



Wall Park Garage and Park Improvements (P721801)

Category	Culture and Recreation	Date Last Modified	01/12/22
SubCategory	Recreation	Administering Agency	General Services
Planning Area	North Bethesda-Garrett Park	Status	Final Design Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY21	Est FY22	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Beyond 6 Years
Other	6,612	-	1,106	5,506	-	-	4,400	1,106	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,612	-	1,106	5,506	-	-	4,400	1,106	-	-	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY21	Est FY22	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Beyond 6 Years
G.O. Bonds	6,612	-	1,106	5,506	-	-	4,400	1,106	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	6,612	-	1,106	5,506	-	-	4,400	1,106	-	-	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 23 Request	-	Year First Appropriation	FY18
Appropriation FY 24 Request	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	6,612
Cumulative Appropriation	6,612		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	-		
Unencumbered Balance	6,612		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project relocates surface parking from the Wall Park and the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center (KSAC) to an adjacent parking garage on private property, as suggested in the White Flint Sector Plan. The adjacent property owner, Gables Development, has an approved site plan and is going forward with a larger residential project. As part of their site plan approval, Gables Development is required to reserve space for up to 400 parking spaces to be built and used by the County to serve both KSAC and a possible future expansion for a Regional Recreation Center. As part of the residential project, the developer is building an 850 space garage, with 250 of those spaces owned by the County through a condominium regime. The parking garage will be linked to KSAC through a public drive and pedestrian paths. Space is being reserved for a possible addition of County spaces to the garage if they are needed in the future for an expanded Recreation Center. This space will be reserved for 10 years from the date of Gables' site plan approval. The garage project will allow for the removal of most of the current surface parking in Wall Park and the creation of an interim park with large green spaces and loop trails, with plans for a future urban park with varied amenities.

LOCATION

The project will be located on the Gables residential site which is immediately adjacent to the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center

(KSAC) at 5900 Executive Boulevard, North Bethesda, MD and will be accessed from KSAC's current entrance on Executive Boulevard.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Assumes developer implementation delays until FY25.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The White Flint Sector Plan was approved by Council in 2010. This plan allows for significantly higher density than the existing development. Based upon the market, the majority of development planned for the first phase has been multi-family residential. Along with providing a more walkable area through new programmed capital roads, streetscape, and biking facilities projects, there is a great need for open space that can be easily accessed by both the urban dwellers moving into this dense redevelopment area and by the local community. Wall Park could provide that open space now and will eventually provide an urban park with varied amenities, but only if the surface parking is removed. The roads adjacent to this site are currently being reconfigured and facilitation of this project will allow the County to obtain dedicated right of way needed for use in the ongoing White Flint West Workaround road project. As part of the Gables Residential project, there is an opportunity to have the surface parking replaced by a much larger garage. This will take advantage of the economies of scale by providing the development of parking at a lower cost than if the County had to build its own garage and will result in the County ownership of 30% of the garage spaces under a condominium regime.

FISCAL NOTE

FY18 supplemental for Wall Park Garage and Park Improvements approved \$6,582,000 in FY18 appropriation.

COORDINATION

Department of General Services, Department of Transportation, Permitting Services, Department of Recreation and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.