



Larry Hogan, Governor
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Mark Belton, Secretary
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February 9, 2017

Kathleen Labuda
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Dear Ms Labuda:

Thank you for your email to Governor Larry Hogan regarding the North Point Bike Trail Grant application and the handling of your Public Information Act Request. Governor Hogan received your email and asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) records indicate that Gene Deems, our Public Information Act coordinator, provided you with numerous documents and gave you full access to all DNR files. He also provided you with other online resources for your work. In addition, a former employee met with you and responded to your questions. The department addressed local concerns at a public meeting and made draft plans available to the public as part of the critical area approval process. The department has provided you with all of the responsive documents and answered all of your questions to the best of our abilities.

In regards to the grant funding, and as you are aware, the Department applied for a Bikeways grant through the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). The grant application was independently reviewed by MDOT staff and a Bikeways Review Committee. Maryland Department of Transportation and the Review Committee determined that this trail segment met their criteria and the grant funding was awarded to this department. It should be noted that this trail was identified in the North Point State Park Master Plan as well as the concept plan for the North Point Heritage Greenway Trail.

Thank you again for your email. The governor appreciates hearing from you. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to discuss this matter with Gene Deems, 410-260-8014, or email gene.deems@maryland.gov. He will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Belton".

Mark Belton
Secretary

cc: Gene Deems

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