

Matthew Henson Trail (P500400)

Category
Sub Category
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Transportation
Pedestrian Facilities/Bikeways
Transportation (AAGE30)
Aspen Hill

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

1/7/13
No
None
Under Construction

Total	Thru FY12	Rem FY12	Total 6 Years	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	Beyond 6 Yrs
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EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Planning, Design and Supervision	76	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land	175	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	4,896	4,896	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,147	5,147	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

G.O. Bonds	5,147	5,147	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,147	5,147	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000s)

Program-Staff				44	22	22	0	0	0	0
Program-Other				10	5	5	0	0	0	0
Net Impact				54	27	27	0	0	0	0

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 14	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		5,147
Expenditure / Encumbrances		5,147
Unencumbered Balance		0

Date First Appropriation	FY 04	
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY09	5,142
Last FY's Cost Estimate		5,142

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.

Fiscal Note

In FY13, \$5,000 was transferred to this project from Robey Road (CIP #509274).

Disclosures

A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.

Coordination

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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