

# State Of Maryland

## 2019 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Columbia Local Park		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Zucker	Luedtke	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Montgomery County	\$200,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Columbia Local Park		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:  Equal	Type: The matching fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.	
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Emily Mitchell	301-495-2510	emily.mitchell@montgomeryparks.org
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (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 37,000 acres of parkland, whose mission is to protect and interpret the countys 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 Development Division is responsible for acquiring parkland and for designing, constructing, and developing parks and completing major renovations.</p>		

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

Columbia Local Park is a 25.2-acre park located in Burtonsville, MD, originally constructed in 1974. Its features include play equipment, basketball courts, several ball fields, tennis courts and a picnic shelter. The park shares an entry drive with the Marilyn Praisner Recreation Center and Library. The park is bisected by a forested stream valley, segregating it into two distinct spaces. The southern half of the park, containing play equipment, ballfields and basketball courts is highly visible from the road and heavily used by the community. The northern portion of the park, with additional ballfields, tennis courts and picnic shelter, is comparatively isolated and underutilized due to perceived safety concerns. This project repurposes the 5 existing and underutilized tennis courts into one tennis court, a dog park, a futsal court and 4 pickleball courts. The plan was determined by the community through a public meeting and subsequent online polling.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	
<b>Design</b>	\$150,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$700,000
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$850,000

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

Columbia Park Bond Bill/State Aid	\$250,000
CIP Program: Minor New Construction Local Parks	\$50,000
CIP Program: Park Refreshers	\$550,000
<b>Total</b>	\$850,000

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
January 2018	May 2019	November 2019	May 2020
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>	
0.00	20,000	22,000	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2017	\$50,000	Good Hope Local Park acquisition, planning, design,	
2016	\$75,000	Maydale Nature Center acquisition, planning, design,	
2013	\$125,000	West Fairland Local Park acquisition, planning, design,	
2012	\$300,000	Woodlawn Barn Visitor Center acquisition, planning,	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery County Department of Parks, 9500 Brunett Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901		Columbia Local Park 14900 Old Columbia Pike Burtonsville, MD 20866	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	14 - Montgomery County		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Adrian Gardner	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	301-495-2460		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery County Department of Parks 9500 Brunett Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20901  Attn: Emily Mitchell, Division Support Specialist			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
20	20	50000.00	59000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
N/A			
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
N/A			
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>		N/A	
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>		N/A	
<b>New GSF</b>		N/A	

**27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion**

1974

**28. Comments**

The 2017 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan for Montgomery County documents a significant unmet need for dog parks countywide. Furthermore, experience has proven that dog parks have a profound impact in activating underutilized spaces, driving out undesirable or illegal uses. The construction of a dog park in the northern portion of Columbia Local Park would fill a major service-delivery gap in the northeastern portion of Montgomery County while reinvigorating an isolated portion of the park, encouraging park users to take advantage of other nearby amenities.

Despite the two sports recent rise in popularity, there are zero purpose-built pickleball courts or futsal courts in Montgomery County. More than 60 residents attended a public meeting held in April 2018 to voice their support of introducing futsal and pickleball facilities at Columbia Local Park. Combined with the introduction of a dog park to activate the space and improve perceived safety, the construction of purpose-built futsal and pickleball courts will prove to be popular and much-needed recreation facilities for residents in the Burtonsville area as well as county-wide.

This popular project has drawn a large network of community support, including citizens who visited an Open Town Hall Forum to learn about the project and vote on features they feel would best serve their needs. In addition to the public meeting, many citizens have also written to Parks to provide their input and comments in support of the renovation of Columbia Local Park.

Columbia Local Park is currently in the design phase, where public input is being turned into a concrete plan for the future of this park. With assistance from a legislative bond initiative, the exciting features planned for this vital park can come to fruition, construction can begin, and this much-sought community amenity can be delivered to the nearly 9,000 residents of Burtonsville.