

### ATTACHMENT 3

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1	Summary of Testimony
2	Joint Public Forum for the FY07-12 Capital Improvement Program
3	Thursday, April 7, 2005, 7:30 p.m., MRO Auditorium
4	Listed in speaker order
5	SUMMARY
6	<b>1. Donna Bartko, Countywide RAB, Member</b>
7	Continue commitment to projects already in CIP; accelerate timing when possible and fund adequately. Maintenance is integral. Develop projects with lower maintenance materials, replacement reserve, and fund periodic repairs.
8	Keep <b>Mid-County, White Oak North Potomac and North Bethesda</b> community centers on schedule.
9	Provide construction funding for <b>West County, Kensington, Wheaton and Kemp Mill</b> recreation centers; indoor pools in <b>Damascus/Clarksburg and the Western County</b> ; and <b>Olney/Sandy Spring/Norwood</b> outdoor pool, which have been through site selection and facility planning.
10	Continue commitment to <b>Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity</b> and the <b>Clarksburg Community Rec. Center</b> .
11	Complete <b>S. Germantown Soccerplex</b> and <b>Laytonia Rec.</b> in FY2007.
12	Use <b>Public/Private Partnerships</b> to fund non-traditional CIP projects like indoor tennis or indoor baseball facilities.
13	Continue <b>ballfield initiatives</b> with lights, renovations and implementation of new technology such as alternative surfaces to increase safety and decrease maintenance.
14	<b>2. Dave Magill, Western RAB, Member</b>
15	Repair <b>Capital Crescent Trail</b> railroad bridge.
16	<b>Hadley's Park</b> rubberized surface is disintegrating.
17	Stream protection is needed in <b>Little Falls Stream Valley Park</b> to prevent erosion damage.
18	<b>North Bethesda Community Recreation Center</b> is scheduled for planning and design in FY10. This was a delay from the approved FY03-08 CIP. This rec. center will serve 150,000 citizens; fund to construct as soon as possible.
19	<b>3. Stan Fisher, UpCounty RAB, Vice-Chair</b>
20	A recreation center in Clarksburg is needed for this growing area.
21	Keep park improvements and additions on track, especially for <b>ballfields and trails</b> .
22	Move <b>S. Germantown Regional Park</b> nature center into the FY 06-10 time frame. In addition, consider a Brookside Garden's type of facility, including an <b>arboretum</b> , in the upcounty area.
23	<b>Rehab and renovation</b> is essential to keep facilities safe and enjoyable for residents.
24	Encourage <b>volunteerism</b> for new initiatives like <b>disc golf</b> , as wells as park maintenance.
25	Firearm safety could be facilitated by a <b>firearm safety range</b> , indoor or outdoor, perhaps in the upcounty area.
26	Need a medium skill level (easy, short), affordable <b>golf course</b> geared towards senior, youth and beginners. Reduced fees for seniors. Need a countywide community forum to provide citizen input and public accountability for the various public golf courses.
27	More <b>senior programs</b> will be needed as the population of the upcounty area ages.
28	<b>4. Anne Marie Jackson, SS RAB, Chair</b>
29	Construct <b>small recreation center at Broad Acres</b> as part of the renovation of that park.
30	Build a skateboard park at <b>Fenton Gateway Park</b> after acquiring additional property.
31	Provide <b>connector trails</b> between Long Branch Community Center and library to the commercial center. Supports LB Task Force recommendations for better Long Branch Community Center sign on Piney Branch Road, and accessibility, and addressing maintenance issues at local playgrounds.
32	Renovate <b>Flower Avenue Local Park</b> . Fund renovations of 10 playgrounds per year.
33	Construct a hiker/biker trail within <b>Pinecrest Local Park</b> and improved park entrance.
34	<b>5. Eric Gallun, Mid-County RAB, Member</b>
35	Move renovation of <b>Kemp Mill Urban Park</b> forward.
36	Keep paved and natural surface trail projects on schedule at <b>Matthew Henson, Rock Creek Parkway</b> (bike lanes), <b>Muddy Branch</b> and <b>Rock Creek Park</b> (natural surface). Construction the boardwalk "loop" at <b>Brookside Nature Center</b> . More <b>connector trails</b> throughout the County are needed.
37	Fund parks' staff position to coordinate trail <b>volunteers</b> .
38	Dredge <b>Lake Needwood</b> .
39	Renovate/rebuild <b>Wheaton Community Center</b> . If relocation is necessary, it must be easily accessible to the community.
40	Continue and increase after-school and other children's programs.
41	Fund operation of <b>Olney Manor skateboard facility</b> .
42	<b>6. Adrienne Lees, East County RAB</b>
43	Increase lighting and security in local parks. Renovate where needed.
44	Build the <b>White Oak Community Center</b> at Colesville Road and New Hampshire Avenue so that it is within walking distance of the population center of the community. The new police station should be co-located at that site.
45	<b>7. Joy Austin-Lane, Heather Mizeur, City/Takoma Park, Councilmembers</b>
46	Renovate <b>Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park</b> . Park renovation and play equipment replacement should be done at same time, and soon. This park is adjacent to three schools, is heavily used, and needs improvements for better security.
47	Convert unused tennis courts at <b>T-PB Local Park</b> to skateboard facility. Request MNCPPC purchase equipment and City will staff the facility.
48	Improve <b>Sligo Creek Parkway</b> between NH Ave. and Piney Branch Road for pedestrian and bicycle safety. Stripe lane markings and repaint crosswalks; resurface road; install speed tables from Maple to NH Ave.
49	Plan and design a park on the newly acquired <b>Orchard Avenue</b> property.
50	Implement erosion management and bank stabilization plan to limit effects of flood waters in <b>Sligo Creek SVP</b> .

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51	Playground conditions at <b>Becca Lilly NP</b> are poor due to flooding. The access bridge was washed out and a new one is scheduled for summer, 2006, but a temporary replacement is needed now.
52	<b>Sligo Creek North NP</b> is in deplorable condition - broken play equipment, flooding, muddy conditions, erosion of earth under basketball court. Need signs posted to limit noise from basketball court. Additional police patrols needed.
53	Footpath at <b>Carroll Avenue</b> near bridge over Sligo Creek has eroded causing unsafe path.
54	Put <b>Cherry Avenue connector trail</b> back in the CIP.
55	Densely developed area means parks are heavily used and require more <b>maintenance and renovation</b> . Trash cans, sidewalks, crosswalks and lighting fixtures are needed.
56	Routine <b>playground maintenance</b> should include replenishing wood chips, mulching, surface mats; replace timbers and edging that move over time; repair play equipment. Support more maintenance staff and police officers to keep parks clean and safe.
57	<b>8. Roxroy Anderson, Washington Cricket League</b>
58	The WC League has been asking for at least one <b>dedicated cricket field</b> for 20 years. Teams are waiting to join the league, but league cannot grow until more cricket fields are found. Washington Cricket League will provide maintenance of the field(s).
59	<b>9. Dave Michaels, Greater Colesville Civic Association</b>
60	Renovate and upgrade <b>Brookside Gardens</b> .
61	Work with with GSA to reopen <b>White Oak Golf Course</b> for public use.
62	Renovate old, develop new local parks where possible, add lighting for security where needed; add soccer fields where possible. Fund some use of artificial turf.
63	Need bikeway along Jackson Road from NH Avenue to Paint Branch trail for pedestrian safety in accessing schools and <b>MLK Rec. Park</b> .
64	Construct <b>White Oak Community Center</b> on April/Steward Lane site as soon as possible. Provide funds for small but full-service comm. center.
65	<b>10. Nelly Moxley, Pinecrest Neighborhood Association</b>
66	Supports an open sports park at newly acquired <b>Orchard Avenue LP</b> . Track and full field needed.
67	<b>11. Alan Migdall, Gaithersburg Bicycle-Pedestrian Comm.</b>
68	Build the <b>Muddy Branch trail</b> to connect Gaithersburg to the C&O Canal. This hard surface trail is needed now, but is currently scheduled in 2012.
69	<b>12. Matthew Edwards, Individual</b>
70	Supports a skateboard facility at <b>Fenton Gateway Park</b> .
71	<b>13. Gene Park, Individual</b>
72	Supports a skateboard facility at <b>Fenton Gateway Park</b> .
73	<b>14. Noreene Stehlik, Individual</b>
74	The play equipment at <b>Flower Avenue Local Park</b> is scheduled for replacement in 2006, but the entire park should be renovated at that time. Neighbor volunteers have adopted the park and take care of much of it's upkeep. Urges Commission to institute policy of "Community Policing through Environmental Design". Asks Commission to work with neighborhood on playground and landscape design; add new bushes and trees; replace lighting; control storm water so pathway isn't constantly flooded; return trash cans; separate "commercial" side of park from the playground.
75	<b>15. Ariel Winter, Kemp Mill Civic Association</b>
76	<b>Kemp Mill Urban Park</b> needs renovation now. Repair broken concrete; improve drainage; make it handicapped-accessible from parking lot. Also, replace play equipment at <b>Kemp Mill Local Park</b> .
77	<b>16. Terry Seamens, Pinecrest Civic Association</b>
78	At <b>Orchard Avenue LP</b> , install fence, baseball diamond, bleachers, small football/soccer field; perhaps badmitten/volleyball pits; benches; sledding hill.
79	<b>17. Arlene Markowicz, East Silver Spring Citizen's Association</b>
80	Opposes skateboard facility at <b>Fenton Gateway</b> but supports acquiring adjacent land to expand park. Area residents prefer passive open space as the sector plan recommends. Explore other options for a skateboard park in the Silver Spring area.
81	<b>18. Frank Hatten, Mont. Co. Tennis Association</b>
82	Replace/renovate <b>Wheaton</b> indoor tennis facility; construct 6 new courts at <b>Cabin John</b> indoor facility; replace lights at <b>Olney Manor</b> outdoor courts; construct a new indoor facility in <b>Up-County area</b> ; renovate outdoor courts on a prioritized tier system.
83	<b>19. Kathy Jentz, Individual</b>
84	Opposed to skateboard park at <b>Fenton Gateway Park</b> . Clean up and landscape <b>Fenton Street Park</b> immediately. Purchase adjacent lots and improve park with gardens and artwork as sector plan recommends.
85	<b>20. Margie Richards, Winding Orchard Citizen's Association</b>
86	Fund improvements and renovations detailed in the <b>Brookside Gardens Master Plan</b> .
87	<b>21. Not present.</b>
88	<b>22. Richard Miles, Washington Chiefs Youth Services Org.</b>
89	This organization plays a 7 game season at <b>Mont. Blair High School football field</b> , but often experience locked gates and restrooms; have no access to snack bar facilities, etc. Want same privileges given to SS-Takoma Thunderbolts who use the baseball facilities at MBHS. Washington Chiefs volunteers help maintain field during the season yet are not allowed access. Want M-NCPPC to work cooperatively with them.
90	<b>23. Mary Bradford, Long Branch Task Force</b>
91	Acquire parkland when available, such as Takoma Academy and land adjacent to existing parks; rehab <b>Flower Avenue</b> and <b>Upper Long Branch</b> local parks which have drainage problems and need new play equipment; install new sign on Piney Branch Road for <b>Long Branch Rec. Center</b> .
92	<b>24. Ann Grossman, Individual</b>
93	Opposes skatepark at <b>Fenton Gateway Park</b> . Supports sector plan to provide open space for community.
94	<b>25. Austin Steo, Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE)</b>

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95	Acquire parkland when available, such as Takoma Academy and land adjacent to existing parks; rehab Flower Avenue and Upper Long Branch local parks which have drainage problems and need new play equipment; install new sign on Piney Branch Road for Long Branch Rec. Center; need connector path from rec. center; replace trash can throughout area parks; increase police patrols; install trail markers in stream valleys
96	26. Not present.
97	27. Jack Cochrane, Montgomery Bicycle Advocates
98	Sligo Creek Parkway and Beach Drive are too narrow for car and bike traffic. Widen roadways and improve driver awareness. Pave parking areas so gravel doesn't spill out onto road; build Muddy Branch and Matthew Henson hard surface trails; ICC bike trail.
99	28. Al Goyburu, Individual
100	Gives guarded support to skateboard park at Fenton Gateway Park.
101	29. Not present.
102	30. Anthony Davis, Individual
103	Put trash cans in parks. Lack of cans means park users can't help keep parks clean because they have nowhere to put the trash they collect. Maintenance must not be deferred. Fix drainage problems at Opal Daniels LP.
104	31. Richard Jaeggi, Individual
105	Supports skateboard park in Silver Spring. Skateboarders can offer good insight for design. Encourage everyone to work together.
106	32. Karen Roper, Individual
107	Opposes skateboard park at Fenton Gateway Park, but supports acquisition of additional property for landscaped green space. Other sites are more appropriate for a skateboard facility, and a skate park is planned at Piney Branch Road a few blocks away. Traffic in the area is a concern.
108	33. Carol Barth, Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association
109	At North Four Corners LP, do not add more playing fields, parking for more than 20 cars, a recreation center, skate facility, or golf course. The community would like a playground for older kids, and a walking trail. Provide monthly status report and come back to the community for comments before finalizing staff proposal. CIP process suggestions: put infrastructure tracking system in place; make CIP projects contingent upon funding to maintain improvements; return trash cans to urban area; set sustainable use limits; establish measures to assess park planning process; use Low Impact Development and Green Building technologies when possible.
110	34. Scott Gilkeson, Individual
111	Did not testify but submitted a video about playground safety and play equipment improvements needed at Sligo Creek Neighborhood Park.
112	35. Phillip Olivetti, Locust Grove Civic Association
113	Fund skateboard park at Fenton Gateway Park. Problems cited by opponents are operational issues which can be addressed. Montgomery Hills Local Park needs renovation and drainage improvements.
114	36. Jane Hawes, Animal Companion Club of Leisure World
115	Include a dog park as part of E. Norbeck LP renovation/expansion. Site should be near parking and be handicapped accessible. Facility does not need to be as large as M-NCPPC wants dog parks to be.
116	37. Laverne Gilchrist and Joe Nelson, Plumgar Community Center
117	Renovate and expand Plumgar Community Center to include larger gym, ADA compliant restrooms, activity rooms, computer lab, homework room, vending machines, fitness equipment. This neglected facility serves 7-10 public schools.
118	Correspondence Received
119	Broadacres Local Park - Letters in support of renovation.
120	Brookside Gardens Renovation - 93 letters in support of implementing Master Plan improvements.
121	Clara Barton Comm. Center - letter requesting renovation and improvements from the Friends of Clara Barton CC.
122	Fenton Gateway Park - 11 letters supporting a skateboard facility at this location; 4 letters opposed.
123	Flower Ave Local Park improvements, Upper Long Branch playground equipment renovation, restore trash can, are priorities of the Long
124	Hard Surface Trails - support for Matthew Henson, Muddy Branch, Rock Creek Ext., Paint Branch Ext., and ICC Trail.
125	Hillendale Local Park - letter from civic association regarding maintenance, trash cans.
126	Improvements in Sligo Creek Park: stormwater management; invasive plants; low impact development; maintenance issues; cited in letter from Friends of Sligo Creek.
127	Lois Y. Green Conservation Park - letters from Izak Walton League, Chesapeake Women Anglers, and individual, in support of development according to the Master Plan.
128	Montgomery Hills Local Park - 4 letters from neighborhood civic association in support of park improvements.
129	Muddy Branch Trail - 38 letters in support of paved trail; 2 letters opposed to a hard surface trail.
130	Muddy Branch Trail; safety improvements along Beach Drive and Sligo Creek Parkway; Matthew Henson Trail; snow removal along Capital Crescent Trail; option one of Metro. Branch Trail corridor from Mont. College to Silver Spring - letter of support from Eric Gilliland, Wash. Area Bicyclist Association.
131	New scoreboard at Montgomery Blair Baseball Field - request from SS-Takoma Thunderbolts
132	Pinecrest Local Park - letter from neighborhood civic association in support of various improvements.
133	Sligo Creek Park - Cherry Avenue Connector Trail - 9 letters opposing construction of connector trail.
134	Trails: Support for bikeway safety improvements along Sligo Creek Parkway and Beach Drive; bike trail maintenance; supports paved Muddy Branch Trail; complete Matthew Henson trail; two new trails from Lake Needwood; and study options for a bike trail along ICC. email from Montgomery Bicycle Advocates (MOBIKE)
135	Wheaton Tennis Bubble - 45 letters in support of retaining this facility.
136	White Oak Community Center at April/Stewart Lane site and improve/expand existing rec. facilities at Colesville, Pilgrim Hill and Hillendale local parks - 5 letters of support.

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## Project Request Form (PRF)

Your request is automatically saved and can be retrieved for editing at a later time

Reference Number:

Originator:

Date:

**ORIGINATOR'S INFORMATION**

Last Name:  First Name:

Phone #:

**PARK/FACILITY INFORMATION**

Park/Facility Name:

If the park/facility is not in the pulldown list above, manually type the name in ALL CAPS, unabbreviated.

Enter street address and zip code for park/ facility not listed in pull down menu above:

Planning Area:  Park Maint. Area:  Rec. Adv. Board:

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

Work Category:  Is this a New or Old Project?

Priority:

Current Condition - State current condition/issue/problems to be resolved - Provide as much detail as possible.

Work Needed - Describe the work needed to resolve this problem, enhance service, meet future needs, etc. Provide as much detail as possible.

Work should start:  Work should finish:

**JUSTIFICATION**

Please send photographs, maps and plans to the CIP Office, Parkside HQ.

- Cost Reduction, Avoidance - Project will reduce recurring capital, operating and/or maintenance expenses.
- Effectiveness - Improves delivery of services.
- Efficiency - Preserves or extends useful life of facility or structure.
- Leverage - Leverages outside funds, may be key to subsequent projects, capitalizes on present or previous capital improvements.
- Mandates - Federal/state/local requirements or possible contract liabilities.
- Need - Necessary for program demands, equity for County residents, or reduce deficits identified by PROS plan
- Plans, Studies - Supported by approved plans, surveys, inventories, or public hearings.
- Public health, safety - Eliminates safety hazard or repairs deteriorated condition thus reducing Commission's liability
- Revenue generation - Increases revenues.
- Public Request - Satisfies citizens' wants/needs, i.e. more parking, ADA playground
- Natural/Historic Preservation - Preserves natural and historic resources (includes wildlife)

Provide details: cite supporting documents (include dates):

Photos to follow

**BUDGET**

Cost Estimate: \$10,000.00

Budget Category: CIP (\$25K & 15+yr. duration)

Operating Budget Impact? No

**PDF INFORMATION**

PDF Assignment: PLAR - LP - Tennis/MUC Ren.

PDF Manager: Pedoem, Mitra

PDF Mgr.'s Phone #: (301) 495-2554

End of Originator's Section - Your request is automatically saved

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**DIVISION CHIEF APPROVAL**

**Div. Chief Recommendation:** Approved as submitted

**Div. Chief Comments:**

**Div. Chief Name:** Ronnie Gathers

**Phone Number:** 301299-1972

**Date Approved:** 2/17/2005

End of Division Chief's Section

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**PDF MANAGER RECOMMENDATION**

**PDF Manager Recommendation:**

**PDF Manager Start FY:**

**PDF Manager Comments:**

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34-PLAR-LP-T/MUC

# Merrimac Neighborhood Park

6415 Winston Road, Bethesda, MD 20817



Acreage 9.8

Region S

Facility Code B35

Area CJ

Date 6/19/2002

