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### Wicomico County Executive Bob Culver Announces Award of Federal Grant to Develop Pirate's Wharf Property

Wicomico County Executive Bob Culver is pleased to announce that the County has received a federal grant award of \$820,000 from the National Parks Service through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for future development of the property known as "Pirate's Wharf." The grant is subject to approval by the Wicomico County Council.

County officials are tentatively scheduled to meet with the County Council October 16 to discuss acceptance of the grant. If approved, a master planning process would begin this fall, which would include opportunities for public input.

"We are pleased that the National Parks Service and Maryland DNR has chosen to support this project," explained Wicomico County Executive Bob Culver. "The property has such potential to be a quality of life asset for County residents and visitors alike and we look forward to making this become a reality."

A work group established by the County Executive in 2017 recommended public water access, multi-use/low-impact recreational activities and maintenance of the property's natural resources as top priorities to consider in future development.

"The Pirate's Wharf development project supports the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' mission of creating diverse outdoor recreational opportunities for Maryland citizens and visitors," said Ingrid Brofman, Natural Resources Planner at MD DNR. "This additional access to nature on the beautiful Wicomico River will provide residents enjoyment, along with increased health benefits from walking, kayaking and spending time outdoors."

The LWCF grant requires completion of the project within a four-year period, though County officials are hopeful the project can be completed sooner. Any questions related to the project should be directed to Wicomico County Recreation, Parks & Tourism at 410-548-4900.

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