



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

MCPB Agenda Item: # _____
Agenda Date: November 19, 2015

November 12, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Michael Riley, Director of Parks *MGR*
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SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the purchase of 15,122 square feet (0.3471 acres), more or less, unimproved, from Pascale Brady by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission as an addition to Great Seneca Creek Stream Valley Park, Unit 4

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Montgomery County Planning Board approve the attached Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Land Purchase Agreement with Pascale Brady, to acquire 15,122 square feet (0.3471 acres), more or less, unimproved, as an addition to Great Seneca Creek Stream Valley Park, Unit 4. In addition to this property meeting stream valley parkland acquisition criteria it is important for acquisition as parkland in that it supports a critical segment of the "Seneca Greenway Trail", a natural surface hiking/biking/equestrian trail that runs from Damascus to the Potomac River, a distance of nearly 30 miles. The property is located west of Woodfield Road (MD Rte. 124), south of Watkins Road, east of its intersection with Wild Hunt Drive in Gaithersburg, MD 20882. The property will be acquired for a purchase price of \$7,500, which will be funded with money from the Park Department's FY-16 Trails: Natural Surface (PDF). Details of this recommended parkland acquisition will be presented to the Board in closed session on November 19, 2015, prior to the Board taking open session action in this regard.