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**Maryland Waterway Improvement Fund Awards \$13.5 Million**

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*Projects Funded Statewide for Improved Boating Access, Navigation, and Safety*

The [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#) is providing \$13.5 million in [Waterway Improvement Fund](#) grants in Fiscal Year 2021 to enhance and improve public boating access facilities, water safety, and navigation throughout the state.



This funding will go toward 43 projects in 17 counties, along with grants for statewide projects and emergency needs. Funded projects include renovations to public boating access infrastructure such as boat ramps, piers, pilings, bulkheads; dredging of navigable waterways; icebreaking and emergency water rescue vessels and equipment for emergency and first responders.

"We remain committed to expanding recreational boating opportunities for our citizens and visitors," Maryland Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio said. "These important projects provide improved access and safe navigation of Maryland's world-class waterways."

The Waterway Improvement Fund was created in 1966 to support the development, enjoyment, and use of Maryland's waters for the benefit of the general boating and cruising public. It is primarily derived from a five-percent vessel excise tax on boat purchases and titling.

**Projects to be funded in Fiscal Year 2021:**

**Anne Arundel County**

*Cape St. Claire Community, Annapolis*  
Beach nourishment project  
\$250,000

*Annapolis Fire Department*  
Fire rescue vessel line deployment equipment  
\$3,200

*Citywide Street End Access, Annapolis*  
Floating dock installation  
\$191,000

*Ellen O. Moyer Park, Back Creek, Annapolis*  
New dock  
\$89,460

*Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Pasadena*  
Fire rescue vessel pump replacement  
\$13,037

**Baltimore City**

*Living Classrooms Foundation*  
Marina improvements  
\$250,000

**Baltimore County**

*Community Volunteer Fire Department of Bowleys Quarters, Middle River*  
New fire/rescue boat  
\$50,000

**Calvert County**

*Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons*  
Replacement of boat basin pier and bulkhead  
\$200,000

*Solomon's Island Boating Facility, Solomons*  
Repaving and striping of boating facility parking lot  
\$250,000

*Solomons Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad*  
Inflatable rescue vessel and equipment  
\$3,500

**Caroline County**

*Choptank Marina, Preston*  
Maintenance dredge  
\$400,000

*Martinak State Park, Denton*  
Bulkhead and dock replacement at boat ramp  
\$2 million

**Cecil County**

*Dredge Material Placement Site, Charlestown*  
Upgrades and repairs to dredge material placement site  
\$200,000

*Water Witch Volunteer Fire Company, Port Deposit*  
Replacement of fire boat motor and equipment  
\$26,000

**Charles County**

*Sweden Point Marina, Smallwood State Park*  
Repair and replace utility pedestals at marina  
\$100,000

**Dorchester County**

*Cambridge Municipal Marina*  
Marina repairs and improvements  
\$250,000

*Countywide Boat Ramps*  
Engineering for improvements at countywide landings and boat ramps  
\$250,000

*Hoopersville boat ramp, Fishing Creek*  
Boat ramp replacement  
\$250,000

*Town of Secretary Boat Ramp*  
Floating dock and pier redecking at boat ramp  
\$80,000

**Frederick County**

*Riverside Center Park, Frederick*  
Boat ramp upgrade  
\$250,000

**Harford County**

*Mariner Point Park, Joppa*  
Remediation and construction of the Mariner Point dredge material placement site  
\$1.2 million

**Kent County**

*Cliff City Boat Ramp, Chestertown*  
Bulkhead and rip rap  
\$178,000

*Turners Creek Boat Ramp, Kennedyville*  
Replace boat ramp  
\$246,200

**Queen Anne's County**

*Town of Centreville Wharf*  
Slip improvements at wharf  
\$87,000

*Kent Narrows Landing, Chester*  
Parking lot improvements  
\$100,000

*Town of Queenstown Dock*  
Bulkhead and decking at Town Dock boating facility  
\$250,000

**Somerset**

*Crisfield County Dock*  
Replace mooring piles and deck boards  
\$75,000

*Rumbley County Dock, Rumbley-Frenchtown*  
Replace dock and retaining walls along boat ramp  
\$150,000

*Somers Cove Marina, Crisfield*  
Replacement of priority marina structures  
\$2 million

*St. Peters Creek Marina, Princess Anne*  
Replace bulkhead and finger piers  
\$100,000

**St. Mary's County**

*Point Lookout State Park*  
Redecking of piers at Nature Center and camp loop  
\$100,000

*St. Inigoes Landing*  
Boat ramp finger piers and wing wall improvements  
\$250,000

*Town of Leonardtown Wharf*  
Phase II of transient boat dock and slips at wharf  
\$175,000

**Talbot County**

*Bellevue Landing*  
Replace decking and handrails  
\$40,000

*Fairbanks Landing, Tilghman*  
Replace decking  
\$60,000

*Oxford Volunteer Fire Department*  
Fire rescue boat  
\$50,000

**Washington County**

*Four Locks Boat Ramp, Clear Spring*  
Improvements to boat ramp  
\$250,000

*Town of Hancock Boat Ramp*  
Improvements to boat ramp  
\$250,000

**Wicomico County**

*Cedar Hill Marina, Bivalve*  
Replace portion of bulkhead and utilities  
\$200,000

**Worcester County**

*Public Landing, Snow Hill*  
Install finger piers for boat slips  
\$250,000

**Statewide**

*Funds toward replacement of J. Millard Tawes motor vessel*  
\$2 million

*Emergency dredging and navigation needs*  
\$182,603

*State match for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service boating programs*  
\$200,000

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