



Trails: Natural Surface & Resource-based Recreation

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SubCategory	Development	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
Planning, Design and Supervision	534	204	72	258	43	43	43	43	43	43	-
Site Improvements and Utilities	10,454	4,427	1,185	4,842	807	807	807	807	807	807	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,988	4,631	1,257	5,100	850	850	850	850	850	850	-

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	200	136	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current Revenue: General	8,735	3,125	810	4,800	800	800	800	800	800	800	-
G.O. Bonds	1,848	1,165	383	300	50	50	50	50	50	50	-
State Aid	205	205	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	10,988	4,631	1,257	5,100	850	850	850	850	850	850	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 27 Request	850	Year First Appropriation	FY85
Appropriation FY 28 Request	850	Last FY's Cost Estimate	8,688
Cumulative Appropriation	5,888		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	4,761		
Unencumbered Balance	1,127		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides design and construction for creation, renovation, reconfiguration, and modernization of the natural surface trail system on parkland. Improvements may include, but are not limited to, pavements, bridges and boardwalks, site amenities (i.e. drinking fountains, benches, bike racks, bike repair stations, overlooks, trailheads, etc.), safety improvements, connections, restorations, skills facilities, barriers, signage, ADA access and drainage improvements, grading, wood chips, soil mixtures, gravel/stone, site work, signage, and are often combined with other projects. The projects will create and improve natural surface trails, and it will also help support natural resource-based recreation uses such as bicycling, hiking, running, horseback riding, bird watching, nature photography, wildlife viewing, kayaking, rowing, canoeing, and fishing, etc. Natural surface trails will utilize Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines for Outdoor Recreation, but access may be limited due to site constraints.

COST CHANGE

Addition of funding to FY31 and FY32 for this ongoing project and additional annual funding to support ongoing work.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Improvements address only the highest priority needs for each trail and presume some volunteer assistance for hand labor. Projects in Rock Creek, Rachel Carson, Little Bennett, and Black Hill implement park master plans. This Capital Improvements Program project implements the natural surface recreational trail component of the Countywide Park Trails Plan and trail recommendations in area master plans. 2016 Countywide Park Trails Plan, 2017 Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan.

FISCAL NOTE

Prior year partial capitalization of expenditures through FY16 totaled \$3.33 million. M-NCPPC was awarded a State Bond Bill of \$105k in FY18 for Western Piedmont Trail Connector. FY14 transfer out of \$45,000 GO bonds to Montrose Trail (No. 038707). FY18 current revenue reduced \$30k to reflect the FY18 Savings Plan. In FY21, added Contributions for trail improvements near the Cabin John Watershed. GO bonds are intended to be used for bridge construction.

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

Maryland State Parks, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Volunteer Groups