

# Little Bennett Regional Park Day Use Area (P138703)

Category M-NCPPC  
 Sub Category Development  
 Administering Agency M-NCPPC (AAGE13)  
 Planning Area Clarksburg

Date Last Modified 11/17/14  
 Required Adequate Public Facility No  
 Relocation Impact None  
 Status Planning Stage

	Total	Thru FY15	Est FY16	Total 6 Years	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	Beyond 6 Yrs
<b>EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)</b>											
Planning, Design and Supervision	1,703	0	0	964	0	0	256	317	212	179	739
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	12,864	0	0	4,550	0	0	0	0	2,371	2,179	8,314
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,567</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,514</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>2,583</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>9,053</b>

	Total	Thru FY15	Est FY16	Total 6 Years	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	Beyond 6 Yrs
<b>FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)</b>											
G.O. Bonds	13,544	0	0	4,491	0	0	256	317	2,583	1,335	9,053
Program Open Space	1,023	0	0	1,023	0	0	0	0	0	1,023	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,567</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,514</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>2,583</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>9,053</b>

### APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 17	0
Appropriation Request Est.	FY 18	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		0
Expenditure / Encumbrances		0
Unencumbered Balance		0

Date First Appropriation	FY 16	
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY 16	14,567
Last FY's Cost Estimate		14,253

### Description

The Little Bennett Regional Park Day Use Area, located on the east side of MD Route 355 north of Comus Road, is a 65-acre existing meadow adjacent to wooded areas of the park and Soper's Branch stream. The day use area is designed to provide nature-based recreation and protects and interprets the existing meadow and adjacent forest habitat. The program of requirements from the master plan is accomplished in a uniquely sustainable manner that interprets the natural and cultural landscapes of the area. The project includes a multi-purpose outdoor classroom building, outdoor educational space and amphitheater, group picnic areas and shelter, play complex, sledding hill, hay play, group fire ring, teaching alcoves, two entrances and an access road, parking, bike path, hard and natural surface interpretive trails, bridges and boardwalks with overlooks, meadow enhancement and management, control of invasive species, managed forest succession, and stream restoration.

### Location

The County is currently negotiating with the Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Preservation Inc. regarding right-of-way impacts and the final alignment of a pedestrian bridge crossing over Georgia Avenue. The initial design for this project was funded through Facility Planning: Transportation (CIP #509337). The expenditures reflects the previously approved FY13-18 alignment over Georgia Avenue, which provides a crossing that is safe, cost-effective, and has a more limited visual impact than other proposed alternatives. This project will be coordinated. The County is currently negotiating with the Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Preservation Inc. regarding right-of-way impacts and the final alignment of a pedestrian bridge crossing over Georgia Avenue. The initial design for this project was funded through Facility Planning: Transportation (CIP #509337). The expenditures reflects the previously approved FY13-18 alignment over Georgia Avenue, which provides a crossing that is safe, cost-effective, and has a more limited visual impact than other proposed alternatives. This project will be coordinated with the redevelopment of Progress Place and other construction activity in the Ripley district of Silver Spring to minimize impacts to surrounding property owners. the redevelopment of Progress Place and other construction activity in the Ripley district of Silver Spring to minimize impacts to surrounding property owners.

### Estimated Schedule

Design in FY17 and FY18 with construction beginning in FY19

### Cost Change

Cost increase due to inflation.

### Justification

The Montgomery County Planning Board approved the park facility plan on October 6, 2011; Countywide Park Trails Plan (2008); Little Bennett Regional Park Master Plan (2007); 2005 Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan (LPPRP); Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan (2005); Clarksburg Master Plan and Hyattstown Special Study Area (1994); Vision 2030: The Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan (2011); 2012 Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan.

### Disclosures

A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.

M-NCPPC (A13) asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

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### **Coordination**

Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Maryland State Highway Administration, Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County