



Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center

(P361202)

Category	Culture and Recreation	Date Last Modified	12/24/25
SubCategory	Libraries	Administering Agency	General Services
Planning Area	Kensington-Wheaton	Status	Under Construction
Required Adequate Public Facility	Yes		

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	14,467	14,467	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Site Improvements and Utilities	249	249	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	50,517	50,517	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	3,238	3,238	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	68,471	68,471	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	336	336	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G.O. Bonds	25,554	25,554	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PAYGO	42,365	42,365	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recordation Tax Premium (MCG)	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Aid	200	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	68,471	68,471	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000s)

Impact Type	Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32
Maintenance	3,150	525	525	525	525	525	525
Energy	2,274	379	379	379	379	379	379
Program-Staff	186	31	31	31	31	31	31
Program-Other	414	69	69	69	69	69	69
Offset Revenue	(300)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
NET IMPACT	5,724	954	954	954	954	954	954
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)		0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 27 Request	(388)	Year First Appropriation	FY12
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Appropriation FY 28 Request	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	68,859
Cumulative Appropriation	68,859		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	68,471		
Unencumbered Balance	388		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides for a combined facility to include the new Wheaton Library, a used bookstore run by a nonprofit, with proceeds benefiting Montgomery County Public Libraries, and the Wheaton Community Recreation Center. Included in the scope is the development of the Program of Requirements (POR) and conceptual design followed by full design services and construction of the facility. The library and the recreation center are comparable to libraries and recreation centers of similar service needs with efficiencies of area and program made possible due to the shared use of spaces such as lobbies, meeting rooms, restrooms, and parking which reduces the overall space requirements and provides for greater efficiencies and reduced operational costs. The Department of General Services (DGS) and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) have developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the combined use of the library/recreation center building and the park. The services formally provided at the existing Wheaton Neighborhood Recreation Youth Center have been replaced by the new community recreation center. The demolition of the structure allows full use of the park green space to support the community programs to be offered by the M-NCPPC and the Department of Recreation. The project provides for a new road access from the relocated Hermitage Avenue.

LOCATION

11701 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20902

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

The facility concept study was completed in 2013. Design started in 2013 and completed in spring of 2016. Construction started in fall of 2016 and the facility opened to the public in September 2019.

COST CHANGE

Eliminated remaining expenditures in this project to match appropriation.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The Wheaton Library is one of the busiest libraries in Montgomery County, with over 490,000 items circulated and more than 381,000 visits by the public in FY13. The used book store, operated by the Friends of the Library, and a satellite office of the Gilchrist Center are located on the lower level. There were serious moisture problems and the building did not meet current mechanical, safety, and building codes. The mechanical, elevator, and HVAC systems were outdated and worn, and they were not energy efficient. The original facility was opened in 1960 and was renovated in 1985. It needed space reconfiguration to meet current library information needs. The Department of Recreation has operated the existing Wheaton Recreation Center, owned by the M-NCPPC, for many years. As early as 1997, this facility was designated for replacement with a larger full-service facility, originally included in Facility Planning and Site Evaluation projects as the Kemp Mill (later Wheaton/Kemp Mill) Community Recreation Center. In the 2005 update to the Department of Recreation's facility plan and in the FY07-12 CIP, a "Wheaton Area Recreation Facilities" study was included in the MCG Facility Planning Project #508768 for this purpose. That study included site and structure, stabilization and design development for future renovation, remodeling, and expansion of the Wheaton Neighborhood Recreation Center to provide an additional recreation

facility to complement the existing facility. After review of the Neighborhood Recreation Center component, space limitations, utility, and plumbing challenges did not make it feasible to complete the project on its current site. A decision was made to pursue an alternative combined facility.

FISCAL NOTE

Other cost includes \$300,000 for the library collection.

DISCLOSURES

A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project. The County Executive 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

Department of General Services, Department of Libraries, Department of Recreation, Department of Transportation, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, State Highway Administration, Mid-County Regional Services Center, WSSC Water, and Pepco. Special Projects Legislation [Bill No. 34-14] was adopted by Council on June 17, 2014.