Matthew Henson Trail -- No. 500400

Category	**Transportation**	Date Last Modified	**June 30, 2006**
Agency	**Public Works & Transportation**	Required Adequate Public Facility	**NO**
Planning Area	**Aspen Hill**		
Relocation Impact	**None.**		

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE ($000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY05	Est. FY06	Total 6 Years	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	957	1	502	454	377	77	0	0	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	43	0	0	43	43	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	3,792	188	1,234	2,370	1,731	639	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4,792	189	1,736	2,867	2,151	716	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE ($000)

G.O. Bonds	4,792	189	1,736	2,867	2,151	716	0	0	0	0	0

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT ($000)

Maintenance				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Energy				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Program-Staff				111	0	22	22	22	23	22	0
Program-Other				28	0	8	5	5	5	5	0
Net Impact				139	0	30	27	27	28	27	0

DESCRIPTION

This project provides funding for M-NCPPC to complete final design and construction of an 8-foot trail located in the Matthew Henson Greenway extending from Georgia Ave. to Alderton Ln., which is denoted as Phase 3 of the entire project and is approximately 2.25 miles. This project also provides for construction of the trail in Phases 1 and 2, which are 8-foot trails within the Matthew Henson State Park and extend from Rock Creek Trail to Georgia Avenue. (approximately 2 miles). The Montgomery County Planning Board approved the facility planning for this project on April 3, 2003, with the following stipulations: The project ecologist will review and evaluate changes to trail design during construction; Appropriate traffic controls will be implemented to provide a safe crossing for trail users at the intersection of the trail at Veirs Mill Road and Turkey Branch Parkway; The Department of Parks and Planning will develop a maintenance plan for the trail and trail corridor to be maintained by M-NCPPC; maintenance includes monitoring, maintaining, and restoring native habitat along the trail; periodic updates should be made to the Planning Board as ecological impacts are addressed.

Service Area

Kensington/Wheaton

JUSTIFICATION

The Matthew Henson Trail is in the Countywide plan of trails approved by the Planning Board in 1998. It provides an east-west link between Rock Creek Trail and Sligo Creek Trail. The trail system will serve more than 16,000 housing units.

Plans and Studies

Countywide Park Trails plan adopted by the Planning Board in 1998. In 1997, trail use was the most frequent activity reported by County survey respondents; 67 percent had used paved park trails in the past year. Biking and walking paths topped the respondents' list of desired facilities or greatest facility shortages. The design of Phase 1 and 2 of the Matthew Henson Trail were funded under the Hard Surface Design and Construction project and were performed by M-NCPPC. Traffic signals, street lights, crosswalks, bus stops, ADA ramps, bikeways, and other pertinent issues are being considered in the design of the project to ensure pedestrian safety.

Cost Change

Cost increase due to inflation and higher utility costs.

STATUS

Final design stage.

OTHER

In FY03, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection constructed a stream restoration project in the Turkey Branch Watershed. This project has been coordinated with the Matthew Henson Trail project to decrease environmental impacts. This project will also be coordinated with Maryland Department of Natural Resources. On June 13, 2003, M-NCPPC forwarded a formal legal opinion to the County Council concluding that reimbursement of ALARF is not required for this project.

Commission staff will keep the community along the trail informed through newsletters and periodic meetings to ensure public information is shared regarding issues associated with the trail including design, construction, native habitat restoration, ecological and maintenance issues.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY04	($000)
Initial Cost Estimate		4,444
First Cost Estimate Current Scope	FY04	4,444
Last FY's Cost Estimate		4,444
Present Cost Estimate		4,792
Appropriation Request	FY07	348
Appropriation Request Est.	FY08	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request	FY06	0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		4,444
Expenditures/ Encumbrances		190
Unencumbered Balance		4,254
Partial Closeout Thru	FY04	0
New Partial Closeout	FY05	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
State Highway Administration
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Utility Companies
Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection
Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services
Trails: Hard Surface Design and Construction

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