

Matthew Henson Trail -- No. 500400

Category **Transportation**
 Agency **Public Works & Transportation**
 Planning Area **Aspen Hill**
 Relocation Impact **None.**

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 Required Adequate Public Facility

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NO

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY04	Remain. FY04	Total 6 Years	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	957	1	201	755	150	151	377	77	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	40	0	0	40	0	0	40	0	0	0	0
Construction	3,447	0	0	3,447	0	1,077	1,731	639	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4,444	1	201	4,242	150	1,228	2,148	716	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	4,444	1	201	4,242	150	1,228	2,148	716	0	0	0
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ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Maintenance				33	0	0	0	11	11	11	0
Energy				3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Program-Staff				69	0	0	0	23	23	23	0
Program-Other				42	0	0	0	14	14	14	0
Net Impact				147	0	0	0	49	49	49	0
Workyears					0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

DESCRIPTION

This project provides funding for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to complete the final design and construction of an 8-foot, hard-surface trail located in the Matthew Henson Greenway extending from Georgia Avenue to Alderton Lane, which is denoted as Phase 3 of the entire project and is approximately 2.25 miles. This project also provides for the construction of the trail in Phases 1 and 2, which are 8-foot, hard-surface trails located within the Matthew Henson State Park and extend from Rock Creek Trail to Georgia Avenue (approximately 2 miles). The Montgomery County Planning Board approved the facility planning for this project on April 3, 2003, with the following stipulations:

- 1- The project ecologist will review and evaluate changes to trail design during construction.
- 2- A pedestrian traffic signal should be installed at the intersection of the trail at Veirs Mill Road and Turkey Branch Parkway to provide a safe crossing for trail users.
- 3- M-NCPPC will develop a maintenance plan for the trail and trail corridor which it will maintain.
- 4- Maintenance includes monitoring, maintaining, and restoring native habitat along the trail.
- 5- Periodic updates should be provided to the Planning Board as the trail is designed and constructed to ensure that the Planning Board's concerns about ecological impacts are being addressed.

Service Area

Kensington/Wheaton.

JUSTIFICATION

The Matthew Henson Hard Surface Trail is identified as a top priority trail in the Countywide Plan of Trails that the Planning Board approved in 1998. It will provide an important east-west connection between Rock Creek Trail and Sligo Creek Trail. The hard surface trail system will provide residents of more than 16,000 housing units with an attractive outdoor experience and a new transportation corridor within approximately one mile of their homes.

Plans and Studies

Countywide Park Trails plan adopted by the Planning Board in 1998. In 1997, trail use was the most frequent activity reported by County survey respondents; 67 percent had used paved park trails in the past year. Biking and walking paths topped the respondents' list of desired facilities or greatest facility shortages. The designs of Phase 1 and 2 of the Matthew Henson Trail were funded under the M-NCPPC project Hard Surface Design and Construction (No. 768673). A review of impacts to pedestrians, bicyclists and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991) is performed and addressed by this project. Traffic signals, streetlights, crosswalks, bus stops, ADA ramps, bikeways and other pertinent issues have been considered in the design of the project to ensure pedestrian safety. This project is a part of the Executive's Go Montgomery! program.

STATUS

Final design stage.

OTHER

In FY03, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection constructed a stream restoration project in the Turkey Branch Watershed. This project has been coordinated with the Matthew Henson Trail project to decrease environmental impacts. This project will also be coordinated with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. On June 13, 2003, M-NCPPC forwarded a formal legal opinion to the County Council concluding that reimbursement of ALARF is not required for this project.

FISCAL NOTE

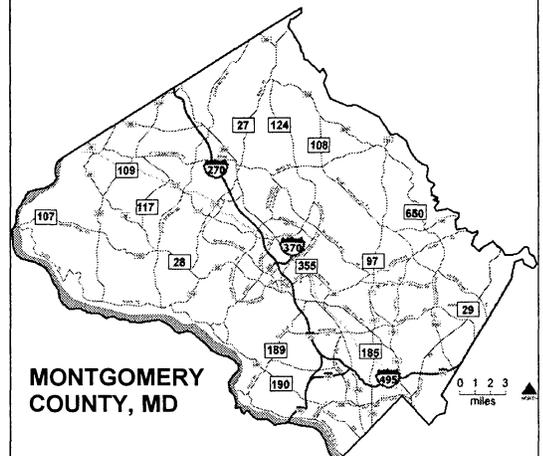
APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY04	(\$000)
Initial Cost Estimate		4,444
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY04	4,444
Last FY's Cost Estimate		4,444
Present Cost Estimate		4,444
Appropriation Request	FY06	0
Supplemental		
Appropriation Request	FY05	0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		4,444
Expenditures/		
Encumbrances		1
Unencumbered Balance		4,443
Partial Closeout Thru	FY03	0
New Partial Closeout	FY04	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

M-NCPPC
 State Highway Administration
 Maryland Department of Natural Resources
 Utility Companies
 Department of Environmental Protection
 Department of Permitting Services
 Trails: Hard Surface Design and Construction

MAP



With the Matthew Henson Trail project approximately 80 acres of right-of-way was acquired by M-NCPPC through ALARF PDF #727007. The value of this land, plus simple interest from the date of purchase through June 30, 2003, totals \$6,916,811. In addition, approximately 37.8 acres of right-of-way for the trail was acquired by the State Highway Administration (SHA) and will be conveyed to M-NCPPC in exchange for Intercounty Connector (ICC) right-of-way acquired by M-NCPPC through ALARF. The value of the SHA land to be exchanged, plus simple interest from the date of purchase through June 30, 2003, totals \$1,410,930. These amounts are part of the total cost of the Matthew Henson Trail project although not shown in the expenditure schedule because ALARF will not be reimbursed for these costs.