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3 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CAPITAL BUDGET CONFERENCE COMMITTEE



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1-) FOLLOW THE GREEN ROUTE! The Governor's Proposed Budget, Department of Legislative Services, the House and the Senate all have very different recommendations for the programs funded by the Transfer Tax Revenue. If you vote for the Green boxes, approximately 80% of the funds that will be collected by the transfer tax in 2016 will go to the programs it is intended to fund. While we recommend 100% of those funds going to their intended purpose, we appreciate the competing demands and need to balance the budget.

Program	Governor Hogan Budget	DLS Budget	House Capital Budget	Senate Capital Budget
POS Stateside	14.5	14.5	21.6	14.5
POS Local	14.5	22.68	30.1	22.68
Rural Legacy	17.5	6.22	9.37	9.37
MALPF	22.7	11.31	17	17
Sub Total	69.2	54.71	78.07	63.55
Ocean City Beach Replenishment	.5	1	1	1
DNR Critical Maintenance	.75	2.294	2.83	2.83
Natural Resource Development	.75	2.293	5.2	5.2
Sub Total	2	5.587	9.03	9.03
Grand Total	71.2	60.297	87.1	72.58

Community parks and playgrounds is not funded by the transfer tax so is not included in this chart

Total fiscal year 2016 Projected Transfer Tax Revenue = \$174 million - \$122.775 should have been available for the above programs

TOTAL IN GREEN – Highest Recommendations = \$100.93 = 82% of FY16 funding

TOTAL IN RED – Lowest Recommendations = \$48.53 = 39% of FY16 cash

2-) RETURN TO FULL CASH FUNDING. Include the plan passed by the Assembly in the FY 15 Budget to return to full cash funding by FY 19. We ask you to include that plan in the Capital Budget. Program Open Space has a dedicated revenue source and it should not have to compete in the Capital Budget.

3-) REJECT THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO OVERTURN THE 2005 LEGISLATION REQUIRING THAT FUNDS DIVERTED FROM PROGRAM OPEN SPACE BE RESTORED AND USED FOR THE INTENDED PURPOSE.



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