

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Wheaton Forest Local Park		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Waldstreicher	Solomon	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$750,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Wheaton Forest Local 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
Denisse Guitarra		301-495-2483
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)

Wheaton Forest Local Park with a sport court conversion, new loop trail, picnic pavilion and bathroom replacements, parking lot improvements, SWM, ADA accessibility improvements, community connections, and site furnishings.

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	\$350,000
Construction	\$3,000,000
Equipment	
Total	\$3,350,000

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

Wheaton Forest Local Park State Aid	\$750,000
POS	\$975,000
Parks CIP	\$130,000
LBI (2023)	\$195,000
LWCF (pending)	\$1,300,000
Total	\$3,350,000

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
Fall 2025	Spring 2027	Summer 2027	Summer 2028
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	~5,000	~5,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
23-599	\$195,000	For the acquisition, planning, design, construction, rep	
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 Drive, 11th Floor Wheaton, MD 20902		Wheaton Forest Local Park 1700 University Boulevard West Wheaton, MD 20902	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	18 - 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, General Counsel	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-454-1670		
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: 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
~2	~2	50000.00	75000.00
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

1965

28. Comments

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 greatly enhance the value of this park to the community it serves. With financial assistance from the State, this vital community park will receive the upgraded renovations it deserves.