



Power Line Trail

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Category	M-NCPPC	Date Last Modified	01/05/26
SubCategory	Development	Administering Agency	M-NCPPC
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	Final Design Stage

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	1,086	44	1,042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Site Improvements and Utilities	10,614	304	10,310	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,700	348	11,352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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
State Aid	11,700	348	11,352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	11,700	348	11,352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 27 Request	-	Year First Appropriation	FY22
Appropriation FY 28 Request	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	11,700
Cumulative Appropriation	11,700		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	1,780		
Unencumbered Balance	9,920		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Funded in FY22 by a Maryland Local Parks and Playgrounds grant earmarked by the State of Maryland for the "Pepco Powerline Trail project," this project will design, construct, and equip portions of the ultimate 13-mile paved and natural surface trail within the Pepco powerline corridor that connects South Germantown Recreational Park to Cabin John Regional Park as well as community and park connectors along the corridor. Improvements include grading, paving, trail signage, Vision Zero road crossings, Stormwater Management (SWM), drainage improvements, bridges, boardwalks, environmental restoration, amenities (i.e. drinking fountains, benches, trailheads), etc. along priority segments between Muddy Branch SVP and Cabin John Regional Park. While this project will only build a portion of the paved trail section, preliminary engineering will be completed for full buildout. Trail design will use Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Outdoor Recreation Guidelines and American Association of State Highway and Transportation standards while protecting natural resources.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Thrive Montgomery 2050 envisions a world-class trail network that is integrated into transportation planning and connecting residents

to jobs and centers of activity. The 2015 Pepco/Exelon merger agreement granted access to transmission line property for recreational and transportation use by the public. This northwest to southeast corridor connects existing natural surface stream valley park trails and contributes to east-west trail connectivity which is rare in the county. Trails, connectors, improvements, signage, trailheads, and amenities increase trail usage for recreation and promote walking and biking as alternatives to vehicular transportation. In park user surveys, hiking and biking on trails is the most frequent recreation activity reported. Biking and walking paths top respondents' lists of desired facilities or greatest facility shortages. This project also implements goals and objectives of the 2017 Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan and the 2016 Countywide Park Trails Plan. M-NCPPC was awarded a FY24 State Bond Bill of \$1,700,000.

DISCLOSURES

A pedestrian impact analysis will be performed during design or is in progress. 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

State of Maryland, Montgomery County Department of Transportation , Exelon and other utilities, Maryland Department of the Environment, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Pepco, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Trails: Hard Surface Design & Construction (P768673), Trails: Hard Surface Renovation PDF (P888754), Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services