

State Of Maryland

2022 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Blohm Park Trail Project		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Kagan	Barve	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Blohm Park Trails		
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 Cheryl C. Kagan		Cheryl.Kagan@senate.state.md.us
Tom Lonergan-Seeger, Assistant City Manager		301-250-8570
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The City of Gaithersburg was chartered as the Town of Gaithersburg in 1878 and achieved City status in 1968. It operates under a Council-Manager form of municipal government, with the Council-appointed City Manager responsible for the day-to-day operations of the City. Services provided by the City include Planning and Zoning, Permitting, Code Enforcement, Police, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, Housing & Community Development, and Economic Development.</p>		

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

The City is looking to create trail improvements at Blohm Park, including adding a boardwalk and raised overlook as part of the project. The overlook will go from the central park area down towards Whetstone Run. This will be done in 3 phases. The first phase will restore the natural trail on the eastern side of Whetstone Run. A second phase will be the incorporation of stream/channel crossings and the inclusion of a boardwalk and overlook. The third phase will be a stream crossing to be installed upstream of the existing stormwater pond. Approximately 3,200 linear ft of trails will be improved as part of the project, providing for better connectivity with surrounding neighborhoods. The project will also incorporate educational signage (approx.19 signs) along the Blohm Park Trails. This project will allow the City to work with the Muddy Branch Alliance and the Seneca Creek Watershed Partners to provide stormwater education and encourage community participation.

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	\$140,000
Construction	\$660,000
Equipment	
Total	\$800,000

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

Program Open Space- State of Maryland	\$175,000
2022 Maryland Bond Initiative	\$250,000
City of Gaithersburg Funds	\$375,000
Total	\$800,000

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
5/1/2022	12/15/2022	3/15/2023	3/15/2024
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		TBD	TBD
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2021	\$250,000	Great Seneca Pedestrian Bridge	
2021	\$250,000	Pleasant View Park	
2020	\$1,000,000	Gaithersburg Police Station	
2019	\$1,000,000	Gaithersburg Police Station	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
City of Gaithersburg 31 South Summit Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20877		18900 Watkins Mill Road Gaithersburg, MD 20879	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	17 - 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:	Lynn Board, City Attorney	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	240-805-1085		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
31 South Summit Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20877			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site				
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget	
0	0	6345.00	6845.00	
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
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:				
Name of Leaser		Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:				
Current Space GSF				
Space to be Renovated GSF				
New GSF				

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
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28. Comments	
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We currently have mowing costs at Blohm Park, and we expect that there will be additional costs associated with mowing, trail maintenance, sign replacement, and other upkeep costs after the improvements are made. We do not, yet, have all of those costs estimated. These anticipated, additional costs will be included in future City budgets.