

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Long Branch Parks Initiative		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Smith		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$2,000,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Long Branch Community Parks		
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 William C. Smith, Jr.		will.smith@senate.state.md.us
Patrick J. "P.J." Hogan		410.204.1704
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 Long Branch Parks Initiative is an effort to improve the overall quality of several parks that serve the Long Branch area, which is a densely populated, lower-income and ethnically diverse community. The existing park facilities are generally aging, in poor condition and need to be renovated. By planning and designing the Long Branch parks together, Montgomery Parks has the opportunity to meet the varied park needs of the community using all the parks in the area. For example, if an amenity or improvement does not fit in one park, it may fit in another. The initiative includes comprehensive improvements of all types, such as active recreation facilities, park amenities, trails, environmental enhancements, and infrastructure improvements. Financial assistance from the State would help upgrade these parks years earlier than would otherwise occur with traditional funding.

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	\$500,000
Construction	\$3,500,000
Equipment	
Total	\$4,000,000

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

Long Branch Parks Initiative State Aid	\$2,000,000
Parks CIP PLAR Local PDF	\$500,000
Parks CIP PLAR Local Playground Equipment PDF	\$500,000
Parks CIP Minor New Construction Local PDF	\$500,000
Parks CIP Park Refreshers PDF	\$500,000
Total	\$4,000,000

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
October 2023	October 2024	January 2025	June 2026
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	~30,000	~30,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2022	\$2,500,000	Long Branch Initiative	
2022	\$362,701	Long Branch Arliss Skate Park	
2021	\$200,000	Long Branch Pedestrian Bridge	
2020	\$350,000	Long Branch-Garland Neighborhood 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 Road 11th Floor		Multiple Locations	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	20 - 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:	Debra Borden	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-454-1652		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: Bond Bill Administrator, Park Development Division			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
20	20	100000.00	100000.00
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	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	1950-1960's
28. Comments	
<p>The Long Branch Parks Initiative addresses the park, recreation, and public space needs of the Long Branch community strategically and holistically. The community is in an Equity Focus Area and has been historically underserved by a variety of public services. The introduction of the Purple Line has disrupted the community while providing opportunities for excellent, transit-accessible parks. By planning and designing these parks together, we have opportunities to meet the varied park needs of the community using all the parks in the area (i.e., if something does not fit in one park, it may in another). This project includes playground and court renovations, picnic shelters, community gardens, athletic field renovations and other improvements in Long Branch Local Park, Long-Branch Arliss Local Park, and Quebec Terrace Neighborhood Park, as well as new pedestrian bridges and trail extensions in Long Branch Stream Valley Park. Parks has conducted extensive community engagement, including speaking to neighbors door-to-door (canvassing) and conducting surveys during park community events, to understand challenges, needs, and opportunities.</p>	