



North Branch Trail

(P871541)

Category	M-NCPPC	Date Last Modified	11/20/25
SubCategory	Development	Administering Agency	M-NCPPC
Planning Area	Rockville	Status	Under Construction

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	491	133	358	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	4,781	768	4,013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,272	901	4,371								

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
Contributions	282	282	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Federal Aid	2,000	79	1,921	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G.O. Bonds	2,390	540	1,850	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Program Open Space	600	-	600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	5,272	901	4,371								

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000s)

Impact Type		Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32
Maintenance		156	26	26	26	26	26	26
NET IMPACT		156	26	26	26	26	26	26
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)								

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 27 Request	-	Year First Appropriation	FY17
Appropriation FY 28 Request	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	5,272
Cumulative Appropriation	5,272		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	1,052		
Unencumbered Balance	4,220		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The North Branch Hiker-Biker Trail will be a new trail located within Rock Creek Regional Park and the North Branch Stream Valley Park Unit 4 and is approximately 2.2 miles in length including connector trails. There are two segments of this trail. The first will

connect the Lake Frank Lakeside Trail to the Emory Lane Bikeway at the intersection of Muncaster Mill Road. A 20-space parking lot will be built off of Muncaster Mill Road for trailhead parking. Improvements to the intersection of Muncaster Mill Road and Emory Lane are proposed and coordinated jointly between MC-DOT, SHA and M-NCPPC. The second segment connects the Route 200 Bikeway to the future trail being built by the developer at the Preserve at Rock Creek.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Design Complete, Construction FY26-27, pending SHA/FHWA approval for bidding.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The Facility Plan was approved by the MCPB on June 27, 2013. The trail has been recommended in multiple master plans including the 2005 Olney Master Plan, 2004 Upper Rock Creek Area Master Plan, the 2008 Countywide Park Trails Plan, the 2000 Rock Creek Regional Park Master Plan and the 2008 Upper Rock Creek Trail Corridor Plan.

FISCAL NOTE

M-NCPPC was awarded a federal pass-through Transportation Alternatives Program Grant for the amount of \$2,000,000 from the Maryland State Highway Administration in July 2015. \$282k WSSC reimbursement for disturbances in the North Branch Area.

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 Department of Transportation, Maryland State Highway Administration, Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services, M-NCPPC Department of Planning and Maryland Transportation Authority, Project #768673 Trails Hard Surface Design & Construction.