



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Mike Riley, Deputy Director of Parks *MR*
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SUBJECT: Recommended and Potential Amendments to the Parks' FY09-14 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and FY10 Capital Budget

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Support the Department of Parks' changes to the County Executive's proposed amendments to the FY09-14 CIP and FY10 Capital Budget

FY10 CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS

On January 15, 2009, the County Executive submitted to the County Council his recommended FY 10 capital budget and amendments to the FY09-14 CIP. Besides a minor adjustment to the Parks' CIP, the FY09-14 CIP stayed intact as it was approved last summer. Since January 15, the County Executive has transmitted additional CIP amendments along with his FY10 recommended operating budget. These amendments include \$335,000 worth of cuts to the Parks' FY10 capital budget, impacting eight CIP projects. The purpose of these cuts is to balance current revenue funds across both the operating budget and the CIP. In addition to the eight projects that the County Executive is recommending for budget cuts, Council Staff is recommending potential amendments to two more projects so as to put all county current revenue funded projects on the table for the Council to consider in making further cuts and shifts.

DISCUSSION

The County Executive's recommendations reflect a cut of at least ten percent in current revenue funds in each of eight different CIP projects. The Department of Parks is recommending changes to the Executive's amendments in order to better reflect the true budget needs of these projects. Attachment A compares the Executive's recommended FY10 current revenue budget with what Parks is proposing. In essence, staff is requesting that the County Council retain \$135,000 of the \$335,000 in recommended cuts as well as to rearrange the amount of cuts across projects. County Council will hold public hearings on April 14, 15, and 16 for the Executive's recommended FY10 operating budget, FY10 capital budget and FY09-14 CIP. Staff recommends transmittal of the requested changes to the PHED Committee in time for its work session on April 13, and transmittal of the request to the full Council.

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ATTACHMENT A

Projects on the Table for FY10 Current Revenue Cuts

	Project Name	CE-recommended Budget in January 2009	CE-recommended Budget in March 2009	Difference between CE-recommended Budget in January and March 2009	Parks' Proposed Budget in April 2009	Difference between Parks' Proposed Budget in April 2009 and CE-recommended Budget in January 2009
1	Legacy Open Space	\$250,000	\$225,000	(\$25,000)	\$225,000	(\$25,000)
2	Acquisition: Non-Local Parks	135,000	120,000	(15,000)	135,000	0
3	Facility Planning: Non-Local Parks	300,000	270,000	(30,000)	270,000	(30,000)
4	Planned Life Asset Replacement: Non-Local Parks	1,200,000	1,080,000	(120,000)	1,200,000	0
5	Pollution Prevention and Repairs to Ponds & Lakes	500,000	450,000	(50,000)	500,000	0
6	Restoration of Historic Structures	500,000	450,000	(50,000)	450,000	(50,000)
7	Trails: Natural Surface Design, Construction & Renovation	150,000	135,000	(15,000)	135,000	(15,000)
8	Facility Planning: Local Parks	300,000	270,000	(30,000)	270,000	(30,000)
9	Roof Replacement: Non-Local Parks	63,000	63,000	0	63,000	0
10	Small Grant/Donor-Assisted Capital Improvements	50,000	50,000	0	0	(50,000)
				(\$335,000)		(\$200,000)

Note: Parks' is requesting changes to CE-recommended cuts to only the projects that are highlighted in yellow. Parks' concurs with the cuts recommended for the remaining projects.