



**Committee:** Directly to Council  
**Committee Review:** N/A  
**Staff:** Pamela Dunn, Sr. Legislative Analyst  
**Purpose:** Receive briefing and have discussion – no vote expected  
**Keywords:** Planning, Parks, Semi-Annual

AGENDA ITEM #7  
March 7, 2023  
**Discussion**

## SUBJECT

The Semi-Annual Report of the Planning Board to the Council which outlines accomplishments, current work program items of both the Department of Parks and Planning Department.

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

Jeffrey Zyontz, Interim Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board  
Amy Presley, Interim Vice Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board  
Cherri Branson, Montgomery County Planning Board  
David Hill, Montgomery County Planning Board  
Roberto Pinero, Montgomery County Planning Board  
Tanya Stern, Acting Director, Planning Department  
Robert Kronenberg, Deputy Director, Planning Department  
Mike Riley, Director, Parks Department  
Miti Figueredo, Deputy Director of Administration, Parks Department

## COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Review Planning Department and Department of Parks accomplishments and work program providing any input on work program items for the coming fiscal year.

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Semi-Annual Report of the Planning Board to the Council typically occurs in the spring and fall each year. It is an opportunity for the Board to brief the Council on the accomplishments of the Parks and Planning Departments and provide an update on work program items. The Semi-Annual report is customarily provided to the Council in the form of a presentation.

## SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- **PLANNING**  
The Planning Department's Semi-Annual presentation will provide an update on ongoing and upcoming work of the Department. Planning's will also provide an update to their proposed work program schedule for master plans and studies. (See © 1 and 2).

Presentation slides can be found at:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/PDF/Item7PlanningSemiannualRptPresFinal.pdf>

- **PARKS**

The Parks Department’s Semi-Annual presentation will provide an update regarding ongoing work of the Department.

The presentation to Council can be found at:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/PDF/Item7ParksSpring2023SemiPresentation.pdf>

**This report contains:**

	Pages
Staff Memorandum	1-3
FY24 Proposed Master Plan and Major Projects Schedule: October 2022 Operating Budget	© 1
FY24 Proposed Master Plan and Major Projects Schedule: Updated March 2023	© 2

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**MEMORANDUM**

March 2, 2023

TO: County Council

FROM: Pamela Dunn, Senior Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: Semi-Annual Report of the Planning Board

PURPOSE: Review Planning Department and Department of Parks accomplishments and work program.

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**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

The Planning Department's Semi-Annual presentation will provide an update on the following ongoing and upcoming work of the Department:

1. Equitable and Complete Communities
2. Equity Agenda for Planning:
  - Tools
  - Master Plans
  - Equity Peer Review
  - Equitable Engagement
3. Master Plans and Related Projects – *in progress*
  - Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan
  - Amendments to Historic Preservation Master Plan
  - Pedestrian Master Plan
  - Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan
  - Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment
  - The Great Seneca Plan
  - University Boulevard Corridor Plan

- Incentive Density Guidelines Update
  - Friendship Heights Urban Design Study
4. Master Plans – *about to launch*
    - Clarksburg Master Plan Amendment
    - Silver Spring Communities Master Plan
  5. Development Review
    - Development Review Committee (DRC) Retreat
    - DRC live streamed + on-demand meetings
    - Speed to Market
    - Latest development stats
  6. Special Studies and Projects
    - No Net Loss of Forest Amendments to Forest Conservation Law (Ch. 22A)
    - Reforest Montgomery
    - Placemaking strategic plan + activities
    - Design Excellence Awards 2023
  7. Work Program Update Schedule

Planning’s work program update includes their proposed FY24 work program schedule for master plans and studies. The Council did not receive a Semi-Annual update in the fall of 2022 due to changes at the Planning Board. The FY24 Proposed Master Plan and Major Projects Schedule as submitted in the FY24 Operating Budget is attached on © 1. The FY24 Proposed Master Plan and Major Projects Schedule: Update is attached on © 2.

The proposed schedule shows some plans and projects coming to Council ahead of the proposed schedule in the Operating Budget, including the Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan, the Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, and the Friendship Heights Urban Design Study. The schedule also shows a minor delay in the Council’s receipt of the Fairland - Briggs Chaney Master Plan and the Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment. Delay in master plan deliveries is not unusual given the length of time required to complete a plan. The Clarksburg Master Plan Amendment is showing a delay of six months in the updated schedule, and the Silver Spring Communities Plan a delay of four months. The delay to the Silver Spring Plan is proposed to eliminate the Council’s receipt of two master plans in the same two-month period just before the budget review season.

In addition to updating the current work program schedule, the Department is requesting four new projects be added: a Germantown employment corridor check in, a project to establish Thrive 2050 Plan implementation metrics, a curbside management project, and a Randolph Road corridor study. These four projects would be added to the Department’s current work on ten other projects/studies and nine ongoing/upcoming master plans.

The work program will be discussed further as part of the Operating Budget review.

## **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

The Parks Department's Semi-Annual presentation will provide an update regarding the following ongoing work of the Department:

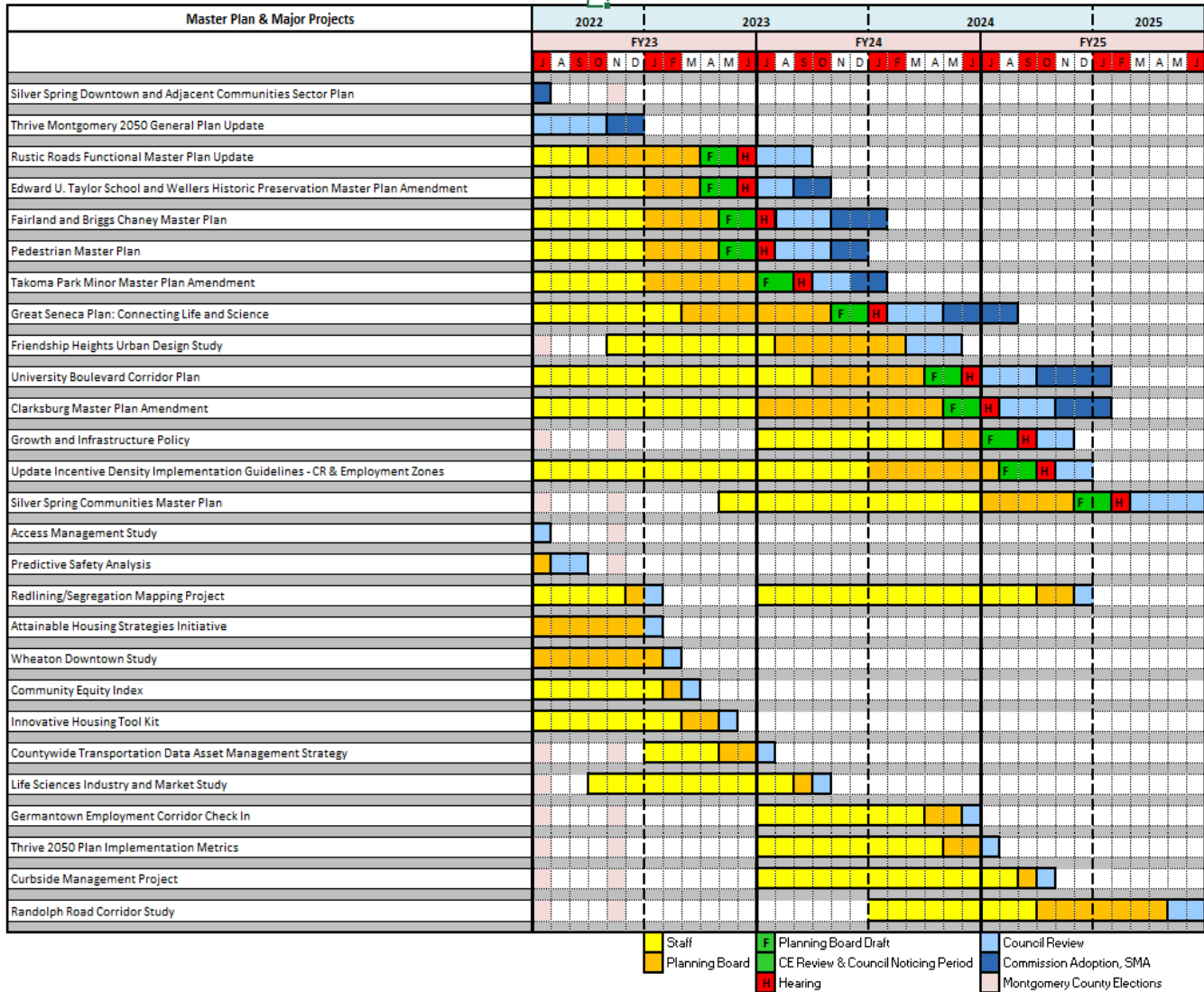
1. Operating Budget Overview: Program Enhancements
2. State and Federal Grants
3. 2022 Park, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan
4. Wheaton Regional Park Master Plan
5. Park Activation Program and Spring Events
  - Parks Ale Trail
  - Olney Days
  - Roller Disco
  - Sunday Serenade
  - Kites and Colors Festival
6. Major CIP Project Delivery Timeline
  - Colt Terrace Playground
  - Black Hill Community Garden
  - Stewartown
  - Hillwood Manor
  - Gene Lynch
  - South Silver Spring
7. Park Refreshers: Caroline Freeland and Columbia Local Park
8. Long Branch Parks Initiative
9. Park Visitation Data and Trends: Numbers pre and post COVID
10. Athletic Fields
  - Blair High School Renovations
  - Highland Elementary and Randolph Hills Renovations
  - Athletic Field Showcase
11. Trails: Trail Ambassador Program and Fairland Skills Bike Park
12. Program Access: CommUNITY Mural Wheaton Regional and Montgomery Explorer Program
13. Spotted Lanternfly Update
14. Sustainability Overview: Electrification of equipment and Stormwater infrastructure
15. Volunteer Programs: Harvest Share Food Donation Program at Pope Farm

16. Enterprise Revenue Update

# Montgomery County Planning Department

## WORK PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### FY24 Proposed Master Plan and Major Projects Schedule



### FY24 Proposed Master Plan and Major Projects Schedule Updated March 2023

