

## Matthew Henson Trail -- No. 500400

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	January 09, 2008
Subcategory	Pedestrian Facilities/Bikeways	Required Adequate Public Facility	No
Administering Agency	Transportation	Relocation Impact	None.
Planning Area	Aspen Hill	Status	Under Construction

### EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY07	Est. FY08	Total 6 Years	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	961	38	645	278	278	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	43	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	4,138	1,039	3,027	72	72	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,142</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>3,715</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	5,142	1,077	3,715	350	350	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,142</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>3,715</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Program-Staff	110	0	22	22	22	22
Program-Other	25	0	5	5	5	5
<b>Net Impact</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>

#### DESCRIPTION

This project provides funding for Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to complete final design and construction of an 8-foot trail located in the Matthew Henson Greenway extending from Georgia Ave. to Alderton Ln., which is denoted as Phase 3 of the entire project and is approximately 2.25 miles. This project also provides for construction of the trail in Phases 1 and 2, which are 8-foot trails 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: the project ecologist will review and evaluate changes to trail design during construction; appropriate traffic controls will be implemented to provide a safe crossing for trail users at the intersection of the trail at Veirs Mill Road and Turkey Branch Parkway; the Department of Parks and Planning will develop a maintenance plan for the trail and trail corridor to be maintained by M-NCPPC; maintenance includes monitoring, maintaining, and restoring native habitat along the trail; periodic updates should be made to the Planning Board as ecological impacts are addressed.

#### COST CHANGE

Increase due to emergency stream restoration, additional boardwalk, unfavorable soil conditions for some bridge piers, and a new traffic signal at Veirs Mill Road.

#### JUSTIFICATION

The Matthew Henson Trail is in the Countywide plan of trails approved by the Planning Board in 1998. It provides an east-west link between Rock Creek Trail and Sligo Creek Trail. The trail system will serve more than 16,000 housing units.

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 design of Phase 1 and 2 of the Matthew Henson Trail were funded under the Hard Surface Design and Construction project and were performed by M-NCPPC.

#### 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 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. M-NCPPC staff will keep the community along the trail informed through newsletters and periodic meetings to ensure public information is shared regarding issues associated with the trail including design, construction, native habitat restoration, ecological and maintenance issues.

#### OTHER DISCLOSURES

- A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.

#### APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY04	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate	FY09	5,142
Current Scope		4,792
Last FY's Cost Estimate		350
Appropriation Request	FY09	0
Appropriation Request Est.	FY10	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		4,792
Expenditures / Encumbrances		1,314
Unencumbered Balance		3,478
Partial Closeout Thru	FY06	0
New Partial Closeout	FY07	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

#### COORDINATION

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
 State Highway Administration  
 Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
 Utility Companies  
 Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection  
 Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services  
 Trails: Hard Surface Design and Construction

#### MAP

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# MATTHEW HENSON TRAIL

