

PIRATE'S WHARF PARK

QUANTICO, MARYLAND

Gillis Gilkerson was honored to be involved in the first phase of construction at Wicomico County's Pirate's Wharf Park, which celebrated its soft opening event on October 4, 2023. In 2018, the Wicomico County Council voted to accept federal grant award from the National Park Service through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the development of the property. The first phase of the development is now complete with the public invited to explore the playground, pavilion and a portion of the trails. Gillis Gilkerson spearheaded the construction of the park's pavilion and comfort station.

Future plans for the park include the opening of the remaining trails and the installation of interpretive exhibits scheduled for 2024, and the addition of a boat ramp, kayak launch, fishing pier and viewing areas by 2025. The park is open daily from sunrise to sunset, and fishing is allowed in designated areas.

"We have been waiting for this for years and we are hopeful that County citizens will take advantage of this lovely area on the Wicomico River for many years to come," said Wicomico County Executive Julie Giordano. "This is only the first stage of development and we will continue to provide improvements over the next couple of years."

Gillis Gilkerson's construction of the pavilion and comfort station were led by GGI Project Manager, Jared King, with on-site support from Superintendent Charlie Morris.

"Pirate's Wharf Park is already shaping up to be an incredible new public space for Wicomico County," said GGI Project Manager, Jared King. "I am looking forward to being involved in the upcoming construction phases."



