



Legacy Open Space

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Category	M-NCPPC	Date Last Modified	10/30/25
SubCategory	Acquisition	Administering Agency	M-NCPPC
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	Ongoing

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY25	Est FY26	Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	Beyond 6 Years
Land	89,650	73,386	4,275	5,538	923	923	923	923	923	923	6,451
Other	10,350	6,576	1,400	1,752	292	292	292	292	292	292	622
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	100,000	79,962	5,675	7,290	1,215	1,215	1,215	1,215	1,215	1,215	7,073

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY25	Est FY26	Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	Beyond 6 Years
Contributions	938	938	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current Revenue: General	12,524	11,150	384	690	115	115	115	115	115	115	300
G.O. Bonds	54,044	36,847	4,390	6,600	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	6,207
M-NCPPC Bonds	10,436	8,969	901	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	566
PAYGO	17,855	17,855	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
POS-Stateside (M-NCPPC Only)	200	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Program Open Space	4,003	4,003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	100,000	79,962	5,675	7,290	1,215	1,215	1,215	1,215	1,215	1,215	7,073

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 27 Request	1,215	Year First Appropriation	FY01
Appropriation FY 28 Request	1,215	Last FY's Cost Estimate	100,000
Cumulative Appropriation	85,637		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	81,005		
Unencumbered Balance	4,632		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Legacy Open Space initiative identifies open space lands that should be acquired and interpreted because of exceptional natural or cultural value to current and future generations of Montgomery County residents. The project funds acquisition (in-fee and easement) of open-space lands of countywide significance. Priorities are updated during each CIP cycle but remain flexible to allow the Montgomery County Planning Board to address development threats, opportunity acquisitions, and joint funding opportunities. The County Council encourages the Commission to seek supplemental appropriations if approved CIP funding is insufficient. Non-County funding sources are expected to contribute significantly to the Legacy Open Space program. Contributions will appear in the PDF Expenditure and Funding Schedules only if the contribution is spent by the County or M-NCPPC. Donations of land or

non-County funded payments that go directly to property owners are not included. The combination of these non-County and County funds have resulted in the successful protection of over 5,400 acres of open space in the County, including over 3,850 acres of new parkland.

COST CHANGE

Addition of FY31-32, and Beyond Six Year costs adjusted to maintain the historical project balance of \$100 million.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The Vision 2030 Strategic Plan for Parks and Recreation in Montgomery County (2010) and the 2017 Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan recommend placing priority on conservation of natural open spaces, protection of heritage resources, providing critical urban open spaces, and expanded interpretive activities in parks. Legacy Open Space: Open Space Conservation in the 21st Century, approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board in October 1999. Legacy Open Space Functional Master Plan adopted by the County Council in July 2001.

FISCAL NOTE

Reduction in FY22 Current Revenue: General from non-recommended reductions, and G.O. Bonds were reduced in FY23-25 and slipped to FY26 for fiscal capacity. FY18 reduction of \$100k in Current Revenue to reflect the FY18 Savings Plan. Modifications reflect Resolution 19-322 that was approved December 10, 2019, after the Department's CIP submission in November 2019. The resolution provided a transfer of funds to the Acquisition: Non-Local Parks CIP project related to the acquisition of park land in Wheaton. \$695K of M-NCPPC Bonds in FY25 to FY24 shifted to Legacy Urban Space.

DISCLOSURES

Expenditures will continue indefinitely. 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

Park Acquisitions 872301, Legacy Urban Space PDF 872104, ALARF: M-NCPPC 727007, Bethesda Park Impact Payment PDF 872002, Restoration of Historic Structures 808494, State of Maryland.