

Land Acquisition: MCPS -- No. 546034

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Montgomery County Public Schools
Countywide
Public Schools
Countywide

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

May 14, 2012
No
None
On-going

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY11	Est. FY12	Total 6 Years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land	8,005	3,805	0	4,200	4,200	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8,005	3,805	0	4,200	4,200	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	7,357	3,157	0	4,200	4,200	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund - G.O. Bonds	648	648	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8,005	3,805	0	4,200	4,200	0	0	0	0	0	0

DESCRIPTION

The Advanced Land Acquisition Revolving Fund (ALARF) is a revolving fund used to purchase sites for schools approved in the capital program or appearing in adopted area master plans. Funding is maintained by reimbursement from new school projects as they receive appropriations for construction and site acquisition. MCPS secures school sites through dedication at the time land is subdivided and purchases sites when dedication is infeasible. Prior to site selection, MCPS convenes a Site Selection Advisory Committee (SSAC) with staff from MCPS, M-NCPPC, OMB, DOT, County Council, and others, including school community. Funds also are needed for various site-related expenses, such as geotechnical studies, topographical surveys, legal fees, easements, and a site administration assistant. Funds also are used for minor site expansions when opportunities present themselves to upgrade substandard existing school sites. When land purchased with this fund becomes part of a specific school construction project, the land purchase cost and related administrative expenses are transferred to that specific project.

An FY 2001 supplemental appropriation of \$7.0 million was approved for land acquisition related to the new Quince Orchard Middle School #2 and Rocky Hill Middle School replacement facility. Anticipated expenditures in FY 2002 were for land acquisition, miscellaneous legal/title/general expenses, and engineering fees. An FY 2003 appropriation was approved to reimburse the ALARF account for engineering fees, as well as miscellaneous legal/title/general expenses. An FY 2004 appropriation was approved to reimburse the ALARF account as approved in the FY 2003-2008 CIP. The Board of Education, in the FY 2005-2010 CIP, requested an FY 2005 appropriation for land acquisition related to a reservation request for an elementary school site in the Shady Grove sector plan, and for land acquisition related to other school construction projects. The County Council did not support funding since the sector plan was not complete. The County Council did approve funding for the land acquisition related to other school construction projects. An amendment to the FY 2005-2010 CIP was requested by the Board of Education to purchase land for elementary school sites in the Shady Grove sector plan and the Kennedy Cluster. The county executive did not recommend funding for the land purchase in the Shady Grove sector plan. The county executive in FY 2006 recommended that the Board of Education request an FY 2005 Special Appropriation for the land purchase in the Kennedy Cluster. On April 12, 2005, the Board of Education approved an FY 2005 Special Appropriation in the amount of \$1.5 million for the land purchase for an elementary school site in the Kennedy Cluster, in lieu of its FY 2006 request. The County Council approved the FY 2005 Special Appropriation for a school site in the Kennedy Cluster, but did not approve the land purchase in the Shady Grove sector plan.

During the Amended FY 2005-2010 CIP, the county executive recommended that the title of this project be changed to "Land Acquisition: MCPS" to accurately reflect the activity in this project. In recent years, most land acquisitions have been handled through a supplemental appropriation, and therefore, funds would be allocated to this project, with no reimbursement. The lack of reimbursement in turn results in a non-revolving fund project. As part of the Board of Education's Requested FY 2007-2012 CIP, the one staff person, as well as expenditures for legal fees and other non-reimbursable costs were transferred to the Design and Construction Management project. The Board of Education requested and the County Council approved that the name and scope of this project be changed to accurately reflect its current activity. An FY 2007 appropriation was approved to purchase land adjacent to Paint Branch High School in order to expand the school site during its modernization. An FY 2013 appropriation was approved to purchase land for a new elementary schools in the Northwest Cluster, to purchase land adjacent to a new elementary school and new middle school to expand the current sites during the construction of these new facilities.

FISCAL NOTE

State Reimbursement: Not eligible

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY54	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY96	8,500
Last FY's Cost Estimate		3,805
Appropriation Request	FY13	4,200
Appropriation Request Est.	FY14	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		3,157
Expenditures / Encumbrances		1,044
Unencumbered Balance		2,113
Partial Closeout Thru	FY10	24,781
New Partial Closeout	FY11	0
Total Partial Closeout		24,781

COORDINATION

Mandatory Referral - M-NCPPC
Department of Environmental Protection
Building Permits:
Code Review
Fire Marshall
Department of Transportation
Inspections
Sediment Control
Stormwater Management
WSSC Permits

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