

# TOWN OF CHEVERLY, MARYLAND MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

WORKSESSION April 27, 2023 7:30 PM

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- **3. Crown Castle-** Representatives from Crown Castle will provide the Mayor & Council with a presentation regarding wireless network expansion near the town.
- **4. Presentation of Water Quality Monitoring Program** Friends of Quincy Run Watershed will share presentation by the Anacostia River Keeper of its Water Quality Monitoring Program
- 5. Audit presentation Lindsey & Associates- Mr. Bob Diss will provide an update to
- **6.** the Mayor & Council
- 7. 2023 Arbor Day Proclamation Mayor Munyeneh will read the proclamation.
- 8. Grant Request Grant request from the Women's Club & Cheverly Market
- **9. Election Resolution -** Mayor Munyeneh will discuss the adoption of Resolution R-4-23 to add two new Board of Elections Judges.
- **10.** Vacant Lot/Property Fees Ordinance CM Nettles-Simpson will introduce ordinance.
- **11. Town Administrator Update** Town Administrator Galloway will provide a report to the Mayor and Council
- **12. Update by CM Fry & Garces Regarding Cheverly Station Apartments** -Council members will provide update/feedback from residents at Cheverly Station Apartments.
- **13. Review of May Town Meeting Agenda and Future Requests** Mayor and Town Administrator will offer a forecast of the May Mayor and Council Town Meeting agenda. Mayor will seek Council input on agenda items for consideration for future meetings.
- 14. Adjourn



(\*) denotes an agenda item requiring action (typically expressed by a vote) of Mayor and Council.

\*Resident input will be allowed as part of action items, presentations and discussion items on the agenda, residents seeking to speak will be recognized by the presiding officer. Residents may speak once, for no more than three minutes, on each eligible agenda item.

Please Note: Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article Section 10-508(a), the Council by majority vote may retire to executive or closed session at any time during the meeting. Should the Council retire to executive or closed session; the mayor will announce the reasons and a report will be issued at a future meeting disclosing the reasons for such session.

#### **Zoom Information:**

Topic: Cheverly Mayor & Council Work session Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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2022

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WATER QUALITY SUMMARY REPORT

The Anacostia watershed has always been central to the growth and prosperity of those who live on its banks and provides recreation opportunities and natural respite within an ever more urban landscape. In the past, the health of the watershed has languished in part because of this growth; resulting in the proliferation of pollution, damaged ecosystems, and lost biodiversity in our rivers and streams. With continued development and a high percentage of historically underserved communities in Prince Goerge's County, the threats to its waterways and natural resources are numerous.

Almost half of the Anacostia River watershed is contained within the boundaries of Prince George's County, MD; and of that percentage, almost all is classified as Maryland Class I waters, or waters designated for water contact recreation. Despite this, finding up-to-date and publicly available water quality data that could help inform potential river recreators is lacking throughout Prince George's County watersheds.

This project was funded by the generous support of our donors, including the Town of Cheverly, MD. Anacostia Riverkeeper worked with Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek, Friends of Quincy Run, and Anacostia Watershed Community Advisory Committee to recruit and train volunteers to collect and disseminate up-to-date, bi-weekly recreational water quality data to residents and visitors alike.



The Anacostia watershed encompasses 176 square miles across the District of Columbia, Prince George's County, MD, and Montgomery County, MD. The watershed is one of the most urbanized watersheds in the United States with 70% of the land designated as urban/developed. "Residential" is the primary land use encompassing 45% of the watershed.





# **Program Overview**

## **Site Selection**

Three sites were monitored during the 2022 season. The site locations were chosen based on their high recreational importance, their need for continual monitoring, and accessibility for monitors. One site is located at Bladensburg Waterfront Park (BWP-1), which is expanding rapidly as a recreational hotspot in the area. The Quincy Run (QR-1) and Lower Beaverdam Creek (LBC-1) sites were similarly chosen due to their recreational usage and potential, as well as known concerns around pollution and contaminants. They offer a look at two tributaries in Prince Goerge's County close to the confluence with the main stem. These are the same sites monitored in 2021, which allow comparisons with data from previous years.



# **Anacostia Tributaries Monitoring Sites** Defense Heights Bladensburg Mt Rainier LBC-1 F13 Site Location Key: BWP-1: Bladensburg Waterfront Park Sheriff Rd NE **OR-1: Quincy Run** LBC-1: Lower Beaverdam Creek Deanwood Carm Benning Heights Marshall Heights

## **Field Methods**

Volunteers collected water quality samples from three sites along Anacostia River tributaries every other week on Wednesday mornings. At each site, volunteers measured pH, air temperature, water temperature, and collected water samples for fecal indicator bacteria (*E. coli* and fecal coliform) and turbidity. Volunteers also recorded physical information about the site (i.e., flow conditions, weather, water color) on their field sheet.

Sample duplicates were collected from one site each week to ensure quality assurance and check volunteer sampling techniques. All physically collected water samples were recorded on a Chain-of-Custody (CoC) form to ensure sample fidelity and provide quality assurance for all samples coming into the Anacostia Riverkeeper lab.



# Methodology



## **Lab Methods**

Bacteria samples are collected and analyzed using the IDEXX Colilert system (Method 9223 Enzyme Substrate Coliform Test 2017) and results published in "Most Probable Number of Colony Forming Units" or MPN/100mL (comparable to CFUs). A Colilert chemical reagent is mixed with each sample, sealed in a sampling "tray", and then placed in an incubator at 35 °C for 24 hours. After 24 hours, samples are read under a blacklight and each sample's MPN/100mL is determined. As an additional quality control check, ARK ran lab QA/QC samples and a lab blank each week.

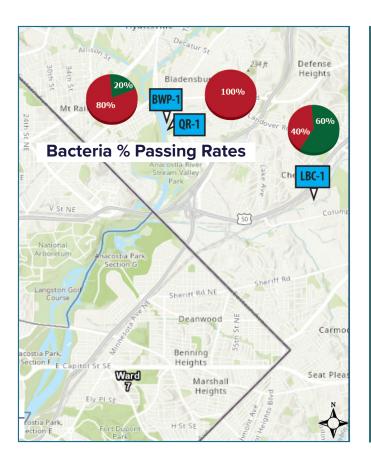
Turbidity samples are assessed using an in-lab LaMotte 2020we/wi turbidimeter which uses light attenuation passing through a sample compared to lab standards to determine the turbidity of a sample in nephelometric turbidity units (NTUs). Standards for 0 NTU, 1 NTU, 10 NTU, and 100 NTU are run before each week's samples to assure accurate readings. Lab turbidity samples are run concurrently with bacterial samples so both results are available within 24 hours. ARK's turbidimeter was sent in for repairs in the middle of the season, so turbidity samples were sent to the University of District of Columbia from July 13, 2022 to August 24, 2022.





# **Results and Conclusions**

Water quality is poor to fair at all of the Prince Goerge's County water quality monitoring sites. All sites passed for physical water quality parameters such as water temperature (<32.2 C) and turbidity (<20 NTU above ambient). pH showed some variability from the accepable range (6.5-8). Bacteria levels were frequently very high at all three sites.

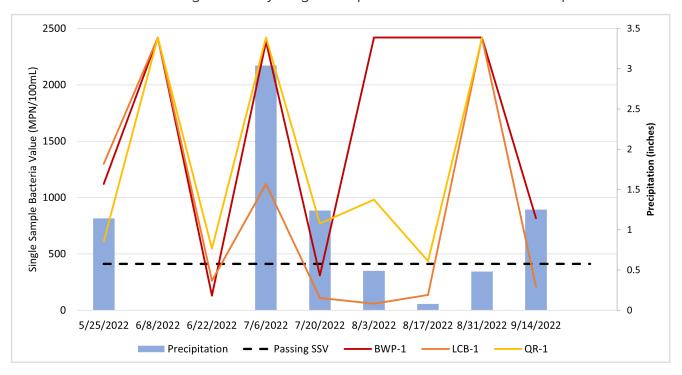


#### **Bacteria Results**

Samples are considered "passing" when bacteria levels are less than 410 MPN. The map on the left shows the passing rates for each site.

- QR-1 had the worst water quality, with a 0% passing rate, and an average of 1326 MPN/100mL for the season.
- LBC-1 had the best water quality, with a 60% passing rate, but general bacteria levels were still very high with an average of 893 MPN/100mL.
- BWP-1 had worse water quality, with only 20% passing rate and an average of 1604 MPN/100mL.
- Precipitation had inconsistent effects on bacteria levels with high bacteria levels found on both days after a heavy rain and relatively dry days.
- All sites averaged slightly higher bacteria levels than 2021, though precipitation was also much higher this year.

2022 Prince George's County Single Sample Bacteria Values and Precipitation



# **Results and Conclusions**

# **Ecological Results**

- Across all sites and all weeks of monitoring, there were no "failing" values for water temperature.
- pH showed some variability with a couple days of low measurements, though pH was within the acceptable range most days. A more precise pH method should be explored for future monitoring.
- Average turbidity across the summer was below 20 NTU, indicating high water clarity. There was one week (August 17) in which all three sites had turbity greater than 20 NTU (BWP-1: 32.9, LBC-1: 26.0, QR-1: 29.4 NTU). LBC-1 also had high turbidity of 22.1 NTU August 31. However the average for the season was 13.8 NTU.
- Precipitation had inconsistent effects on ecological health with heavy rain and relatively dry conditions showing variable impacts on ecological parameters.
- Debris, oil slicks, and scum were observed on multiple days at BWP-1 throughout the season.
- Noting fair to healthy ecological water quality paired with high bacteria levels shows that just because
  a stream looks healthy and has vibrant aquatic life, it can still pose harm to human health.

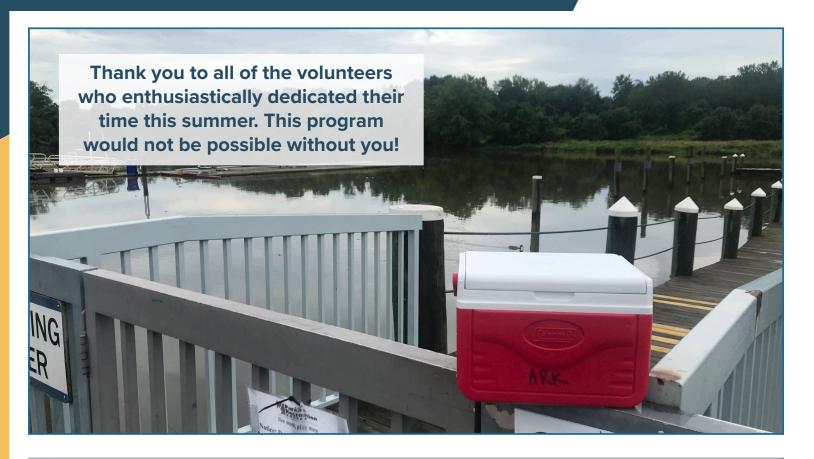
#### Conclusions

Across all sites we found poor water quality, in terms of bacteria levels. Quincy Run (QR-1), in particular, exhibits consistently poor water quality as shown through this bacteria monitoring program, with no passing sample for the entire season. This suggests a need for further sampling in the area. Precipitation is an important factor to analyze regarding water quality because some recreators base their recreation decisions on recent rainfall and how the water appears, (water level, turbidity, color, etc.). Precipitation trends indicate an inconsistent relationship between bacteria levels and precipitation at the three sites, but given the small sample size this should be investigated further. The inconsistency does suggest other factors are driving high bacteria in addition to known issues with leaky sewer connections.

Recreational water quality in Prince Goerge's County tributaries of the Anacostia remains a matter of concern. Looking to the future, an increase in monitoring frequency and geographical coverage, as well as signage indicating potential water quality dangers to recreators is necessary. In 2023, we will add 2 sites to our monitoring program: one on Northwest Branch and one on Northeast Branch. While our Prince George's County waterways have made strides when it comes to their overall health, there are still pressing issues stemming from urbanization that need to be met in order for these waters to be safe for all.



# **Thank You!**



# Thanks to our donor and partners:



Town of Cheverly, MD



Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek



Friends of Quincy Run



Anacostia Watershed Community Advisory Committee (AWCAC)









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Thursday, April 27, 2023

## **PROCLAMATION**

## Designating April 28, 2023 as ARBOR DAY

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first proposed by J. Sterling Morton to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture in 1872 and was observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

**WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community, and

**WHEREAS**, the urban forest of Cheverly is part of the watershed area of Beaver Dam Creek and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay, and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Maryland has declared that urban forest and trees are an important and necessary part of the community environment, and that the retention, enhancement and management of these forests and trees by local governments is the best interest of the citizens of the State of Maryland.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly that April 28, 2023, will be celebrated as ARBOR DAY in the Town of Cheverly, and we urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

**FURTHER**, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the wellbeing of this future generation.

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023		
Attest:		
	Kayce Munyeneh	
	Mayor	



Thursday, April 27, 2023

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# Designating April 28, 2023 as ARBOR DAY

Marverly Nettles	Joseph Dalaker
Councilmember	Councilmember
Micah Watson	Charly Garces
Councilmember	Councilmember
Ted McCann	Amy Fry
Councilmember	Councilmember

From: joycelang@verizon.net, To: joycelang@verizon.net,

Subject: Fwd: Grant

Date: Wed, Mar 8, 2023 8:42 am

# THE CHEVERLY WOMEN'S CLUB - 2023

## **GRANT REQUISITION NARRATIVE**

# THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT REQUEST

The purpose of the grant is to build and strengthen coalitions among individuals, groups, and organizations in town to show that "Together We Rise". During these trying times in our world, the Women's Club is standing even stronger to show that LOVE! is the answer. We all need to pledge consciously to live lives filled with caring, love, and kindness.

# A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT/PROGRAM YOU WISH TO EXECUTE WITH THE CHEVERLY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING

We will buy items like books (etc.) to distribute to people of all ages to help them continue to develop, grow, and strengthen towards the success of achieving "BELOVED COMMUNITY" the survival of our way of life and "BELOVED COMMUNITY". We will connect with Cheverly residents, elected officials, groups, organizations, and others in this effort.

# A DETAILED TIMELINE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

The Women's Club is requesting \$2,000 to be used to purchase books and various items. We will use the funds through 2023 and would appreciate receiving them by the end of March, if possible.

# THE OVERALL BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY

This effort will continue to "Pass Love in Action Along" in Cheverly towards the goal of "Beloved Community".

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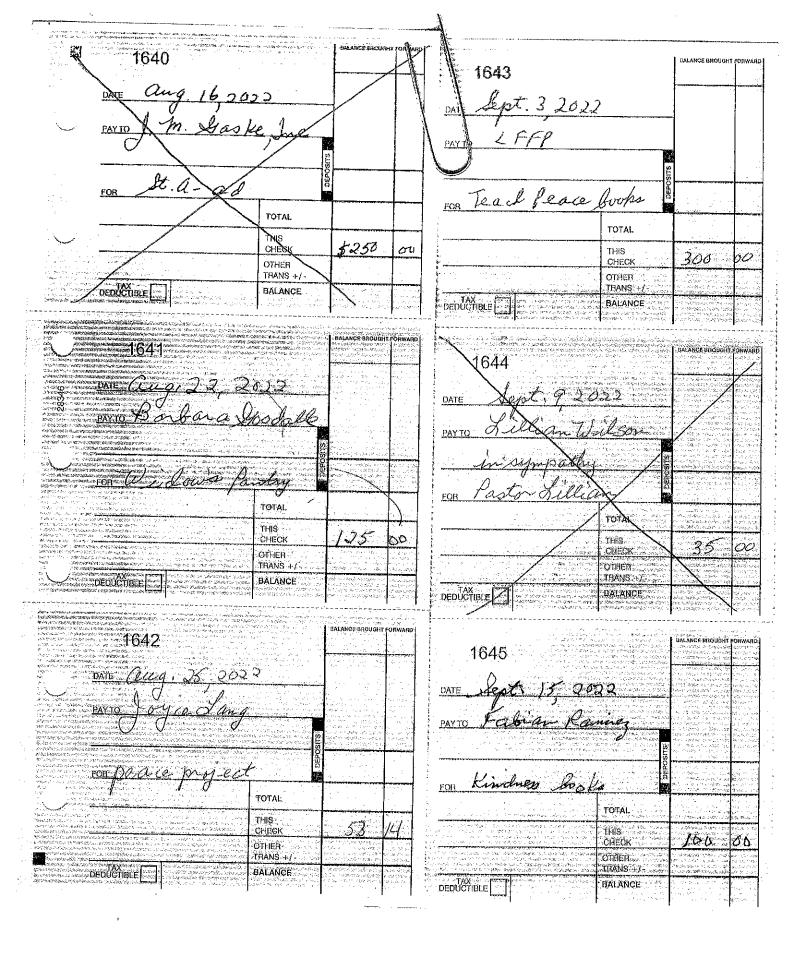
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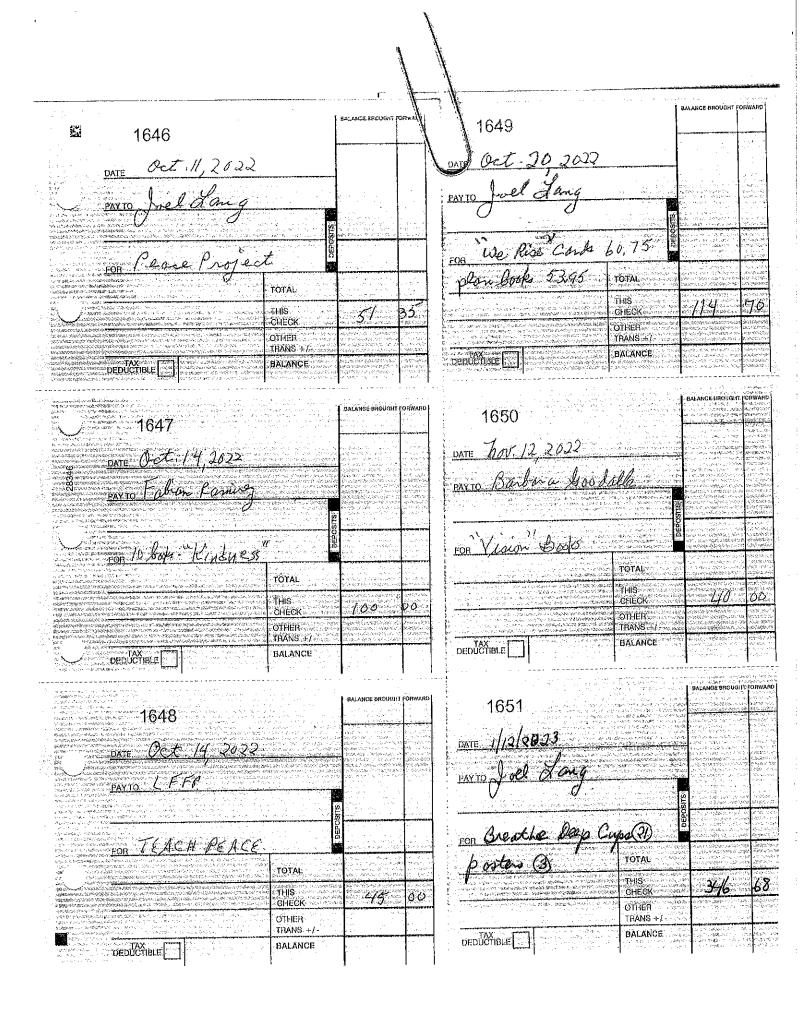
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## 2023 Cheverly Community Market Town Grant Proposal

## Request

The Cheverly Community Market (CCM) is requesting a \$2,000 grant from the Town of Cheverly to ensure food and nutritional benefit recipients can receive additional matching funds to spend at the Market - supplementing funding from both the Maryland Market Money program and the Market's own fundraising.

## **Background Information**

The Cheverly Community Market (CCM) has been a longtime advocate for the usage of food and nutritional benefits by accepting both Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) benefits. Knowing that these benefits do not go as far at farmers markets as they do at traditional grocery stores, we have also prioritized creating a strong matching program for our food-insecure customers so that food and nutritional benefits can go even further.

In the past, this program had been supported through our own fundraising and our participation in the Maryland Market Money (MMM) program. Since 2020, the Town of Cheverly generously provided funding to the market to help us support our matching program. This year it is even more important to continue providing these supplemental benefits to customers who are using food and nutritional benefits at the market because emergency increased SNAP allotments have ended.

During 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic began, SNAP benefits increased through Emergency Allotments to allow all participants to receive the maximum benefit amount available, based on their household size. Despite increased food costs and increased energy and housing costs, all increased SNAP benefits ended on March 1, 2023. This means that customers participating in the SNAP program are receiving less benefits amounts than they've received since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. Some participants have seen their benefit cut from the maximum allotment to the minimum allotment, which means they are losing hundreds of dollars each month to help them pay for food.

As we approach the 2023 season, it is our goal to continue the generous match as increased food insecurity continues to be a very real problem in our region and town. To help us achieve this goal, we are requesting a \$2,000 grant for our food and nutritional benefits matching program.

#### **Programmatic Details**

The Market will utilize the money provided by this grant to offer all Cheverly SNAP, FMNP, P-EBT, and WIC benefits recipients \$10 in Market-specific tokens to be used at our bi-weekly market. To qualify, residents will need to show us a valid benefits debit card and provide us

with their zip code to ensure they are a town resident. Residents will not need to redeem or spend any of their own food and nutritional benefits to qualify.

This amount will sit on top of the match provided by the Maryland Market Money program and the Market's own fundraising. The Maryland Market Money program will provide SNAP, FMNP and P-EBT customers with a 1:1 match on redeemed benefits, with no limit. For these customers, the Market will also provide an additional \$5 in matching funds.

Customers using WIC benefits are not able to participate in the Maryland Market Money program because eWIC currently cannot be redeemed at Maryland farmers markets. To ensure these customers are not penalized because of this, anyone with a valid WIC card will receive \$15 in tokens from the Market and the Town of Cheverly benefits budget lines.

Benefits Program Outline			
Benefits Type	Maryland Market Money Match	Cheverly Community Market Supplement	Town of Cheverly* Supplement
SNAP	1:1 unlimited	\$5	\$10
FMNP	1:1 unlimited	\$5	\$10
P-EBT	1:1 unlimited	\$5	\$10
WIC	\$0	\$5	\$10
*Offered to Cheverly Residents			

Based on our 2022 Market data, we anticipate the \$2,000 of the Town Grant to be fully spent before the end of the 2023 season. However, should we have remaining grant money after our December market, the Market will return this to the Town of Cheverly within three weeks of the close of the Market season.

#### Reporting

The Market will track the following information for each benefits transaction:

- Customer zip code
- Benefit Type
  - o FMNP WIC
  - o FMNP Senior
  - o SNAP

- o P-EBT
- o WIC
- Benefit Amount
  - o From Market Benefit Program
  - o From Maryland Market Money
  - o From Town Grant

## **Attachments**

2022 Town of Cheverly Supplemental Grant Summary Report

# Town of Cheverly Grant: Benefits Matching at Cheverly Community Market 2022 Expenditure Report

During the 2022 market season, the Cheverly Community Market (CCM) received a generous grant of \$2000 from the Town of Cheverly to assist food-insecure customers shopping at the Market.

This year, customers received a one-to-one match of the amount they redeemed (no cap) from Maryland Market Money. Because the Maryland Market Money program increased the match for 2022 to provide an unlimited 1:1 match of SNAP, FMNP, and P-EBT benefits CCM changed our matching program. In 2022, each customer received an additional \$5 in benefits from CCM's fundraising. Finally, those customers residing within the 20784 or 20785 ZIP code (self-reported) were given an additional \$10 in tokens from the Town of Cheverly supplemental grant. Our goal was to be able to provide matching through CCM and ToC funds throughout the entire market season.

FMNP and WIC, and eWIC nutritional benefits programs are administered by the State of Maryland and are not compatible with point-sale-equipment from federally-administered programs. Customers who could present a valid card or voucher from any of these programs were given \$5 in tokens from CCM's fundraising. Those customers residing within the 20784 or 20785 ZIP code (self-reported) were given an additional \$10 in tokens from the Town of Cheverly supplemental grant.

**Summary Table of Benefits Matched per benefit program** 

Benefit Program	Customer redeems (from their own account)	CCM matching funds	Town of Cheverly supplemental grant (\$10 per customer residing in 20784 or 20785 ZIP code)
SNAP	Any amount	\$5	\$10
P-EBT	Any amount	\$5	\$10
WIC vouchers	N/A	\$5	\$10
eWIC	N/A	\$5	\$10
FMNP-Sr	N/A	\$5	\$10
FMNP- WIC	N/A	\$5	\$10

From the Town of Cheverly funds, food-insecure customers residing in the 20785 ZIP code received \$10 per Market, over and above their state- or federally-administered benefits. CCM served an average of 8 customers from 20784 or 20785 per Market (134 customers cumulatively), of whom 117 were repeat customers over the season.

#### **RESOLUTION R-4-23**

## Appointment of Election Judges

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland desire to make appointments to the positions of judges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of Section C-18 C of the Charter of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, the following persons are appointed as election judges to assist the Board of Election Judges in the conduct of elections in 2023:

WARD 1: Bassel Williams WARD 2: Michael Clauser

WARD 3: Jill Hudson \*UPDATED

WARD 4:

WARD 5: Susan Pruden \*NEW WARD 6: Rita Bibbs-Booth

These appointments are effective on the date of this resolution.

Adopted: April 27, 2023

Attest:		
	Kayce Munyeneh	
	Mayor	
Marverly Nettles	 Joseph Dalaker	
Councilmember	Councilmember	
Micah Watson	Charly Garces	
Councilmember	Councilmember	
Ted McCann	Amy Fry	
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