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NEW EMERGENCY CALL BOX TO BE INSTALLED MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

WHEATON, MD – The Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning will be installing a new emergency call box on Monday, December 12th at Winding Creek Local Park, 12326 Dewey Road, Wheaton, MD. The new wireless, solar powered emergency call box will replace the former trail phones that were unreliable.

The emergency call box is located in a bright yellow, weather-proof, vandal-resistant box and will be placed on a 14 foot pole on the trail. The phone will be set up to ring directly into the park police dispatch center.

New York's Central Park and Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Bridge are among other locations that already have installed the call box technology. If the technology proves successful, department officials may request funding from the County Council to place additional call boxes on other trails within the county. The department currently maintains more than 200 miles of trails in Montgomery County.

WHAT:

Installation of the new emergency call box in Winding Creek Local Park.

WHEN:

Monday, December 12, 2005 (weather permitting)

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WHERE:

Winding Creek Local Park

12326 Dewey Road

Wheaton, MD 20206

From the Winding Creek Local Park parking lot follow the asphalt trail. Phone will be near the water fountain.

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