



BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

✓ *Breaking down the Board of Public Works*

Meeting Date

March 15, 2023

Summary Figures

- Approved 90 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$557,525,516.16
- 7 items awarding \$14,333,036.08 to prime certified small businesses
- 5 items awarding \$11,649,295 to prime minority business enterprises

CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME



The BPW approved an emergency procurement proposed by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. The Moore Administration is moving swiftly to identify vendor(s) that can provide **physical and mental health assessments of residents at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home** immediately. Longer term, they will work to identify a new company to replace the current vendor, HMR Veterans Services, as the quality of care currently being provided is unacceptable.

This is an emergency because recently the **Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) gave Charlotte Hall a one-star status with an abuse warning**. It is critical that the state ensure the safety and wellness of the veterans who call Charlotte Hall home and the BPW Members are aligned in ensuring that happens.

RAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



The BPW approved a **\$1.36 billion contact to Alstom Transport Services, Inc. to operate & maintain services on the MARC Camden and Brunswick commuter rail lines** for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA). The Camden line operates between Baltimore and D.C., and the Brunswick line between West Virginia, Frederick, MD, and D.C. This is a huge contract, covering (but not limited to) maintenance of MARC's 42 diesel locomotives and 114 passenger cars; MDOT MTA owned and leased property (stations, platforms, and parking lots); inspections and testing; preventative and routine maintenance; cleaning; structural repairs; and more.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE



The BPW approved four projects through **Program Open Space** which funds outdoor recreation and open space for public use.

- \$411,925 for the acquisition of 52 acres to add to the **Western Branch Stream Valley Park** in Prince George's Co.
- \$5m for the acquisition of 197 acres for a **new park** with nature trails in Talbot Co.
- \$167,000 for the acquisition of 2 acres of forested property to add to **Gunpowder Falls State Park** in Baltimore Co.
- \$493,000 for the acquisition of 100 acres of forested property located within **Savage River State Forest** in Garrett Co.