

SUMMARY OF PARK RELATED CIP ISSUES	STAFF RESPONSES
1. Donna Bartko, Countywide RAB, Member Complete S. Germantown Soccerplex and Laytonia Rec. in FY2007.	Completion of Laytonia has been delayed one year to FY11 in order to consider private partnership proposals. Completion of the South Germantown Soccerplex is dependent on the Maryland Soccer Foundation securing additional funding.
Use Public/Private Partnerships to fund non-traditional CIP projects like indoor tennis or indoor baseball facilities.	The Department has an established policy for seeking and accepting public-private proposals for joint venture programming and/or development of park facilities. The golf driving range at South Germantown Recreational Park and the planned racquet and fitness center at the same location are two recent examples of public-private projects. We continue to accept and look for opportunities to expand the recreational opportunities for Montgomery County residents through joint venture projects.
Continue ballfield initiatives with lights, renovations and implementation of new technology such as alternative surfaces to increase safety and decrease maintenance.	These initiatives are funded in the Ballfield Initiatives PDF and received additional infrastructure maintenance funding.
2. Dave Magill, Western RAB, Member Repair Capital Crescent Trail railroad bridge.	This project is included on a list of candidate projects in the trail renovation program.
Hadley's Park rubberized surface is disintegrating.	Renovation of Hadley's Playground will be included in the facility planning for the expansion of the Falls Road Local Park parking lot scheduled for FY07-08.
Stream protection is needed in Little Falls Stream Valley Park to prevent erosion damage.	Erosion in this SVP has been studied by MCDEP and there are projects in design to address the problem. M-NCPPC has a stream restoration project planned for south of Mass. Ave. for winter, 2005.
3. Stan Fisher, UpCounty RAB, Vice-Chair Move S. Germantown Regional Park nature center into the FY 06-10 time frame. In addition, consider a Brookside Garden's type of facility, including an arboretum , in the upcounty area.	A public garden featuring native plants is proposed in the long-range plan for Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park, but is not proposed for funding in the six year program. A nature center was envisioned in the S. Germantown Rec. Park Master Plan, but facility planning is not proposed in this six-year CIP.
Rehab and renovation is essential to keep facilities safe and enjoyable for residents.	Approximately \$50 million is proposed in the upcoming six year program for repair and renovation projects.
Need a medium skill level (easy, short), affordable golf course geared towards senior, youth and beginners. Reduced fees for seniors. Need a countywide community forum to provide citizen input and public accountability for the various public golf courses in the county.	The Department has two golf courses, Sligo Golf Course and the Executive Nine at Needwood Golf Course that are conducive for beginners, seniors, and youth. Also, as funding permits, golf courses crews are establishing forward tees at its larger facilities to enhance the playability for less accomplished players. The Department currently has reduced fees for seniors during the weekdays. A public advisory board has been suggested to provide input on all our facilities. Staff is open to a more formalized approach for seeking citizen input, but we have a number of mechanisms in place whereby we seek and receive regular customer feedback.
4. Anne Marie Jackson, SS RAB, Chair Build a skateboard park at Fenton Gateway Park after acquiring additional property.	The property is on a candidate list for acquisition, and the project has been included on a list of candidate projects for facility planning.
Provide connector trails between Long Branch Community Center and library to the commercial center. Supports LB Task Force recommendations for better Long Branch Community Center sign on Piney Branch Road, and accessibility, and addressing maintenance issues at local playgrounds.	These improvements are proposed as part of the Long Branch Task Force recommendations and will be funded by Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Infrastructure maintenance continues to be an operating budget priority.
Renovate Flower Avenue Local Park . Fund renovations of 10 playgrounds per year.	Flower Avenue Urban Park is proposed for facility planning in FY08, and the playground proposed for immediate renovation in FY06-07. Funding is proposed for renovation of 10 playgrounds per year.
Construct a hiker/biker trail within Pinecrest Local Park and improved park entrance.	Staff visited this site and feels that installation of a loop trail could be considered when ballfield renovation occurs.
5. Eric Gallun, Mid-County RAB, Member Move renovation of Kemp Mill Urban Park forward.	Playground will be renovated in FY06 and temporary repairs will be made to existing infrastructure in the park in FY06. The facility plan was moved forward to FY08.
Keep paved and natural surface trail projects on schedule at Matthew Henson, Rock Creek Parkway (bike lanes), Muddy Branch and Rock Creek Park (natural surface). Construction the boardwalk "loop" at Brookside Nature Center . More connector trails throughout the County are needed.	Matthew Henson is on schedule, pending final permit approvals. Muddy Branch hard surface trail has been placed as a candidate project in facility planning. Brookside nature center boardwalk has been placed as a candidate project under minor new construction. Connector trails are proposed for funding at current levels, pending completion of the trails connector analysis.
Dredge Lake Needwood .	Design for dredging Lake Needwood will be done in FY07. Construction will require funding in future CIP.
Renovate/rebuild Wheaton Community Center . If relocation is necessary, it must be easily accessible to the community. fund operation of Olney Manor skateboard facility .	Roof replacement scheduled in FY06 & 07. Future use of facility will be part of functional planning effort. Olney Manor Skateboard Park is fully funded and is scheduled to open in summer 2006.
6. Adrienne Lees, East County RAB Increase lighting and security in local parks. Renovate where needed.	Local park repair and renovation is a primary focus of the FY07-12 CIP.
7. Joy Austin-Lane, Heather Mizeur, City/Takoma Park Renovate Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park . Park renovation and play equipment replacement should be done at same time, and soon. This park is adjacent to three schools, is heavily used, and needs improvements for better security.	Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park is recommended for design and construction in FY07 through FY09.

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Convert unused tennis courts at T-PB Local Park to skateboard facility. Request MNCPPC purchase equipment and City will staff the facility.	The approved Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park facility plan includes conversion of the tennis courts to a modular skateboard park, with the equipment to be funded by the City of Takoma Park.
Plan and design a park on the newly acquired Orchard Avenue property. Implement erosion management and bank stabilization plan to limit effects of flood waters in Sligo Creek SVP.	This project is included on the candidate list of projects for facility planning. Staff is researching the problem. Erosion management and bank stabilization projects are prioritized for inclusion in the stream bank stabilization program.
Playground conditions at Becca Lilly NP are poor due to flooding. The access bridge was washed out and a new one is scheduled for summer, 2006, but a temporary replacement is needed now.	A temporary pedestrian bridge was recently installed, and a permanent one will be in place by summer 2006. The playground is located in the floodplain. When renovated in FY02 and repaired following a storm in summer 2003, some older equipment retained in the current locations at the request of the community, falls outside the new surface area and drainage.
Sligo Creek North NP is in deplorable condition - broken play equipment, flooding, muddy conditions, erosion of earth under basketball court. Need signs posted to limit noise from basketball court. Additional police patrols needed.	This park, like Becca Lilly, was built in a flood plain. The playground equipment is currently maintained and passes safety checks. The playground is being monitored and will be renovated in the six year CIP program. Maintenance and safety issues will be addressed by the region and park police.
Footpath at Carroll Avenue near bridge over Sligo Creek has eroded causing unsafe path.	This project is included in the trail connector analysis study and will be prioritized in the CIP, based on recommendations from the study.
Put Cherry Avenue connector trail back in the CIP.	The project is included on a candidate list under Trails: Hard Surface Design & Constuction. The list of trail connector projects will be prioritized in the trail connector analysis study.
Densely developed area means parks are heavily used and require more maintenance and renovation. Trash cans, sidewalks, crosswalks and lighting fixtures are needed.	Approximately \$50 million is proposed in the upcoming six year program for repair and renovation projects.
8. Roxroy Anderson, Washington Cricket League The WC League has been asking for at least one dedicated cricket field for 20 years. Teams are waiting to join the league, but league cannot grow until more cricket fields are found. Washington Cricket League will provide maintenance of the field(s). Have identified areas in the county that would be ideal cricket grounds.	County-wide Planning staff continue to research possible sites for a cricket field in the county.
9. Dave Michaels, Greater Colesville Civic Association Renovate and upgrade Brookside Gardens.	A new project is proposed in FY07-12 CIP to implement phases of the Brookside Master Plan.
Work with with GSA to reopen White Oak Golf Course for public use.	GSA is in the process of reviewing proposals for the renovation and possible expansion of the White Oak Golf Course.
Renovate old and develop new local parks where possible, add lighting for security where needed; add soccer fields where possible. Fund some use of artificial turf.	Approximately \$50 million is proposed in the upcoming six year program for repair and renovation projects. Artificial turf is programmed in Ballfield Initiatives.
Need bikeway along Jackson Road from NH Avenue to Paint Branch trail for pedestrian safety in accessing schools and MLK Rec. Park.	The bikeway is not part of recommendations in the recent Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan. A bikeway or bike lanes on a public road or in public road right-of-way would be built by the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation.
10. Nelly Moxley, Pinecrest Neighborhood Association Supports an open sports park at newly acquired Orchard Avenue LP. Track and full field needed.	This project is included on the candidate list of projects for facility planning.
11. Alan Migdall, Gaithersburg Bicycle-Pedestrian Comm Build the Muddy Branch trail to connect Gaithersburg to the C&O Canal. This hard surface trail is needed now, but is currently scheduled in 2012.	The Muddy Branch hard surface trail is proposed as the next priority for a trail facility plan, after the Magruder Branch trail facility plan. It is included on a candidate list with other non-local park projects and is likely to be funded within the six year program.
12. Matthew Edwards, Individual Supports a skateboard facility at Fenton Gateway Park.	The required property is on a candidate list for acquisition, and the project has been included on a list of candidate projects for facility planning.
13. Gene Park, Individual Supports a skateboard facility at Fenton Gateway Park.	The required property is on a candidate list for acquisition, and the project has been included on a list of candidate projects for facility planning.
14. Noreene Stehlik, Individual The play equipment at Flower Avenue Local Park is scheduled for replacement in 2006, but the entire park should be renovated at that time. Neighbor volunteers have adopted the park and take care of much of it's upkeep. Urges Commission to institute policy of "Community Policing through Environmental Design". Asks Commission to work with neighborhood on playground and landscape design; add new bushes and trees; replace lighting; control storm water so pathway isn't constantly flooded; return trash cans; separate "commercial" side of park from the playground.	Flower Avenue Urban Park is proposed for facility planning in FY08. Renovation of individual facilities is anticipated to occur in the short term. Staff will work with the community in the design of the playground. CPTED principles are used in the design of all new park facilities.
15. Ariel Winter, Kemp Mill Civic Association Kemp Mill Urban Park needs renovation now. Repair broken concrete; improve drainage; make it handicapped-accessible from parking lot. Also, replace play equipment at Kemp Mill Local Park.	For Kemp Mill Urban Park, the playground will be renovated in FY06 and temporary repairs will be made to existing infrastructure in the park in FY06. The facility plan for Kemp Mill Urban Park was moved forward to FY08. The playground for Kemp Mill Local Park is proposed for renovation in FY08/09.
16. Terry Seamens, Pinecrest Civic Association At Orchard Avenue LP, install fence, baseball diamond, bleachers, small football/soccer field; perhaps badmitten/volleyball pits; benches; sledding hill.	This new park project is included on the candidate list of projects for facility planning.
17. Arlene Markowicz, East Silver Spring Citizen's Association	

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Opposes skateboard facility at Fenton Gateway but supports acquiring adjacent land to expand park. Area residents prefer passive open space as the sector plan recommends. Explore other options for a skateboard park in the Silver Spring area.	The property is on a candidate list for acquisition, and the project has been included on a list of candidate projects for facility planning pending acquisition.
18. Frank Hatten, Mont. Co. Tennis Association	
Replace/renovate Wheaton indoor tennis facility; construct 6 new courts at Cabin John indoor facility; replace lights at Olney Manor outdoor courts; construct a new indoor facility in Up-County area; renovate outdoor courts on a prioritized tier system. Maintain current facilities and build more.	Design is completed for outdoor tennis court lighting at Olney Manor Recreational Park, with construction proposed as soon as funding is available. Grant applications have been made to expedite construction. The skin on the Wheaton Tennis Bubble has exceeded its life expectancy. Enterprise staff is evaluating possible alternatives and will invite public comment. Construction of additional courts at Cabin John and other sites is dependent upon future available funds in the Enterprise program.
19. Kathy Jentz, Individual	
Opposed to skateboard park at Fenton Gateway Park. Clean up and landscape Fenton Street Park immediately. Purchase adjacent lots and improve park with gardens and artwork as sector plan recommends.	The property is on a candidate list for acquisition, and the project has been included on a list of candidate projects for facility planning pending acquisition.
20. Margie Richards, Winding Orchard Citizen's Association	
Fund improvements and renovations detailed in the Brookside Gardens Master Plan.	A new project is proposed to implement phases of the Brookside Master Plan.
21. Not present	
22. Richard Miles, Washington Chiefs Youth Services Org.	
This organization plays a 7 game season at Mont. Blair High School football field, but often experience locked gates and restrooms; have no access to snack bar facilities, etc. Want same privileges given to SS-Takoma Thunderbolts who use the baseball facilities at MBHS. Washington Chiefs volunteers help maintain field during the season yet are not allowed access. Want M-NCPPC to work cooperatively with them.	Forwarded to Park Permits for discussion with Mr. Miles.
23. Mary Bradford, Long Branch Task Force	
Acquire parkland when available, such as Takoma Academy and land adjacent to existing parks; rehab Flower Avenue and Upper Long Branch local parks which have drainage problems and need new play equipment; install new sign on Piney Branch Road for Long Branch Rec. Center; need connector path from rec. center; replace trash can throughout area parks; increase police patrols; install trail markers in stream valleys.	Flower Avenue Urban Park is proposed for facility planning in FY08, and the playground proposed for renovation in FY06-07. Renovation of Upper Long Branch playground will be completed in FY06.
24. Ann Grossman, Individual	
Opposes skateboard at Fenton Gateway Park. Supports sector plan to provide open space for community.	The property is on a candidate list for acquisition, and the project has been included on a list of candidate projects for facility planning pending land acquisition.
25. Austin Steo, Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE)	
Develop network of paved and natural surface trails providing safe biking and no contact with motor vehicles. Trails should be open to equestrians, hikers and bikers. These networks include: an Olney loop; a Rock Creek loop; Matthew Henson - Wheaton Regional - Sligo Creek trail; and various connector trails. Support hard surface trails in Rock Creek corridor; trail bridge at Hoyles Mill and Fairland; Rachel Carson trail should be multi-use; renovate Cabin John trail.	There are numerous trail projects proposed for facility planning, design and construction in the capital program, including the Magruder Branch trail, two trail projects at Black Hill Regional Park, the Matthew Henson trail, trail connectors, and renovations for Sligo Creek and Rock Creek trails.
26. Not present	
27. Jack Cochrane, Montgomery Bicycle Advocates	
Sligo Creek Parkway and Beach Drive are too narrow for car and bike traffic. Widen roadways and improve driver awareness. Pave parking areas so gravel doesn't spill out onto road; build Muddy Branch and Matthew Henson hard surface trails; ICC bike trail should go through NW Branch and Paint Branch stream valley parks.	Matthew Henson trail is funded. Muddy Branch hard surface trail is proposed as a candidate project in facility planning and is the next hard surface trail priority. Although the Master Plan of Bikeways endorses bike shoulders on Sligo Creek Parkway and Beach Drive, environmental impacts, particularly construction in floodplains, needs further review. Gravel parking areas may be paved in conjunction with lifecycle road resurfacing projects. ICC bike trail under negotiation with MD. State Highway Admin.
28. Al Goyburu, Individual	
Gives guarded support to skateboard park at Fenton Gateway Park.	The required property is on a candidate list for acquisition, and the project has been included on a list of candidate projects for facility planning.
29. Not present	
30. Anthony Davis, Individual	
Fix drainage problems at Opal Daniels LP.	Referred to region for coordination with Central Maintenance
31. Richard Jaeggi, Individual	
Supports skateboard park in Silver Spring. Skateboarders can offer good insight for design. Encourage everyone to work together.	The property is on a candidate list for acquisition, and the project has been included on a list of candidate projects for facility planning pending land acquisition.
32. Karen Roper, Individual	
Opposes skateboard park at Fenton Gateway Park, but supports acquisition of additional property for landscaped green space. Other sites are more appropriate for a skateboard facility, and a skate park is planned at Piney Branch Road a few blocks away. Traffic in the area is a concern.	The property is on a candidate list for acquisition, and the project has been included on a list of candidate projects for facility planning pending land acquisition.
33. Carol Barth, Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association	

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<p>At North Four Corners LP, do not add more playing fields, parking for more than 20 cars, a recreation center, skate facility, or golf course. The community would like a playground for older kids, and a walking trail. Provide monthly status report and come back to the community for comments before finalizing staff proposal. CIP process suggestions: put infrastructure tracking system in place; make CIP projects contingent upon funding to maintain improvements; return trash cans to urban area; set sustainable use limits; establish measures to assess park planning process; use Low Impact Development and Green Building technologies when possible.</p>	<p>The project is proposed for detailed design starting in FY12, based on the approved facility plan. Construction scheduled beyond the six year CIP. CIP processes for facility planning and construction are constantly reviewed for improvement.</p>
34. Scott Gilkeson, Individual	
<p>Did not testify but submitted a video about playground safety and play equipment improvements needed at Sligo Creek Neighborhood Park.</p>	<p>The playground equipment is currently maintained and passes safety checks. The play structure is designed for older children than those shown playing on it in the video. The playground is being monitored and will be renovated in the six year CIP program.</p>
35. Phillip Olivetti, Locust Grove Civic Association	
<p>Fund skateboard park at Fenton Gateway Park. Problems cited by opponents are operational issues which can be addressed. Montgomery Hills Local Park needs renovation and drainage improvements.</p>	<p>The Fenton Gateway park property is on a candidate list for acquisition, and the project has been included on a list of candidate projects for facility planning pending land acquisition. The playground at Montgomery Hills Park is proposed for renovation in FY09, and the basketball and tennis courts are proposed for resurfacing in FY08/09. The Locust Grove CA has approached the Commission for potential public/private partnership to improve the park.</p>
36. Jane Hawes, Animal Companion Club of Leisure World	
<p>Include a dog park as part of E. Norbeck LP renovation/expansion. Site should be near parking and be handicapped accessible. Facility does not need to be as large as M-NCPPC wants dog parks to be.</p>	<p>The design for East Norbeck Local Park Expansion and Renovation does not include a dog park. Sites approved for additional dog parks include Olney Manor Recreational Park and Cabin John Regional Park.</p>
Correspondence Received as of 04/22/05	
<p>Brookside Gardens Renovation - 93 letters in support of implementing Master Plan improvements.</p>	<p>A new project is proposed to implement phases of the Brookside Master Plan.</p>
<p>Cherry Avenue Connector Trail - 9 letters opposing construction of connector trail.</p>	<p>The project is included on a candidate list under trails hard surface design and construction. The list of trail connector projects will be prioritized in the trail connector analysis study.</p>
<p>Fenton Gateway Park - 11 letters supporting a skateboard facility at this location; 4 letters opposed.</p>	<p>The required property is on a candidate list for acquisition, and the project has been included on a list of candidate projects for facility planning.</p>
<p>Lois Y. Green Conservation Park - letters from Izak Walton League, Chesapeake Women Anglers, and individual, in support of development according to the Master Plan.</p>	<p>Not currently a CIP project. Some aspect of the master plan are being implemented by the current tenant as part of their lease agreement.</p>
<p>Montgomery Hills Local Park - 4 letters from neighborhood civic association in support of park improvements.</p>	<p>The playground is proposed for renovation in FY09, and the basketball and tennis courts are proposed for resurfacing in FY08/09.</p>
<p>Muddy Branch Trail - 38 letters in support of paved trail; 2 letters opposed to a hard surface trail.</p>	<p>The project is included as a candidate for facility planning.</p>
<p>Pinecrest Local Park - letter from neighborhood civic association in support of various improvements.</p>	<p>Staff visited this site and feels that installation of a loop trail could be considered when ballfield renovation occurs.</p>
<p>Hard Surface Trails - support for Matthew Henson, Muddy Branch, Rock Creek Ext., Paint Branch Ext., and ICC Trail.</p>	<p>Matthew Henson is funded in FY07-12 CIP. The other projects are proposed as candidate projects in facility planning.</p>
<p>Wheaton Tennis Bubble - 45 letters in support of retaining this facility.</p>	<p>There is no funding in the Enterprise Fund to replace this facility. The skin over the metal superstructure has exceeded it's life expectancy and is subject to failure at any time. Moving and reconstructing this facility at another location, perhaps as part of a public-private venture, and replacing it with another type of facility that might better serve the local community was advanced by staff as an idea for public comment, but there has been no decision to do away with the Wheaton Tennis facility at it's current location.</p>
<p>White Oak Community Center at April/Stewart Lane site and improve/expand existing rec. facilities at Colesville, Pilgrim Hill and Hillendale local parks - 5 letters of support.</p>	<p>April-Stewart Lane Park is proposed for facility planning in FY07, so that the timing coincides with the timing of the recreation center project. Future improvements at park recreation buildings will be evaluated as part of the Functional Plan study.</p>
<p>Flower Ave Local Park improvements, Upper Long Branch playground equipment renovation, restore trash can, are priorities of the Long Branch Task Force.</p>	<p>Flower Avenue Urban Park is proposed for facility planning in FY08, and the playground proposed for renovation in FY06-07. Renovation of Upper Long Branch playground will be completed in FY06.</p>
<p>Broad Acres Local Park renovation: letter sign by members of Northwest Park Community Association supporting the project.</p>	<p>Broad Acres park is currently in the design phase and is proposed for construction in FY07.</p>
<p>Improvements in Sligo Creek Park: stormwater management; invasive plants; low impact development; maintenance issues; cited in letter from Friends of Sligo Creek.</p>	<p>No SWM retrofits scheduled at this time in Sligo SVP. If specific sites are identified, they can be considered part of Streambank Protection CIP.</p>
<p>Muddy Branch Trail; safety improvements along Beach Drive and Sligo Creek Parkway; Matthew Henson Trail; snow removal along Capital Crescent Trail; option one of Metro. Branch Trail corridor from Mont. College to Silver Spring - letter of support from Eric Gilliland, Wash. Area Bicyclist Association.</p>	<p>Matthew Henson trail is funded. Muddy Branch hard surface trail is proposed as a candidate project in facility planning and is the next hard surface trail priority.</p>
<p>Support for bikeway safety improvements along Sligo Creek Parkway and Beach Drive; bike trail maintenance; supports paved Muddy Branch Trail; complete Matthew Henson trail; two new trails from Lake Needwood; and study options for a bike trail along ICC. email from Montgomery Bicycle Advocates (MOBIKE)</p>	<p>Matthew Henson trail is funded. Muddy Branch and Lake Needwood hard surface trails are proposed as a candidate projects in facility planning.</p>