

Resolution No.: 15-1595  
Introduced: June 27, 2006  
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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: County Council

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**SUBJECT:** Amendment to the FY07-12 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, for Elmhirst Parkway Neighborhood Park, PDF 078703

**Background**

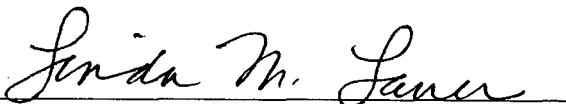
1. Section 302 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that the Council may amend an approved capital improvements program at any time by an affirmative vote of no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) has requested an amendment to the FY07-12 Capital Improvements Program as shown on the attached project description form.
3. This amendment to change the split of funding sources is requested because of an increase in the FY07 allocation of Program Open Space (POS) funds from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. On May 2, 2006, the State of Maryland sent official notification of Montgomery County's FY07 POS apportionment, which is a significantly greater allocation than assumed in the Planning Board's requested FY07-12 CIP. This change in funding split will allow M-NCPPC to substitute Program Open Space funds for Park and Planning Bonds.
4. The County Council recommends an amendment to **Elmhirst Parkway Neighborhood Park, PDF 078703**.

**Action**

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

The FY07-12 Capital Improvements Program of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is amended as described above and as reflected on the attached project description form.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

**PROPOSED**

**Elmhirst Parkway Neighborhood Park -- No. 078703**

Category M-NCPPC  
 Agency M-NCPPC  
 Planning Area Bethesda-Chevy Chase  
 Relocation Impact None.

Date Last Modified  
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 Required Adequate Public Facility

June 15, 2006  
 NONE  
 NO

**EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)**

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY05	Est. FY06	Total 6 Years	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	89	0	0	89	61	20	8	0	0	0	0
Land											
Site Improvements and Utilities	389	0	0	389	0	195	194	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)**

Program Open Space	358	0	0	358	46	161	151	0	0	0	0
Park and Planning Bonds	120	0	0	120	15	54	51	0	0	0	0

**ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)**

Program-Staff				20	0	0	5	5	5	5	0
Program-Other				12	0	0	3	3	3	3	0
Net Impact				32	0	0	8	8	8	8	0
Workyears				0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0

**DESCRIPTION**

This project provides a replacement park for the Locust Hill Estates community. Locust Hill Neighborhood Park was developed approximately 50 years ago in an environmentally sensitive area along a tributary to Rock Creek prior to the current awareness and regulations regarding protection of the environment. The park was cut off from maintenance access when the capital beltway was constructed. Facilities have deteriorated significantly.

The park will be reconstructed in a section of the adjacent Elmhirst Parkway Neighborhood Conservation Area that is suitable for development. The existing Locust Hill Neighborhood Park will be converted to a Neighborhood Conservation Area, and a portion of Elmhirst Parkway Neighborhood Conservation Area will be converted to a neighborhood park. A playground with multi-age equipment, safety surfacing, benches, and parking lot improvements are included in the scope of the project. A bridge will provide access to the Parkview Estates community. The existing open natural area will be maintained for recreation.

Design will begin in FY07, with construction during FY08 and FY09.

**JUSTIFICATION**

Many residents were concerned about the need for a playground after the Locust Hill park had to be removed for maintenance and environmental reasons. This new park is necessary to provide a replacement playground and passive recreation area for a community with many young children. This project replaces existing playground facilities that have been lost by the community over time, and the new park location serves the same neighborhood. The Montgomery County Planning Board approved a concept plan for the new park facilities, as well as for restoration of the existing park area, on June 16, 2005.

**Plans and Studies**

Concept plan approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board on June 16, 2005. A review of impacts to pedestrians, bicycles and ADA requirements (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991) will be performed and addressed by this project. Traffic signals, streetlights, crosswalks, bus stops, ADA ramps, bikeways, and other pertinent issues will be considered in the design of the project to ensure pedestrian safety.

**Cost Change**

Not applicable.

**STATUS**

Final design stage.

**FISCAL NOTE**

FY07 amendment to add additional Program Open Space funding.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA			COORDINATION	MAP
Date First Appropriation	FY07	(\$000)	M-NCPPC asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.	
Initial Cost Estimate		0		
First Cost Estimate				
Current Scope	FY07	478		
Last FY's Cost Estimate		0		
Present Cost Estimate		478		
Appropriation Request	FY07	73		
Appropriation Req. Est.	FY08	405		
Supplemental Appropriation Request	FY06	0		
Transfer		0		
Cumulative Appropriation		0		
Expenditures/Encumbrances		0		
Unencumbered Balance		0		
Partial Closeout Thru	FY04	0		
New Partial Closeout	FY05	0		
Total Partial Closeout		0		