

State Of Maryland

2021 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Wheaton Regional Park		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Kramer	Stewart	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a loop trail at Wheaton Regional Park		
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 Kramer		ben.kramer@senate.state.md.us
Emily Mitchell		
		vaughn.stewart@house.state.md.us
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)

The purpose of this project is to renovate a 1.2-mile segment of an existing asphalt shared-use trail in Wheaton Regional Park. It is one of the most popular trails in the Park, winding through mature forests and flowing streams, and allows access to other popular Park areas including the athletic complex, playgrounds, and gardens. The trail is heavily used by hikers and bikers of all ages. The proposed project will replace the existing asphalt of the trail segment, which is in poor condition. Most of the segment will also be upgraded to meet ADA accessibility requirements for outdoor trails, which will accommodate more users. Associated drainage improvements and shoulder stabilization is also planned.

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	\$200,000
Construction	\$800,000
Equipment	
Total	\$1,000,000

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

Wheaton Regional Park State Aid	\$200,000
CIP Program	\$800,000
Total	\$1,000,000

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
10/2020	10/2021	2/2022	TBD
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	~1,000,000	~1,000,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 11th Floor 2425 Reddie Drive		Wheaton Regional Park 2000 Shorefield Road Silver Spring, MD 20902	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	19 - 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 11th Floor 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
30	30	290000.00	290000.00
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

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28. Comments

Nestled in a forested area of Wheaton, Maryland, Wheaton Regional Park offers a variety of recreational and educational opportunities within its 536 acres. With more than one million visitors per year, it is one of the most popular parks in Montgomery County. The Park features a wide variety of recreational activities and provides an important outdoor amenity to the densely populated and diverse community residing in District 19.

In addition to the routine maintenance of amenities throughout the park, the asphalt which constitutes the hard surface trails must be replaced once it begins to deteriorate to maintain a safe and pleasant experience for Park users. Wheaton Regional Park features miles of hard surface trail which are maintained by Montgomery Parks, however, there is not enough funding in the budget to replace the asphalt of these trails as quickly as is needed.

For this reason, we request your support in funding a portion of the renovation project for a 1.2-mile segment of existing asphalt shared-use trail. This section of trail is one of the most popular trails in the Park, winding through mature forests and by flowing streams, and allows access to other popular Park areas including the athletic complex, playgrounds, picnic areas, and Brookside Gardens. The trail is heavily used by hikers and bikers of all ages.

With the funding from the State, Montgomery Parks will be able to move the timing of the trail renovation up considerably, delivering a renewed trail to the Wheaton community more quickly than the normal lifecycle asset replacement schedule allows. As part of this project, the existing asphalt on this trail, which is in poor condition, will be replaced and upgraded to meet the current ADA accessibility requirements for outdoor trails. This upgrade will allow broader access on the trail to amenities throughout the park for users with varying physical abilities. While work crews are making these vital upgrades, associated drainage improvements and shoulder stabilization will also improve the overall quality of the trail.

Thank you for considering this important project for a Capital Grant in the 2021 General Session. We look forward to delivering this exciting trail upgrade to parks users in District 19 and beyond.