

Elmhirst Parkway Local Park -- No. 078703

Category **M-NCPPC**
 Agency **M-NCPPC**
 Planning Area **Bethesda-Chevy Chase**
 Relocation Impact **None.**

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 Required Adequate Public Facility

October 25, 2005
NONE
NO

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY05	Est. FY06	Total 6 Years	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	89	0	0	89	61	20	8	0	0	0	0
Land											
Site Improvements and Utilities	389	0	0	389	0	195	194	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	478	0	0	478	61	215	202	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Program Open Space	303	0	0	303	0	152	151	0	0	0	0
Park and Planning Bonds	175	0	0	175	61	63	51	0	0	0	0

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Program-Staff				20	0	0	5	5	5	5	0
Program-Other				12	0	0	3	3	3	3	0
Net Impact				32	0	0	8	8	8	8	0
Workyears				0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0

DESCRIPTION

This project provides a replacement park for the Locust Hill Estates community. Locust Hill Neighborhood Park was developed approximately 50 years ago in an environmentally sensitive area along a tributary to Rock Creek prior to the current awareness and regulations regarding protection of the environment. The park was cut off from maintenance access when the capital beltway was constructed. Facilities have deteriorated significantly.

The park will be reconstructed in a section of the adjacent Elmhirst Parkway Neighborhood Conservation Area that is suitable for development. The existing Locust Hill Neighborhood Park will be converted to a Neighborhood Conservation Area, and a portion of Elmhirst Parkway Neighborhood Conservation Area will be converted to a neighborhood park. A playground with multi-age equipment, safety surfacing, benches, and parking lot improvements are included in the scope of the project. A bridge will provide access to the Parkview Estates community. The existing open natural area will be maintained for recreation.

Design will begin in FY07, with construction during FY08 and FY09.

JUSTIFICATION

Many residents were concerned about the need for a playground after the Locust Hill park had to be removed for maintenance and environmental reasons. This new park is necessary to provide a replacement playground and passive recreation area for a community with many young children. This project replaces existing playground facilities that have been lost by the community over time, and the new park location serves the same neighborhood. The Montgomery County Planning Board approved a concept plan for the new park facilities, as well as for restoration of the existing park area, on June 16, 2005.

Plans and Studies

Concept plan approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board on June 16, 2005. A review of impacts to pedestrians, bicycles and ADA requirements (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991) will be performed and addressed by this project. Traffic signals, streetlights, crosswalks, bus stops, ADA ramps, bikeways, and other pertinent issues will be considered in the design of the project to ensure pedestrian safety.

Cost Change

Not applicable.

STATUS

Final design stage.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY07	(\$000)
Initial Cost Estimate		0
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY07	478
Last FY's Cost Estimate		0
Present Cost Estimate		478
Appropriation Request	FY07	73
Appropriation Req. Est.	FY08	405
Supplemental		
Appropriation Request	FY06	0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		0
Expenditures/Encumbrances		0
Unencumbered Balance		0
Partial Closeout Thru	FY04	0
New Partial Closeout	FY05	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

M-NCPPC asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

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