

State Of Maryland

2022 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Little Falls Stream Valley Park		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Lee	Korman	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$600,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Little Falls Stream Valley Park, including trail renovations and stormwater management retrofits		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Delegate Marc Korman		marc.korman@house.state.md.us
Emily Mitchell		301-528-3423
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Montgomery County Department of Parks is a key agency of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), the proud steward of over 37,000 acres of parkland. Our mission is to protect and interpret the county's valuable natural and cultural resources; balance the demand for recreation with the need for conservation; offer a variety of enjoyable recreational activities that encourage healthy lifestyles; and provide clean, safe, and accessible places for leisure-time activities.</p>		

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)

The purpose of the project is to renovate the existing Little Falls paved trail from its connection at Hillandale Road near the Bethesda Pool to the intersection of Dorset Avenue. The existing trail is in poor condition with significant drainage issues. This project will renovate the existing trail, improve community connections, ensure ADA compliance, retrofit stormwater management, and enhance adjacent riparian conditions.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	
Design	\$150,000
Construction	\$650,000
Equipment	
Total	\$800,000

13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)

Little Falls Stream Valley Park State Aid	\$600,000
M-NCPPC CIP Program	\$200,000
Total	\$800,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
September, 2022	September, 2023	September, 2023	September, 2024
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
	10,000	10,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2021	\$150,000	Randolph Hills Local Park	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 2425 Reddie Road 11th Floor		6300 Little Falls Pkwy, Bethesda, MD 20816	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	16 - Montgomery County		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[X]	[]	[]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Adrian Gardner	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-495-2460		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 2425 Reddie Drive 11th Floor Wheaton, MD 20902 Attn: Bond Bill Administrator, Park Development Division			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
<10	<10	10000.00	10000.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments	
<p>Located in Bethesda, Maryland, Little Falls Stream Valley Park offers both recreational and conservation-based resources. Associated with the Capital Crescent Trail, it is one of the most popular parks in Montgomery County, providing an important outdoor amenity to the densely populated and diverse community residing in District 19.</p> <p>Little Falls Trail has been an important asset to the adjacent neighborhood and larger community to provide outdoor recreation and access to the Stream Valley Park. It also serves as a connection to the Bethesda Pool and Little Falls Parkway. In recent years the trail has complemented Montgomery Parks Open Parkway Program and provided safety outdoors activities. Trail usage has increased throughout Montgomery Parks as a result of the pandemic, which has highlighted the need to renovate older amenities like the Little Falls Trail. Also, this area was developed prior to the advent of stormwater management practices and unfortunately contributes to the poor ecological condition of the Willett Branch. Funding for this project will allow Parks to retrofit stormwater management techniques and environmental enhancements into the stream valley buffer. The asphalt which constitutes the hard surface trails must be replaced once it begins to deteriorate to maintain a safe and pleasant experience for Park users. Little Falls Stream Valley Park features miles of hard surface trail which are maintained by Montgomery Parks, however, there is not enough funding in the budget to allow us to make comprehensive renovations to all trail systems as quickly as they are needed.</p> <p>With the funding from the State, Montgomery Parks will be able to move the timing of the trail renovation up considerably, delivering a renovated trail to the community more quickly than the normal asset replacement schedule allows. The existing asphalt on this trail, which is in poor condition, will be replaced and upgraded to meet the current ADA accessibility requirements for outdoor trails. This upgrade will allow broader access on the trail to amenities throughout the park for users with varying physical abilities. While work crews are making these vital upgrades, associated drainage improvements and shoulder stabilization will also improve the overall quality of the trail.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this important project for a Capital Grant in the 2022 General Session.</p>	