



Little Bennett Regional Park Day Use Area

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SubCategory	Development	Administering Agency	M-NCPPC
Planning Area	Clarksburg and Vicinity	Status	Preliminary Design Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY20	Rem FY20	Total 6 Years	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	2,671	21	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,621
Site Improvements and Utilities	11,896	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,896
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,567	21	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,517

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY20	Rem FY20	Total 6 Years	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	Beyond 6 Years
G.O. Bonds	11,044	21	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,994
Program Open Space	3,523	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,523
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	14,567	21	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,517

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 22 Request	-	Year First Appropriation	FY19
Cumulative Appropriation	50	Last FY's Cost Estimate	14,567
Expenditure / Encumbrances	21		
Unencumbered Balance	29		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Little Bennett Regional Park Day Use Area, located on the east side of MD Route 355 north of Comus Road, is a 65-acre existing meadow adjacent to wooded areas of the park and Soper's Branch stream. The day use area is designed to provide nature-based recreation and protects and interprets the existing meadow and adjacent forest habitat. The program of requirements from the master plan is accomplished in a uniquely sustainable manner that interprets the natural and cultural landscapes of the area. The project includes a multi-purpose outdoor classroom building, terraces and amphitheater, group picnic areas and shelter, play complex, learning alcoves, two entrances and an access road, parking, hard and natural surface trails, bridges and boardwalks with overlooks, signage and interpretation, stormwater management, meadow restoration with non-native invasive eradication, managed forest succession and habitat enhancement along the stream buffer.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Project is in design. Additional project work has been postponed to beyond the six year period based on affordability.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The Montgomery County Planning Board approved the park facility plan on October 6, 2011; Countywide Park Trails Plan (2008); Little Bennett Regional Park Master Plan (2007); 2005 Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan (LPPRP); Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan (2005); Clarksburg Master Plan and Hyattstown Special Study Area (1994); Vision 2030: The Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan (2011); 2012 Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan.

DISCLOSURES

A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project. M-NCPPC asserts that this project conforms to the requirement of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

COORDINATION

Montgomery County Departments of Transportation and Department of Environmental Protection, and Maryland State Highway Administration.