

State Of Maryland

2021 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Randolph Hills Local Park		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Waldstreicher	Solomon	
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 Randolph Hills Local Park, including improvements to the site's grounds and installation of a new pedestrian bridge		
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
Delegate Solomon		jared.solomon@house.state.md.us
Senator Waldstreicher		
		emily.mitchell@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 (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. 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)

This project will improve the surface condition of the Rock Creek-Randolph Hills Connector Trail and replace an aging pedestrian bridge, addressing an important safety issue and improving walking and bicycling access between neighborhoods separated by Rock Creek. The connector trail is in disrepair and is one of the most pressing trail resurfacing projects in the county. The steel of the pedestrian bridge contains evidence of stress fractures and deterioration, requiring replacement of the bridge. These improvements are critical because this trail plays the important role of connecting the Randolph Hills neighborhood and Randolph Hills Local Park on the west side to the Holiday Park neighborhood and the newly renovated Dewey Local Park and Veirs Mill Local Park on the east side of Rock Creek. It also provides neighbors on the west side access to the heavily used Rock Creek Trail, which sees approximately 280,000 users a year.

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	\$50,000
Construction	\$325,000
Equipment	\$25,000
Total	\$400,000

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

Randolph Hills Local Park State Aid	\$150,000
CIP Program: PLAR Non Local and Hard Surface Trail R	\$250,000
Total	\$400,000

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
2021	2022	2023	2024
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	15,000		20,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2014	\$100,000	Warner Manor	
2011	\$100,000	Warner Manor	
2010	\$275,000	Warner Manor	
2006	\$150,000	Warner Manor	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 2425 Reddie Drive Wheaton, MD 20902		Randolph Hills Local Park 11720 Dewey Rd Silver Spring, MD 20906	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	18 - 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	
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 2425 Reddie Drive 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
12	12	18150.00	22000.00
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

1980's

28. Comments

Montgomery Parks has set a goal to create a World-Class network of recreational trails within the county. This vision, once fully implemented, will provide a unique recreational outlet to our citizens and provide an outdoor amenity which will set our County park system apart. Achieving this goal requires pursuing a wide range of objectives in planning future trails, as well as maintenance of the current system.

One of the most important aspects of this goal is to keep our current trail inventory in good condition to support the needs of our trail users and community members. While Parks' prioritizes funding for trail improvements by greatest need, there is simply not enough funding to maintain the large portfolio of trails within the system as quickly as is needed. The Rock Creek-Randolph Hills Trail and Bridge is an example of a project which has been identified as a high priority for maintenance, but the funding for these repairs is several years away from realization.

The existing asphalt is crumbling and has sharp edges and places with drop-offs of several inches. The surface condition constitutes a tripping hazard for everyone, including older park visitors and people with mobility needs. The trail does not drain precipitation effectively, which results in wet and muddy spots persisting days after a rainfall.

The Park Trails Team conducted an analysis of all the hard surface trails in the county for condition and rehabilitation needs. This connector trail ranked one of the highest for resurfacing needs due to the poor condition of the existing trail and the important role that the trail plays in connecting neighborhoods and local parks in the area. One such trail, Rock Creek Trail, is one of the countys most important trails.

This project will make a critical bridge replacement. Damage to the steel components of the bridge is visible, revealing significant steel stress failure. The steel underneath the structure has deteriorated and created a hole, resulting in diminished strength of the steel.

Replacing a bridge of this length will require a very large, heavy-duty crane and significant onsite coordination to keep the area safe. Stream restoration techniques will be used to correct a natural rock blockage along the right bank which causes large debris build-up under the bridge. This debris then causes damage to the bridge infrastructure and erodes the stream banks. The proposed project will correct this issue and prevent future damage to the new bridge and stream walls.

This project not only entails critical safety repairs but will be an important step forward in our overall effort to establish a World-Class Trail Network. With assistance from a Capital Grant, the timing of this important repair can be accelerated, delivering a refreshed park trail area, continuance of walking and bicycling connections, and preservation of this park asset beloved by the local community.