



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

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Mary Bradford, Director, Department of Parks
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SUBJECT: Proposed FY09-14 CIP Work Session #4

Staff Recommendation

Approve staff recommendations of projects for the FY09-14 Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

CIP Status

This is the final work session for the FY09-14 CIP. Based on discussions at work session #3 on October 4th, staff will present proposed revisions to some of the level-of-effort projects previously approved by the Board. Accompanying this memo is a complete set of draft project description forms (PDFs), including operating budget impacts (OBI), for final approval. The recommended FY09-14 CIP will be forwarded to the County Executive and County Council by November 1st, as required by State Law.

Attachment 1 provides a chart with the total recommended FY09-14 six-year CIP by category. The total six-year CIP is proposed at \$207.4 million. In comparison, the current FY07-12 CIP is \$183.3 million, for a net increase of 13%. All stand-alone projects and level-of-effort projects in the CIP are grouped and categorized as follows:

Land Acquisition – *continued commitment to preservation of parkland through Legacy Open Space and park acquisition programs;*

Environment and Stewardship – *protection and enhancement of natural, historical, and cultural resources on parkland;*

New Parks and Park Facilities – responding to unmet park and recreation needs;

Infrastructure Maintenance/Renovation – repair, renovation, and lifecycle replacement of existing park facilities and supporting infrastructure.

The proposed percentage of funding in the CIP by category is as follows:

1. **Land Acquisition – 39%**
2. **Environmental/Stewardship – 9%**
3. **New Development -- 25%**
4. **Infrastructure Maintenance/Renovation – 28%**

The proposed FY09-14 CIP demonstrates a good balance between stewardship of valuable resources through land acquisition, environmental conservation, and historical and cultural preservation projects; providing new park and recreational opportunities; and protecting our existing park infrastructure from deterioration.

Proposed Changes to Projects

1) Acquisition – Non-Local Parks

Staff proposes adding \$3 million in Stateside Program Open Space (POS) funding for potential future acquisitions that meet the eligibility requirements. This would increase the six-year funding in this program to over \$21 million or \$3,635,000 per year. It is important to note the recent acquisition in the Upper Paint Branch Stream Valley for \$3 million. Staff secured funding from Stateside POS to reimburse the Advanced Land Acquisition Fund.

2) Enterprise Facilities' Improvements

Staff proposes the addition of \$650,000 in the six-year CIP (\$150,000 in FY09 and \$100,000 FY10-14) to include POS funding for potential future POS eligible projects. Recently there was an urgent need to replace the lighting at Cabin John Indoor Tennis. We have submitted an application to partially fund this project with POS funding. Moreover, Enterprise building facilities are the current facility group being studied under the Infrastructure Condition Assessment project. Adding POS funding will allow us to move quickly on priority projects that may result from this effort.

3) Legacy Open Space

Staff proposes the addition of \$3 million in Stateside POS funding for this project. Currently, we have not specifically identified projects that are active and eligible for this funding source, however, we will continue to look for opportunities that meet the criteria for Stateside POS. This increase will revise the six-year total of this project to \$39,708,000.

4) Restoration of Historic Structures

Staff proposes adding \$50,000 per year or \$300,000 for the six-year CIP in federal aide for current and future federal grant opportunities. Currently, staff is seeking grant funding for the Uncle Tom's Cabin project. As previously discussed, many of the sub-projects in the PDF are in the planning stages. As the historical preservation program progresses and the planning efforts and scope of these projects are better defined, we expect there will be many grant opportunities available. Staff will continue to explore various funding sources for these projects.

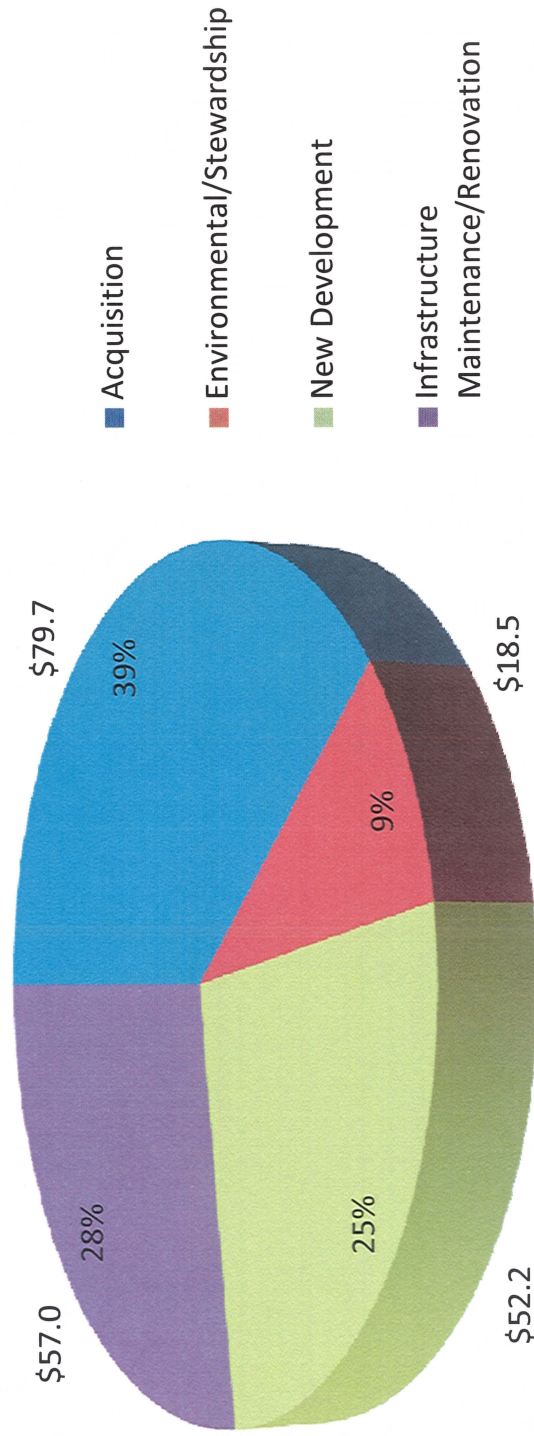
Conclusion

The draft PDFs will accompany this memo. Staff will be refining the text, justifications, maps, and operating budget impact information over the next month. A complete set of final PDFs will be provided to the Board on or before November 1st. Staff seeks approval of the recommended funding levels for the projects for the proposed FY09-14 CIP.

Park and Planning staff will work together for the next few months to provide the Board with more comprehensive information on past, current and future projects resulting from master plans. We expect to return to the Board in January as requested.

FY09-14 CIP Expenditures by Category

(in millions)



Total: \$207.4