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| 2025-07-21 8:47:33 | Leigh | Woodling | Fort Pierce | FL | 34982-8609 | Yes | | The closure of the Discovery Village boat ramp is a bad decision, and should be reversed. Residents help to pay for this facility, and the cost for the County is minimal in the grand scheme of things. To tell residents that they will have to drive 20 miles to launch a kayak or a canoe will keep many of our youth and residents from being able to experience the beauty and peace of the local waters. Why does government have such a difficult time doing the right thing these days?! I vehemently oppose this action. | |
| 2025-07-21 9:24:43 | Sandra | Stansbury-Spade | Severna Park | MD | 21146 | Yes | | Reopen the Discovery Village boat ramp. There are not enough boat ramps in Anne Arundel County. There are not enough launching spots for kyaks in AA Co. Anne Arundel Co is a community surrounded by water and high stress traffic, jobs and careers. As YOU sit in traffic and day dream about what YOU are going to do when you need to destress, know that your CONSTITUENTS may gave fewer options than you to recreate and destress. | |
| 2025-08-08 12:36:43 | Anna | Rausche | Deale | Maryland | 20751 | Yes | | <p>Our family is deeply affected by the closure of the Discovery District boat ramp. It has always been a peaceful, reliable place to reach the water, something we've done for years as a way to connect with neighbors, relax, and teach our children to appreciate the Chesapeake Bay. The closure has cut us off from that experience in a way that truly hurts.</p> <p>The temporary access at Parish Creek, while appreciated, is far too limited in parking and scope. It doesn't replace what we've lost. Please prioritize the permanent reopening of the Discovery ramp, even if it requires the city to purchase the land. It's a rare, irreplaceable public asset, and our community feels the loss every day.</p> <p>Warm Regards</p> | |
| 2025-08-08 13:07:46 | Hugh | Genowski | Churchton | Maryland | 20733 | Yes | | Thank you for the temporary access point at Parish Creek, it is welcomed as a stop gap, but unfortunately, not a viable long-term solution. The parking situation there makes it nearly impossible to have any confidence in feasibility in planning a simple outing on the water. As someone who lives near Discovery District, the loss of that ramp has made it almost impossible for me to get out on the bay. I'm a law-abiding citizen, committed to doing things the right way, no backdoor launching or trespassing. But with Discovery gone, the options are slipping away. Please take permanent action to resolve this for our area. This is not just a convenience, it's access to the water we all pay taxes to support. Thanks | |

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| 2025-08-08 13:14:50 | Bob | Roberts | Shady Side | md | 20764 | Yes | | <p>Dear Council,</p> <p>I've lived here all my life. I work hard, I don't cause trouble. But I've got to say, closing the Discovery Village boat ramp feels like a slap in the face to people like me. That ramp was one of the few simple pleasures I could count on. No fuss, super easy, and part of what made living here so great. Somebody told me to check out the marina across the creek but no one was there and couldn't even find out. I don't have the money for a slip or fancy marina access. That ramp was how I got on the water. I don't understand how it got taken away without any real say from the folks who've been here long before the developers and outsiders started shaping things. I'm not asking for anything fancy just give us back what we already had. Reopen the ramp.</p> | |
| 2025-08-11 14:35:01 | Wail | Higazi | Severn | MD | 21144 | Yes | | Save our water access at the Discovery Village Boat Ramp. Please keep the ramp to open to the public. | |
| 2025-08-11 16:38:35 | Patrick | Donlin | Edgewater | MD | 21037-2919 | Yes | | <p>County Council government please know that we want the ramp to remain open to the public, we are losing water access all around our state and as someone who using this ramp when my children and I go fishing. Please do not take this away from the public !</p> <p>Thanks, Patrick Donlin</p> | |
| 2025-08-11 19:31:21 | Andrew | Smith | Millersville | Maryland | 21108 | Yes | | The discovery village boat ramp is a vital avenue to providing water access to the public. I used this ramp regularly as it is one of only 3 public boat ramps operated by Anne Arundel County despite the counties location on 6 major rivers of the bay. I moved here to be closer to the water and have been incredibly disappointed after 3 years as a resident. | |
| 2025-08-12 6:24:12 | Hunter | schubert | Churchton | MD | 20733 | Yes | | Please keep the ramp open. It's a beautiful ramp with tons of parking which is very hard to find in our area that is free for the public. | |
| 2025-08-12 14:42:37 | John | Littleton | Deale | MD | 20751 | Yes | | <p>Dear Council,</p> <p>I have tried to use the Parish Creek location that was provided as an alternative to the Discovery Village boat ramp, and it was a terrible experience. While trailer parking was "offered," in practice there was nowhere to park without blocking another boat or the ramp itself. This makes the site essentially unusable.</p> <p>The Discovery Village ramp was a functional, accessible public resource, and this substitute is not a workable replacement. The community needs real access restored, and I urge you to take immediate steps to reopen the Discovery Village ramp.</p> | |
| 2025-08-12 19:54:00 | Clifford | Hutt | Gaithersburg | MD | 20879 | Yes | | Please keep the Discovery Village boat ramp open to the public! The Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries are a public resource, and public access points in this portion of Maryland are already inadequate without losing more. | |

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| 2025-08-12 21:22:49 | Suzannr | Jacobs | Harwood | MD | 20776 | Yes | | Please keep the boat ramp opened to South County residents. The ramp is a great place to launch our boat. Has a large parking lot. Easy access to the bay to enjoy crabbing ,fishing and boat riding. Ft Smallwood and Solly are way too far away. 45 min drive with no traffic. We need to keep this open for South County residents | |
| 2025-08-12 21:27:33 | Timothy | Jacobs | Harwood | MD | 20776 | Yes | | I use the boat ramp for the last couple years. It has great parking, the ramp is wide and easy to launch my boat. It is the closest public free boat ramp for South county residents. I vote to keep it open to the public. They raise my property taxes \$200,000 so there are plenty of tax money to pay to keep it open. | |
| 2025-08-12 21:35:58 | Terrie | Degraff | Harwood | MD | 20776 | Yes | | South County residents deserve the same boat launching privileges as North County. To pull this facility just before July 4th was short sighted. Who thought that this was a good decision for your constituents? | |
| 2025-08-12 21:42:32 | Timothy | Jacobs Jr | Harwood | MD | 20776 | Yes | | Request to keep the boat ramp opened to launch our boat. | |
| 2025-08-12 22:18:18 | Tyler | Swick | Pasadena | MD | 21122 | Yes | | Keep the ramp open a lot of hard working waterman/ guides depend on this ramp | |
| 2025-08-13 8:10:00 | Nola | Meyers | Harwood | string:MD | 20776 | Yes | | I would like the public access to remain open. Most access to the water in this county is restricted limiting access to people. The bay is a wonderful place to share and I hope you consider leaving it public so it can be enjoyed by all. | |

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| 2025-08-13 8:17:08 | Harold | Glenn | Davidsonville | Maryland | 21035 | Yes | | <p>I was very disappointed to read about the decision to close the public boat ramp at Discovery Village. It is beyond ridiculous that, despite living near Riva only a mile from the South River, my only choices to launch my boat were to pay \$25 per launch at private marinas or drive to the Discovery Village launch in Shady Side. Now, even that option has been removed.</p> <p>To my knowledge, the action to close Discovery Village happened without any input from myself or the public in general. If this is the case, this was a shameful back-door action. If there were efforts to gather input from county residents on this topic, they were insufficient and did not reach this county resident.</p> <p>The Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries are a PUBLIC RESOURCE and, as a tax paying resident of Anne Arundel County, it is outrageous that one of the only public option available to me to enjoy this resource (Discovery Village) has been removed.</p> <p>The County Council should be working to INCREASE WATER ACCESS for tax paying constituents like me who do not have waterfront property. Boating on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries is an important part of life as an Anne Arundel County resident. Furthermore, the more people without waterfront property that can access the bay for recreation, the more people will care about the health and cleanliness of the Chesapeake Bay.</p> <p>If the County Council cared about the health of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, it should INCREASE ACCESS for county constituents without waterfront property!</p> <p>I assure you I will be discussing this topic at length at any gathering in Davidsonville and the surrounding areas and expressing my disappointment with Council's vote to close Discovery Village.</p> <p>I appreciate the Park and Rec department and the county executive's effort to contract with the marina next door to Discovery Village. However, this entire thing demonstrated a disconnect between the county council and the tax payers of south county.</p> <p>If the Discovery Village property is not economically viable, I understand. However, increasing water access for county residents is important and should be a priority for the council. Increasing access for boaters in south county should be a priority for the council.</p> <p>Thanks for your time.</p> | |

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| 2025-08-13 10:13:53 | Frank | Marenghi | Randallstown | MD | 21133 | Yes | | <p>I lived on Snug Harbor Rd in Shady Side for 5 years and saw boats go back and forth past my house every day.</p> <p>1) The justification for the number of boats using the ramp is not only incorrect but an absurd justification itself - it shouldn't make any difference at all how many people are using it compared to other ramps. People actually like South County and suggesting people use the two ramps on the other side of the county is a bizarre "let them eat cake" sort of out-of-touch comment. The fact is dozens of people used that ramp most every day in the summer, not just on weekends, and unlike other boat ramps it got regular use in the winter as well by duck hunters. Not surprised someone from Crofton who claims to represent South County wouldn't get this or how ridiculous it is to suggest people drive an hour in traffic almost to Baltimore on beltways and through crowded congested poorly planned streets and neighborhoods to pay to use a boat ramp and then be crowded by people and boats on the water. People want to boat in South County for a variety of reasons - too many to mention here - do some actual research before erroneously taking quality of life benefits from tax payers. 2) I totally agree the \$150k+ rent a month deal is absurd, it should have never been approved, not because of a sudden perceived budget crisis, this is an outrageous sum for a property the county should have owned from the get go and nothing more than a scam perpetrated by the owner on the county. Boat ramps like that one should not cost anywhere near \$1.4 million to build (maybe to buy the land and build the ramp!) and there is very little maintenance need on boat ramps (less than on more heavier-used ramps!) - and a port-a-john is the only "facilities" there. Its a hole in the bulkhead - that's it. It could go several years easily with \$0 in maintenance on a new ramp like this. Total rip-off from the get go. 3) Charging people in general to use boat ramps is unnecessary and creates a barrier to public access. Especially in a county that purports to be all about the bay and such, this is poor financial management, its all about keeping waterfront private and expensive for a handful of people and everyone knows it, that's not the role of government (and, spoiler alert since you clearly don't know - its to provide services to tax payers!). I would never pay the Ft Smallwood entrance fee and boat ramp fee to launch there with hundreds of other people. Before moving to Maryland in 2009 I never heard of a boat ramp fee. 4) Washington county Maine has 20x fewer people than Anne Arundel Co Maryland and has 4x as many boat ramps. They are free. I doubt many of these get more than 100 people a year and they have very little cost to them. 5) The Shady Side boat ramp serves the commercial fishing industry as well which has been extirpated from other parts of the county and is barely hanging on - they and working waterfronts need the support of the county council and local residents. 6) There are multiple struggling marinas and old boat ramps around the county that could be utilized - the county and water access groups were supposed to be working on this for the last 10 years. 7) Rural areas need as much attention as urban areas especially for those politicians whose campaigns led rural residents to believe they valued rural life in South County. I guess not. 8) Discovery Village is another failed attempt at a private-public partnership which is</p> | |

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| 2025-08-13 12:13:33 | Diana | Mitchell | Shady Side | MD | 20764 | Yes | | Discovery Village boat ramp needs to remain open to the public! Here in Avalon Shores we have a ramp but is really only usable during high tide. I have friends who drive til Discovery Village from Harwood and Davidsonville to use that ramp because it's the only water acces they have. | |
| 2025-08-13 16:43:24 | Trevor | Lewis | Riva | MD | 21140 | Yes | | In a county as wealthy as ours in both dollars and shoreline, it would be a travesty for our citizens to lose access to the water. | |
| 2025-08-14 11:36:26 | Jeffrey | White | West River | Maryland | 20778-9717 | Yes | | More public water access in the south county is clearly desirable but Discovery Village is not a great location. It's a long way off the major arteries like Rt. 2, and the nearby roads don't look like they're suitable for much traffic. How many people have used the ramp there in the last year? To buy the whole property for a small ramp used by only a few people doesn't make sense. To turn it into a big facility isn't really warranted because of the out-of-the-way location. The county could offer some incentives to the next owner to allow continued public access on the small scale that exists. | |
| 2025-08-14 13:52:24 | Joshua | Portner | Harpers ferry | West Virginia | 25425 | Yes | | Please reopen the discovery village boat launch. There is very limited access to launch on the Shady Side peninsula. I was very disappointed to find after leaving our home at 3:30am, traveling 2 hours to launch that the launch was closed. | |
| 2025-08-14 14:07:34 | Elizabeth | Martin | Shady Side | Maryland | 20764 | Yes | | I'm writing to say how upset I am that the Discovery boat ramp in Shady Side has been taken away. A lot of us in the community used that ramp, and to have it suddenly gone without warning really caught us off guard. It feels wrong that something so important to local boaters, fishermen, and families could just be taken away with nothing equal or better ready to take its place. What makes it even worse is knowing our tax dollars paid to build that ramp in the first place. We all worked hard for that money, and it was supposed to be used for the community to enjoy. Instead, the ramp was just taken away and left to sit there unused. That doesn't seem fair or right, and it sure doesn't feel like our voices or needs were considered. Everyone in our neighborhood is talking about this, and honestly, "upset" doesn't even cover it. We want you to bring back the Discovery boat ramp or give us a replacement that's just as good, if not better. Please do something to fix this so we can have the water access we were promised and already paid for. | |

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| 2025-08-14 14:46:42 | Michael | Renzi | Lothian | MD | 20711 | Yes | | <p>My comments are in regard to the recent termination of public water access at discovery village, as a local waterman this is very troubling, this boat ramp provided fast and free water access for me and many other commercial waterman as well as countless recreational boaters. Without this ramp many are left without a way to access the water. The argument can certainly be made that other paid water accesses exist but on the contrary many of these ramps do not allow access at the times of day in which many need to be on the water and once again they cost money which takes away from our earnings in a day and age where every cent counts. In addition to the fact that we pay taxes to the county and expect these taxes to be allocated towards resources and amenities that seem to be very common in other counties throughout the state and even in other areas of Anne Arundel County. Many of us feel that “south county” is regularly overlooked and neglected when compared to other parts of the county. In conclusion I plead that adequate public water access be restored in south county to fulfill the needs of all the members of the community that depend on our greatest resource, the Chesapeake bay, weather that dependence be livelihood or simply time on the water to relieve the stresses of everyday life.</p> <p>Respectfully, Capt. Mike Renzi Hydra BowFishing Guide Services LLC 240-532-1871</p> | |
| 2025-08-14 16:20:29 | Chris | Wright | Annapolis | MD | 21403 | Yes | | <p>Discovery Village Boat Ramp closure, loss of water access to south county Anne Arundel County residents is unacceptable. This was the only public boat ramp within 20 miles. Maritime lifestyle is the cornerstone upon which the economy of south county is built, sustaining and expanding water access is vital to our future. Please purchase discovery village and reopen the boat ramp or replace it with a public boat ramp of equal or better quality within close proximity.</p> | |
| 2025-08-14 19:41:10 | Michael | Reese | Deale | Maryland | 20751 | Yes | | <p>I use that ramp and now that it is closed the other local ramp is so busy that there are lines to get your boat in the water. We pay enough taxes in AA county that they should maintain this ramp</p> | |
| 2025-08-14 22:22:42 | Bruce | Ogden | West River | MD | 20778 | Yes | | <p>After investing over \$1M in the Discovery Village boat ramp, it only makes sense that the County pool purchase the property to secure permanent public access to the ramp and parking lot.</p> | |
| 2025-08-15 9:26:44 | Velma | Cush | Shady Side | MD | 20764-9749 | Yes | | <p>Please re-open the boat ramp at Discovery Village . Our tax dollars paid for the construction, and we have few resources here in South County and this was an awesome rrsource for us. It's truly disgusting that tax dollars were used to construct this boat ramp , and now it cannot be used. Shame.</p> | |

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| 2025-08-15 13:22:21 | Robert | Roemer | Shady Side | MD | 20764 | Yes | | <p>I am incredibly saddened to hear about the closing of the Discovery Village boat ramp/public access. My fiancé and I purchased our very first home in July in Cedarhurst, and being marine scientists, one of the biggest reasons why we chose this area was because of the proximity of the public boat launch.</p> <p>While we are elated there is a temporary partnership with the Parish Creek marina, I am adamant that there needs to be a permanent, public boat access option in the immediate vicinity of the now defunct Discovery Village.</p> <p>Anne Arundel County should be embarrassed that there are only two public boat ramps in the entirety of its county, given the over 500 miles of water frontage.</p> | |
| 2025-08-15 13:28:19 | Margaret | Sheckells | Shady Side | MD | 20764 | Yes | | <p>This was purchased by AA Co. For the boaters both pleasure and commercial there has to be something that you can do to get it back. Lived here 78 yrs right on Parish Creek and to pay an additional \$7,500 a mo for 3 mos. To Back Yard Boats is another case of poor financial management in the county.</p> | |
| 2025-08-16 14:33:48 | Gregory | Pokrywka MD FA | Odenton | MD | 21113-2638 | No | WatersEdge Kayak Club | <p>As the area's most active sea-kayaking club with over 2000 members, many of whom live in AA County, we are dismayed at the recent closure of the Discovery Village launch site. Our club and many of its members utilize this launch site multiple times per year, for kayaking access to the Shadyside, and Churchton areas, as well as to the West , Rhode and South Rivers. Given the lack of public access to these areas, closure of this launch site represents a significant barrier to our public water access . The county's 2016 application and agreement for Waterway Improvement Fund (WIF) grant to build the Discovery Village boat ramp states (See (K) on page 3) : "Any project funded in whole or in part from Waterway Improvement Fund grants must remain available and open for use by the general boating public."</p> <p>I urge you to please re-open this imporant launch site to the general public.</p> <p>Dr Gregg Executive Director and Organizer, WatersEdge Kayak Club, http://www.meetup.com/watersedgekayak/ WatersEdge Kayak Club, Baltimore's Sea-Kayaking Club !! Facebook ACA Certified Level 2 Kayak Touring Trip Leader</p> | |

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| 2025-08-18 20:23:52 | Virginia | Henn | Shady Side | Maryland | 20764 | Yes | | <p>I don't usually write letters like this, but I feel I have no choice. I've lived in this county for decades now. I've worked hard, paid my taxes, raised my kids here. I believed all those years of paying in would mean we'd see something come back that mattered to families like mine. When the Discovery Village boat ramp was fixed up, I thought finally...finally...something useful and good for us.</p> <p>That ramp was/is truly a gem. Parking was simple, the dock and turnaround were easy, and it made getting the family out on the water smooth and no stress. We could launch without trouble. It just worked. Everyone I knew thought it was one of the best things our county had done in years. And now it's gone. Closed. Just like that. To say I'm angry and disappointed doesn't even cover it. It feels like something we helped pay for has been taken away from us without care. I don't understand how that can be right.</p> <p>Yes, I know residents are allowed to use Parish Creek Landing "for now." But I've tried three times and it has been a mess each time. There's no parking at all. Signs are still up about a \$25 fee. The voicemail still talks about paying \$25. No hours are posted, no clear rules, and you can't get anyone to answer the phone. It is frustrating and confusing. This is not a real solution. It feels like a half hearted attempt to quiet people down, and it does not fix the loss of Discovery Village.</p> <p>I'm left asking, how can you take our tax dollars, put them into something as valuable as that ramp, and then just shut it down? That ramp didn't belong to a few people, it belonged to all of us. It was one of the few county investments that gave immediate value right back to the community. And now it's simply gone. It doesn't sit right. This is more than just a place to put a boat in the water. It's about fairness. It's about trust between residents and leaders. It's about respecting the people who live here and use these resources. Decisions like this chip away at that trust, and I know I'm not the only one who feels this way.</p> <p>Please, do the right thing. Reopen Discovery Village boat ramp. Give back what was ours. Stand up for the people you serve and show us that our voices matter. This county deserves leadership that listens and that acts in fairness.</p> <p>I sincerely hope you'll take this seriously and make it right.</p> | https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/67382/img_2956.jpg |
| 2025-08-19 9:29:55 | Wayne | Lopez | Shady Side | MD | 20764 | Yes | | <p>I want to submit my testimony for the meeting on 8/19/2025 about the boat ramp that was just shut down in South County. This needs to be reopened!</p> | |

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| 2025-08-19 10:32:00 | Laura | Hardesty | Lothian | Maryland | 20711 | Yes | | Hello, My neighbor told me I could use this form to be included in the meeting today on the county boat ramp in Shady Side that was recently closed. Please reopen this! Why was it closed. Its crazy this has been taken away when so many used it. I read a report somewhere that the numbers you collected prior to closure were inaccurate. I can tell you as someone that uses the ramp at least 20 times per season it is always being used. I never see less than 15 trucks and trailers in that lot at any given moment of the day. We need this specific asset back. | |
| 2025-08-19 10:56:03 | dennis | bronzert | shady side | md | 20764 | Yes | | I use that ramp six to eight times a year. I'm surely going to miss it. And don't forget I vote. | |
| 2025-08-21 13:52:07 | Jensen | Sargent | Edgewater | MD | 21037 | Yes | | The wasted fund that were used to upgrade Didcovery Village, but not purchase it is a disgrace. And especially when this state and county continue to raise fees, taxes, etc! There money is there and AAC needs to do the right thing by purchasing the property that they invested in ASAP! | |
| 2025-08-22 8:07:42 | Gino | Ricci | Owings | MD | 20736 | Yes | | Please keep discovery village ramp opened for the full duration agreed upon when the grant was given. | |
| 2025-08-22 8:34:08 | Craig | Ulep | Millersville | MD | 21108 | Yes | | The Discovery Village boat ramp needs to be opened back to the public. This is an important access point for many. Boat ramps like this provide fair access to our greatest common resource in the area. It can't be limited to only those of wealth and means. | |
| 2025-08-22 8:37:13 | Edward | Potts | Churchton | MD | 20733 | Yes | | The county should purchase and operate the discover village property. This would allow the local population a safe place to launch boats and enjoy the beautiful waterways in our own back yard. | |
| 2025-08-22 11:56:29 | James | Leppin | Deale | MD | 20751 | Yes | | Please purchase discovery village and give us a usable boat ramp that's not falling apart and you can put more than a dingy in. Parish creek is not the answer and if you want asset that will be worth what you put into it discovery village is worth every penny. The dog park in deale that is 6.7m dollars besides the 5 acres it's sits on the 3.7m you have spent so far no value has been added to the property with a dog park. Invest in the community please. Buy Discovery village! | |
| 2025-08-22 22:07:35 | Suzannr | Jacobs | Harwood | MD | 20776 | Yes | | Please keep this boat ramp open. I go crabbing every Friday and launch our boat here, it is a great ramp with plenty of parking. It is way too far to go to Ft Smallwood park or Solly. Traffic on art 97 and Rt 2 is too heavy. It takes 45 min to get there from Harwood, my taxes have gone up \$200,000 this year. Use our tax money to keep the boat ramp open, | |

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| 2025-08-24 0:19:18 | Richard | Elmquist | Shady Side | Md. | 20764 | Yes | | <p>You need to Purchase Discovery Village!</p> <p>What a bunc of incompetent politicians. Stewart Pitman, you just ruined your career, as did What's her name.....</p> <p>There is enough B.S. in Washington.</p> <p>I won't be voting for either of you, or any one involved in wasting 2.8 Million Dollars of taxpayer money. Disgusting.</p> <p>Your Parish Creek Marina "Patch" on the boat ramp is no solution. That failing business just needs government money, because they don't even know what they don't know either!</p> <p>The customers at parish creek marina do not want the General public allowed to have full access in a private marina.</p> <p>Customers have complained to the management at Parrish Creek marina. The customers signed up for a private marina! I suppose your legal department will make a big money mess out of that too.</p> <p>Pitman Do the job we hired you to do or resign. You can't even operate a boat ramp, you have no professionalism or morals, That's what I remember about Stewart Pitman!</p> <p>I have a Very Long memory, Good luck to you all in your next careers.</p> <p>Extremely disappointed in you, as most of the Democrats and Republicans are. Your bumbling actions have made you more dislikable than Donald Trump.</p> <p>The one thing we can all agree on is Stuart Pittman is unable to do his job. Bye bye Stew, You won't make it t through the next election.</p> <p>Disgusted By Anne Arundel Incompetance! Your raising our taxes and throwing it to your rich friends.</p> <p>I bet you have some real estate / scam deal, on the side, with Reliable Contracting.</p> <p>I hope you have the guts to attend the Oct. 4 meeting. I want to see the bumbling , fumbling idiot in person.</p> | |
| 2025-08-28 6:36:14 | Tommy | Miller | North Beach | MD | 20714 | Yes | | <p>I am very disappointed in the way this was handled. I feel like the tax payer dollars wasted can't go unchecked. Someone profited from this debacle.</p> | |

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| 2025-08-29 13:46:57 | Kayla | Collins | West River | MD | 20778 | Yes | | Please purchase the land to Discovery Village Boat Ramp. It is a necessity in our area. | |
| 2025-08-29 18:54:21 | Charles | Southwick | Harwood | Maryland | 20776 | Yes | | Please purchase the discovery village so we can have water access | |
| 2025-08-29 20:02:50 | Jessica | Hickman | Shady side | MD | 20764 | Yes | | | |
| 2025-08-30 3:58:49 | Debbie | Nisson | Shady Side | MD | 20764 | Yes | | Buy Discovery Village in Shady Side | |
| 2025-08-30 9:21:38 | Kurt | Svendsen | Arnold | MD | 21012 | Yes | | See the attached one-page written testimony which has been updated to address two potential amendments, and supports the amendment to FULLY adjust for inflation the income tiers used in the sliding scale to determine who qualifies for this property tax credit. Also included is an updated one-page comparison of the existing state and the three alternatives. | https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/68644/testimony-bill-65-25-updated.pdf |
| 2025-08-30 9:25:05 | Kurt | Svendsen | Arnold | MD | 21012 | Yes | | Please see the attached general testimony highlighting a significant number of neglected low-income households in Anne Arundel County. | https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/68645/invitation-to-audience-neglected-low_income-households-in-aa-county.pdf |
| 2025-08-31 17:05:19 | Hugh | Seabrook | Annapolis | Maryland | 21409 | Yes | | Please see the attached Invitation to Audience. | https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/68745/on-the-cost-of-property-tax-credits-ensuring-consistency-in-tax-policy.pdf |
| 2025-09-02 7:18:27 | Jigna | Patel | Glen Burnie | MD | 21060 | Yes | | In rebuttal to the 332-page traffic impact study submitted to the county for the development of the Nixon/Spencer Glen property, that DOES NOT address the actual impact that adding 171 townhouses would have to our neighborhood. I present one photograph (see attached document). | https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/68837/09-02-25-aa-county-council.docx |

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| 2025-09-02 9:10:50 | Lisa | Arrasmith | Hanover | MD | 21076 | No | The Public Water Access | <p>Attachments (2): 1) 2016 Waterway Improvement Fund (WIF) grant application for \$250,000 2) September 2018 MD Department of Natural Resources letter confirming WIF grant increase to \$533,833.40</p> <p>Excerpt: "Any project funded in whole or in part with Waterway Improvement Fund grants must remain available and open for use by the general boating public. The Department must approve changes in use of a project before it is removed from public access and use, such as through sale, donation, or commercial use of the property. If approved, the local governing body must replace the project with a facility open to the general boating public of equal value at the nearest approved location, at no cost to the Department. The local governing body may be required to repay the Department for the current value of the project in proportion to the total cost of the project paid by the State. The Department may require two independent appraisals to determine the amount to be reimbursed to the Waterway Improvement Fund." 13(K) on page 3 of the 2016 Waterway Improvement Fund application</p> <p>Excerpt: "Constructing Discovery Village boat launch is not only the County's number one priority but also ranked high on the State's priority list. DNR is committed to creating more public boating facilities within the State; therefore, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that your request of additional \$303,833.40 from State Waterway Improvement Fund grant is hereby approved. The original grant amount is \$250,000 which is about 32% of the estimated project cost. This approval brings DNR's cost share to a total of \$533,833.40 which equals to 50% of the total construction cost." September 2018 letter</p> <p>The County overlooked its duty to keep the Discovery Village public boat ramp open for use by the general boating public until 2046 when it rushed to end the Discovery Village boat ramp lease on July 1, 2025. That lack of care does not void the County's responsibility to the Department of Natural Resources and, more importantly, to the many thousands of Anne Arundel County residents who had used and relied upon the Discovery Village boat ramp since August 30, 2018. The County cannot simply shrug off this responsibility and throw away the \$1.4 million Discovery Village boat ramp. The County must meet its responsibility to both the Department of Natural Resources and the owners of the 14,000 trailered boats in Anne Arundel County by buying Discovery Village and re-opening the Discovery Village boat ramp to the public.</p> <p>Discovery Village is for sale. The County has \$3.1 million on hand, unexpended and unencumbered, in the FY26 Boat Ramp Development account. The County must work with the Department of Natural Resources and buy Discovery Village.</p> | https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/68849/aa-discovery-village-boat-ramp-wif-application-and-agreement-2016.pdf |

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| 2025-09-02 9:14:28 | Lisa | Arrasmith | Hanover | MD | 21076 | No | The Public Water Access | <p>The September 2018 MD Department of Natural Resources letter confirming WIF grant increase to \$533,833.40 referenced in my first submission is attached. The online testimony form limits attachments to one per submission.</p> <p>Relevant excerpt: "Constructing Discovery Village boat launch is not only the County's number one priority but also ranked high on the State's priority list. DNR is committed to creating more public boating facilities within the State; therefore, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that your request of additional \$303,833.40 from State Waterway Improvement Fund grant is hereby approved. The original grant amount is \$250,000 which is about 32% of the estimated project cost. This approval brings DNR's cost share to a total of \$533,833.40 which equals to 50% of the total construction cost." September 2018 letter</p> | https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/68850/discovery-village-approval-for-additional-funding.pdf |
| 2025-09-02 9:23:13 | Lisa | Arrasmith | Hanover | MD | 21076 | No | The Public Water Access | <p>Attachments (2): 1) 2016 Discovery Village lease 2) 2023 SDAT screenshot showing 4/4/23 sale of Discovery Village</p> <p>Excerpt: "29. RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL:</p> <p>(a) Grant. Lessor grants County a right of first refusal to purchase the Premises or part thereof pursuant to this Section." 2016 Discovery Village lease page 21</p> <p>The 2016 Discovery Village lease expressly provided a right of first refusal if the Discovery Village owner put Discovery Village up for sale. The SDAT report shows that Discovery Village was sold on 4/4/23 for \$2,586,000.</p> <p>The SDAT report will be uploaded separately because the online form allows only one attachment.</p> | https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/68851/discovery-village-boat-ramp-lease-4.25.16.pdf |
| 2025-09-02 9:28:24 | Lisa | Arrasmith | Hanover | MD | 21076 | No | The Public Water Access | <p>The SDAT screenshot referenced in my prior submission is attached. The online testimony form limits attachments to one per submission.</p> <p>The SDAT report shows that Discovery Village was sold on 4/4/23 for \$2,586,000.</p> | https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/68853/discovery-village-sdat-april-2023.pdf |

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| 2025-09-02 9:51:36 | Lisa | Arrasmith | Hanover | MD | 21076 | No | The Public Water Access | <p>Attachment (1): MD Department of Natural Resources July 17, 2025 Discovery Village enforcement letter on Waterway Improvement Fund (WIF) grant violation</p> <p>Excerpt: "The Department of Natural Resources has recently been made aware that, effective July 1, 2025, the Discovery Village Boat Launch Facility is no longer accessible to the public. The Department learned of this through a third party and was not provided any notice of this decision by Anne Arundel County . . .</p> <p>The Department of Natural Resources has a financial interest in this facility due to the public Waterway Improvement Fund grant. The agreement between the Department and the County requires the operation of this boat launch or other comparable facility. Closing the Discovery Village Boat Launch Facility is a breach of this agreement. If the County cannot meet its obligations pursuant to the grant agreement, the Department may seek to enforce its rights, which includes the repayment of the grant to the Waterway Improvement Fund. . . .</p> <p>The Department's goal is to provide a boat launch facility to the public. We respectfully request that you contact me as soon as possible so we can setup a meeting to discuss this further." July 17, 2025 MD DNR letter to Anne Arundel County</p> <p>The County is in breach of its Waterway Improvement Fund (WIF) grant agreement to keep the Discovery Village boat ramp open to the general public boating public until 2046. Not only did the County throw away the \$1.4 million Discovery Village boat ramp, it violated the conditions of the \$533,833.40 Waterway Improvement Fund grant it used to build the Discovery Village boat ramp, leaving the County's taxpayers on the hook for the repayment of the WIF grant.</p> <p>Discovery Village is for sale. There is \$3.1 million, unexpended and unencumbered, in the FY26 Boat Ramp Development account. The County must work with the Department of Natural Resources to buy Discovery Village, re-open the Discovery Village boat ramp to the 14,000 trailered boats in Anne Arundel County and resolve the breach of the WIF agreement.</p> | https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/68862/wif-funding_aa_discovery-village-boat-ramp-8-8-2025-ltr-from-dnr-to-aa-co.pdf |

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| 2025-09-02 10:35:30 | Lisa | Arrasmith | Hanover | MD | 21076 | No | The Public Water Access | <p>Attachment (1): FY26 P567500 Boat Ramp Development account screenshot</p> <p>The FY26 P567500 Boat Ramp Development account has \$3,180,930 in unexpended and unencumbered funds, derived by subtracting \$2,309,056 from \$5,489,986. Discovery Village is for sale. The County must use the approved Boat Ramp Development funds to buy Discovery Village, re-open the Discovery Village boat ramp to the 14,000 trailered boats in Anne Arundel County and resolve the County's breach of its DNR WIF grant.</p> <p>The County does not have to rely only upon its own funding for the purchase. The state Waterway Improvement Fund grant application is still open. State Program Open Space funding is also a strong option. The County must work with the Department of Natural Resources to leverage the already approved \$3.1 million in the county Boat Ramp Development account with other public funding. Backcountry Hunters and Anglers' thorough analysis of public funding possibilities is here: https://www.backcountryhunters.org/discovery_village_boat_ramp_public_access_issues_in_md</p> | <p>https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/68871/p56750-1.PNG</p> |