



ADA Compliance: Non-Local Parks

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Category	M-NCPPC	Date Last Modified	10/29/25
SubCategory	Development	Administering Agency	M-NCPPC
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	Ongoing

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY25	Est FY26	Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	3,156	1,447	629	1,080	180	180	180	180	180	180	-
Site Improvements and Utilities	13,592	5,878	2,794	4,920	820	820	820	820	820	820	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	16,748	7,325	3,423	6,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY25	Est FY26	Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	Beyond 6 Years
Current Revenue: General	802	251	251	300	50	50	50	50	50	50	-
G.O. Bonds	13,864	5,092	3,072	5,700	950	950	950	950	950	950	-
PAYGO	1,882	1,882	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Aid	200	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	16,748	7,325	3,423	6,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 27 Request	1,000	Year First Appropriation	FY12
Appropriation FY 28 Request	1,000	Last FY's Cost Estimate	14,748
Cumulative Appropriation	10,748		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	7,852		
Unencumbered Balance	2,896		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This program provides for an on-going comprehensive effort to ensure that all parks and park facilities are built, renovated, and maintained in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. This program includes the correction of deficiencies identified by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) during its proactive Project Civic Access assessment of various park facilities, the results of a comprehensive self-evaluation process, as well as efforts to comply with the revisions to Title II of the ADA, which went into effect on March 15, 2011, and other opportunities to improve accessibility. Improvements may include, but are not limited to, barrier removal, grading, pavements, site amenities, drainage improvements, building modifications, signage, etc. and are often combined with other projects.

COST CHANGE

Increase due to the addition of FY31 and FY32 to this ongoing project.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Montgomery County was selected by the DOJ for a Project Civic Access (PCA) review in 2006. The PCA is a proactive, ongoing initiative of the Disability Rights Section of the DOJ Civil Rights Division to ensure ADA compliance in local and state governments throughout the country. Montgomery County and M-NCPPC entered into a Settlement Agreement with DOJ on August 16, 2011, that required the County and M-NCPPC to remediate specific issues identified by DOJ within a negotiated timeline, conduct a comprehensive self-evaluation, and develop a Transition Plan for barrier removal, including efforts to comply with the updated Title II requirements. All self-evaluations were completed ahead of schedule and the Final Transition Plan submitted in August 2016 and subsequently accepted by DOJ. The Final Transition Plan provides a summary of all barriers found, a strategy and timeline for their removal, as well as planning level cost estimates. The Final Transition Plan identified approximately 13,600 barriers with a projected planning level cost estimate of \$31m for barrier removal systemwide, although actual costs are expected to be significantly higher based upon work completed to date.

OTHER

\$50,000 Current Revenue is budgeted for required ADA retrofits to leased properties that cannot be funded with general obligation bonds.

FISCAL NOTE

FY21 and FY22, reduction of \$50,000 each year for fiscal capacity; FY19 Special Appropriation of \$100k in State Aid. FY18 Appr. for \$100k Bond Bill for MLK Recreational Park. FY18 reduction of \$10k in Current Revenue for fiscal capacity. FY18 reduction of \$49k in Current Revenue to reflect the FY18 Savings Plan. Prior year partial capitalization of expenditures through FY16 totaled \$3,648,000.

DISCLOSURES

Expenditures will continue indefinitely. 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

United States Department of Justice, County Attorney's Office, Department of General Services, ADA Compliance: Local Parks, PDF 128701.