

State Of Maryland

2021 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Fox Chapel Neighborhood Park		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
King	Reznik	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$150,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Fox Chapel Neighborhood Park, including improvements to the park's grounds and the installation of playground equipment		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Senator King		Nancy.king@senate.state.md.us
Senator King		
		emily.mitchell@montgomerypar ks.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 (M-NCPPC), the proud steward of over 37,000 acres of parkland. Our 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.</p>		

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

The purpose of the project is to replace the aging playground equipment and to remove the dated rubber surfacing at Fox Chapel Neighborhood Park. The project will include the installation of new playground equipment, a new picnic shelter, as well as accessible pathways and amenities to comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines.

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	\$40,000
Construction	\$260,000
Equipment	
Total	\$300,000

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

Fox Chapel Neighborhood Park State Aid	\$150,000
CIP Program: PLAR LP: Play Equipment	\$150,000
Total	\$300,000

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
February 2021	December 2021	February 2022	March 2022
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	900	1,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2019	\$250,000	Centerway Local Park	
2019	\$200,000	Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park	
2017	\$125,000	Stewartown Local Park	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 2425 Reddie Drive 11th Floor		Fox Chapel Neighborhood Park 19129 Staleybridge Road Germantown, MD 20876	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	39 - 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		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 2425 Reddie Drive 11th Floor Wheaton, MD 20902 Attn: Emily Mitchell, Senior Division Support Specialist			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
5	5	4000.00	2000.00
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
N/A			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	N/A		
Space to be Renovated GSF	N/A		
New GSF	N/A		

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

1999

28. Comments

Fox Chapel Neighborhood Park is located in Germantown within a defined Equity Focus Area of Montgomery County. Equity Focus Areas are places where residents may be experiencing disproportionate barriers due to a combination of demographic characteristics, including low income, racial minorities, and a population that speaks English less than well. Montgomery Parks is working to elevate the priority of capital projects located within these areas.

This 15.7-acre park, acquired between 1968 and 1971, is located adjacent to Fox Chapel Elementary School and includes a playground, two tennis courts and a youth soccer field. The picnic area includes an open shelter that can be used on a first come, first served basis. The existing playground was installed in 1999 and is a high priority in the Montgomery Parks Playground Renovation CIP Program, which renovates aging playgrounds that have reached their projected life cycle of 20 years. The Fox Chapel playground is 21 years old and no longer meets the needs of the highly populated residential area in which it is located. In addition to the outdated equipment, the playground safety surfacing consists of worn rubber tiles that need to be replaced in order to meet current playground safety guidelines and to improve the accessibility of the playground. The renovation of this playground would introduce new materials and equipment that would greatly enhance the value of this park to the community it serves.

With support from the State, the renovations for this playground would also include additional amenities that would add value to the community, including replacing the adjacent aging picnic shelter and improving accessibility within this area of the park. The park was originally constructed prior to the Americans with Disabilities Act going into effect, and some of the existing facilities are not fully accessible. These additions would improve a greater portion of the park for all users to enjoy.

Our current budget does not allow us to make comprehensive renovations such as these to all playgrounds as quickly as they are needed. With financial assistance from the State, this vital community Park will receive the upgraded renovations it deserves.