

WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND

FY 2026

Natural Resources Article, Section 8-707(c)(2)

Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

March 2026



Wes Moore, Governor
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March 25, 2026

The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chair
Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Ben Barnes, Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Room 121 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Submission of the FY26 Waterway Improvement Fund Annual Report

- Agency: Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Fund Source: State Waterway Improvement Fund
- Report Authority: § 8-707(c)(2) of the Natural Resources Article (MSAR #7157)

Dear Honorable Chairs:

In accordance with § 8 - 707(c)(2) of the Natural Resources Article, please accept the Waterway Improvement Fund Annual Report for FY26 as required by the Maryland Department of Legislative Services. This report identifies the planned work to be funded with Waterway Improvement Funds for FY26.

If you would like any additional information, please feel free to contact Lydia McPherson, Director, Legislative and Constituent Services at 410-260-8113 or Lydia.mcpherson1@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Josh Kurtz
Secretary

Attachments

cc: Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services (5 copies)
Lydia McPherson

Annual Report for State Waterway Improvement Fund

Approved FY2026 State Waterway Improvement Fund Capital Project List

County	Name & Mailing Address of Applicant	Corporation Responsible	Project Location	Project Description	Grant Type	Grant Amount
Anne Arundel	Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works 2662 Riva Road Annapolis, MD 21401	N/A	846 Shady Oaks Road West River, MD 20788	Upper West River and Johns Creek dredging	MFDG	\$530,000
Anne Arundel	Annapolis Fire & Rescue Department 1790 Forest Drive Annapolis, MD 21401	N/A	1790 Forest Drive Annapolis, MD 21401	Annapolis Fire Department Fire & Rescue Vessel Equipment	MFFR	\$32,250
Anne Arundel	City of Annapolis Duke of Gloucester Street Annapolis, MD 21401	N/A	1 Dock Street Annapolis, MD 21401	Reconfiguring St. Mary's Mooring Field in Spa Creek	LG	\$250,000
Baltimore	Baltimore County DEPRM 401 Bosley Avenue, Room 416 Towson, MD 21204	N/A	820 Riverside Drive Essex, MD 21221	Cox's Point Park boating facility replacement	MF	\$450,000
Baltimore	Baltimore County DEPRM 401 Bosley Avenue, Room 416 Towson, MD 21204	N/A	Shallow Creek and North Point Creek Edgemere, MD 21219	Shallow Creek and North Point Creek Maintenance dredging	MFDG	\$500,000
Baltimore	Baltimore County DEPRM 401 Bosley Avenue, Room 416 Towson, MD 21204	N/A	2200 Rocky Point Road Essex, MD 21221	Replacement of boat ramps at Rocky Point Park	LG	\$200,000
Baltimore	State of Maryland-Department of Natural Resources Engineering & Construction Tawes State Office Bldg., D-3 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis MD 21401	N/A	7400 Graces Quarters Road Middle River, MD 21220	Replacement and expansion of Dundee Creek Marina	SP	\$500,000

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Caroline	Town of Denton 4 N. Second Street Denton, MD 21629	N/A	5 Crouse Park Lane Denton, MD 21629	Replacement of bulkhead at Crouse Park	LG	\$225,000
Caroline	Town of Greensboro 113 S. Main Street P.O. Box 340 Greensboro, MD 21639	N/A	224 E Sunset Avenue Greensboro, MD 21639	Greensboro boating facility and access road improvements	LG	\$75,000
Charles	Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Dept. 17069 Cobb Island Road Cobb Island, MD 20625	N/A	17069 Cobb Island Road Cobb Island, MD 20625	New engines for two Cobb Island VFD fire & rescue vessels	MFFR	\$40,000
Charles	State of Maryland-Department of Natural Resources Engineering & Construction Tawes State Office Bldg., D-3 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis, MD 21401	N/A	2750 Sweden Point Road Marbury, MD 20658	Sweden Point Marina improvements	SP	\$1,000,000
Dorchester	Commissioners of Cambridge 410 Academy Street Cambridge, MD 21613	N/A	2 Yacht Club Drive Cambridge, MD 21613	Cambridge Municipal marina wave attenuator	LG	\$250,000
Dorchester	Commissioners of Cambridge 410 Academy Street Cambridge, MD 21613	N/A	2 Yacht Club Drive Cambridge, MD 21613	Cambridge Municipal Marina replacement of timber decking	LG	\$250,000
Frederick	Brunswick Volunteer Ambulance & Volunteer Fire Department 200 West Potomac Street Brunswick, MD 21716	N/A	200 West Potomac Street Brunswick, MD 21716	Brunswick Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Vessel	MFFR	\$15,500
Harford	Harford County Department of Recreation and Parks 1809 Fallston Road Fallston, MD 21047	N/A	401 Oakington Road Havre de Grace, MD 21078	Swan Harbor Farm dredge material placement site remediation	DG	\$1,500,000

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Harford	Harford County Department of Recreation and Parks 1809 Fallston Road Fallston, MD 21047	N/A	100 Kearney Drive Joppa, MD 21085	Maintenance dredging in Foster Branch	MFDG	\$200,000
Prince George's	Prince George's County Govt. 1301 McCormick Drive Largo, MD 20774	N/A	13551 Fort Washington Road Fort Washington, MD 20744	Piscataway Creek Dredging	DG	\$200,000
Queen Anne's	Queen Anne's County Dept. of Recreation and Parks 1945 4-H Park Road Centreville, MD 21617	N/A	Queenstown Creek Queenstown, MD 21658	Phase 2 dredging of Queenstown Creek channel and beneficial use of material	DG	\$1,500,000
Queen Anne's	Queen Anne's County Dept. of Recreation and Parks 1945 4-H Park Road Centreville, MD 21617	N/A	117 Yacht Club Drive Chester, MD 21619	Evaluation and engineering for Kent Narrows Jetty	DG	\$75,000
Queen Anne's	United Communities Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department 9406 Romancoke Road Stevensville, MD 21666	N/A	9406 Romancoke Road Stevensville, MD 21666	United Communities Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department vessel and equipment	MFFR	\$80,000
Queen Anne's	Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department 1610 Main Street Chester, MD 21619	N/A	1610 Main Street Chester, MD 21619	Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Vessel and equipment	MFFR	\$80,000
Somerset	State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Engineering & Construction Tawes State Office Bldg., D-3 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis, MD 21401	N/A	715 Broadway Crisfield, MD 21817	Somers Cove Marina bulkhead replacement and facility improvements	SP	\$4,500,000

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Somerset	Somerset County Department of Public Works 8981 Sign Post Road Westover, MD 21871	N/A	4080 Smith Island Road Ewell, MD 21824	Reconstruction of Somerset County Dock in Ewell	MF	\$350,000
Somerset	Somerset County Department of Public Works 8981 Sign Post Road Westover, MD 21871	N/A	4080 Smith Island Road Ewell, MD 21824	Shoreline protection for navigable channel at Ewell Basin	DG	\$50,000
Somerset	Somerset County Department of Public Works 8981 Sign Post Road Westover, MD 21871	N/A	4080 Smith Island Road Ewell, MD 21824	Renovation of public boating infrastructure at Ewell Basin	LG	\$75,000
Somerset	Somerset County Department of Public Works 8981 Sign Post Road Westover, MD 21871	N/A	21232 Wharf Road Tylerton, Smith Island, MD 21866	Construction of a stone breakwater to protect Tylerton Harbor	DG	\$400,000
St. Mary's	Commissioners of St. Mary's County 23150 Leonard Hall Drive Leonardtown, MD 20650	N/A	35222 Army Navy Drive Mechanicsville, MD 20659	Wicomico Shores boating pier improvements	LG	\$199,000
St. Mary's	State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Engineering & Construction Tawes State Office Bldg. D-3 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis, MD 21401	N/A	16244 Millers Wharf Road Ridge, MD 20680	Point Lookout State Park Marina improvements	SP	\$1,000,000
St. Mary's	Commissioners of St. Mary's County 23150 Leonard Hall Drive Leonardtown, MD 20650	N/A	44600 Forest Landing Road Hollywood, MD 20636	Forest Landing boating facility repairs	LG	\$50,000
Statewide	State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Watershed & Climate Services Tawes State Office Bldg. E-2 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis, MD 21401	N/A	Statewide	Funds required for State DNR Pumpout Program (CVA)	ST	\$213,785

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Statewide	State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Resource Assessment Service Tawes State Office Bldg. E-2 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis, MD 21401	N/A	Statewide	DNR vessel for surveying, monitoring, buoy maintenance and deployment, and storm response in Maryland's navigable waters	ST	\$400,000
Statewide	State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Engineering & Construction Tawes State Office Bldg D-3 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis MD 21401	N/A	Statewide	Matching funds required for statewide federal boating grant program	ST	\$300,000
Statewide	State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Engineering & Construction Tawes State Office Bldg, D-3 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis, MD 21401	N/A	Statewide	Statewide emergency and maintenance dredging needs	ST	\$1,659,465
Statewide	State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Watershed & Climate Services Tawes State Office Bldg. E-2 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis, MD 21401	N/A	Statewide	Design and construction of eligible shore erosion control projects	ST	\$500,000
Talbot	Talbot County Government 11 North Washington Street Easton, MD 21601	N/A	Claiborne Landing Road Claiborne, MD 21624	Channel dredging at Claiborne Landing	DG	\$50,000
Talbot	Talbot County Government 11 North Washington Street Easton, MD 21601	N/A	Tilghman Street Oxford, MD 21654	Replacement of the bulkhead and boating structures at Tilghman Street in Oxford	LG	\$250,000
Talbot	Commissioners of St. Michaels 300 Mill Street St. Michaels, MD 21663	N/A	W. Harbor Rd/E Chew Avenue St. Michaels, MD 21663	St. Michaels West Harbor Road & Chew Avenue Public Marina Improvements	LG	\$150,000

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Talbot	Talbot County Government 11 North Washington Street Easton, MD 21601	N/A	23400 Cockey Road Claiborne, MD 21624	Boating facility improvements on Tilghman Creek	LG	\$75,000
Wicomico	Wicomico County Department of Recreation, Parks, Tourism Wicomico Civic Center 500 Glen Avenue Salisbury, MD 21804	N/A	2848 Leonards Mill Park Salisbury, MD 21801	Leonards Mill Park boat ramp replacement and improvements	LG	\$250,000
Wicomico	Wicomico County Department of Recreations, Parks, Tourism Wicomico Civic Center 500 Glen Avenue Salisbury, MD 21804	N/A	20411 West Harbor Road Nanticoke, MD 21840	Nanticoke Harbor boat ramp replacement	LG	\$75,000
Wicomico	Wicomico County Department of Recreations, Parks, Tourism Wicomico Civic Center 500 Glen Avenue Salisbury, MD 21804	N/A	20945 Harbor View Road Bivalve, MD 21865	Cedar Hill Boat Ramp Reconstruction in Bivalve	LG	\$250,000
Worcester	Worcester County Department of Public Works 6113 Timmons Road Snow Hill, MD 21863	N/A	6799 George Island Landing Road Stockton, MD 21864	George Island Landing boating facility improvements	LG	\$250,000
Worcester	State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Engineering & Construction Tawes State Office Bldg. D-3 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis, MD 21401	N/A	3461 Worcester Highway Snow Hill, MD 21863	Pocomoke State Park Shad Landing Marina improvements	SP	\$1,000,000
TOTAL State Waterway Improvement Fund						\$20,000,000

FY 2026 Federally Funded Public Boating Projects

County			Project	Project Description	Grant	Funding
Statewide	State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Engineering & Construction Tawes State Office Bldg. D-3 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis, MD 21401	N/A	Statewide-To Be Determined but to include Jackson's Landing Boating Facility Improvements in PG County and Pocomoke State Park Boating Facilities Renovations in Worcester County	Federal cost share for proposed U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Boating Access Grants approved for improvements at public boating facilities throughout Maryland	ST	\$1,500,000
			TOTAL State and Federal			\$21,500,000

Funding Type

SP – Project on State Lands

LG – 100% State Funded Local Grant

MF – Matching Fund Grant

MFFR – Matching Fund Fire Rescue

MFDG – Matching Fund Dredging Grant

ST - Statewide

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