

April 5, 2021

Dear Council Members:

As you consider the capital and operating budgets over the next few weeks, I urge you to support the Parks Department budget.

This past year has shown how important parks are to us all. Personally, I've used Sligo Creek Park 3-4 times a week. Sometimes, to just walk and enjoy, but more often as a volunteer Weed Warrior, pulling and cutting evasive plant and vines, individually and with a few others whom I call my "park pod". It's been a Godsend to my mental health. I've also seen just how many people are out in the park as well. The closure of Sligo Creek Parkway Friday through Sunday has allowed many more people to enjoy the park while being able to socially distance.

The relatively small amount of funding for the parks creates a wonderful space for all AND a large group of volunteers who save the county many thousands of dollars. Please fully fund the Parks Department budget;

Sincerely,

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