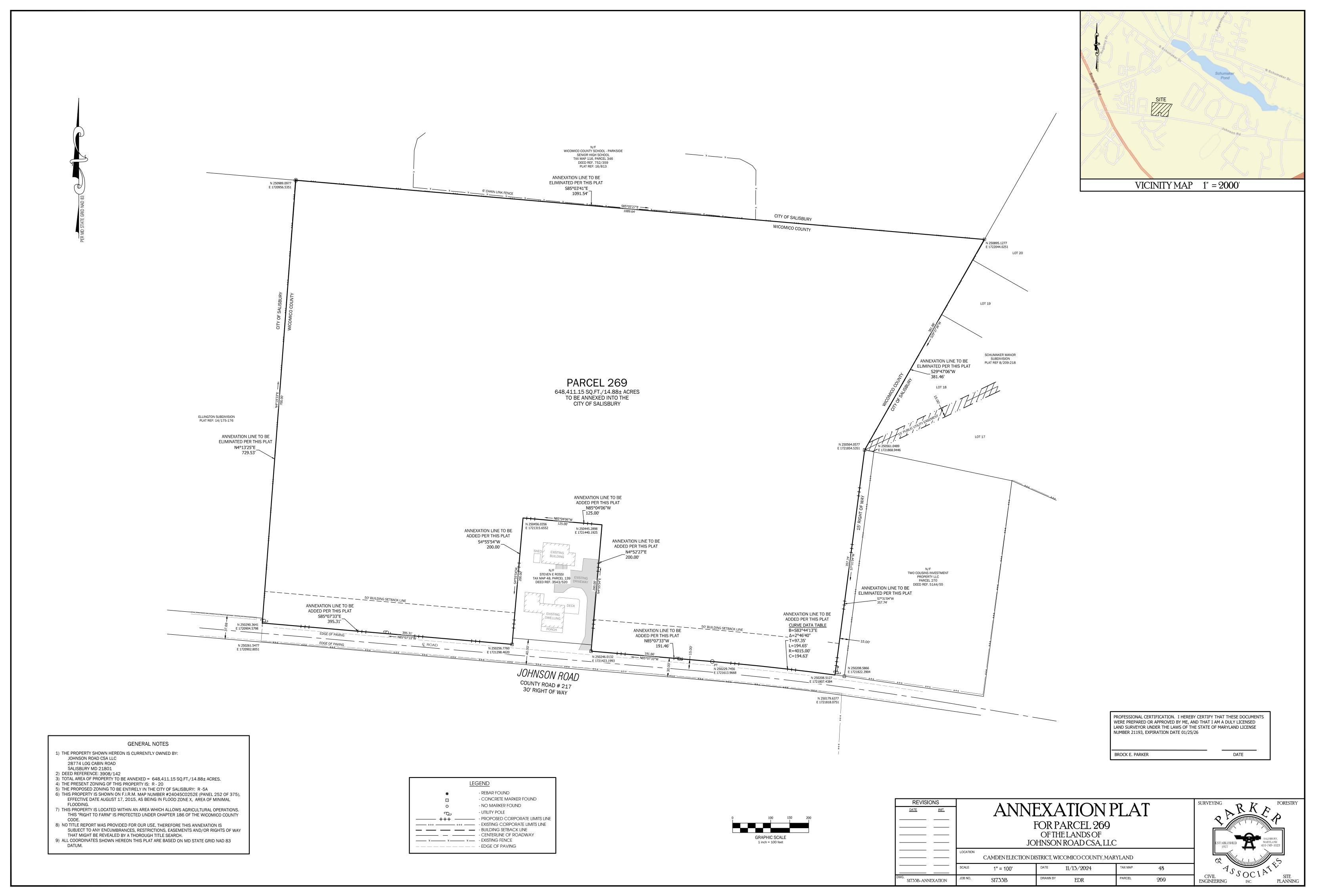
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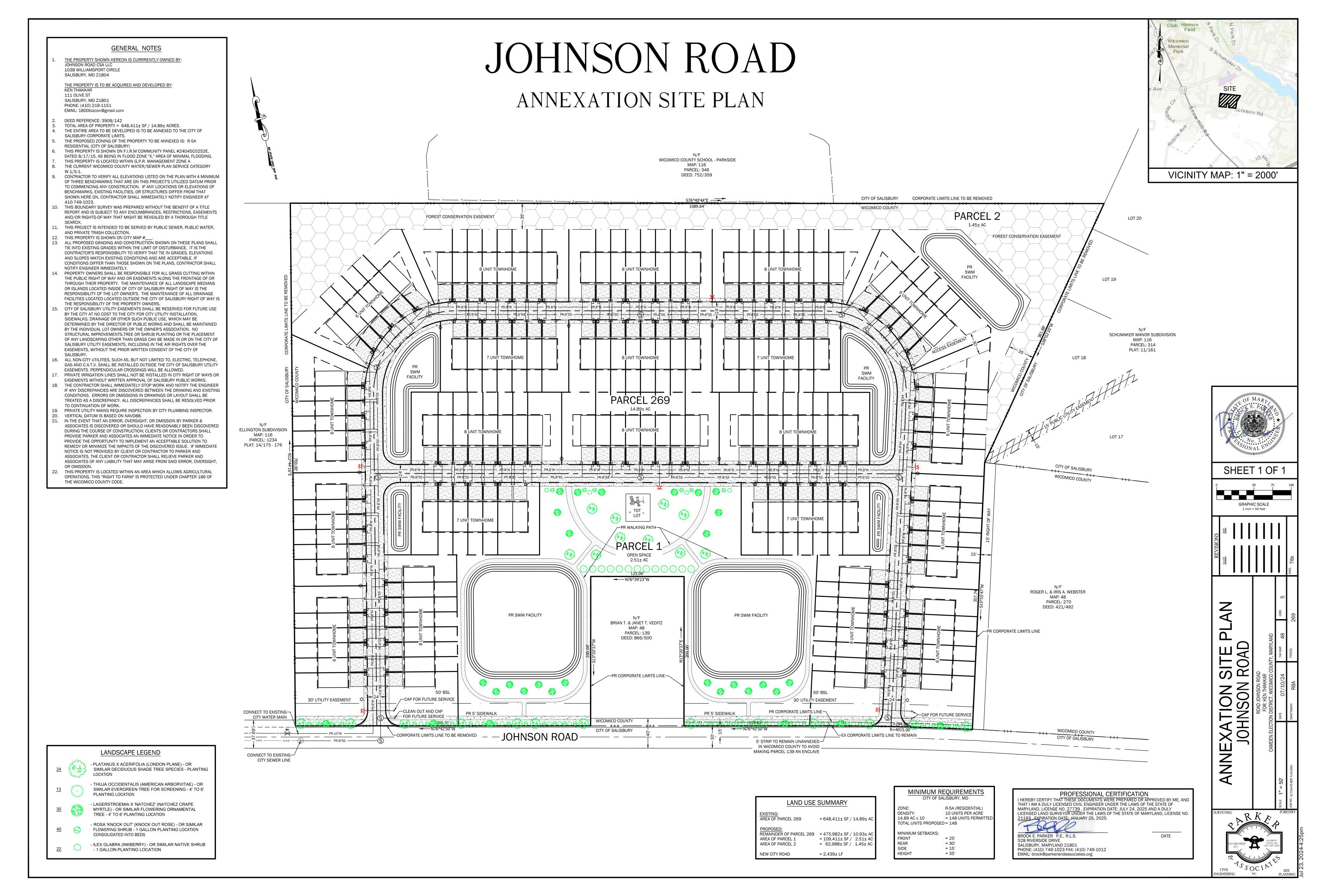
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Johnson Road Annexation









To: Mayor's Office
From: Captain John Felts
Date: August 4, 2025
Subject: <u>Drug Court Grant</u>

The Salisbury Police Department is requesting authorization to accept a grant award received from the Office of Problem-Solving Courts in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). This grant funding is designated to reimburse overtime expenses incurred by officers conducting curfew and contract compliance checks on clients enrolled in the Court's Drug Treatment Program within the City of Salisbury. The primary objective of these compliance checks is to:

- Reduce the number of repeat drug offenses committed by individuals struggling with addiction;
- Improve the success rate of individuals completing court-mandated substance abuse treatment programs; and
- Support effective court supervision to aid in the rehabilitation of repeat offenders as law-abiding, productive citizens.

The Salisbury Police Department has received and utilized this funding source in the past and believes the initiative enhances public safety and supports our community-based approach to law enforcement and rehabilitation.

We respectfully request the approval to accept and appropriate the grant funds as awarded.

Should you and the Mayor have no questions, we will place the ordinance on the agenda for City Council approval.

Attachment(s):

Ordinance - Accept Drug Court Funds

remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

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56 57	Salisbury on the day of	, 2023.
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59	ATTEST:	
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To: Mayor's Office From: Field Ops

Date: August 14, 2025

Subject: <u>Budget Amendment for North Prong</u>

Attached, please find the ordinance requesting approval of a FY26 budget amendment to allocate funds for the acquisition of an additional parcel located at 337 Lake Street, in support of enhancements to North Prong Park.

This budget adjustment involves transferring funds from the Street Scaping project within the same bond pool to cover the associated costs.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this request. Unless the Mayor or administration have further questions, please forward a copy of this memo and the attached ordinance to the City Council for their review and consideration.

Attachment(s):

Ordinance for No.

Ordinance for North Prong

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR LAND ACQUISTION FOR THE NORTH PRONG PARK PROJECT USING REALLOCATED PROCEEDS OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF 2024.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury has determined that the acquisition of the parcel located at 337 Lake Street ("Parcel") for inclusion in North Prong Park will enhance the North Prong Park project; and

WHEREAS, the Parcel can be acquired for approximately \$200,000.00; and

WHEREAS, a portion of funding for the Parcel shall be provided by transferring \$150,000 of proceeds of the Public Improvement Bonds of 2024 (the "2024 Bonds") originally allocated for the Street Scaping project to the North Prong Park project; and

WHEREAS, the appropriations necessary to execute the appropriation of \$150,000, as provided hereinabove, must be made upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the approval of four-fifths of the Council of the City of Salisbury.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. Mayor Randolph J. Taylor is hereby authorized to appropriate funds from proceeds of the 2024 Bonds as described in Section 2 below for the North Prong Park project in the amount of \$150,000.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

<u>Section 2</u>. The City of Salisbury's General Capital Project Fund Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

Increase	Account	Project			
Decrease	Туре	Description	Account Description	Account	Amount
Decrease	Revenue	Street Scaping	Debt Proceeds	98024-469312-48043	\$150,000
Decrease	Expense	Street Scaping	Construction	98124-513026-48043	\$150,000
Increase	Revenue	North Prong Park	Debt Proceeds	98024-469312-48039	\$150,000
Increase	Expense	North Prong Park	Land	98124-577010-48039	\$150,000

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows: Section 3. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein. **Section 4.** It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable. Section 5. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 5. **Section 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage. THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the _____ day of _____, 2025 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council of the City of Salisbury on the _____ day of _____, 2025. **ATTEST:** Julie A. English, City Clerk D'Shawn M. Doughty, City Council President Approved by me, this ______day of ______, 2025. Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor