MCPB Agenda Item : #5

Agenda Date: April 14, 2011

April 7, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Mary Bradford, Director of Parks

FROM: William E. Gries, Land Acquisition Specialist

SUBJECT: Resolution designating the 5.0 acre, more or less, unimproved Becker/Greaney property

as a Natural Resource Protection Area under the Legacy Open Space Master Plan and recommending the purchase of the Becker/Greaney property by Montgomery County,

Maryland as an addition to Blockhouse Point Conservation Park.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Montgomery County Planning Board approve the attached Resolution which designates the 5.0 acre, more or less, unimproved Becker/Greaney property as a Natural Resource Protection Area under the Legacy Open Space Master Plan and further recommends the purchase of the Becker/Greaney property by Montgomery County, Maryland as an addition to Blockhouse Point Conservation Park. The property is located at the end of Deakins Lane, west of Esworthy Road, Darnestown, Maryland. This acquisition will be funded with County General Obligation Bond monies available in the Commission's Legacy Open Space CIP. The property will be acquired for a purchase price of \$450,000. Details of this recommended parkland acquisition were presented to the Board in closed session on April 7, 2011.

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RESOLUTION (Acquisition of Property within the Metropolitan District)

WHEREAS, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission ("Commission") is authorized under Article 28, Section 5-101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland to acquire land or other property located within the Metropolitan District for parks, parkways, forests, streets, roads, boulevards, or other public ways, grounds, or spaces by means of donations, purchases, or condemnation; and

WHEREAS, Nancy A. Becker and Joseph Greaney, Jr. (the "Owners") own certain property known as Parts of Lots 37 and 38, in a subdivision called Deakins Range, located in Darnestown, Maryland, further identified as Parts of Tax I.D. No. 6-1-02928026 and Tax I.D. No. 6-1-02928037, containing 0.1462 and 4.8538 acres, more or less, respectively (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires that Montgomery County, Maryland ("County") acquire the Property from the Owners, and the Owners desire to convey the Property to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Property meets parkland acquisition criteria as a Natural Resource Protection Area under the Legacy Open Space (LOS) Master Plan of 2001, and should be officially designated as such;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery County Planning Board hereby designates the Property as a Natural Resource Protection Area under the Legacy Open Space (LOS) Master Plan of 2001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montgomery County Planning Board recommends to the County that it acquire the Property from the Owners for a purchase price of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand - Five Hundred and .00/100 Dollars (\$450,000.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purchase of the Property as described herein, in accordance with a proposed Land Purchase Contract between the Owners and County is hereby recommended by the Montgomery County Planning Board for acceptance and execution by both parties on this 14th day of April 2011. Further, staff is directed to forward the Land Purchase Contract to County with the Montgomery County Planning Board's recommendation for acceptance.

Montgomery County Planning Board Certification

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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true a	and correct copy of the action taken	by the Montgomery County
Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Pa	ark and Planning Commission on t	he motion of Commissioner
, seconded by Commission		n Commissioners [LIST]
, voting in favor of the motion, w	vith Commissioners [LIST]	, dissenting,
Commissioners [LIST], abstair	ning, Commissioners [LIST]	(being
absent) at its regular meeting held on April 14, 2011 in S	Silver Spring, Maryland	
APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY		
M-NCPPC, LEGAL DEPARTMENT	Françoise M. Carrier, Chair Montgomery County Planning Boar	-d
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