

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Rock Creek Regional Park		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Kramer	Stewart	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$400,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Rock Creek 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
Delegate Vaughn Stewart		Vaughn.Stewart@house.state.md.us
Meghan Moore		301-495-2567
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 purpose of this project is to provide ADA accessibility improvements to Picnic Area 2, which is one of the most highly visited areas within Rock Creek Regional Park. The work will include parking lot improvements, accessible routes to the amenities, renovations to the restroom and picnic shelters, volleyball court relocation, a new playground and fitness area, site furnishings, and stormwater management improvements.

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	\$100,000
Construction	\$700,000
Equipment	
Total	\$800,000

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

Rock Creek Regional Park State Aid	\$400,000
Parks CIP Minor New Construction NL PDF	\$400,000
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
July 2023	September 2024	November 2024	November 2025
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	15,000	15,000	
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 2425 Reddie Road 11th Floor		Rock Creek Regional Park 15700 Needwood Lake Circle Rockville, MD 20855	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	39 - 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		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
The 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
10	10	25000	40000
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	1960's
28. Comments	
<p>Rock Creek Regional Park is located in Rockville and serves a nearby Equity Focus Area of Montgomery County. Equity Focus Areas are places where residents may be experiencing disproportionate barriers due to a combination of demographic characteristics, including low income, racial minorities, and a population that speaks English less than well. Montgomery Parks is working to elevate the priority of capital projects that serve these areas.</p> <p>This park stretches across approximately 1,800 acres and includes the beautiful 75-acre Lake Needwood and the 55-acre Lake Frank. The park was developed in the 1960s for lake-oriented recreation and flood control. It has three picnic areas with shelters, restrooms and playgrounds, a boat rental area, an archery range, hiking trails, and a maintenance yard.</p> <p>Picnic Area 2 is one of the most popular destinations in the park, attracting large numbers of visitors. It is located in a highly visible area near the main park entrance but does not include a paved parking lot, ADA accessible routes to the picnic shelters, or playground for park patrons. The unpaved parking lot is frequently filled to capacity on weekends and in recent years, an outdated small playground that once existed in this area was demolished for safety reasons. The restroom building also requires renovations and ADA accessibility improvements.</p> <p>Although this area has served the community well over the years, the amenities need to be improved to better meet the needs and expectations of visitors. The project will include an upgraded parking lot with greater capacity, a relocated and renovated volleyball court, a new playground to serve picnic area visitors, a fitness area, new site furnishings, improvements to the restroom building, improved ADA accessible paths to all the amenities, new stormwater management facilities, and landscape improvements.</p> <p>Our current budget does not allow us to make comprehensive renovations such as these as quickly as they are needed, and this renovation project would introduce new facilities that would greatly enhance the value of this park to the community it serves. With financial assistance from the State, this vital regional park will receive the upgraded renovations it deserves.</p>	