

Resolution No.: 18-340
 Introduced: November 17, 2015
 Adopted: December 1, 2015

**COUNTY COUNCIL
 FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council at the request of the Planning Board

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the FY16 Operating Budget,
 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission,
 Opening of Woodlawn Visitors Center, \$84,731
 Source of Funds: Park Fund – Fund Balance

Background

1. Md. Code, Land Use §18-108, provides that the Council may amend the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission’s (M-NCPPC) approved budget by resolution. The Council may adopt the amendment after receiving the Executive’s recommendation and holding a public hearing.
2. Section 308 of the County Charter provides that a special appropriation is an appropriation which states that it is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency, or to act without delay in the public interest. Each special appropriation shall be approved by not less than six Councilmembers. The Council may approve a special appropriation at any time after public notice by news release. Each special appropriation shall specify the source of funds to finance it.
3. On November 13, 2015, the Montgomery County Planning Board requested a special appropriation for the M-NCPPC’s FY16 Operating Budget as follows:

Division	Amount	Source of Funds
Northern Parks	576	Park Fund – Fund Balance
Park Planning & Stewardship	72,352	Park Fund – Fund Balance
Facilities Management	4,000	Park Fund – Fund Balance
Information Technology & Innovation	2,500	Park Fund – Fund Balance
Support Services	5,303	Park Fund – Fund Balance
	84,731	

4. The Woodlawn Visitors Center is a heritage tourism destination at Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park in Sandy Spring that will introduce people through multimedia, audiovisual,

and traditional exhibits to the themes of the Quakers, the Underground Railroad, the Enslaved and Free Black Communities, and the Agriculture of Montgomery County, Maryland. As of November 2015, the restoration of the Barn is substantially complete, but cannot open to the public without funding for staff that would operate and manage the site. If the Visitors Center is not funded in FY16 and is deferred until the FY17 budget as OBI, Parks will miss the entire spring and summer seasons of heritage tourists, including elementary and middle school students, campers, and families. It is in the public's interest to share the educational content found at the Visitors Center without further delay.

5. The Council received a recommendation from the County Executive.
6. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held on December 1, 2015.
7. The County Council declares that it is in the public interest to act on this amendment without delay under the special appropriation authority granted to the Council in Section 308 of the County Charter and Md. Code, Land Use §18-108.

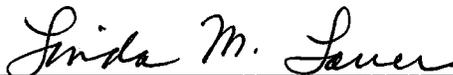
Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

A special appropriation for the FY16 Operating Budget of M-NCPPC is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council