



Legacy Urban Space

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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	146,000	15,333	7,427	10,111	2,611	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	113,129
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	146,000	15,333	7,427	10,111	2,611	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	113,129

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
M-NCPPC Bonds	926	-	585	111	111	-	-	-	-	-	230
Program Open Space	144,124	15,333	5,892	10,000	2,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	112,899
State Aid	950	-	950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	146,000	15,333	7,427	10,111	2,611	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	113,129

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 27 Request	2,611	Year First Appropriation	FY21
Appropriation FY 28 Request	1,500	Last FY's Cost Estimate	150,000
Cumulative Appropriation	22,760		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	15,479		
Unencumbered Balance	7,281		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Energized Public Spaces Functional Master Plan (EPS Plan) is a countywide plan to provide public spaces within walking distance in the county's most densely populated areas. With rising populations in mixed use and higher density residential neighborhoods, parks and open space serve as "outdoor living rooms" that play a critical role in promoting livable and healthy communities, social interaction, and equity for residents of all ages and incomes. The EPS methodology provides data driven analysis that measures and prioritizes the park amenities needed to support contemplative, active recreation, and social gathering activities. The EPS Plan identifies multiple strategies to fill identified public space deficits with park activation programs, alternative providers, public-private partnerships, repurposing and improving access to existing public parkland, and acquisition of new parkland. This PDF provides the funding to acquire parkland to fill needs identified in the EPS Study Area using State of Maryland Program Open Space grants. Acquisitions will be prioritized based on multiple factors, including providing service to lower income and racially diverse areas, addressing the largest public space deficits, seizing on opportunity acquisitions, and locations of highest population growth and associated park needs. Sites within the EPS Study Area that are identified for park acquisition in other sector, master or functional plans also may be acquired with this PDF. The County Council encourages the Commission to seek supplemental appropriations if approved CIP funding is

insufficient.

COST CHANGE

The overall project changed in accordance with recent history of funding availability for Program Open Space. Funds added to reflect additional Program Open Space allocation from the 2026 Maryland Capital Budget Bill.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Designing Public Spaces - Energized Public Spaces Design Guidelines, 2019; Energized Public Spaces Functional Master Plan, 2018; Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan, 2022; Vision 2030 Strategic Plan for Parks and Recreation, 2011; Legacy Open Space Functional Master Plan, 2001

FISCAL NOTE

FY22 transfer of \$400k of FY21 State Aid from Acquisition: Local Parks (P767828) for the Willett Branch Greenway bond bill. In FY22, added \$550k State Aid for a FY22 bond bill for the Willett Branch Greenway. In FY24, added \$2.7 million of Program Open Space funding. In FY26, reduced Program Open Space funding by \$1.2M to align with the actual State allocation. \$1.0M added to reflect additional Program Open Space allocation from the 2026 Maryland Capital Budget Bill.

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, ALARF: M-NCPPC 727007, Bethesda Park Impact Payment 872002, Mid-County Park Benefit Payments 872201, Legacy Open Space 018710, Urban Parks Elements 871540, State of Maryland.