



Meeting Date

May 20, 2026

BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

Breaking down the Board of Public Works



COMPTROLLER of MARYLAND

S E R V I N G T H E P E O P L E

RESTORING STREAMS AND SHORELINES

The BPW approved requests from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to grant nearly **\$17 million in Bay Restoration funding** to support three projects in Cecil, Charles, and Kent Counties.

Approximately **20,000 linear feet of streams along the Sassafras (Cecil) and Chester (Kent) Rivers will be restored** to stabilize eroding banks, reconnect floodplains, repair headcut areas and establish riparian forest buffers to improve water quality and habitat.

In Charles County, headland breakwater structures and rock sills will be constructed in the **Town of Indian Head to restore approximately 500 linear feet of hybrid living shoreline** and provide bank stabilization, while reducing nitrogen load, phosphorus, and total suspended solids in the Potomac River.

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 98 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$253.6 million, including:

- 32 grant agreements for projects located in 11 counties and Baltimore City.
- 9 items awarding \$2.8 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 3 items awarding \$1.1 million to certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) primes.
- 11 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs.
- 3 items awarded with a goal for Veteran-owned Small Businesses.
- 3 items awarding \$4.4 million to Employment Works Program providers

UMBC'S NEW STUDENT SERVICES FACILITY

The BPW approved a request from the **University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)** to award Cooper Carry, Inc. (Alexandria, VA) a contract to provide design services for a **new, student services building**. The twenty-eight-month contract was awarded at a cost of \$13.8 million.

The project is intended to consolidate various administrative and academic student support offices, thereby enhancing student experience. Additionally, the University aspires that the project design will achieve **LEED Platinum certification and net zero energy consumption**.

SUPPORTING AND MODERNIZING HIGHWAY SAFETY SYSTEMS

The BPW approved a request from the State Highway Administration to award General Dynamics Information Technology, Inc. (Falls Church, VA) a contract to **operate, provide technical support, and modernize the Coordinated Highways Action Response Team (CHART) systems** used to monitor statewide traffic conditions, manage roadway incidents, and provide traveler information to the public.

The five-year contract was awarded at a cost of \$32 million and includes one, five-year renewal option valued at \$35 million.

CHART system applications help reduce roadway exposure risks for workers and responders, expedite incident response, support safer lane closures, and reduce the likelihood of secondary crashes in work zones.