



Park Refreshers

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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	21,510	2,373	7,878	10,748	3,119	1,494	1,500	1,545	1,545	1,545	511
Site Improvements and Utilities	56,713	7,580	22,013	25,748	7,494	3,455	3,609	3,730	3,730	3,730	1,372
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	78,223	9,953	29,891	36,496	10,613	4,949	5,109	5,275	5,275	5,275	1,883

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
Federal Aid	3,500	-	2,000	1,500	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-
M-NCPPC Bonds	29,044	3,142	7,606	18,296	2,788	2,874	3,034	3,200	3,200	3,200	-
Program Open Space	38,926	6,811	15,282	14,950	4,575	2,075	2,075	2,075	2,075	2,075	1,883
State Aid	6,753	-	5,003	1,750	1,750	-	-	-	-	-	-
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APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 27 Request	10,613	Year First Appropriation	FY19
Appropriation FY 28 Request	4,949	Last FY's Cost Estimate	61,562
Cumulative Appropriation	39,844		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	18,221		
Unencumbered Balance	21,623		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project funds design and construction of renovations, modifications, and modernizations of local parks, with projects generally between \$2 to \$4 M. These renovation projects are typically complex and/or extensive, and may require planning, public outreach, and Planning Board approval where POS funds are used. Improvements may include, but are not limited to, renovating and/or converting existing amenities, adding new park elements and features, modernizing facilities, improving infrastructure, etc., and are often combined with other projects.

COST CHANGE

Increased funding represents the allocation of Park Bonds, additional State Aid and Program Open Space funds awarded in 2026 by the Maryland General Assembly offset in part by an anticipated reduction of Program Open Space funding, additional Federal Aid to

allow project implementation for a new Land and Water Conservation Fund grant award to implement the Gunners Lake LP Park Refresher project, and the addition of FY31 and FY32 to this ongoing project.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

This project responds to the challenge of maintaining an aging park system while meeting increasing demands from a growing population, escalating costs, and tightening fiscal conditions. The traditional method of large-scale renovations utilizing facility planning and stand-alone CIP projects is not a one-size-fits-all approach to delivering a modern park system at a reasonable cost. This provides the agency an additional tool that streamlines the park development process with smaller scale projects, allowing the agency to be more responsive to life-cycles of infrastructure and meeting goals and objectives of the PROS 2017 plan and individual master plans.

OTHER

The goal of this project is to fund 2-3 renovation projects each year.

FISCAL NOTE

A total of \$650k of FY24 State Aid was provided for the following: Dalewood Playground (\$250k), Stonehedge Local Park (\$150k); and Long Branch Parks Initiative (\$250k). A total of \$2,000 of Federal Aid was provided for implementation of projects in Long Branch Wayne Park and Long Branch Local Park. Additional State Aid funding was added in FY25 for Stonebridge Local Park attributed to a \$1,150,000 increase in State Bond Bills through the legislative Bond Initiatives program. POS funding reduced by -\$170,000 due to the reduction of final POS Allocation received from the State. In FY26, State Aid funding includes a \$1,253,000 grant for New Hampshire Estates and Dalewood Playground awarded in the 2025 State capital budget by the Maryland General Assembly, partially offset by a \$1,883,000 reduction in Program Open Space funding. In FY27 State Aid funding includes \$750,000 LBI for Falls Road Local Park Playground Area Upgrades, \$750,000 for Wheaton Forest Local Park Refresher, and \$250,000 for Maplewood Alta-Vista Park Refresher. POS funding was adjusted to coincide with final POS Allocation received from the State. Also in FY27, \$1,500,000 Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant appropriated for the Gunners Lake Local Park Refresher.

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

M-NCPPC Planning Department; Montgomery County Departments of Transportation, Permitting Services, Environmental Protection; Regional Services Centers and Urban Districts.