



March 7, 2003

Agenda Date: March 13, 2003

CONSENT ITEM

MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Michael Riley, Acting Chief, Park Development Division

FROM: Bill Gries, ^{bs} Land Acquisition Specialist

SUBJECT: Park Reservations, 2003

BACKGROUND

Last fall when the Montgomery County Planning Board approved the Land Purchase Contract and Option Agreement to purchase the Miller and Smith at Quercus, LLC property for the Piney Grove Serpentine Barrens Conservation Park and the Land Purchase Contract and Option Agreement to purchase the Callithea Farm, LLC property for Callithea Farm Special Park, the Agreements provided that these lands be placed in Reservation during the option years. In keeping with the Agreements, the Montgomery County Planning needs to take formal action to effect the Reservation status on these properties prior to the beginning of the next tax year.

In addition, two other properties which are currently in Reservation for future park use will have their Reservation terms expire on June 30, 2003. These Reservation terms must also be extended by formal action of the Board prior to the beginning of the next tax year. These properties include the 3.07 acre GEICO property which is under lease to the Commission for Brookdale Neighborhood Park and the 5.38 acre Lewis property in the Ten Mile Creek Greenway which has one installment purchase remaining under an existing Land Purchase Contract and Option Agreement.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

(1) It is recommended that the Montgomery County Planning Board approve the attached resolutions regarding the Miller and Smith property and the Callithea Farm, Inc. property to place these lands in Reservation for three years beginning July 1, 2003. Three years is the maximum

term of Reservation allowed any one time. It should be noted that since each of these acquisitions have four (4) installments remaining, it will be necessary to continue these reservations for one additional year prior to the beginning of FY-06.

(2) It is recommended that the Montgomery County Planning Board approve the attached resolutions regarding the GIECO property and the Lewis property to continue these lands in Reservation. The GEICO property will be continued for an additional three year term while the Lewis property will be continued for an additional one year term.