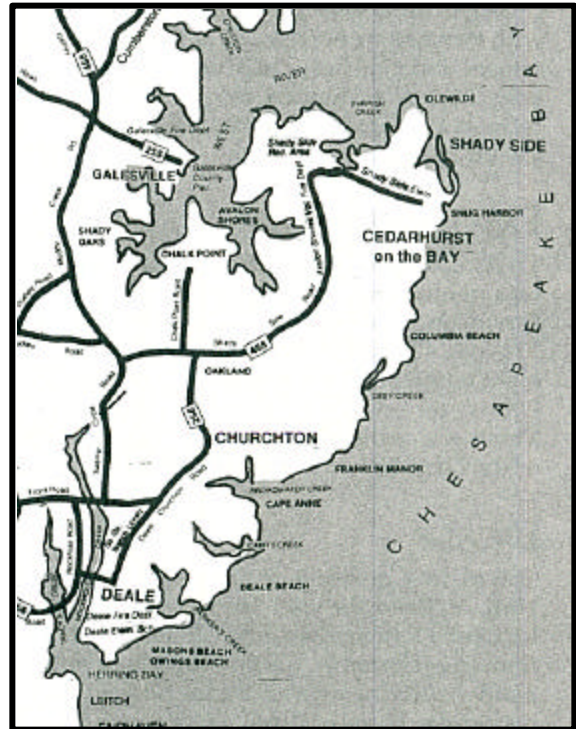


Overview

In October 2000, Deale/Shady Side's Small Area Plan identified a need for additional recreational opportunities in Deale, Churchton, Galesville, and Shady Side. These villages are located on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay in one of the last rural areas in Anne Arundel County. As the population of these villages continues to grow, there is a rising concern among the residents and Anne Arundel County government that additional facilities and infrastructure be consistent with the character and the environmental constraints of this unique area.

In order to better understand the recreational needs and priorities of the residents of these villages, Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks distributed the *Deale, Shady Side, and Galesville Area Parks and Recreational Needs Survey* ("the survey") to all households within the boundaries of the Planning Area. This report is a summary of the survey results.



Specifically, the purpose of the survey is to:

- /// Better understand the local population interested in recreational facilities;
- /// Pinpoint highest priority recreational activities and facilities for this population; and
- /// Determine whether a market exists for summer program and recreation-oriented classes.

The survey was developed as a partnership between the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks, the South County Exchange, and the Southern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce. The project was coordinated by Lizabeth Shay as a Masters of Science project for Johns Hopkins University.

A copy of the complete *Deale, Shady Side, and Galesville Area Parks and Recreational Needs Survey* is provided in Appendix A.

Methodology

After a meeting with the Department of Recreation and Parks to determine which information would be most useful for their planning purposes, a draft survey was developed and circulated to the board members of several community organizations and individuals in the area to ensure that the questions were comprehensive and well balanced. These organizations include the South County Exchange, the South County Coalition, and South Arundel Citizens for Responsible Development. Random individuals also provided input on an informal basis.

After approval of the final survey design, 5,490 surveys were reproduced by Anne Arundel County Government. On November 22, the surveys were delivered to each of the five post offices in the Deale/Shady Side Planning Area (including West River). The number of surveys provided to each post office is shown in Appendix B. Using the Southern Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce bulk mail permit, surveys were sent in official Recreation and Parks envelopes marked “Survey enclosed—Please respond by December 6.” A cover letter signed by Recreation and Parks Director Dennis Callahan explained the purpose of the survey and asked for participation.

All surveys were returned to the Department of Recreation and Parks in the envelope provided. After opening and counting the returned surveys, Recreation and Parks forwarded them to the South County Exchange for data entry.

Over 1,100 responses to this mailing were received by the Department of Recreation and Parks – a response rate of over 20%. However, only the 959 surveys received by the December 6 deadline were used to calculate response percentages. Comments from all 1,100 surveys are included Appendix B of this report.

Survey Design

The *Deale, Shady Side, and Galesville Area Parks and Recreational Needs Survey* was divided into three sections, each corresponding to the primary purposes of the survey:

1. **Respondent Information** identifies whether the respondents provided a representative cross-section of area residents. The Respondent Information section includes:
 - ~~///~~ Ages of household members
 - ~~///~~ Income range
 - ~~///~~ Ethnic background
 - ~~///~~ Household's perception of the most valuable recreational contribution to the area

2. **Recreational Activities** pinpoints the highest priority recreational needs of the respondents.
 - ~~///~~ Respondents were asked to note how often their households would participate in 40 listed activities ranging from Baseball/T-ball to Volleyball on a scale ranging from Daily/Weekly, Occasionally, or Never.
 - ~~///~~ Respondents were also asked which of the 40 activities would be the household's first, second, and third preferred activity.

3. **Summer Programs and Recreational Classes** identifies which Summer Programs and Recreational Classes respondents are interested in participating in.
 - ~~///~~ Of a list of eight Summer Programs, respondents were asked to check all of those in which their household would participate.
 - ~~///~~ Of a list of 10 classes offered by Recreation and Parks, respondents were asked to check all of those in which their household would participate.

A **Comments** section provides an opportunity for respondents to provide qualitative data on the survey itself and on recreational services within the Deale/Shady Side area in general.

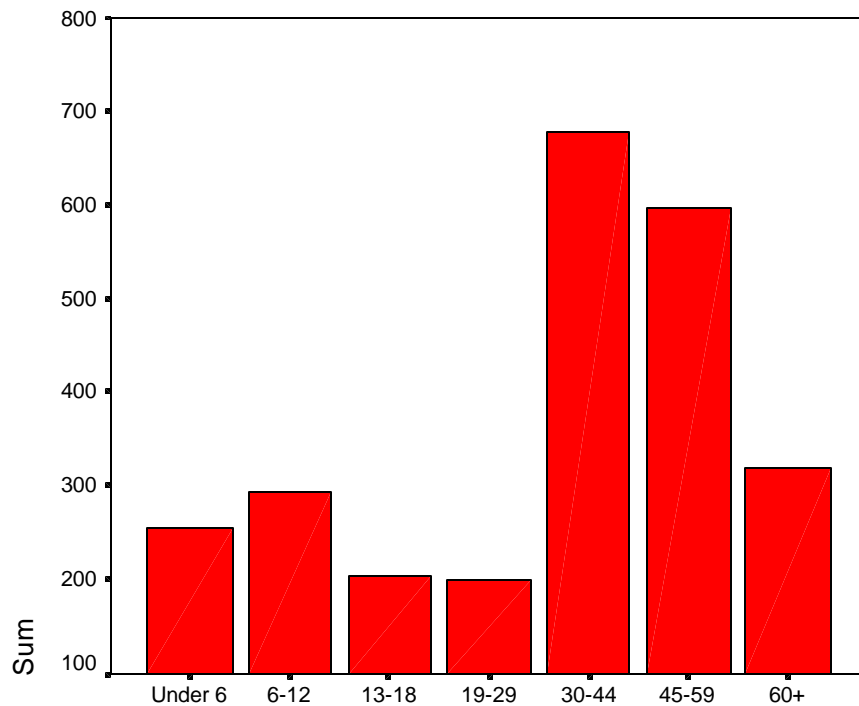
Results

Survey results have been divided into sections that parallel those found on the questionnaire: Respondent Information, Recreational Activities, Summer Programs and Recreational Classes and Comments.

Respondent Information

The optional “Respondent Information” section was designed to determine whether the households that responded to the survey provide a representative cross-section of the Deale/Shady Side Planning Area population.

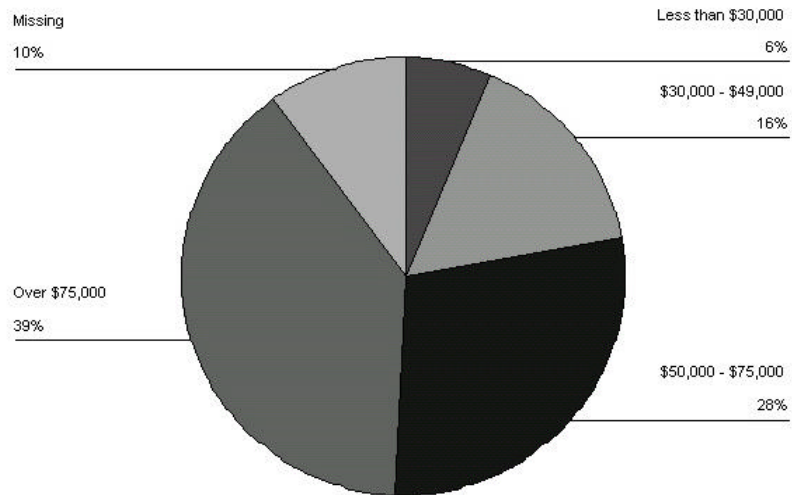
Of the 959 households represented by respondents, the majority of household members fell into the 30 to 60+ age range.



Respondent Information, continued

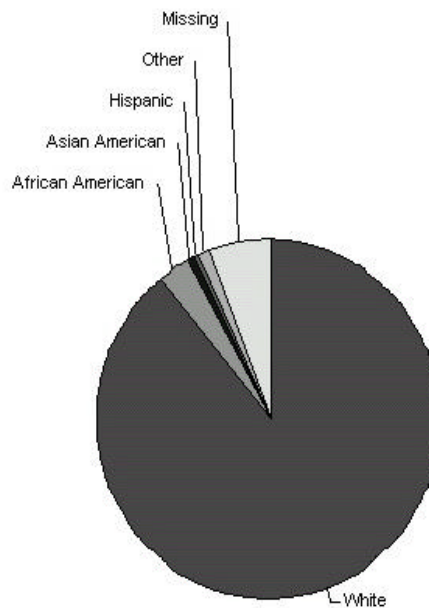
Survey respondents were strongly represented in the upper income ranges, with 39% citing incomes of over \$75,000 per year and 28% citing an income between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Only 22% cited an income of under \$49,000. Ten percent of respondents declined to answer the question.

Income Range



A large majority (89%) of survey respondents cited their ethnic background as “White.” “African American” respondents comprised 3% of respondents. “Asian-American” and “Hispanic” backgrounds were cited at 1% each, with the remaining 6% citing “Missing” or “Other.”

Ethnic Background

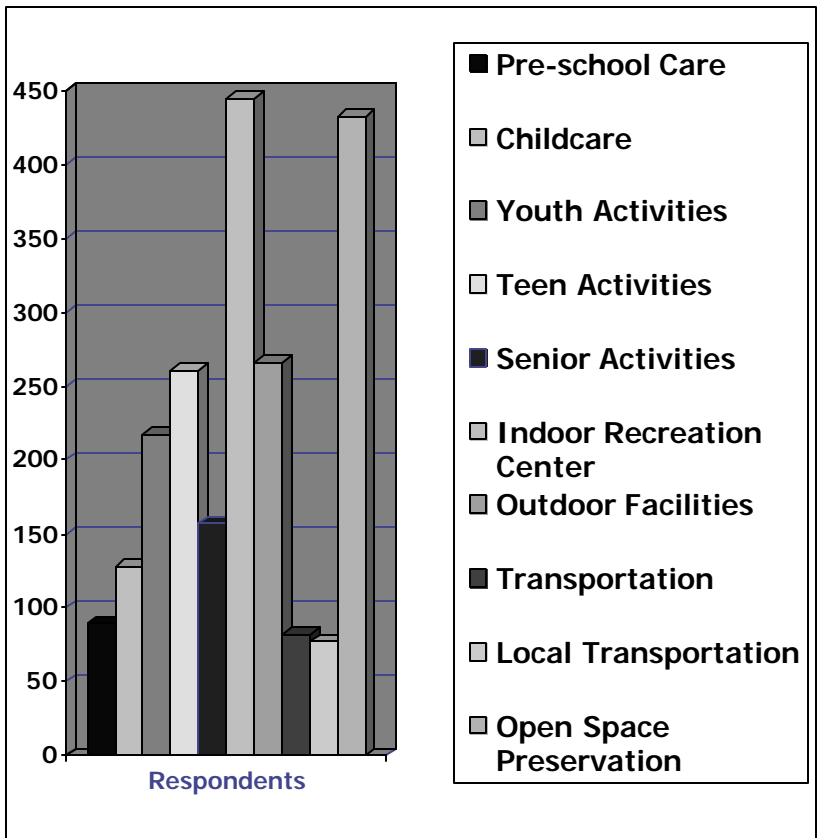


Respondent Information, continued

When asked which of the listed programs/facilities would be considered the most valuable recreational contribution to the area, “Indoor Recreation Center” and “Open Space Protection” were chosen almost twice as often as the next highest cited activities.

Outdoor Facilities, Youth and Teen Activities were cited with medium frequency, followed by Senior Activities and Childcare.

“Pre-School Care,” “Transportation to Local Recreational Facilities” and “Transportation to County Recreational Facilities Outside of the Local Area” were cited with the least frequency.



Recreational Activities

In order to pinpoint the activities that would receive the most participation if they were more easily available to area residents, respondents were asked to note how often their households would participate in 40 listed activities on a scale ranging from Daily/Weekly, Occasionally, to Never.

The results below are based on calculating the mode, or how often each one of the frequencies of participation was selected for each activity. The activities are then ranked in the order of those most frequently selected—the number of times they were selected is indicated in parentheses.

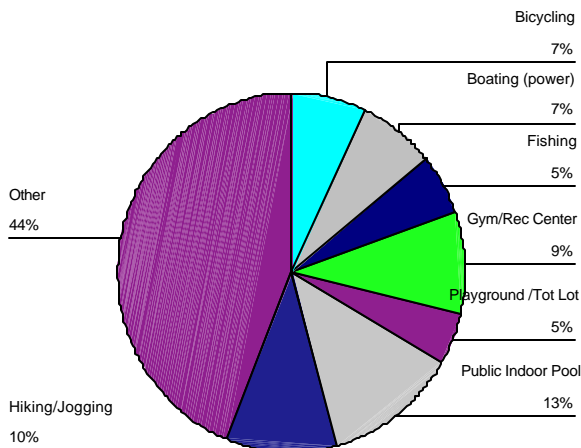
Activities in which a household cited that they would “Never” participate were not analyzed for this study.

Activities in which respondent households would participate on a “Daily/Weekly” basis:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Indoor Pool (776) 2. Gym/Recreation Center (738)
Activities in which respondent households would participate on an “Occasional” basis:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bicycling (799) 2. Fishing (752) 3. Power Boating (748) 4. Music Concerts (746) 5. Canoeing/Kayaking (734) 6. Hiking/jogging (731) 7. Boat Launch/Public Ramp (731) 8. Bird Watching (725) 9. Public Indoor Pool (720) 10. Picnicking (717) 11. Tennis (703) 12. Beach Swimming (697) 13. Horseback Riding (691) 14. Museums/Historic Sites (711) 15. Park Boat Rental (675) 16. Lectures (672)
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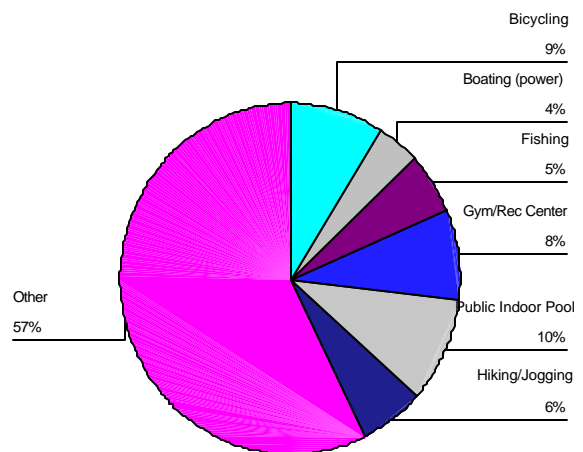
Recreational Activities, continued

The following charts display the respondents' choice of the activities to which they would give first, second, and third preference. The percentage of the frequency of selection is shown—activities selected less by less than 4 percent of participants are aggregated under the category “Other.”

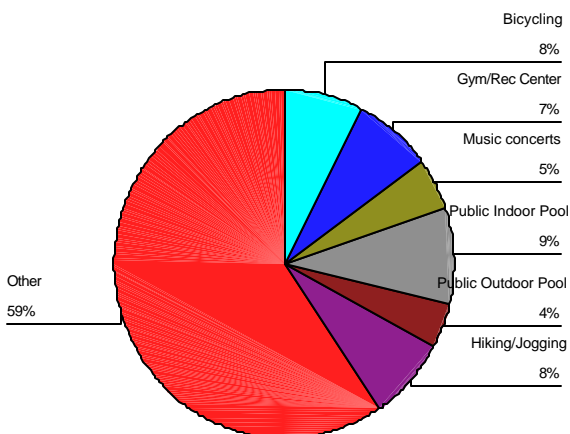
First Preference



Second Preference



Third Preference



Activities Selected in All Three Categories:

1. Public Indoor Pool
2. Gym/Recreation Center
3. Bicycling
4. Hiking/Jogging

Summer Programs and Recreational Classes

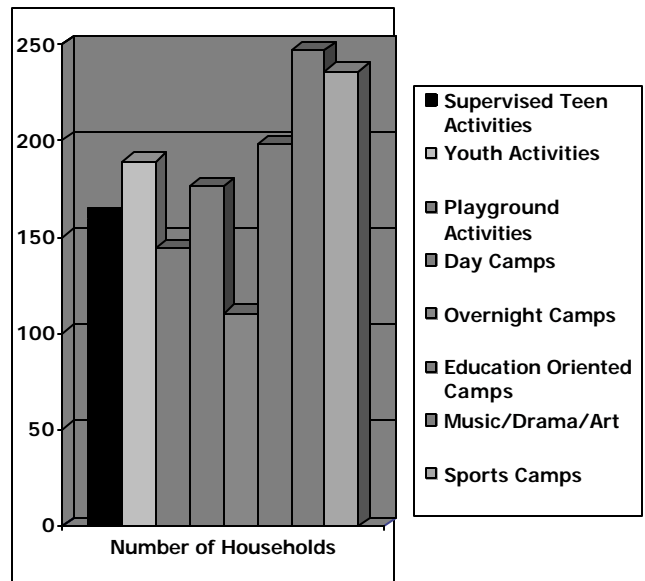
In order to determine if there is a market for Summer Programs and Recreational Classes in the Deale/Shady Side area, respondents were asked to check all activities in which their households would participate.

Summer Programs

Because Summer Programs apply almost exclusively to those households with school-aged children, fewer responses were given to this question by the responding households.

Of the responses received, the majority of households was interested in Music/Drama/Art Camps, closely followed by Sports Camps. Education-oriented Camps, Youth Activities, and Supervised Teen Activities fell into the middle frequencies.

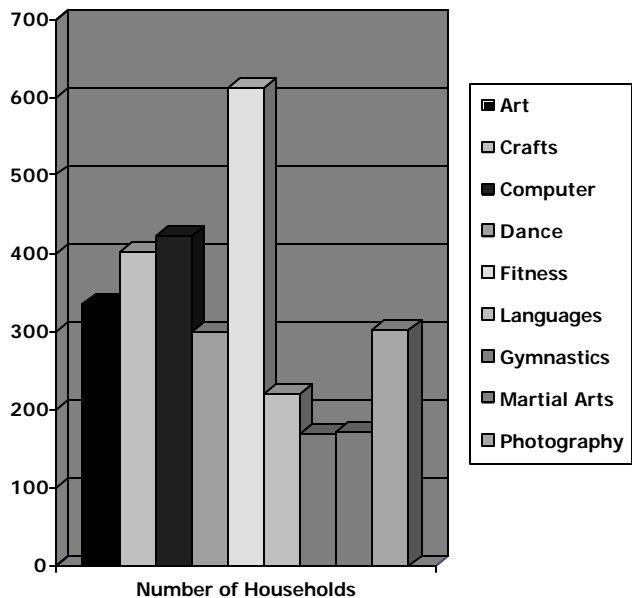
Playground Activities and Overnight Camps received the fewest responses.



Recreation and Parks Classes

Fitness classes received the greatest number of responses, followed by computer, crafts, art, photography, and dance classes.

Fewer responses were received by those interested in attending classes in foreign languages, gymnastics, and martial arts.



Comments

This chart presents a general summary of survey comments ranked by the number of times the comment was received. Not every comment is represented in a category. A comprehensive list of comments is provided in Appendix B.

Number	Category
77	In favor of activities for young people
76	In favor of multi-purpose gymnasium/community center
61	In favor of sidewalks, bike paths, jogging trails
53	In favor of open space preservation/preserve rural environment
49	In favor of a community swimming pool
38	In favor of Bay access/water activities/boat ramp
36	In favor of a community park
26	In favor of expanding sports programs and facilities
26	In favor of a playground/tot lot
22	In favor of passive recreation/nature preserves
22	In favor of natural hiking areas
21	In favor of additional tennis facilities
20	Thanks for asking
15	In favor of renovating existing facilities
13	In favor of public transportation to/from activities
13	In favor of passive recreation only on Franklin Point
11	In favor of skating (ice, roller, skateboarding)
10	In support of additional weekend/evening activities and classes
9	In support of additional local senior activities
8	In support of continued citizen involvement in determining facilities
8	In favor of dog training/walking areas
8	In favor of target/skeet shooting/archery/hunting
7	In favor of a golf course/driving range
7	In support of handicapped programs and access for special needs citizens
4	Do not feel that additional active recreational amenities are needed in the area
3	In favor of active recreational activities at Franklin Point
3	Do not feel that additional public Bay access is necessary
3	In favor of a dirt bike area/recreational vehicle area
3	Do not feel that additional ballfields are needed
3	In favor of horseback riding facilities

Discussion

Despite the fact that the survey was received by respondents on a holiday weekend, and considering the constraints of a short (two week) turn-around time, a response rate of over 20% indicates that the residents of Deale, Churchton, Galesville, Shady Side, and West River feel strongly about the future of parks and recreational facilities in their area and want their opinions factored into the plans of the Department of Recreation and Parks. Several respondents included a “Thanks for asking” note at the conclusion of the survey, and quite a few offered to be involved in further planning.

Respondent Data

An analysis of the respondent data shows that a large majority of respondents were white, had household members in the 30-60+ age range, and had an income of over \$50,000 per year. Based on the fact that African American households constitute roughly twelve percent of area households, and the median income level is approximately \$50,000 per year, the respondent data shows that ethnic minorities and lower income households were not fully represented in this survey. The demographics of the respondents parallel, however, a County-side recreational survey conducted by the University of Maryland in 1998.

An All-Purpose Indoor Recreation Center and Open Space Preservation/Passive Recreation were the activities selected as priority contributions by the sample that responded.

Recreational Activities

The recreational facilities or activities in which households showed the most interest (by indicating that they would participate on a Daily/Weekly basis) are:

- ~~///~~ Swimming in an indoor public pool
- ~~///~~ Frequenting a gymnasium or recreation center

Recreational activities in which households are interested in participating somewhat less frequently (Occasionally) fall roughly into three categories:

- ~~///~~ Outdoor/Passive Recreation
Swimming, picnics, fishing, canoeing/kayaking, hiking, boating, biking, bird watching
- ~~///~~ Cultural Activities
Lectures, concerts, museums, and historic sites
- ~~///~~ Facility-based Activities
Gymnasium/fitness center and skating, playgrounds, and summer programs and recreational classes for all ages

The primary preferred activities, which were selected as first, second, and third priorities by over 4% of respondents were:

- ~~///~~ Public Indoor Pool
- ~~///~~ Hiking/Jogging
- ~~///~~ Gymnasium/Fitness Center
- ~~///~~ Bicycling

Other preferred activities (selected once or twice) were:

- ~~///~~ Playground/Tot Lot
- ~~///~~ Boating
- ~~///~~ Fishing
- ~~///~~ Horseback Riding
- ~~///~~ Public Outdoor Pool
- ~~///~~ Music Concerts

Summer Activities and Recreation and Parks Classes

Summer Activities were ranked in the following order:

- ~~///~~ Music, Drama and Art Camps
- ~~///~~ Sports Camps
- ~~///~~ Education Oriented Camps
- ~~///~~ Supervised Teen and Youth Activities
- ~~///~~ Playground Activities
- ~~///~~ Overnight Camps

Recreation and Parks Classes were ranked in the following order:

- ~~///~~ Fitness
- ~~///~~ Computers
- ~~///~~ Crafts
- ~~///~~ Art
- ~~///~~ Photography
- ~~///~~ Dance

Recommendations

1. **Open Space Preservation:** Residents of the area appreciate the rural character and environmental resources of the area and want them protected. Environmental constraints and preservation of open space should be considered a prerequisite to developing any type of recreational facilities. Re-using and re-furbishing existing facilities rather than building new ones seems to be a popular course of action.
2. **Indoor Recreation Center:** A majority of respondents are very interested in an all-purpose indoor gymnasium/community center of appropriate size to be consistent with its surroundings and away from Bay-sensitive land. An evaluation of potential sites for the facility should be conducted and shared with residents of the Deale/Shady Side area prior to making a decision on its location.
3. **Passive Recreation:** Appreciation of the rural landscape and an active interest in many passive recreational activities are indicated by the respondents of this survey. An evaluation of appropriate locations for hiking/jogging, bicycling, bird watching, and other passive recreational pursuits is recommended. A need for sidewalks and bike paths is a recurring theme.
4. **Community Outreach:** Determine ways to evaluate the recreational priorities of those who did not respond to this survey: lower income and minority households. One way would be to re-sample those populations prior to releasing the final report. Another way would be to involve minorities and lower income representatives in a citizen's committee working with Recreation and Parks on determining an implementation strategy.
5. **Water Access:** An interest in water activities of all types (boating, fishing, canoeing/kayaking, and beach swimming) would indicate a need for increased access to the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries.
6. **Partnerships:** Partnerships, such as this survey, between the Department of Recreation and Parks and community organizations, will ensure that parks, recreational facilities, and activities meet the needs of the Deale/Shady Side Planning Area as well as the mandates of County government.

Appendices

- A. Deale, Shady Side and Galesville Parks and Recreational Needs Survey
- B. Comments Received

Deale, Shady Side, and Galesville Area

Parks and Recreational Needs Survey

Respondent Information

In order to give us a better sense of the population interested in recreational activities in your area, please complete the information below.

1. How many persons in your household fall within the following age ranges? *Please place the number of persons beside the appropriate age group.*

Under 6 ___ 6-12 ___ 13-18 ___ 19-29 ___ 30-44 ___ 45-59 ___ 60+ ___

2. Which of the following describes your household's income range?

Less than \$30,000 \$30,000 - \$49,000 \$50,000 - \$75,000 Over \$75,000

3. Which category best describes your household?

White African American Asian-American Hispanic Other

4. What would your household consider the most valuable contribution to the area's recreational needs?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-school childcare | <input type="checkbox"/> All-purpose indoor recreational center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Before- and after-school childcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor sports facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After-school youth activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation to county recreational facilities outside of the local area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised teen activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation to local recreational facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Locally-conducted senior activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Open space preservation / passive recreation |

Recreational Activities

How often would you or members of your household participate in the following activities if they were available in your area?

	Weekly/Daily	Occasionally	Never
5. Baseball / Tee ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Basketball (indoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Basketball (outdoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Bicycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Bird watching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Boating (power)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Boating (sail)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Boat launching (public ramp)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Canoeing / Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Dog training / Dog exercise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Field hockey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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16. Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
17. Football	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
18. Gardening (public plot)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
19. Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
20. Gymnasium or fitness club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
21. Handball / Racquetball / Squash	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
22. Horseback riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
23. Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
24. Ice skating / Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
25. Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
26. Lectures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
27. Museum / Historic site visits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
28. Music concerts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
29. Park boat rental	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
30. Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
31. Playground / Tot lot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
32. Roller blading / In-line skating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
33. Roller hockey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
34. Skate boarding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
35. Soccer (indoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
36. Soccer (outdoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
37. Softball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
38. Swimming (beach)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
39. Swimming (public pool—indoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
40. Swimming (public pool—outdoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
41. Target or skeet shooting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
42. Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
43. Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
44. Hiking / jogging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<p>45. From the preceding list, select the three recreational activities most preferred by your household. <i>Please use the number from the list above.</i></p> <p>First activity: _____ Second activity: _____ Third activity: _____</p>					
Summer Activities and Services					
<p>46. Which of the following <i>summer</i> activities would members of your household be interested in participating in?</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised teen activities <input type="checkbox"/> Youth activities <input type="checkbox"/> Playground-based activities <input type="checkbox"/> Day camps </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight camps <input type="checkbox"/> Education-oriented camps <input type="checkbox"/> Music, drama, or arts camps <input type="checkbox"/> Sports camps </td> </tr> </table>				<input type="checkbox"/> Supervised teen activities <input type="checkbox"/> Youth activities <input type="checkbox"/> Playground-based activities <input type="checkbox"/> Day camps	<input type="checkbox"/> Overnight camps <input type="checkbox"/> Education-oriented camps <input type="checkbox"/> Music, drama, or arts camps <input type="checkbox"/> Sports camps
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Please complete the survey on the next page.

Classes offered by Recreation and Parks

47. Which of the following classes would members of your household be interested in participating in?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign languages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Computer | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Martial arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness / Aerobics / Weights | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

48. Please add any additional comments here.

Thank you for completing this survey!

Your response is invaluable in helping Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks make informed decisions about future activities and facilities in your area.

Please use the enclosed envelope to return this questionnaire by
December 6, 2000.

Appendix B. Listing of All Comments Received

Please keep Deale pristine—we're so concerned that surveys can be used to build multi sports centers and boat ramps that can damage our precious Bay and environment.

Thank you for asking for our thoughts

We need a park here! Having lived elsewhere in the metro area, there are many nice regional parks. Even northern Anne Arundel and Annapolis have their parks. We need to catch up and offer this great recreational opportunity to South County. A park would be used and appreciated. Our property values will increase and a park may even balance any supposed negative effects of our new Safeway. Thank you!

We need community parks in Churchton and Deale. We need sidewalks, bicycle paths and all ditches covered.

AA County Parks and recreation was a disappointment. We recently moved here from Prince Georges which has a multitude of incredible facilities.

Although our rec facilities are not on par with the rest of the county, it is a situation we accept as part of living in a rural area. We do not need additional active recreational amenities in our area. We have no problem with the short drive to edgewater/Annapolis for these activities. Thanks for asking.

Would like to see planned social trips (groups) to cultural events such as theatres or museums, or special events. I would prefer that these be heterogeneous trips to attract a general population rather than just aimed at senior citizens or children's activities.

We don't need to build more facilities. We can promote and use the existing facilities with more imaginative resourcefulness. Encourage recreational activities in our natural environment (hiking, canoeing, kayaking, swimming,) Spend money/effort educating and promoting, not "paving the Bay."

The most urgent of needs in South County is the preservation of our wooded areas and waterways. Projects which disturb the land the least are most preferential. The next most important need is that which aids our kids. Teen activities, dances, etc., and the idea of music, drama and art camps to stimulate their creativity will help keep them out of trouble.

I would like to add that the Franklin Point area should be improved, ball fields, swimming pool, etc. so all of the taxpayers could benefit. This also goes for the Smith Property in Snug Harbor and Beverly Triton Beach. All of this could be done and still protect our environment. Our tax dollars deserve this.

Summer activities for the kids are high on the list of my priorities.

An increase in timely notification of programs would be great.

Priority is not recreation; should be education. Too much building in area now, too many houses and not enough decent stores. Not enough activities for senior citizens—have to go to Edgewater. No bus availability for senior citizens unable to drive and get to stores.

Bike/walking path along the Galesville Road is very badly needed. Not sidewalks, just a nice path.

No public transportation in our area limits all who do not have ready access to a car. Seniors are left to fend for themselves unlike other areas in this county.

We need a recreation building that would attract all ages—tots to seniors. With emphasis on cultural events, music, art, literature, etc. as well as sports. I'm envisioning a true "community center."
A Deale/South County small park with bike, walking trails and ball fields and activity area.

Keep South County Rural. Keep Franklin Point undeveloped and preserved.

We would love to have a park near this area. It would be nice not to have to drive to Annapolis.

We already have many of these activities. We desperately need a large playground suited for all ages, tots to older kids—disabled kids, too. Best place is next to the Deale Library—not Franklin Point. Franklin Point must be preserved!!

When I was growing up in Missouri, we had a civic center near with us. They have a swimming pool, gym (used for basketball, gymnastics, dance and aerobics), weight room, and rec room (pool tables, air hockey tables, etc.) I would love to see something like that here. Thanks for asking our opinions.

Adult aerobics classes where daycare is provided. Evenings—after 7:00.

Cake decorating.

I am most interested in preservation and accommodating our community with regards to the facilities we already have. For example—we do not need another ball field!

If a swimming center is made, it would be nice to have a smaller pool for non-toilet trained tots. Large pools don't allow swimmers unless they're toilet trained. This would be great for an indoor pool for winter activities. I would pay a higher fee, if necessary.

Thank you for sending us this survey

We definitely need a community swimming pool around here for summertime.

We definitely need an indoor all-purpose activity center for wintertime.

We need to find more activities for children and teenagers to keep them busy and out of trouble. An open space park with bike, dog walking trails. Canoe rentals and maybe (beach) swimming access.

It would be great if you would not put recreation the number one criteria for everyone. Have you ever considered shopping or movie-going as a form of recreation for some senior citizens? Why not a bus service to and from South County for those of us who are not art, fitness, or sports enthusiasts? I consider this a form of discrimination. I have lived in and paid taxes in AA Co. for over 50 years. Keep it simple. No golf courses or sprawling courts of asphalt. There are lots of places nearby where many of these activities can be done. People need to learn how to locate these resources and go to them, not have it dropped in their laps. Deale/Shady Side is not a suburb, country club, or retirement community, nor should it look like one. Fix up what's here before making another mess, PLEASE.

It would be nice to have a facility like the one in Chesapeake Beach—combination indoor sports/party and meeting rooms.

While it's fun to wish big and imagine having more facilities in South County, all these activities are already available to us in and around Annapolis. What South County is known for is the beautiful countryside and proximity to the water. This is what we should preserve and make more available to the public.

Need activities geared toward homeowners who are weekend residents as well as those who live here during the week. We pay the same taxes.

Need a bike path in Shady Side area.

The all-purpose indoor recreational center could be designed to encompass many of the items in the above lists. An excellent section to place it would be the land next to the Avery property between there and Renno's. Wish I could do it myself!

Soccer Spring/Fall Football

Music instruction Safeway yes!!!

Tennis courts in South County are in terrible shape and need much work. As a taxpayer I feel slighted.

Get the dirt bikes and four wheelers off private property and county roads. They ruin small trees, put deep ruts in the ground, and defy all NO TRESPASSING SIGNS - in addition to the noise, drug dealing and vandalism. It is useless to call the police.

This area could really use a park.

Would love to get water aerobics for adults in South County. Programs especially needed in evenings and on weekends for working people.

I would especially like to see lights go up at the Deale Elementary School Fields and playground.

Please repair the tennis courts off of Shady Side Road.

We are only one year occupants in the Shady Side area – can't understand why rec. areas are not kept up as any the "tennis courts" on W. Shady Side Road. Exercise classes would be a desirable addition to some older ones here. The place needs a "welcome wagon" acceptance idea – plus organized activities.

Outdoor park. There is no place where large groups can hold picnics in the summer with BBQ grills, bathroom facilities, picnic tables, a place to play softball, horseshoes or other games. No place to take small children for swings, slides, etc. A place that can be reserved for an event.

More adequate aid/maintenance of existing facilities would be nice!

Would also like to see wood-working classes.

I think we have enough parks in this county. How about spending some money on roads?

South County is the ignored "step-child" in Anne Arundel County... We need a new senior center, swimming pools, boat ramps, beaches.

This survey makes me a bit nervous. If the goal is to consider options for Franklin Point this survey is inappropriate. While South County needs recreational activities, the facilities do not have to be built on bay-sensitive properties such as Franklin Point.

I feel that South County is under-served with accessible outdoor space. I see no real plan or vision for South County. It all appears ad hoc.

We need a public (read affordable) golf facility – 9 hole course & driving range! We need open space – hiking trails/nature observation areas – but it must be open to all citizens, not just a select few. We need more playgrounds/tot lots – I'm a childcare provider and there are not many public places to go.

Thanks!

I think this County needs to do two things for Recreational Sports:

1. Bring back some sports to the Middle School. This might eliminate problems such as Silent Saturdays, unsportsman-like coaches and weight and age limits on teams.
2. Create a large multi-sport regional facility in the South County area. I use of Annapolis Middle School for 7 v 7 soccer was a great success. It was fun watching other teams play and meeting and talking to different coaches all in one place.

Need a large grocery store and drug store to handle all the residents living in this area.

The area needs more activities for the winter months.

Geared towards young people, which is fine but.... What about us older ones?

South County deserves safe bicycling and jogging areas!!!

Public transportation! Senior dial a ride! Or increase in private cab for seniors. Transport for teen activities. There is not enough for teens to do in South County – increases vandalism, drug usage, etc.

I am strongly for any thing that supports young people and teen activities – we do not need public access to water. Residents own boats or have friends and neighbors that have boats and access to water – public access to water would draw people from inland counties, e.g. what happened to North Beach Pier. No boat ramps, etc.!

I would bicycle instead of drive if there were safe shoulders to ride on.

Would love to take classes in many areas as long as time frames fit in with schedule. Would like a daytime step aerobics or aerobics class with daycare (on-site) provided.

Cycle paths and places to walk are needed linking communities so people are not forced to drive. Roads are too dangerous to ride or walk along.

There are only 2 persons in our household now, because our children are grown. We have several grandchildren that spend time with us. So therefore we would like to see activities for preschool & school age children in this area.

We would love to have a large indoor facility for indoor soccer, etc. in bad weather. A public gun club or target shooting area would be great also.

It would be beneficial to have more tennis courts or a place like Big Vanilla like in Severna Park. We need some activities for teens like bowling alley, etc.

Most valuable: low-cost squash, basketball, racquetball courts with gym and pool center. Thank you.

We need sidewalks so people can safely walk, skate, etc.

The large areas of land that are currently used for the powerlines would make excellent bike paths.

Please – be very careful of damaging the ability for the land (swamps) to filter the already installed (built) toxic paved areas. Thanks! Would you gain more by asking, “If these were available how often would you participate?” (for future planning!)

It would be greatly appreciated if some of the above activities were sponsored in the Galesville Community.

It would be nice to have a dog park. Also, teenagers need structured programs to get involved in.

So many of the activities we are interested in could take place in an all-purpose indoor rec. center! We feel this would be a beneficial addition to our community. Thank you for your survey.

Thanks for the forward-looking planning strategy – so much better than haphazard growth!

Have you ever thought about starting a pottery class – throwing clay on a wheel? Also photography classes would be wonderful!

I would like to see rest stops for bicycling.

Nature education classes specific to Bay region.

Franklin Manor’s Community Park is rarely used, especially the baseball and volleyball and other grassy area. If anything, we would like a quiet hiking trail, it doesn’t need to be paved so it would bring bikers, etc. We have places to bike & skate. We’d like a quiet place to walk, or hike.

I think South County needs to stop building. We do not need a Safeway/strip mall in Deale nor do we need townhouses on Mayo Road. I’m not sure what they are building on 468, across from the saloon, but we really don’t need that either.

A “Quiet Waters” type park at Franklin Point would be great!

An outdoor sports facility like the ones in Crofton (with nice trails/playground as well) or Davidsonville would be super for South County.

We need good facilities in South County. Annapolis is too far to constantly run to for activities. NOTE: Also suggests Jazzercise next to Dance Classes and Music Lessons – flute, voice, piano, etc. next to Other Classes.

Passive open space is an enormous need in South County. Public recreation facilities should not be located deep in the Shady Side peninsula – inconvenient and bad roads.

Our South County youths need more supervised activities. A nice indoor/outdoor recreational park and sports facility is what our area needs. Most facilities are too far away and transportation to and from can be a problem for most working families.

We are in favor of building the Safeway in Deale. It wasn't a question in the survey, but important to understand that many people in the area would welcome it. We believe that groups such as the Small Area Planning Committee are the perfect way to sustain controlled growth in South County.

We do need a recreational center for our young (and older) persons to go to. We have very little in our area.

I think you covered it!

Lack of public transportation in this area makes it hard for many people to participate in any recreational activities – especially senior citizens and school age children whose parents have to work.

We would like to see more outdoor athletic complexes, with facilities such as bathrooms, equivalent to some of the northern facilities (Crownsville especially).

Where are the lights for field #3 as were promised almost 3 years ago? How come UYC can get irrigated fields and we cannot get new dirt or lights?

Since having moved into Anne Arundel County in October 2000 we aren't familiar with the activities for seniors. We enjoy working at genealogy and ceramics. The library in Deale is enjoyable.

Public boat ramp access – preservation of wooded public property – allow hunters in to keep the exploding deer population in check – the area is becoming overcrowded (people and deer) – maybe a public fishing pier, built out into the Bay – try to keep this place “country”.

Although we have no children under 18, there is a need in Deale for playgrounds and organized teen activities. There aren't enough activities available in South County for young people. The items listed in #45 above are ones my family would use, not what the community needs.

Please consider inclusion of special-needs children in planning facilities and programs!

We desperately need recreational activities for ages 10-17 years old. The Internet is not the way for all of them to go. Thanks!

1. Improve Muddy Creek Road (shoulders) so that I can ride my bike from Avalon Shores to the new Franklin Point Park without getting killed.
2. Put bicycle trails in Franklin Point.

There is nothing down in this area for teenagers to do. We need to have a movie theater, skating rink or a bowling alley or indoor basketball area, not more grocery stores.

There is a need for supervised activities for young boys and girls and a need for supervised teen age dancing with no alcohol and the same for young men and women.

This is a beautiful area and it desperately needs a multi-purpose park, with skateboarding/rollerblading ramps, playground and fitness center. We have to drive 25-30 minutes to get to recreational fitness activities. Having facilities here in South County will also help to keep traffic to more manageable flows in Annapolis. We pay taxes like all other residents of Anne Arundel County but have the least state-funded resources. I would be happy to participate in a volunteer capacity to get these efforts off the ground.

I think you need some kind of recreation in this area to keep kids/teens from doing things they shouldn't be doing. Thank you!

A true all-purpose indoor recreational facility would go a long way to improve living quality and opportunity in South County. It should contain basic fitness equipment, a pool (even just a lap pool), and enough space for club-based organized activities. A service kitchen and water access – beach, boat ramp, would also be tremendous additions. Let me know how my wife and I can help organize support for this recreation area/facility.

Preserve open spaces!!! Preserve peace and quiet!!!

I would like to see biking/walking paths or sidewalks installed.

All development should be required to furnish youths with an open area the size of a football field so they can play football, soccer, lacrosse, etc. so they will not play in our turf fields. Ross Moreland, (410) 867-1886.

We need parks or beaches where we can take our dogs and walk and hike!! We also need public boat ramps in the area. An indoor year-round pool would be absolutely fabulous. Stall the sprawl!!! NO SAFEWAY!! Make it a park!!

We can use a centralized all-purpose indoor rec/educational center.

Wonderful ideas, let's hope it happens mostly for the young people here in area to have a place to be with their friends.

I think a recreation center would be important as a place where teams can meet and have activities after school.

Would like to walk through the woods, picnic with or without dog, not being on private property.

It would be very nice if the county took in account the different seasons/weather when designing the various activities to include all age ranges.

Please keep as much open space not dedicated to "activities" as possible.

Other: Cooking

Thanks for recognizing the "need" for "activity" (positive) in this area. There is nothing for those children to do in this area and no public transportation. ✍

A community center where all of these things can take place is sorely needed! I was very surprised (when we moved in 3 years ago) to find there is no community center around here. I was disappointed for myself (I wanted aerobics classes) and for my kids (I wanted a TumbleTots or KinderMusik type class available).

South County needs safe bicycle routes/paths similar to those available in North County.

Would like to have community indoor swimming pool.

This area is in desperate need of a public swimming facility – both beach and pool.

Would love to see a bike path in Shady Side at Baldwin's Choice purchase. Remember is it our county dollars too, that purchased that land. Too bad if residents want it completely undisturbed.

We need aerobics in South County during the summer.

We need recreation in South County!! We need bike and hiking trails and more athletic facilities for kids. My 10 year old son has to practice 8 – 9pm.

We need an all-purpose indoor recreational center for youths, adults, everybody.

I feel that an open-area park with picnic area and bike trails would greatly benefit the Deale area. Also, an indoor facility like in Bowie where there can be gymnastics and swimming (also fitness, gym, etc.) would be outstanding if it could be done by the county.

I would like to see more activities in which parent/child could participate at the same time – not necessarily the same activity but the same time and location – for example – computer classes at same time as ceramics. Also, expand on classes like gymnastics for older children that have completed the beginner’s classes. We are great supporters of Anne Arundel County Parks and Recreation and enjoy all your activities.

We need the Safeway in Deale.

A golf driving range.

Except for our wonderful library we have nothing for any age group so we seniors as well as younger adults and children – teens to tots need anything you can offer. The thing I hear most discussed among my neighbors and friends is the great need or desire for bike and walking trails, even if they are along the existing (highway) roads.

It would be a tremendous asset for our youth to have a recreation facility that is safe, well lighted and affords the opportunity to play basketball, rollerblade or skateboard at times that can be structured by Dept. of Recs and Parks. However my husband and I would love to have tennis courts resurfaced and available.

If we have better shopping facilities in Deale-Shady Side, we would be more inclined to stay in the area for our recreational pursuits.

An indoor sports, swimming and activities facility would be a welcome addition. Upgraded local outdoor sports and leisure areas would also be nice, as well as some public boating facilities.

We need an indoor gymnasium/fitness facility like a YMCA. We also need some public hiking trails and playgrounds. Community swimming pool for the children.

There is, and has been, a real need for supervised teen activities. Deale does not need a public boat ramp. There are enough marinas to handle transient boaters. Rockhold Creek and Tracey’s Creek already are crowded enough.

Doggie Day Care/Camp would be nice as would a kennel.

Do not turn Franklin Point into soccer fields, pool, etc. It must remain natural for hiking, birding, etc.!

I think there should be a group of people who volunteer to fix up some of the run down houses in the Shady Side area. Just to make it look a little nicer. Sell the home to not very wealthy families.

We need more outdoor fields with lights and better maintenance. In the summer and fall the grass gets so high the kids can’t dribble a soccer ball. And limited fields with lights makes it hard to maintain practices when the days get short.

We need an indoor recreation center like the Olympic Pool at Riva Road. I go there 2 – 3 times a week and other patrons have expressed the need for an indoor pool/recreation center.

An indoor aquatic center would be of immeasurable value to the area. It could be used by all age groups for numerous activities.

We have a great need for some sort of Recreation center where the kids can go and socialize.

Our parks and fields are terrible, we are like the long, lost part of the county.

I am handicapped in my left leg, I use a walker. My son is only off on Saturdays and Sundays.

The biggest item on our family's wish list would be an affordable indoor/outdoor community pool. As a working parent, it would be nice to have a neighborhood pool to take the kids to on weekends during the summer. There is no place in South County to do that at this time. A water park like the one in Chesapeake Beach would be terrific!!!

While it does not apply to our household I feel there is a definite need for more activities for the teenage population in our area.

Almost no public facilities are available to Southern Anne Arundel County residents. No public boat ramps, no public pools, no public water access or parks. Anne Arundel County should invest in preservation of open space, water access, beaches and boat launching facilities in Southern Anne Arundel County. A public pool should also be on the list for Southern Anne Arundel County so children can learn to swim and participate in competitive swim events.

Why did you eliminate the tennis courts at the Shady Side ball field, instead of repairing/maintaining them? The tennis courts, when operable, received much more use than the basketball courts, even now with the new basketball courts.

I work sun up to sun down – all my activities isn't in Deale, Shady Side or Galesville.

Have grandson who is with us daily – filled in with him in mind – 10 years old.

Need a public boat ramp in South County. Need a public playground in South County.

Would love to see a track for jogging/walking/running in Deale/Shady Side area – perhaps around a football/soccer field. No safe place for walkers because of narrow roads and un-leashed dogs in neighborhoods. An indoor swimming pool in South County would be great. Check out the fine facilities Talbot County offers – great YMCA and County owned skate centers.

Kids in South County need an indoor facility to gather, socialize, play games/sports, particularly for evenings!

We need a complex here to provide a swimming pool (indoor/outdoor) combined with a park with picnic and hiking/walking areas. Include some facilities for activities for children – particularly the teenagers – there is nothing here for them to do. We should not have to drive to other areas for recreational purposes. The Department of Recreation and Parks. should obtain the land being offered by Smith's Lumber so we won't have another grocery store here – we don't need that other one coming in either!

We are extremely disappointed that R & P removed the only tennis courts in Shady Side instead of resurfacing one court as promised. It's apparent that this decision (and the determination to replace two basketball courts even though there are two others in the neighborhood) is based upon a false notion that the youth in this area only want to play basketball. The tennis courts would have been used on a regular basis (as they were when they were originally constructed) but the county allowed them to deteriorate badly.

We are in need of an indoor recreation center for teens to play chess, games, pool, ping-pong, etc. Our kids need activities they can walk to.

Big need for kids/teens especially but also for adult enrichment.

Not interested in any park facility which would require parking fees. Since Maryland is one of the wealthiest states any cost to residents should be free or minimal.

Carving classes.

Agree we definitely need more parks and recreational facilities in South County.

Please preserve as much wild space as possible. Also, public access to waterfront (as opposed to only private beaches) would be important.

Highland bagpiping if it were near South County.

Franklin Point should be made into a usable property. Whether a fishing pier or boat launch, ball fields or bike/hike trail, the county should put it to use. SACRD is only a small group, vocal yes, but does not speak for the entire area.

South County needs a park similar to Quiet Waters Park, though it does not need to be so elaborate. More boat launch ramps (public) are required as well. I do not know of one public launch ramp in South County. A major complex of outdoor sports fields is needed. Our population is growing and number of fields seems to be constant or diminishing slightly.

I believe that tax monies should not be used for any type of recreation. I believe that all the property that Parks and Recreation have acquired in past years if not being presently used should be sold to the public and gotten back on tax paid status. Note: While this survey indicated the 3 items used occasionally, they pointed out that "We do this on our own, don't need county facilities."

South County needs a public boat ramp drop with parking, county permit required (like other Maryland counties) around Deale/Fairhaven areas. County needs an indoor pool/recreation facility south of Rt. 214. County also needs to allow public duck/waterfowl hunting off the shores of selected parklands which front rivers and bayfronts. Let AARM set aside and preservation funds provide passive ground; the public needs to develop and diversify the public holdings they now have. Thank You!

Coast Guard any course – other evening topical courses.

I would like to see a community pool in the area.

We really need a safe place to walk, since none of the roads have sidewalks and Quiet Waters is a ½ hour drive.

We need a public boat ramp. Need Broadwater Creek dredged and maintained. Public park near or accessible to Bay or creek for picnics and family get-togethers.

Note: Survey noted under Other Classes – Jogging Trails

Note: Survey noted under Other Classes – Jazzercise

An indoor/outdoor swimming pool would be a great enhancement to recreational and health activity for all ages in our surrounding community.

We need an ice rink in South County!

A local indoor recreational center with a swimming pool is critical. Preserving open spaces, wetlands and natural areas is condition to any recreational improvement. Note: On this survey next to Transportation to county recreational... and Transportation to local... was written, "Not on inadequate roads."

South County does not have a public pool available to its residents. Biking and walking paths would add to the safety of walkers in our community.

Would like to see more boat ramps. Would like a dog run area similar to those in Northern Virginia (Alexandria) area. Local yoga classes offered in the evenings.

Our family would participate in all of the activities offered under #46 if they were available during the summer. I really feel that we need more activities for after school and weekends for the youth in this area.

Many of the items listed are already available through church and other organizations. At our age certain social events are attractive. I don't see any needs to change any of the available pleasures. Rural is great and keep it so. We live in Idlewilde on the bay.

We must keep our young people busy. They need a safe clean place to enjoy. We have to drive to Annapolis, to have our son enjoy activities. We would love to stay in our community and enjoy our neighbors.

Deale could really use a playground for toddlers, with picnic tables and benches. Next to the library would be great! I also would love to have the Safeway store!

Request to have separate area for dog training/exercise other than public grounds.

Classes on gardening.

It would be nice for the county to provide Adult Education to South County. Some indoors activities for the cooler months such as art classes and fitness would go a long way to improve the quality of life down here.

I would like youth activities, day camps and I enjoy making crafts of all kinds.

A community playground would be great.

People with families do have many needs. But those of us who have become aged use very little recreational services.

Tennis! Anyone

Staff for any or all programs need to know ASL. There are too many deaf people in our community to ignore this. Note: On this survey, under Summer Activities and Services he put next to the activities, "For the deaf" and under Classes Offered by Recreation and Parks for Other he wrote "Horseback Riding" and under Foreign Languages he wrote "ASL."

The open space of South County attracts many people, look at all the bicyclists on the roads. South County could really use connecting bike trails. And wouldn't it be great if the Deale/Shady Side/Tracy's/Galesville area had trails that led to a sports facility which included a swimming pool and large gym?! Note: This survey notes under Classes for Other "Yoga" and under Section 4, next to All-Purpose Indoor Recreational Center, "Include swimming pool" and next to Open Space..., "Bike and hiking paths."

"History, wood."

Having a public park/boat ramp/recreation center in the middle of Deale next to the library would be awesome – it's the best recommendation in the SAP report.

We really need an educational facility here. Ideally we should use the Safeway property for a community center or an extension of Anne Arundel Community College instead of a large grocery store that seems to be out of character for this area. Environmentally it also appears to make sense.

Acquire open space, passive recreation land and establish some parts like Jug Bay (environmental education and preservation {parks/camps}).

There is very little bicycle lanes on most of our roads.

We wish that there were more local areas for family picnics, which might include swimming and fishing availability.

Sorry this survey came too late for me – I'll be 80 next month, but I enjoy watching the children play the different ball games and sports at the county park and when my great-grandchildren visit they enjoy the swings and slides and tunnels. I think anything that provides entertainment and good, clean fun for the children is great. For me a slow walk or a good nap is fun.

Area already provides enough access to most activities we are interested in – that's why we moved here. We like the country atmosphere and wanted to get away from overcrowded, built-up areas. A lot of the activities listed on #47 could be done in existing facilities, such as the local schools and libraries.

Would like to have an indoor/outdoor archery range. Get the joggers off the roads and into a safe area for their safety (and their dogs, too).

Movies could be offered at recreation center.

Note: survey noted under item #3: "American, this is crap."

I believe South County is a wonderful area. More and more homes are being built and the communities need to keep up with these additional people (i.e. WE NEED THE SAFEWAY!). Also, we need something for the teens of these communities to do either working at Safeway or activities sponsored by South County.

Looking for quality, local summer camp for 11 year old.

This area would benefit greatly from the addition of shoulders on roads for biking and jogging. Jogging/paths through outdoor parks/open spaces would add a lot, as well. Outdoor areas that are preserved for the appreciation of nature and the experience of the outdoors (beach, marsh, woods) should be open to the public if funds are available.

I would love to see a community swimming pool and children's playground in South County. You should look at the experience of Tonttle Park in Washington, DC as our example of community involvement in financing and ??????????????????????.

Bicycle paths that actually go somewhere would be nice. Perhaps hook up with path in Annapolis or Solomons.

It is wonderful that the area has significant public land. I would like to see most of that land stay in it's natural state with only minimum or passive recreational use, especially within the critical area.

My main goal would be for Galesville to have a safe playground for toddlers and young kids.

Should offer gymnastics/cheerleading classes, dance classes, jazz, etc. at South County.

Please leave Franklin Point as open space. Do not try to develop it for recreational amenities! HELP SAVE THE BAY/BOYCOTT SAFEWAY!

We usually have to head north to Annapolis to do things. You need to have a skateboard /inline skate park in the area. Classes, under Other, "Cooking, birding, boater education."

Time at indoor pool for arthritis fitness classes. No hunting to be allowed in populated areas.

We need more activities for teens at night, on weekends to keep them out of trouble and off the street (safety is number for our youths).

Target and skeet shooting is a very good idea for our Shady Side area.

Leave Franklin Point passive, Other, "Woodworking."

Please leave Franklin Point as it is.

The one type of park/recreational facility we do not have but need in our area is unspoiled open space – low-impact, limited-use natural space for enjoying and preserving the natural environment (an example of this type of facility would be Jug Bay Wildlife Refuge).

A park would be great in this area. As a local teacher and mother, there are not many activities for our children. If there was a youth center students could meet people from other schools in the area. Classes, for Other, "Swimming."

The seniors in this area have no safe place to walk (Deale). Mostly, we need walks and open space.

I love biking on bike trails.

Our children are grown now but were very active in youth sports. Continual upgrading and provisions for youth fields (baseball, soccer, lax, etc.) continued cooperation with sports organizations in South County to provide opportunities for youth is a good approach.

The closest indoor county pool (ADSC) is a 30 minute drive from Shady Side. That pool is heavily used. It might be useful to survey pool users to see how many come from Deale/Shady Side. Any plans for biking trails should be coordinated with efforts to widen route 468. Thank for your efforts.

We need a gym – weights, stairclimbers, fitness machines, indoor pool.

I wish I had the time to do all the things I'd like to. It would be very helpful to have safe place to bicycle down here. And an indoor pool (Lula G. Scott Center?). Wish I could just get to Jug Bay more often! How about a terribly non-competitive softball league?

“Kinderclass” under Other in Classes

Something to keep the kids busy.

Please don't use this survey to justify building ballparks at Franklin Point Park. This survey should be combined with South County S.A.

Really wish there was a public swimming pool in this area. Also would like to see a public park with a playground. Bike trails along the roads would be wonderful.

How much will all of these cost in taxes?? Please follow up with information through meetings and others.

I feel that more recreational activity is needed for the youth in our area. If there were more opportunities/activities for the kids I think it would keep a lot of these kids off the streets and lower the possibility of them getting involved in drugs and other things due to boredom. My suggestion would be a park/playground for younger kids along with a youth recreation center to include games, sports, gymnastics, etc. for the older youth. Thank you.

We recently moved to this area. It is growing rapidly. I have preteens that love to be involved in recreation activities. It would be wonderful to have close access to these types of activities. The closest hockey rink is Piney Orchard in Gambrills!

We moved here from a state that has many state parks with lots of paved paths for biking, rollerblading, hiking, jogging. We miss that. There are no parks of this type nearby at all. Please build some parks down here with paved paths.

Please we would love to have more parks for hiking, picnicking with a playground but left very natural – similar to Calvert Cliffs State Park, which is our favorite park. Please don't overdo the asphalt such as Sandy Point State Park – it is a beautiful park that was OVERDONE with development, i.e. roads, playgrounds, picnic spots – too much! We don't need parks for ballfields either but a natural spot where one could put in a canoe or kayak would be okay, please no boat ramps for motorized craft. Somewhere to bike off road would be nice.

Make sure you discuss proposed plans with the property owners who border and view these significant public landholdings. There are too many “new people” here who want the city in the country. I have lived on Jack Creek for 30 years and will not standby and see this critical area destroyed!!

Believe supervised teen activities indoor and outdoor sorely needed.

I would like to see increased police activity so therefore holding parents accountable for the whereabouts of their children and their activities. Where are your children at 9pm on school nights?? On weekends after 10pm??

We would also like to have a grocery store. The outdoor pool would be the best idea. Note: This survey, in items #4, #46 (Summer Activities and Services) and #47 (Classes Offered by Recreation and Parks) noted they wanted a swimming pool and swimming classes.

It is frustrating to be surrounded by water that is unavailable for bathing – in the Bay early in the season before sea nettles become obnoxious, and a swimming pool later in season when Bay is untenable for bathing. Driving up to the Annapolis indoor pool should not be necessary.

“Model Railroad Layout.”

“Add pool to school – open to public.”

Re: #16, Fishing: It would be nice to have a fishing pier for the community with handicap accessibility. I for one have a bad back and am unable to fish from a boat due to the strain, not everyone has access to the bay without one.

American Sign Language.

No Safeway!

I have lived in Anne Arundel County, Franklin Manor, for 1½ years. The high schoolers roam around with nothing to do and no transportation. My 17-year-old son takes karate at the South County Recreation Center. The center is not open on weekends for teen activities and there is no transportation. Two nights per week the South County Recreation Center offers basketball for adults. It does not offer activities for teens, especially high schoolers (they do ceramics and aerobics for women). The teens have nothing!

It would be very nice to have a health club with indoor swimming pool. It would give the teenagers a place to go. There could be enough room in the building to hold other activities they may be interested in. Enough though I don't have children, I see a lot of teens wandering around with nothing to do. That spells trouble. They need a place to go.

We have a 6-month-old and would be very interested in seeing a playground, recreation center and/or swimming pool for when she is older. We are also very interested in arts, crafts and boating (power) facilities.

Because we are very Senior Citizens with health problems we cannot participate in many activities that we used to and value in a community. So our survey is not very worthwhile for you – sorry.

Preserve the open space/passive recreation areas. Need outdoor education areas similar to Jug Bay or along those lines.

Good luck with your efforts!

We would not like to see too many programmed activities that would disturb our beautiful countryside – developers are disturbing enough already!

We desperately need public recreational facilities – swimming/tennis/hike/bike/etc. – in Southern Anne Arundel County. These are amenities that most counties take for granted, and that we lack.

Please consider putting up a really good playground.

It was a sad day in our house when the tennis courts were removed from Shady Side.

This area needs a recreational center to cater to the needs of this area.

The unsupervised kids in my neighborhood could use some after-school supervised activities, but their parents work and no one could transport them – or else their parents wouldn't care if they had activities or not – they're growing up by themselves.

Instead of having a mega-mall that doesn't fit our area, and couldn't possibly draw people to Deale – why not buy the property and put an extension of Anne Arundel Community College there, which would take up much less space (could probably be built without disturbing wet lands). This would actually draw people here without the fuss and for a good purpose other than ??? Corp pockets. Note: Classes, Other – “Music.”

Biggest screaming need in Deale and South County is safe sidewalks by the elementary schools and in the villages; and safe bicycle paths along main roads. It's a fitness/health/safety/community/child development/transportation/quality of life issue all in one. I hate seeing kids being driven two blocks to the Deale Elementary School for fear of being hit by S.U.V.'s – not being allowed to walk to the library or the store for fear of traffic. Martial Arts – “Tai Chi.”

Sorry to see the tennis courts go. One tennis court and one basketball court rather than zero tennis and two basketball courts at Shady Side ballfield. Wish Parrish Creek Marina could be saved.

South County can be best served by a park/playground. Young families need somewhere to take children to play.

We don't want a lot of city-type facilities here. If we did we'd live in town, not South County!

TO: Dennis Callahan
RE: Recreational Center

We are so glad to see this survey in the mail and so happy you asked us our opinion. My husband and I both work for the airlines at Washington National Airport. We moved to Anne Arundel five years ago from Virginia Beach, VA. We are so disappointed at the lack of facilities and the quality of the facilities in South County or even the Annapolis area. Anne Arundel County should send a team of county members to Virginia Beach to look at the spectacular Recreational Facilities. They are new, beautiful, large swimming pools, double gymnasiums, aerobic room, nautilus room, free weight room, racquetball, tennis courts and basketball courts. When we lived there five years ago the cost per city resident was \$40 per year. We lived by the Chesapeake Bay and there were two facilities within eight miles. With the population in Anne Arundel County, the lack of facilities is unbelievable. There needs to be new facilities that all families can afford and frequent for health and entertainment. My husband and I have had this conversation a hundred times. My husband would be happy to take you to show you the facilities in Virginia Beach. This is how bad we want one of these facilities in South County. Please take this letter seriously and contact the city of Virginia Beach and inquire, visit and find out how they run their facilities.

Thank you so much for taking the time to ask the residents of Anne Arundel County. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions.

12/7/00 – Original given to Dennis Callahan

We need supervised youth and teen activities. Thank you!

Although we are seniors and would enjoy some programs for our age group, I feel very strongly that there is a need for activities for teens and children. The young people in our community have to place to go for recreation.

Thanks for asking. Note: This survey requests under Recreational Activities, next to Bicycling “Muddy Creek Road, 10 ml. Bike path!”, next to Gymnasium/Fitness Club, “Pool – classes – equipment!” It also requests under #47 (Classes Offered by Recreation and Parks), next to Other “Chesapeake Bay activities, i.e. oyster & crab promotion.”

Lula Scott Center in Shady Side should be fully operational for multiple activities on going.

Can we put a playground in Galesville next to the ballfields? It is already county owned/maintained property. Young siblings of the team sports participants could play while parents watched both children. There is room near the tennis courts. We need more playgrounds/tot lots in South County!

The county really lacks indoor facilities for youth activities.

Lula G. Scott School is sitting unused. It's an established building that could be utilized – stop building we already have the resources for these activities. Look into them. Please contact me personally for resources in Shady Side – my family has lived here for 250 years. I know my community.

We play tennis often. The public tennis courts in Galesville are in very poor condition.

Please consider putting a great playground in soon – (even studying one of the best in Virginia out near Dulles, Algonquin Parkway). Thank you. (Classes Offered...), “Tai Chi, Karate.”

I really feel that this area is lacking recreational activities that other areas have – I think a public pool and a recreation center would be good. My children are too young for organized sports now but I'm sure they will be involved later. Also, in this area (Churchton), there seems to be nothing for teens to do, and bored teens tend to get into trouble.

Would be interested in indoor or outdoor public swimming pool.

We walk from home to our park in Shady Side, and we recommend posting signs to the park's location. And furthermore we need sidewalks very badly. Our children cannot even walk to Shady Side Elementary. Get rid of the drainage ditches and update them with underground pipes. IT IS UNSAFE TO WALK ON THE STREETS!

Bowling Alley? More video stores.

South County could truly use a municipal golf course – would be a cash cow – pay for itself in no time.

“The mandatory boating safety course.”

Recreational swimming – not for competition/team practice, indoors. A fitness center would be wonderful. Preserving what unspoiled, undeveloped space that remains is very important. Athletic fields with lights for night games disturbs nature and people alike. Sound travels much further around the water, one thing many people do not realize. No more boat ramps!

Would like to see recreational activities contribute to the understanding and preservation of the natural resources, particularly wildlife and Bay conservation, in one area.

My community badly needs a playground/picnic area for young kids to play, exercise and get off the streets.

We believe that in order to keep our area of South County quaint and rural we should try to preserve as much land as possible. If we wanted activities only available in cities or suburbs we would live there!

Please design a cellular tower that fits our landscape so our cellular phones are usable. Thank you –

Build it – they will come!!

Smart planning and use of space in our area is crucial. Parks, open spaces, preservation of farmland.

A public boat ramp in the area would be great (Shady Side)! Bike trails or sidewalks are needed. Tennis courts in Shady Side would be nice (the old ones are now basketball courts). Hiking trails on county land would be a cost-effective leisure activity for Shady Side residents.

The DJ at the middle high dances plays the music much too loud – according to my daughter.

Although, having these activities near would be nice, I do not want to destroy the land. If land that is already in use were to be converted – that would be okay – ex: Tri Me – Smiths. Otherwise, the South County Recreation Center is close enough to Deale and they have most of these activities.

Please have the county do what is right! Give us a SAFEWAY!

I do not want land developed in the Deale area. I do not like to think land will be destroyed for these activities. The Senior Center is 12 miles away – Edgewater and South County 8 miles away provides many of these activities now!

I would LOVE to see a playground in Deale. I must travel with my two children 20 minutes to go to a playground. There are many children in this area who would love to go to a playground. There is a need!

One of the most obvious needs in this area is a bike path between Rt. 468 (Muddy Creek Road) and Rt. 2 before there is a fatality. Local and visiting people could improve their quality of life while we preserve our open area. Animals can be walked safely, skaters, joggers, bikers etc. would benefit (horseback riders, too). And we motorists will have the benefit of safer roads with a wider #255. Outdoor backboards at Carrie Weedon for lax, tennis practice and for handball. Make two of them – our kids and adults will be healthier and happier. It is cheap! Make use of power line area? NO
MOTORIZED VEHICLES! Motorcycles or 3 or 4 wheelers.

A safe path for bicycling, jogging, skating, dog walking is needed on the narrow roads in this area. Water access for visitors and wider shoulders on Rt. #255 would be of great help toward the quality of life. Preserve land while we can down here!

The folks of South County spend a lot of their valuable time and energy in various meetings and committees such as the Deale/Shady Side SAP, but we don't get what we ask for. We get Shopping Centers instead! We want our area to stay on a slow growth pace, consistent with our existing environment. – Jo Anne Groves

There is already a surplus of facilities in this area.

My biggest interest relates to public launch sites for non-motorized boats (canoes & kayaks). There are none on South River, Rockhold Creek or the Bay that I've been able to find. West and Rhodes Rivers are okay.

We had one child (7) in the summer program at South County Recreation Center. The child as well as us and other children noticed the director's bad attitude – middle-aged white male. Lights are needed on all fields at the Shady Side Complex. The younger children had to stop practice during the week do to darkness – well before the season ended. Otherwise we appreciate your work. Thanks.

The land on the corner of Rt. 258 and Rt. 256 should be a fitness trail and community park instead of a damn Safeway!

A few years ago I helped coach gymnastics for recreation and parks. I would like to say I enjoyed it and loved working with the children.

Moratorium on building on every square foot of land in South County and a few more nature friendly development like hiking or birding paths – photo op areas, etc.

A nature center – preserve with educational component like Jug Bay at Franklin Point with access to the water and walking/hiking trails.

You should send letters like this more often to see what people want.

At some of the existing recreational sites like Old South Field and Deale Elementary School, there is not enough parking. Please, when you put in these new recreational facilities, please consider putting in plenty of parking spaces.

I would like to see an indoor recreational facility built in this area. One that would have an indoor pool, tennis and racquetball courts, exercise equipment and aerobics classes.

The best part of being in the area is nature and animal life. If you want to do something for the kids – teach them to sail, to use a canoe, to appreciate what they have. They can do those things all their lives.

How about bike paths?? We'd like a bike path along Rt. 256, Deale/Churchton Road!! Thanks!

After-school youth activities and Supervised teen activities should be combined.

There were too many children on the softball team last year – children had to stand around most of the time instead of being part of the game.

My three children are still little and not participating in any organized sports yet.

Preserve the wetlands, woods and open spaces. NO MORE development! Enough!

Please remember to take special needs/disabled into consideration when planning activities and facilities.

Public use facilities should be located near population centers. Don't push ballfields or other organized sports facilities into natural areas like Franklin Point Park. Preserve undeveloped parks as passive recreational resources! Bicycle lane/paths should be a priority in this area. Bicycle use is functional and recreational. Focus youth activities around existing school properties. (Classes Offered...) "Music."

More than anything we need the Safeway. Note: Community Pool and Outdoor Pool.

Think about it... A multi-purpose facility that can be used as a gym, classroom(s), concert pavilion, lecture hall, indoor playground. Also available for rental to local businesses & organizations for their functions... It could also house and indoor/outdoor swimming pool and tennis courts, etc.

Football, swimming pool – clean beach and water for swimming.

Gardening – soil composting – recycling.

The South County recreation center offers aerobics and stepclasses but the rooms for too small for the number of people who come so I and several people I know have quit signing up. We need a larger facility to attract more people.

(Classes Offered...) next to Other, “Nutritional/Weight Loss.”

We need a swimming pool for the public in South County. The free swim at the church camp on Sunday evening is not enough. Let’s put in a park like Kings Landing in Huntingtown for South Anne Arundel County.

Teenagers really need a place to “hang” and do stuff!

This area still provides a rare opportunity to preserve open space. There is not much left!!! The Smithsonian provides a fine example of an educational environment for understanding the preservation of the Bay. If this area is overdeveloped with indoor sports facilities any attempt to keep the Bay as is will be further thwarted.

Deale needs a public ramp for boat launching. The only ramp we could find in Deale charges \$10 in or out or \$15 for both. This fee is extremely high. This community is surrounded by water. I do not understand why there is not some kind of community beach with a boat ramp for launching. This community needs public facilities of this nature even if it would mean an association fee to maintain this property.

I may be older – 52 going onto 53 – but I am very active, physically fit and have lived where I could use the great outdoors without damaging it – would like others to know this joy too. Have met kids at the Anne Arundel Community College who lived all their short lives in a condo or townhouse – many with only small pets and no sense or knowledge of farm life or of animal care – maybe besides dog obedience class some lessons of other animal care and behavior awareness and how not to react, act around animals, give them respect. Most kids are not being taught much in the way of basics at home. Not only animals, but manners, speech, some fun learning games. Thanks.

We need a recreation facility for young, teens and elderly. There is nothing except bars down here - nowhere for kids to grow healthy. They roller blade/skateboard in the street, dirt bike on wetlands – they need a recreation center (indoor) and an outside pool/skateboard area and dirt bike range!!! PLEASE – WE ARE DESPERATE for a facility like this. We need more activities in our community for children of all ages (crabbing/fishing pier).

A park, similar to Flag Ponds in Calvert County, closer to the Deale/Shady Side area, preserving the natural open space for passive/hiking activities would be ideal.

I would like to see more educational programs offered to South County (especially on the elementary school level). It seems as though South County gets the short end of the stick when it comes to the variety of programs that are offered in our area.

Insufficient outdoor athletic field. Why should Crofton have so much and we in South County have hardly anything. There are not enough gyms to practice in the winter – the school’s gyms should be open during the holidays so we can practice. The middle schools in Anne Arundel County don’t have sports programs.

Any improvements to our area would be much appreciated. Our population has grown and our services have not. Thank you.

Waterfront dining.

Please consider offering therapeutic horseback riding or at least survey to see if there is a need.

My wife and I are new to the area. We like it but would love to see more sidewalks and bike/hiking trails in South County for us and our future children. Other than that, public tennis and golf would be great. Thanks for asking the residents/citizens!

We wish that there was a “nature trail” in the area for walking/bicycling. Do not develop the area anymore. We moved here to be in the country, with peace and quiet.

About time! Let’s get something in South County.

Please keep the Safeway OUT OF OUR TOWN

We need more recreational facilities and space in South County. Bike Trails - Walking Trails!!

It would be good to have activities base in true South County – South of Galesville.

I would enjoy having our tennis courts back in Shady Side! Nature trails/hikes would benefit the area. Indoor recreation center would be a wish come true. Public boat ramps are far overdue. We have miles and miles of shoreline and NO public boat ramp. I think this is unsatisfactory. Thank you for asking our opinion!

Thanks for thinking of South County. We are usually last on the list for anything.

We need activities mostly to target the high school students. They have nothing to do but illegal activities.

I believe the county should step in to combine the sports clubs in the area, i.e. Alliance, Deale, Shady Side, Galesville, South County, UYC. The Southern Anne Arundel County sports clubs are not as competitive as Northern Anne Arundel County teams and will not be able to compete with them unless we pull together. This is not fault to the children but to the parents of all these teams and their ability of not being able to get along with one another. My son plays football and baseball. Kids within his class play for different teams, yet they go to the same school. The children want to play together but the parents will not let this happen. That is also the reason why Southern High School does not have a great sports program. Kids that play together while growing up in recreational leagues are what build strong school teams. Please help us down here in Southern Anne Arundel County. Feel free to call Darren Brown at (301) 889-0443 for more information.

Since a public boat ramp is most likely to never happen, why not try to set up contracts with Deale-area marina owners or Collins Marine Railway for low cost (Anne Arundel County subsidized) boat launching for residents. The service could even require the boaters to drop off their boat, take trailer home and return to go boating, thereby not making any parking area impact.

We desperately need facilities down here for sports and cultural activities for the children.

Any sort of recreational facility (indoor or out) would be greatly appreciated.

A local recreation center (not 10 miles away) would be wonderful for families to connect with other families. Our small town feeling would be enhanced. We do meet now in school fields, but this would certainly be an extension of that.

Thank you for remembering us tax payers in Southern Anne Arundel – North County seem to always get the fields, etc.

I would really love a safe bike path in and around Galesville. My husband would love a volleyball court and team year round – so indoor in the winter. I believe Carrie Weedon Science Center is not functioning at it’s best. I never hear of classes or environmental lectures or outside exploration and activities that I believe that facility should be sponsoring. We have a valuable environmental resource at our fingertips (swamp studies, water quality, estuary understanding) that is not being utilized. Note: This survey notes under Item #4, next to After-school youth activities and Supervised teen activities, “This is very important and needed but the children are grown and gone.” Next to All-purpose indoor recreational recreation center, “Large with 5 – 6 racquetball courts, gym for basketball as well as volleyball and tennis indoors” and next to Open space preservation/passive recreation, “A place to hike and explore nature.”

I have answered these questions based on planning to have children although my husband and I have no children at this time.

Why do you have to improve what God has already given us!!!! Please help save the bay! Note: This survey made notes next to each item under Recreational Activities, such as “We watch it because it’s already available on our fields” and “Already available at the Capt. Salem Avery House.” Each item had a note like this next to it, but the boxes were

not checked. Under Item #46 Summer Activities and Services this was written, "How about spending time with friends and family in my own house in my own yard doing all the things I love to do." And, finally, written next to Item #47 Classes Offered..., "That I already do thanks to our Community Colleges and all the programs already provided by Parks and Recreations."

Try to keep some green!

Your list of recreational activities should include "walking." There is a lack of safe convenient, pathways and trails with scenic or nature study values (off-road bike and horse trails, too). There is also a need for children's playgrounds in South County. Do you realize there is NO playground in Deale, Churchton, Lothian or Tracey's Landing (other than at schools) where parents can take toddlers to let off some energy? Why not one near the Deale Library? Thanks for giving us this opportunity to voice our opinions. Classes Offered..., "Cooking and Music (learning an instrument)."

With all the woods and wetlands, we desperately need places off the road to jog or hike. There are none available! Second, South County deserves a public golf course – South River and Old South are not acceptable options. Finally, Deale now has one boat ramp open to the public and it is crowded and the rates are up substantially. We need at least one public boat ramp nearby.

Replace the tennis courts removed from Shady Side.

Thank you for asking us. We have two children and way too much time on our hands sometimes. Recreation is a "needed" contribution down in the South County.

Boating – sail, power, kayak

The area needs a good public boat-launching ramp. We also need outdoor areas for target shooting and dog training. We don't need tennis courts or football/baseball fields because there is already plenty! People I know would also like an indoor swimming pool.

We would be very interested in receiving information about County facilities and activities as they become available. A fitness center would be a great asset. Annapolis is far to travel 3 times per week to workout. That would be a great service to residents.

I really think that the community is in need of activities for the children of the area.

Our beautiful area needs a facility that would be an area all members of the community could utilize. It needs to offer good moral activities. A swimming/sports type club would be wonderful- inside and outside activities available for all.

The availability of recreational facilities in Southern AAC is woefully inadequate. We have plenty of public land available (Jack Creek, Franklin Point, etc.). Let's start using it.

In other states we've lived in (CA, CO, UT) we've taken advantage of many of local activities. In MD the cost is always 2 to 5 times more expensive than anywhere else we've lived and thus use of facilities is prohibitive.

One of our biggest needs in South County is a nice playground for children that's centrally located. A pool would be great! Classes at South County Recreation Center are great. Would love more variety and to have center updated.

Flyfishing

If property is going to be developed, it should be developed for use by the young people in the community. If young people stay busy they tend to stay out of trouble.

It would be wonderful if there was a recreational facility, such as a YMCA or similar center that could provide camps, swimming, exercise classes, etc. We go to Annapolis several times a week for gymnastics and swimming.

I recommend establishment of a 3-season sailing program for youths and adults using dinghies and small crew boats. This could be staffed by county staff and volunteers and include Bay-oriented environmental ethics education and otherwise would cultivate valuing of the bay and its resources.

Need bike path; pool fitness

Whatever the plans are, we don't want a large park to attract too much attention.

I think a lot more activities and programs could be provided by the South County Rec Center. I don't feel that we receive our fair share of the Parks & Rec budget.

I would like a swim program for under 5 year olds.

Please offer Yoga classes.

I really think we could use an ice rink in this area with hockey teams.

Classes on recycling.

Bowling; bow and arrow

I think this would be great in the Deale area because there is not much for teens or children to do.

The idea of an ALL purpose indoor and outdoor recreation area is intriguing. Along the lines of a YW or YMCA – available to all age groups. Located in Deale/Churchton area- especially with free or low cost activities and low cost transport to and from. I think this would be an excellent addition to the community and should be sought with the same vigor as the energy that is being put into the addition of or exclusive of the Safeway strip! Thank you for your interest, please keep us on your mailing list.

Make areas available for outdoor activities like fishing.

SAP does not for most residents of the community! SAP is a political group that does not plan with the betterment of the community in mind!

Need more public launch sites for car top boats (kayaks). Develop the water trail with camp sites. Inexpensive horseback riding would be great.

A trail like the B&A Trail would be my choice.

Wish we had more local classes available such as crafts, fitness, etc. listed above.

There is perfect plot of land at the corner of Franklin Manor Road and Battee Drive that the county would be wise to buy. This would be great for picnics and the recreational needs of Deale-Shady Side-Cape Ann-Franklin Manor.

Leave Franklin Point natural.

Thank you for your survey.

Field Hockey.

Sidewalks in Shade Side – Deale would be great. We love bike trails!

A gym facility with fitness and aerobics classes would be wonderful. What is offered is very limited.

A recreation center for all ages would be a great improvement. With some transportation available. We have no teens in the household, but it is obvious that there isn't enough for them to do and this invites mischief. So, supervised teen activities, especially a drop-in type center with multiple options seems necessary.

Thank you.

Forget the stupid Safeway and give us some local fitness and recreation facilities – keep the teens busy and the roads less congested.

I recently moved here from Howard County where I enjoyed the use of Centennial Park and would love a park like this in our area. Pavilions to rent or use, paddle boats, walking paths, ball fields.

Sidewalks! Sidewalks encourage walking/fitness less car-driving which is better for the environment and better physically for the people. But, you can't do it in this area it is too dangerous. We need sidewalks/bike paths. Please help. Thanks.

Thanks for recovering the tennis courts behind South County Library. Looks great and is used. What about the Shady Side area? More classes, more people!
PLEASE don't pave Franklin Point!

I like cheese.

Don't put up a bunch of new buildings! Try to use existing facilities where possible.

NO additional ball-fields are needed in South County.

My children are also interested in archery.

Any organized car club activity. We are avid car freaks! i.e. street rod, sports cars.

Thank you. I hope people start realizing South County has a lot of children that need activities in our own area.

Fix the tennis courts at Shady Side. They are unusable. Put public boat ramps in (FREE), community swimming pool.

Tennis courts with solid wall so that you can volley to the ball back and forth by yourself. It could be on the side of the tennis court.

Transportation is essential for those who would like to participate in any of the scheduled recreational activities here in South County. Weekly transportation could be offered to those who would like to use the Swim Center in Annapolis on Riva Road. Twice a week, Monday – Friday between 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The area around the Deale Library and Gates Marinaland offers a safe site on which to locate a perimeter walking-exercise path. The site's exposure to a heavily traveled main road and exposure to library personnel during day hours would offer a feeling of security, especially to women, and its central location would make a nice place to socialize. Expansion of the parking lot would be a welcomed upgrade for the library. Some improvements to the tennis court and addition of a few picnic tables and a coffee stand (an employment opportunity for a student in the spring and summer) would make it a unique project. The Deale and Churchton area lack walk space due to its location on "low lands" and this aspect gives the area a slightly claustrophobic feeling. I would be happy to volunteer my effort to assist in a project of this sort, especially in the design of the jogging path itself.

Open Space in South County. Keep Franklin Point Park low impact use.

South County has undeveloped acreage – such as Franklin Point Park which could be used in a Patuxent Refuge Center type of facility. The wildlife and the Bay could be a valuable environmental teaching tool for our children. South County needs more secure undisturbed waterfront and less ball fields.

More passive use areas – more wildlife to see – less ball fields.

Sailing lessons; archery; drawing lessons; bow making; wreath making; ice hockey rink/lessons.

Even though our children are grown, we are too well aware of the need for recreational facilities down here – our own family traveled long distances so the kids could partake of sport teams – as far as Arnold and Prince Frederick (Calvert). We need your help in providing places for folks to walk, ride, bike.

It is highly recommended by me, that you contact Fairfax County, VA. Recreation Department about their Rec Centers and perhaps visit one such as "Lee Rec Center on Telegraph Road. They all (approximately 10 – 12 in the county) have

swim pools, basketball courts, indoor tracks, weight rooms, etc. According to signs at these facilities they are self supporting and NO TAX DOLLARS are involved. The addition of 4 weight rooms and saunas at your Riva Road Pool would be great.

A bike or walking trail area would be great since the area has no sidewalks. It would be a safe place for people/kids to walk. We would also appreciate classes in art/crafts/computer, etc. so that we can have something local to save driving to Annapolis.

We could use sidewalks – but first we need shoulders on our roads. The main problem is nothing for teenagers to do, so they often resort to vandalism around here. Bowling or dances, etc. would be good.

In Shady Side we need sidewalks to jog and walk our babies in a safety way. I would also like to see more of a bike path and a public indoor swimming pool.

I would enjoy porcelain doll classes.

I moved to this area because it is on the Bay and does NOT have large strip centers and is intensely anti-sprawl. Please FIGHT the economic interests that would result in congestion and the McDonaldization of our community.

1 or 1 ½ mile walking/jogging trail in Franklin Point. Rail would wind through woods by the Bay.

I don't have children in my household, but I do believe that recreational venues are needed in this area for young people. Hanging around the 7-11 doesn't do it.

More activities are needed for teens and adults in South County.

A small park with playground, tennis, basketball would seem appropriate.

We do need supervised activities for teens in summer and long vacation times.

Please give us a park, any park we have NO park. Frisbee Golf would be a perfect park activity not listed. I suggest Frisbee Golf is number 1 need for park/rec facility development.