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(Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's
County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Budget and Taxation

**Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Prince George's
County - Capital Improvements Program Submission**
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This bill alters the date, from November 1 to January 15, before which the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is required to prepare and submit a six-year capital improvements program to the Prince George's County Council.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill will not materially affect the operations or finances of Prince George's County or M-NCPPC.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: M-NCPPC is required to prepare and submit a six-year capital improvements program to the Prince George's County Council by November 1 of each calendar year. M-NCCPC is required to prepare and submit a six-year capital improvements program to the Montgomery County Council on or before November 1 of each odd-numbered calendar year.

The capital improvements program must (1) include a statement of the objectives of the capital programs and relationship of these programs to the county's adopted long-range development plans; (2) recommend capital projects and a construction schedule; and (3) provide an estimate of cost and a statement of all funding sources. The capital improvements program must include all programmed parkland acquisition, all major parkland improvement, development and major acquisition of equipment.

Background: M-NCPPC was established in 1927 and has jurisdiction over parks and land use planning in most of Montgomery and Prince George's counties. The commission is governed by Article 28 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The commission prepares and administers a general plan for the physical development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District, an area that encompasses almost all of Montgomery and Prince George's counties. In addition, the commission is charged with acquiring and maintaining a system of parks within the metropolitan district in the two counties. The commission also operates a recreation system for Prince George's County. The commission is funded primarily through various property taxes authorized under Article 28 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and imposed by Montgomery and Prince George's counties. In addition, enterprise fund operations are supported by various service fees and charges.

M-NCPPC has 10 members with 5 members each from Montgomery and Prince George's counties, each with four-year terms.

M-NCPPC must submit its proposed annual budget to the county executives of Montgomery and Prince George's counties by January 15 of each year. The capital improvements program must be adopted on or before adoption of each county's annual budget and appropriations resolution.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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