



Committee: Directly to Council

Committee Review: N/A

Staff: Keith Levchenko, Senior Legislative Analyst

Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected

Keywords: #FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program and Montgomery Parks

AGENDA ITEM #15

July 26, 2022

Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Amendments to the FY23-28 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Capital Improvements Program (CIP) – Elm Street Urban Park and Little Bennett Regional Park Day Use Area

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

- On May 26, the Council approved [Resolution 19-1279 “Approval of the FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program, and Approval of and Appropriation for the FY23 Capital Budget of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission”](#)
- Two ongoing Parks projects: Elm Street Urban Park and Little Bennett Regional Park Day Use Area were inadvertently omitted from the Part II “Approved Projects” section of the Council’s M-NCPPC FY23-28 CIP approval resolution.
- Both projects had been recommended for approval by the Council’s Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee at its March 5, 2022 worksession and later supported by the full Council at its discussion of the M-NCPPC CIP on April 5, 2022.
- No changes were assumed for either project as part of the Council’s CIP reconciliation process which the Council discussed and preliminarily supported on May 19, 2022.
- The attached resolution would add these two projects to the FY23-28 M-NCPPC CIP, consistent with the Council’s prior discussion of the M-NCPPC CIP on April 5, 2022 and the Council’s initial CIP reconciliation discussion on May 19, 2022.
- Both projects include spending in the beyond six-years period only (no spending in the FY23-28 period) and neither project requires an FY23 appropriation.
- Action is scheduled immediately after the public hearing.

This report contains:

- Draft Resolution
- Project Description Forms

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Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Amendments to the FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Elm Street Urban Park (No. 138701)
Little Bennett Regional Park Day Use Area (No. 138703)

Background

1. Section 302 of the County Charter provides that the Council may amend an approved capital improvements program at any time by an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers.
2. This amendment corrects an omission in Resolution 19-1279, the FY23-28 CIP for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, which did not include the Elm Street Urban Park and Little Bennett Regional Park Day Use Area project description forms. On April 5, 2022 the Council had unanimously supported including these projects in the FY23-28 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission CIP, but staff inadvertently neglected to include the project description forms in Resolution 19-1279 that was adopted on May 26, 2022.
3. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

The FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is amended to include the Elm Street Urban Park (No. 138701) and the Little Bennett Regional Park Day Use Area (No. 138703) projects, as reflected on the attached project description forms.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council



Elm Street Urban Park (P138701)

Category	M-NCPPC	Date Last Modified	11/23/21
SubCategory	Development	Administering Agency	M-NCPPC
Planning Area	Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Vicinity	Status	Planning Stage

Total	Thru FY21	Est FY22	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Beyond 6 Years
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EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Planning, Design and Supervision	231	23	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160
Land	782	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	782
Site Improvements and Utilities	600	188	412	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,613	211	460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	942

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

M-NCPPC Bonds	1,613	211	460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	942
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	1,613	211	460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	942

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 23 Request	-	Year First Appropriation	FY15
Appropriation FY 24 Request	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	1,613
Cumulative Appropriation	671		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	387		
Unencumbered Balance	284		

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Pending Closeout

DISCLOSURES

A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.



Little Bennett Regional Park Day Use Area

(P138703)

Category	M-NCPPC	Date Last Modified	11/23/21
SubCategory	Development	Administering Agency	M-NCPPC
Planning Area	Clarksburg and Vicinity	Status	Preliminary Design Stage

Total	Thru FY21	Est FY22	Total 6 Years	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	Beyond 6 Years
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EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Planning, Design and Supervision	2,671	21	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,621
Site Improvements and Utilities	11,896	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,896
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,567	21	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,517

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

G.O. Bonds	11,044	21	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,994
Program Open Space	3,523	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,523
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	14,567	21	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,517

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 23 Request	-	Year First Appropriation	FY19
Appropriation FY 24 Request	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	14,567
Cumulative Appropriation	50		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	21		
Unencumbered Balance	29		

PROJECT 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, terraces and amphitheater, group picnic areas and shelter, play complex, learning alcoves, two entrances and an access road, parking, hard and natural surface trails, bridges and boardwalks with overlooks, signage and interpretation, stormwater management, meadow restoration with non-native invasive eradication, managed forest succession and habitat enhancement along the stream buffer.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Pending Closeout

PROJECT 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 asserts that this project conforms to the requirement of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

COORDINATION

Montgomery County Departments of Transportation and Department of Environmental Protection, and Maryland State Highway Administration.