

PHED Committee #1
April 30, 2014

CIP Worksession

MEMORANDUM

April 28, 2014

TO: County Council

FROM: ^{MM} Marlene Michaelson, Senior Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: M-NCPPC FY15-20 Capital Improvements Program

The Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee and Council have already reviewed the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Capital Improvements Program (CIP) request for FY15-20. Since that time the Commission has requested two further changes (see letter from the Chair attached at © 1 – 3).

S. GERMANTOWN RECREATIONAL PARK: SOCCERPLEX FACILITIES - NO. P998712

The South Germantown Recreational Park: SoccerPlex Facilities was identified for closeout in the CIP submitted by M-NCPPC this year. However, the Maryland Soccer Foundation recently approached the Department of Parks to inform them that they would like to complete the two remaining soccer fields envisioned in the South Germantown Recreational Park Master Plan. This area is currently the location of cricket fields, but the Department of Parks is working to find an alternative location for cricket.

The project will be fully funded by the Maryland Soccer Foundation so there is no County funding required, but the Council would have to agree to reactivate the Program Description Form (PDF) and change the text to update it.

Staff supports this requested change.

WARNER CIRCLE SPECIAL PARK - No. P118703

	Total Project Costs	Total 6 years	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	Beyond Six Years
Current Approved	5,485	400	0	0	0	400	0	0	
M-NCPPC	5,577	4,952	0	0	0	200	2,430	2,322	
Executive	5,577	200	0	0	0	0	0	200	4,752
Council Decision	6,177	600	400	200	0	0	0	0	4,952

When the Council considered this project, it agreed with the Committee that significant funds should not be spent on this project until M-NCPPC determines the ultimate use of the renovated building. The Council also agreed with the Committee recommendation to provide funds to stabilize the building until it is renovated. A total of \$600,000 was supported by the Council with \$200,000 in GO Bond funding and \$400,000 in State Bonds.

Although the Department of Parks anticipated \$400,000 in state funding, the State Legislature only supported \$100,000 in FY15 and therefore the Planning Board has requested that the Council make up the difference with an additional \$300,000 in GO Bonds. Staff has asked them to provide further information on the specific stabilization efforts that will be funded with the \$600,000 and what would have been eliminated if the Council does not provide the additional funding. They will be prepared to respond at the worksession.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE CHAIR

April 11, 2014

The Honorable Craig Rice
President
Montgomery County Council
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, 5th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

RE: Update and Amendment to the FY15-20 CIP

Craig
Dear President Rice:

I would like to express my thanks to the Council for the work it has done on the FY15-20 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). In this fiscal climate, it has been a challenge to meet the needs of stewardship over the county's resources and developments while keeping pace with growth and demand. So far, I believe the FY15-20 CIP has responded well to that.

That being said, circumstances have changed recently regarding two projects: stabilization funds for the Manor House at Warner Circle Special Park in Kensington (PDF P118703), and the South Germantown Recreational Park SoccerPlex Facility (PDF 998712).

Stabilization funds

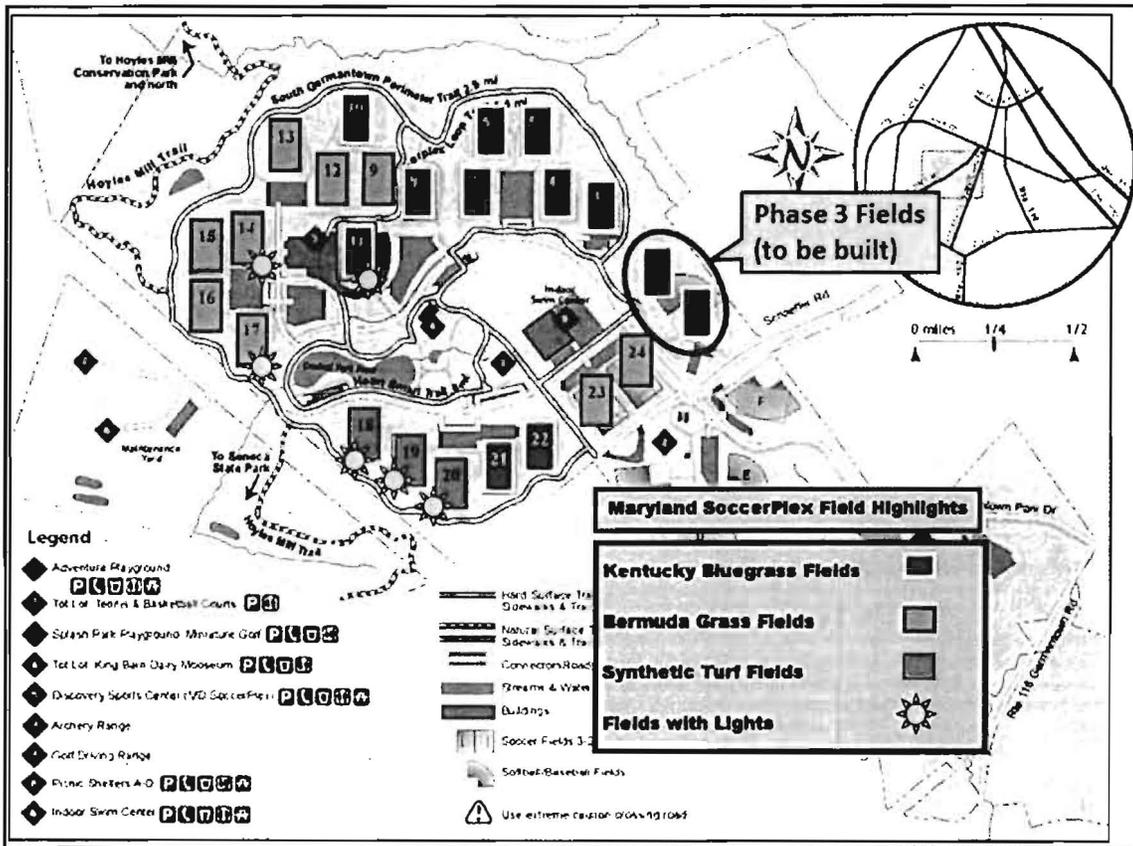
As you may recall, our CIP includes stabilization funding for both the Jesup Blair House in Silver Spring as well as Warner Manor in Kensington. Stabilization funding in both projects includes GO bonds. Incidentally, they have both been identified by the Finance Department as candidates where GO bond funding will be exchanged with PAYGO. Stabilization at Warner Circle was to be funded primarily with \$400,000 in State bonds. However, on March 18, 2014, when the Council was reviewing the 15-20 CIP, the Warner Circle project was pending review by the State Legislature. The Council approved using GO Bonds for the \$200,000 portion that the State would not cover.

M-NCPPC recently learned that the Senate approved only \$100,000 of State bonds for Warner Circle. The Senate's action leaves Warner Circle stabilization under-funded by \$300,000. Because the State did not approve the original amount, we respectfully request that the Council amend the Warner Circle Special Park PDF (P118703) to include an additional \$300,000 in GO bond funding. This would cover the shortfall and bring the total GO bond request to \$500,000 (\$300,000 in FY15 and \$200,000 in FY16).



South Germantown SoccerPlex

The Maryland Soccer Foundation recently approached the Parks Department to inform us that they would like to complete the remaining two soccer fields envisioned by the *South Germantown Recreational Park Master Plan*. The SoccerPlex was planned in three phases. The first two are complete. However, the last phase, which contains fields 1 & 2, was never completed. These fields were to be located on the north side of Schaeffer Road west of Central Park Circle. The site is currently mowed grass that has been used for cricket. The Department is currently pursuing relocation of the existing cricket use to Strawberry Knoll Local Park. This will allow development of this last planned phase of the SoccerPlex. Please refer to the figure below that identifies the location of the proposed fields.



The project will not involve public money and will be fully funded by the Maryland Soccer Foundation. As such, there will be no capital cost to the Commission, nor will there be any Operating Budget Impact (OBI), since the fields will be managed by the Foundation. Also, the fields will be natural grass turf.

However, *Council Policy on CIP Amendments* requires Council notification of any project that has a capital cost of at least \$100,000. It also requires that this type of non-County funded project have an active PDF. You may recall that this project already has a PDF, but it was identified in our FY15-20 CIP request as a "closeout" project.

I would like to request that the Council approve an amendment to our FY15-20 CIP that would remove the PDF from the Closeout List and make it an active PDF. Also, I would like to request that the Council amend the existing PDF. The last sentence of the "DESCRIPTION" section through the "ESTIMATED SCHEDULE" section would read as follows (underlined text to be added, ~~strike-through~~ text to be deleted):

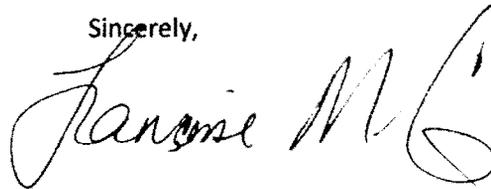
"Phase 3 includes construction of two soccer fields (Fields 1 & 2) and supporting infrastructure by the Maryland Soccer Foundation with non-public funds.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

~~Pending closeout. Phases 1 and 2 are complete with the exception of Field C and A~~
~~SECOND MIRACLE LEAGUE FIELD. Phase 3 has not commenced~~ Design of Phase 3 will commence in FY15 and construction will commence in FY16 with anticipated completion in FY17.

Thank you for your consideration of these two requests to amend the FY15-20 CIP. Should you need additional information or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 301-495-4605 or Carl Morgan, CIP Manager, at 301-495-2573 or carl.morgan@montgomeryparks.org.

Sincerely,



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Chair

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