State Of Maryland 2021 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project							
South Germantown Recreation Park							
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor						
Feldman	Fraser-Hidalgo						
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested A	mount					
Montgomery County	\$150,000						
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative							
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of South Germantown Recreational Park, including site improvements to the park's grounds, parking lots and walkways							
7. Matching Fund							
Requirements:	Туре:						
Grant							
8. Special Provisions							
[] Historical Easement	[X] Non-Sectarian						
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address					
Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo		david.fraser.hidalgo@house.stat e.md.us					
Senator Feldman							
		emily.mitchell@montgomerypar ks.org					
10. Description and Purpose of Organization	tion (Limit lengt	h to visible area)					

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.

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

The purpose of this project is to improve access to the bike skills area within South Germantown Recreational Park by installing 2-3 ADA accessible parking spaces and making a safe road connection to the site. The mountain bike skills park at South Germantown Recreation Park is an increasingly popular destination for families and adults to develop their riding skills. The park includes technical riding features such as teeter-totters and rock gardens, a pump track, and progressively challenging jumps. However, there is currently no vehicle access nor ADA accessible on-site parking at the bike skills park. If this project is funded, on-site parking will improve safety and access to the site and provide accessible (ADA) parking. Montgomery Parks has received requests for such parking access from the public. Improving access to the park will greatly enhance this family-friendly park amenity.

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	\$250,000						
Equipment							
Total	\$300,000						
13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)							
South Germantown Recreational Park State Aid	\$150,000						
CIP Program: CIP Non-Local Minor Renovation	\$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 Desi	ign Comple		plete	ete Design Begin		in Construction		Complete Construction	
2022		2022		2023	2023		2023		
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised			S	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			1	12,000		20,000			
18. Other	State (Capit	al Gr	ants to Re	cipien	ts in the Past	15 Yea	ırs	
Legislativ	ve Sess	sion	Α	mount			Purpose		
2019				\$250,000	Black Hill SEED Classroom			n	
2016				\$105,000	Western Piedmont Trail Connectivity			onnectivity	
2014	14			\$50,000	Senec	eneca/Poole's Store Restoration			
2011				\$50,000	Senec	a/Poole's Store	ration		
19. Legal N	Name a	and A	ddre	ess of Grai	ntee	Project Add	ress (If	f Different)	
Planning CommissionMontgomery County Department of Parks2425 Reedie DriveWheaton MD 2090220. Legislative District in Which Project is Located15 - Montgome					18041 Central Park Circle Boyds, MD 20841 ery County				
21. Legal S	Status	of Gr	ante	e (Please C	Check C	Dne)			
Local Govt. Fo		For	Profit	Non Profit			Federal		
[X]	[X]		[]	[]			[]	
22. Grante	e Lega	al Rej	prese	ntative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:			
Name:	Adrian Gardner			Has An Appraisa 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 Reedie 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	Curr	ent Operating Budget	Projec	ted Operating Budget			
8	8	3	809387.00	8	812000.00			
25. Ownership of	f Property (Info Requ	lested by	Treasurer's Offic	ce for bond	purposes)			
A. Will the grante	A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?							
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?								
C. Does the grante	No							
D. If property is o	wned by grantee any sp	pace is to	be leased, provid	e the follow	ing:			
	Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease					
	N/A							
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E. If property is le	eased by grantee - Prov	ide the fo	llowing:					
Na	ame of Leaser	Length of Lease	Optio	Options to Renew				
	N/A							
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26. Building Square Footage:								
Current Space G			N/A					
Space to be Rend								
New GSF N/A								

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 outdoor amenities which will set our County park system apart. Part of achieving this goal requires elevating our current trails to the highest standards and delivering amenities which are most desired by our citizens.

In speaking with the biking community within the county, Montgomery Parks received feedback that the natural surface trail network serves beginning bike skills users very well but lacks thrills and challenges for more experienced and skilled riders. In response to this feedback, Parks began developing skills parks which allow users to start on beginning obstacles and move on to progressively more challenging features as they develop their skills. This concept, which has been integrated into the bike skills park at South Germantown, has been a very successful and appreciated feature, unique to this part of the county.

With the recent expansion to include greater variety of challenges and biking obstacles, the bike park has grown in reputation, drawing users from across the country. The Park is popular with families, and many parents visit along with their children. In addition, some regular users of the park have expressed a need for ADA accessible parking. These two occurrences have highlighted a specific need for the skills park: direct road and parking lot access at the skills park site. Currently, there is no parking lot near the bike skills area, forcing patrons to ride bikes or walk from different areas of the greater park. This project will improve access to make it easier for both families with younger children to visit and park next to the site, and make it available to individuals with varying levels of mobility. In addition, it will also help Park volunteers to access the site to continue to develop this special resource into the future.

This important project will directly address the requests we have received from the biking community and make the South Germantown Bike Skills Park more accessible for people of all abilities as well as families who want to enjoy this treasured amenity in District 15. Improving access to the park by providing parking spaces and driveway access will allow more visitors and support the growth of the skills park. With assistance from a Capital Grant, this often-requested feature can be realized and enjoyed by the bicycling network in Montgomery County and beyond.