

State Of Maryland 2016 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr2467	sb0838	lr2465	hb0924	Western Piedmont Trail Connectivity
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Feldman				Fraser-Hidalgo
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Montgomery County				\$125,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Western Piedmont Trail, including site improvements				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of real property or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
Nina Aplebaum			301-495-2519	nina.aplebaum@montgomeryparks.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>The Montgomery County Department of Parks is a key agency of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the proud steward of over 35,000 acres of parkland, whose mission is to protect and interpret the county's valuable natural and cultural resources; balance the demand for recreation with the need for conservation; offer a variety of enjoyable recreational activities that encourage healthy lifestyles; and provide clean, safe, and accessible places for leisure-time activities. The Park Planning & Stewardship Division works to support the Department of Parks through a comprehensive park and trail planning program for the more than 150 miles of trails in the county. The construction of a trail connection and repair work on the Western Piedmont Trail is in support of the mission of M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks and its Park Planning and Stewardship program.</p>				

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)

Western Piedmont Trail is a 2.19 mile natural surface trail in Little Bennett Regional Park, which is MNCPPCs largest natural park area. This park contains non-tidal wetlands of special state concern and unique plants and animals, making it one of M-NCPPC's best natural areas. This park offers over 23 miles of natural surface trails and is easily one of the most scenic and desired areas in the county for a relatively remote but easily walkable area to picnic, explore, and enjoy the environment in its natural state. Due to large storms in the area over the last 2 years, the proposed project site of Western Piedmont Trail has become impassable. This project will create connectivity from Clarksburg Road to Frederick Road (MD-355) by installing a bridge (up to 80 ft.), completing streambank stabilization and repairs, installing 2-3 instream structures for streambed stability, and also restoring essential habitat that will promote increased stream tributary health.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	
Design	\$30,000
Construction	\$160,000
Equipment	\$60,000
Total	\$250,000

13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)

CIP Trails: Natural Surface, Stream Protection--SVP	\$125,000
State Bond Bill	\$125,000
Total	\$250,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
7/1/2016	10/1/2016	4/1/2017	7/1/2017
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised		16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
0.00		75,000+	75,000+
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2015	\$100,000	For the acquisition, planning , design, construction, re	
2015	\$50,000	For the acquisition, planning, design, construction, rep	
2014	\$100,000	For the acquisition, planning, design, construction, rep	
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19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery County Department of Parks 6611 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737		23701 Frederick Road Clarksburg, MD 20871	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		15 - Montgomery County	
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[X]	[]	[]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Adrian Gardner	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-495-2460		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 9500 Brunett Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20901 Attn: Nina Aplebaum, Grants Manager			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
4	4	5535.00	5535.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	N/A
28. Comments	
<p>Thousands and thousands of visitors come to Little Bennett Regional Park every year to enjoy hiking, cycling, birding, camping, fishing, horseback riding, plant walks, picnicking, interpretive programs and golf.</p> <p>Western Piedmont Trail is an East-West trail that traverses the park and runs parallel to Little Bennett Creek. The trail was designed to serve as a critical link between the community of Damascus and the Seneca Creek Greenway to the east and Sugarloaf Mountain to the west. It is a multi-use trail, open to all users, and provides many connections to all of the other trails in the park.</p> <p>However, severe storms throughout the past two years have caused damage in our parks and on trails, specifically Western Piedmont Trail which has become impassable in spots because of the storm damage.</p> <p>This project will restore one of the key connection points along the trail which is currently impassable because of storm damage and flooding. The installation of a bridge (up to 80 ft.) will allow users to cross over the flooded area. This new bridge will provide a more environmentally friendly crossing of this third order stream which is Little Bennett Creek. Repair and restoration efforts will include streambank stabilization and streambed stability using instream structures. These enhancements will prevent the loss of land, storm flow, and the loss of stream bank vegetation, while providing more opportunity for increasing instream habitat and stream health in order to stabilize the ecosystem in the watershed. Additional benefits include reducing sediment loads to streams due to erosion, and maintaining the capacity of the stream channel. Ultimately, this project will improve the stream and provide environmental benefits to the surrounding area, along with improving access to increase user opportunities to enjoy park and recreational activities.</p>	