

Resolution No.: 15-1596

Introduced: June 27, 2006

Adopted: August 1, 2006

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Amendment to the FY07 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, for **Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park, PDF 078707**

Background

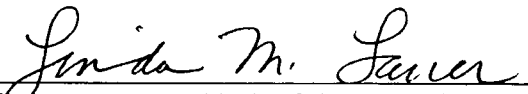
1. Section 302 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that the Council may amend an approved capital improvements program at any time by an affirmative vote of no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) has requested an amendment 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 **Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park, PDF 078707**.

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

Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park -- No. 078707

PROPOSED

Category M-NCPPC
 Agency M-NCPPC
 Planning Area Takoma Park
 Relocation Impact None.

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 Required Adequate Public Facility

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 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	770	0	0	770	264	319	120	67	0	0	0
Land											
Site Improvements and Utilities	2,714	0	0	2,714	0	0	2,443	271	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
Total	3,484	0	0	3,484	264	319	2,563	338	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Program Open Space	2,613	0	0	2,613	198	239	1,923	253	0	0	0
Park and Planning Bonds	871	0	0	871	66	80	640	85	0	0	0

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

Maintenance				3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Energy				3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Program-Staff				31	0	0	0	10	11	10	0
Program-Other				16	0	0	0	5	6	5	0
Net Impact				53	0	0	0	17	19	17	0
Workyears				0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0

DESCRIPTION

This project provides for renovation of a 17.4-acre local park adjacent to Piney Branch Elementary School in Takoma Park. The renovated park will include a loop path, natural surface trails and pedestrian connections, improved entrance plaza and parking lot at Darwin Avenue, handicap parking at Grant Avenue and maintenance access, replaces existing basketball courts, replaces existing playground and adds another, reduces two volleyball courts to one, provides stormwater management for the parking lot and a wetland area in Takoma Woods, constructs a new shelter, replaces the existing restroom with portable toilets, and converts the two tennis courts to a skateboard park. The existing ballfields will remain unchanged. Design will begin in FY07. Construction will begin in FY08 and is scheduled for completion in FY09.

JUSTIFICATION

This park is 30 years old and serves a diverse population in the Takoma Park area. The Takoma Park City Council approved the plan and asked that it be given priority because it provides the only green space in a densely populated area. Once renovated, this park will provide an additional playground to serve the adjacent school and the many apartments in the area. If a skateboard park is constructed, it will help provide one of the many that the Draft 2005 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan indicates will be needed by 2020. The park will also provide walking paths to be used by the schools and community.

Plans and Studies

Support for the renovation of the Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park may be found in the Takoma Park Master Plan adopted December 2000. The facility plan is also consistent with the 1998 PROS plan. The 2005 Draft Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) cites the need for fifteen skateboard parks in the County. The Takoma Piney Branch Local Park has Planning Board, City, and community approval for a small-scale, modular, neighborhood skateboard park. The Montgomery County Planning Board approved the Facility Plan in August 2005.

A review of impacts to pedestrians, bicycles and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act 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)	City of Takoma Park	
Initial Cost Estimate		0	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.	
First Cost Estimate				
Current Scope	FY07	3,484		
Last FY's Cost Estimate		0		
Present Cost Estimate		3,484		
Appropriation Request	FY07	583		
Appropriation Req. Est.	FY08	2,714		
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		