



# **APPENDIX**

## **Public Outreach**

### **ATTACHMENT #2**

#### **Carroll Knolls Local Park Facility Plan**

**Montgomery County Planning Board Meeting  
May 14, 2020**



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# Community Meeting #1



## **Carroll Knolls Local Park Renovation Project**

### **Community Meeting #1 Meeting Notes**

Revised: 5/17/18

Date/time of meeting: December 5, 2017 from 7:00PM-9:00PM

Location: Capitol View-Homewood Park Activity Building, 2929 Edgewood Rd, Kensington, MD 20895

Number of attendees: 23

Parks Staff in attendance:

Lucas Bonney, Project Manager, Park Development Division (PDD)

Tricia McManus, Design Section Supervisor, PDD

Michael Ma, PDD Chief

Greg Fiala, Park Manager II

Michelle Nelson, Community Garden Program Coordinator

Bob Green, Accessibility Coordinator

Dominic Quattrocchi, Park Planning

Alex Girr-Borrayo, Public Affairs & Community Partnerships (PACP)

#### **Purpose of meeting**

To receive feedback from the community on existing park conditions and to discuss the future vision for the renovation of Carroll Knolls Local Park, located at 10500 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20902.

#### **Meeting summary**

Community Meeting #1 began with a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview for the project, including a review of existing site conditions, opportunities for future park improvements, preliminary park program ideas, and the proposed project schedule. Staff distributed sheets of paper containing the Project Manager's contact information and space for participants to write down their comments. Following the presentation, Staff posed a series of questions hoped to encourage participants to discuss their top priorities for improving the park. A summary of the meeting discussion is outlined below.

## Discussion

### A. General Comments

1. There was a question about the difference between a neighborhood and local park, as Carroll Knolls is categorized as a local park. Staff responded that local parks serve a broader geographic area and include facilities such as ballfields, which draw users from a wider area.
2. Neighbors expressed their preference that this should be a walk-to park for the neighborhood.
3. If this park is providing activities for outside visitors, there should be bathrooms and lighting. Park staff responded that parks close at dusk, and lighting and bathrooms are typically not provided in local parks.
4. There was a suggestion that Carroll Knolls should be expanded to be part of Evans Parkway Park and a question whether a bridge could be provided across Georgia Avenue. Staff responded that a bridge would not be within the scope of this project, but staff could investigate with the Maryland State Highway Administration whether there are additional traffic-calming measures or pedestrian crossing improvements that could be provided.
5. The Department of Parks Community Garden Coordinator reported that there have been public requests from residents in the Wheaton vicinity for community gardens, and this park would be an ideal site since it has level, open sunny areas and access to a source of water. Participants were open to considering the idea depending on the amount of space that would be required, but suggested that there may be other larger nearby parks that could more easily accommodate this use.

### B. Desired New Park Amenities - The following new park amenities were recommended by meeting participants:

1. Playground, including play elements that are different from what is provided at Evans Parkway Park. Net climbing structures were mentioned.
2. Basketball court, perhaps similar to the enclosed multi-game court at Kemp Mill Park. For kids the rims should be 8 feet high, not 10 feet, and they should be permanent and not adjustable rims.

3. Hard-surface pathways through the park could help serve as a neighborhood connection.
4. There was a suggestion that since Evans Parkway Park already has basketball courts and is walkable for teens, this use may not need to be provided at Carroll Knolls Park (especially if space is limited.)
5. Other activities for older kids or teens, such as a permanent pump track or skateboarding activities to complement the playground area.
6. Natural play elements.
7. Picnic areas that include a shelter and grills.
8. Natural surface paths and/or boardwalks through the wooded area to provide a walking loop and connections to the neighborhood streets. The paths need to stay dry, so some use of boardwalk or bridges may be appropriate.
9. Enhancements to the wooded area, including non-native invasive plant removal, native plantings, rain gardens, drainage improvements, educational elements, bat and bird houses, and seating areas.
10. Activities for adults, such as exercise equipment and quiet gathering areas away from the noisy and active areas of the park. The park could be designed so that areas are separated from view.
11. Dog Park, which could include agility equipment for dogs. There was a comment that a dog park adjacent to busy Georgia Avenue could be dangerous to dogs if they get loose.
12. Different and possibly unique types of seating.

C. Existing Park Features to be Preserved

1. The wooded area should be retained and enhanced.
2. A fence should remain along Georgia Avenue. It could be made higher and include a vegetative buffer to provide additional screening and separation between the park and the road.
3. Passive open green lawn area for unprogrammed uses.

D. Existing Park Features to be Changed

1. The parking lot is too large, and the space could be utilized better. The parking lot is currently being used by driving schools and people loitering in the park. The spaces should be reduced to only what is needed for the activities provided within the

park. At a minimum, some basketball standards could be put up in the interim until the park is built.

2. Reduce mosquitos by improving the drainage, mitigating and reducing areas of standing water.

E. Good Examples of Other Nearby Parks – The following parks were mentioned by participants:

1. Takoma Piney Branch Local Park – for skatepark and two playgrounds (one with climbing net structure)
2. City of Takoma Park dog park (adjacent to Takoma Piney Branch Local Park)
3. Rose Park in Washington, DC – dog park, court, playground, planting, nicely organized and separate areas for different uses.

F. Additional comments received in writing:

1. Carroll Knolls should consider employing the sustainable principles and multi-purpose nature of amenities offered at Evans Parkway, although at a smaller scale. Consider adding a playground with slides, see saw, balance beam, yellow spinning chair, swings, and wood chip surfacing.
2. Consider incorporating artwork into the design, possibly commissioned by a local artist.

End of meeting notes

G. Additional comments received prior to or after the meeting:

1. **Comment 1:** *“Suggest looking no further than Evans Parkway Park as an example of what CKLP could become on a smaller scale. I have been most impressed with the thoughtful and sustainable design of that park. It has many sustainable features such as the restoration of Sligo Creek and the meadow habitat zones. It is a multipurpose park with a lovely playground for children, a walking path around the entire park for everyone, open fields, a tennis court, and a basketball court. The artwork is also very nice. I suggest that M-NCPPC carry the theme of Evans Parkway Park across Georgia Avenue to CKLP. CKLP could have a walking path, restoration of the wetland, a playground with a small open shelter or gazebo, a basketball court, and an open playing field. I would personally love to see more of*

*the existing asphalt removed. My daughter would like to see slides, see saw, balance beam, the yellow spinning chair (there's one at Evans Parkway Park), swings, and wood chips. The wood chips comment took me by surprise. Norah is definitely my daughter to care about what is underneath her feet."*

2. **Comment 2:** *"the description of the park says, "Half of the site is comprised of forest with moderate invasive understory vegetation that limits visibility through the park." I say that that limited visibility bit is a good quality and should be allowed to continue -- several trees have already been taken out of that corner over the past few years. Last week's "Nature Moment" was a red fox, in the past I've seen other wildlife -- deer, raccoons, bunnies, Eastern box turtles, hawks -- there are too few oases for these fellow residents. Please also consider installing a labyrinth."*
3. **Comment 3:** *"The St. Paul park (in Kensington, MD) is a good example of how to use small space well. There is a nice children's playground away from the road and some small fields for people to play soccer, frisbee, dog walk, play catch etc. The park is not too cramped in with activities. There is also minimal parking around the park, but not a large space reserved for a parking lot, which doesn't seem to deter people from using the park. Clearly, a large parking lot is not necessary for a successful park and that space could be put to better use."*
4. **Comment 4:** *"It would also be nice if the park featured some community art, along the lines maybe of the totem poles outside the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro station or something commissioned by a local artist."*





## Community Meeting #2



## **Carroll Knolls Local Park Renovation Project – Facility Plan**

### **Community Meeting #2 Meeting Notes**

Date / time of meeting: June 5, 2018 from 7:00PM-9:00PM

Location: Capitol View-Homewood Park Activity Building, 2929 Edgewood Rd,  
Kensington, MD 20895

Public in attendance (from sign-in sheet): 11

Parks Staff in attendance:

Lucas Bonney, Project Manager, Park Development Division (PDD)

Tricia McManus, Design Section Supervisor, PDD

Derrick Williams, Park Police

John Boyd, Park Manager

Carl Weber, Park Manager

Dominic Quattrocchi, Park Planning

Alex Girr-Borrayo, Public Affairs & Community Partnerships (PACP)

#### **Purpose of meeting**

To receive feedback from the community on the three proposed concept plans and ideas for the renovation of Carroll Knolls Local Park, located at 10500 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20902.

#### **Meeting summary**

Community Meeting #2 began with a PowerPoint presentation that provided a summary of information presented during the first community meeting on December 5, 2017, including a review of existing site conditions, opportunities for future park improvements, preliminary park program ideas, and the proposed project schedule. Staff presented three concept plans with accompanying precedent images for the public to consider and discuss. Following an open discussion period, Staff encouraged community members to participate in the “red dot-green dot” exercise. Participants could place a red dot (“do not prefer”) or a green dot (“prefer”) on a specific concept plan or proposed park

amenity image. A summary of the meeting discussion and results from the “red dot-green dot” exercise is outlined below.

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## Discussion

A. Preferred Concepts – the following comments indicate preferences for proposed park amenities and include feedback/results from the red dot-green dot exercise. In general, the layout of Concept Plan 2 was preferred, with some modifications as suggested below.

1. Concept 1

- Overall – concept 1 was least preferred, since it included the permitted rectangular field, which was unpopular.
- Good playground location, as it is closer to existing tree shade area.
- Do not prefer “permitted” rectangular field with 4-foot perimeter fence (9 red dots).
- Permitted field will result in more cars/parking, which is undesirable.

2. Concept 2

- Overall – concept 2 was most preferred (7 green dots, no red dots).
- Some objected to the active teen area location, as it may cause more noise for the adjacent townhome residences. Consider flipping locations of playground and active teen area, since it is preferred that the playground is closer to existing tree shade.
- Some requested reducing the proposed parking lot below 30 space, if feasible.

3. Concept 3

- Most preferred playground location and layout in this concept, as it is closer to existing tree shade area.
- Community garden is not supported and takes up too much space, which instead could be used for additional open lawn space or an active teen area.

- Some preferred Concept 3 if the community garden was replaced with the active teen area, which would fit more appropriately closer to Georgia Avenue.
4. Some did not like the electronic/digital nature of the play elements for the active teen area and would rather consider traditional or non-digital amenities. Electronic games can break over time and may not be repaired. It's safer and more cost effective to provide activities that don't rely on technology.
  5. Additional preferences for park amenities, per feedback received during the "red dot-green dot" exercise, include:
    - Strong support for the fitness station, labyrinth, table tennis, and concrete pump-track.
    - Moderate support for different seating options such as a swinging hammock. Some did not support movable lawn chairs.
    - Mixed support (almost equal red and green dots) for the interactive electronic games like the "Memo" posts or "Sutu" soccer wall.
    - There was minimal feedback on skateboarding elements (2 red dots, 1 green dot).
    - Some did not support the large-scale chess/checker boards or the cornhole lawn game.

#### B. General Comments

1. There was a preference to have the playground near the townhouses and to keep noisier activities, such as the teenage-oriented activity areas, further away from the townhouses.
2. In general, the community garden and the field seem to take up too much of the usable park space. These activities will also require more parking, which will take up space.
3. There was discussion that the park is designated as a local park, so it needs to provide countywide activities that will draw users from the regional area. Attendees expressed that teen activities would be the preferred activities to draw countywide use to the park (rather than the field or community gardens).

4. Concept 2 seems to provide more of the activities requested in the first community meeting, and it provides something for everyone. However, it would be better to have the teen area relocated.
5. Ideally, the playground should be located where shade can be provided. It would be nice to transition it with natural play elements to the natural surface trail that goes through the wooded area.
6. "Gaga Ball" is a highly popular interactive game for teens that we should consider adding to the park. It's an octagonal court, and the game is similar to dodgeball.
7. Some want less pavement and more permeable areas.
8. One requested to avoid using exposed aggregate surfacing on pathways, as it creates a lot of vibration for inline skaters. Smooth paving surfaces, such as asphalt or concrete are preferred. Providing a loop path that could accommodate in-line skating would be ideal.
9. There were supportive comments to provide a path connection to Georgia Avenue, as it would invite people to the park from Wheaton.
10. Provide fitness equipment that can be used by children and teens as well as adults.
11. Trees that are native to this area should be used in the park, such as Tulip Poplar and Sweetgum.
12. There were questions regarding the appearance of stormwater management areas and concerns that drainage problems in the park must be addressed.
13. In developing the pedestrian entrance from Haywood Drive, staff will need to do some study and make adjustments to avoid the neighboring owner's property and driveway.
14. There was a request for a water play feature.

End of meeting notes





# CONCEPT 1

## CARROLL KNOLLS LOCAL PARK RENOVATION

M-NCPPC MONTGOMERY PARKS



6/1/2018





# CONCEPT 2

6/1/2018

## CARROLL KNOLLS LOCAL PARK RENOVATION

M-NCPPC MONTGOMERY PARKS







# CONCEPT 3

## CARROLL KNOLLS LOCAL PARK RENOVATION

M-NCPPC MONTGOMERY PARKS



6/1/2018





## CONCEPT 1 [Plan Enlargement]

June 5, 2018 - Community Meeting #2





## CONCEPT 2 [Plan Enlargement]

June 5, 2018 - Community Meeting #2





## CONCEPT 3 [Plan Enlargement]

June 5, 2018 - Community Meeting #2





# CARROLL KNOLLS LOCAL PARK RENOVATION

M-NCPPC MONTGOMERY PARKS



# CONCEPT 1

6/5/2018

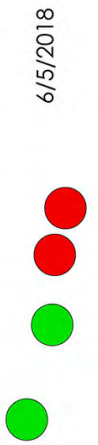








# CONCEPT 3



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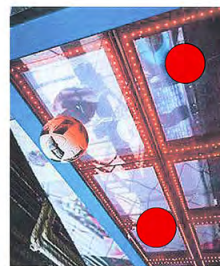
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'Yalp Sutu' - Interactive Soccer Wall



Concrete Pumptrack



ACTIVE TEEN ELEMENTS



Skateboarding Elements



## CARROLL KNOLLS LOCAL PARK RENOVATION

M-NCPPC MONTGOMERY PARKS

## PARK AMENITY IDEAS

6/5/2018

Community Meeting 2:  
Red/Green Dot Exercise Results





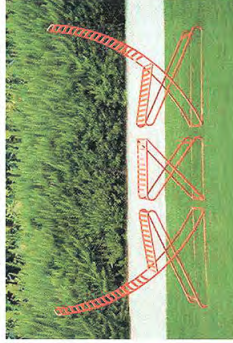
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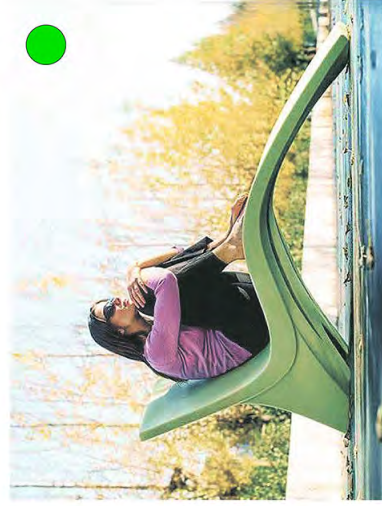
Movable Lawn Chairs



*Long time*



Labyrinth



Chaise Lawn Chairs

## 'PASSIVE' RECREATION ELEMENTS

# PARK AMENITY IDEAS

## CARROLL KNOLLS LOCAL PARK RENOVATION

M-NCPPC MONTGOMERY PARKS

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Community Meeting 2:  
Red/Green Dot Exercise Results





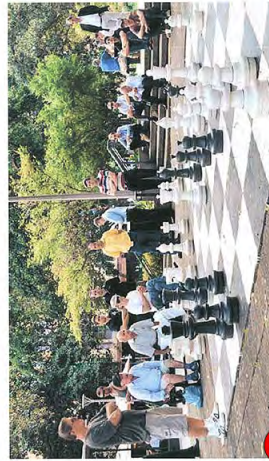
'Memo' Interactive Play Posts



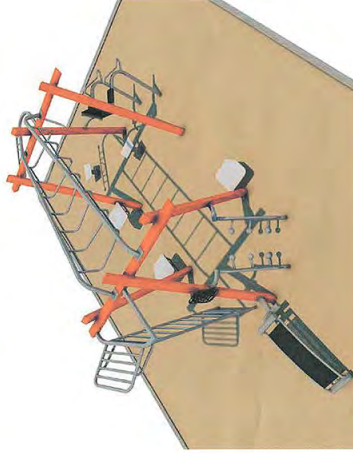
Table Tennis



Blacktop Games



Chess/Checkers Games



'Thrive' Fitness Station

## PAVED PLAY & FITNESS

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M-NCPPC MONTGOMERY PARKS

## PARK AMENITY IDEAS

6/5/2018

Community Meeting 2:  
Red/Green Dot Exercise Results

Open Town Hall  
Online Review Comments  
Post-Community Meeting #2  
(August 2018)



# Carroll Knolls Local Park Facility Plan Review

*Montgomery Parks is seeking public input on the proposed concept designs for the Carroll Knolls Local Park Facility Plan Project*

All Registered Positions grouped by position

As of September 4, 2018, 10:35 AM



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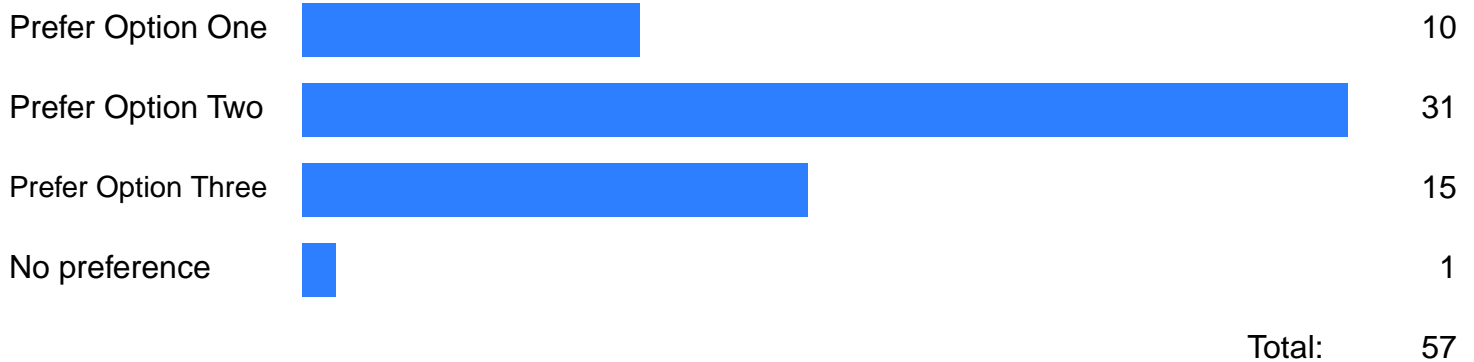
# Carroll Knolls Local Park Facility Plan Review

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As of September 4, 2018, 10:35 AM, this forum had:

Attendees: 172  
Registered Positions: 57  
Hours of Public Comment: 2.9

This topic started on July 25, 2018, 12:30 PM.



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## All Participants who selected 'Prefer Option Two'

Name not shown inside Silver Spring

August 31, 2018, 11:52 PM

Option #2

Like amenities in option #2 best but playground needs to be move away from Georgia Ave. As other have mentioned, strong vote for a splash pad. DECREASE MOSQUITO BREEDING POSSIBILITIES.

Name not shown inside Silver Spring

August 31, 2018, 11:40 PM

Option #2

I am in favor of option #2 with several edits / suggestions:

- Most importantly, reversing the locations of the playground and teen area (love the layout of the playground / picnic area in option #3)
- Fence in the playground (as in Meadowbrook park)
- I love the idea of a fitness / game area, would love to have rubberized areas around equipment in this section as well, rather than concrete paving.
- Emphasis on playground equipment targeting younger ages due to close proximity to Evans Parkway and the older orientation there (no guard rail on the very high slide and steps are climbable by 1 yr olds!). Would prefer the "paved" play / fitness areas over the teen zone if space does not allow for both. Evans Parkway is better suited for a permanent pump track and teen activities (already has basketball, etc).
- Would \*love\* to have a playground in the vicinity with rubber padding instead of mulch, safer for children of all ages. Have to drive a bit out to find one with this feature and it's a headache. In addition to safety, most of the traditional mulched playgrounds are prime growing conditions for extreme fungus growth.
- Would be great if the picnic pavilion had more than one table so multiple families could take advantage of the space at one time
- Lawn games, table tennis, etc sound appealing but I can't imagine the parts staying within the vicinity of the activity for more than a week. Same with the electronic games -- if they break down, is there a repairman locally and budget set aside for prompt repairs? Doesn't make sense to spend the money up front if the equipment will inevitably sit broken and unusable.
- I couldn't find details in the key, labels or written materials provided -- what does "swim" refer to? Are these water zones areas kids can play in? If not, could they be converted to that purpose? I am STRONGLY opposed to pools of water for a) drowning risk, b) mosquito attraction. If they are ponds, I really hope thorough efforts would be made to install fountains or other features to keep the water moving to prevent insect breeding. Would love to have a FUN, sizable splash pad(s). It would be heavily used!
- Would love to see trails in the wooded areas that are stroller / ADA accessible. Would be very fun to have signage or other activities for kids to participate in on the trails.
- Would love to have some beautiful landscaping, such as flowers that attract butterflies. As well as grass that will hold up well over time in the open active areas. So many parks become patchy or such a mixture of grass types that it's too unpleasant or muddy, etc. to really be able to use.

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- Would love to see some music making features on the playground.
- Would love some of the chaise lounge and other creative seating ideas, especially within reach of the playground. I only see it working if they are fixed in place. \*Love\* the idea of the hammocks especially if they are over rubberized ground.
- Support the labyrinth idea as well.
- Would greatly like to see art incorporated as well to help beautify the park.
- I do not support a permitted field or community garden in this particular park. If there is truly enough demand from surrounding community, couldn't some of the much larger space at Evans Parkway be converted to such uses?

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Robert Kohlmeyer inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 31, 2018, 4:08 PM

Option #2

All three options will be a wonderful improvement to our community. I would implore park planners to maintain pedestrian access from the north end of the park, and beyond the scope of this project, seek out ways to connect this project to Evans Parkway park.

I believe that option 2 would serve the most possible members of the community, but I'm excited for any of these proposals to move forward.

My five year old requests a fireman's pole for any potential playground. (He has become a playground expert and has very affordable consulting rates.)

Thanks for your consideration, and best wishes as this beautiful space comes together.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 30, 2018, 6:33 PM

Option #2

I think option #2 would serve the broadest range of potential users. I don't have kids, but the active teen area sounds like a good way to provide some innovative recreational opportunities beyond the typical "playing field." I like the preservation of a good-sized open space, too. I hope there will be more benches/seating around the park than just the picnic shelter, though, like there are in Evans Park.

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Name not shown inside Fairland

August 30, 2018, 12:22 PM

Option #2

I prefer the placement of the pool in option three. The enclosed community center would cost too much to maintain, and there are many community centers in the area.

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Name not shown inside Kemp Mill/4 Corners

August 28, 2018, 11:08 PM



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### Option #2

On balance, I prefer option 2. Although a community garden is a wonderful concept, I believe the limited amount of space available here makes it impractical. I note the comments of others regarding the difficulty of administering and maintaining a garden, as well. I am opposed to having a permitted field here.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 28, 2018, 4:03 PM

### Option #2

I like aspects of one and two. I like the location of the playground in option 1, but I don't like that the field would be permitted. And option 2 would be fine if the playground and teen area were switched. PLEASE include a splash pad. It is so hard to get to the other splash pads and having one close by would be so appreciated. Looking forward to having a playground close by that I don't have to cross Georgia to get to.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 27, 2018, 1:56 PM

### Option #2

I prefer Option Two, but think a non-athletic field would be best. I like that the playground is back away from Georgia and think that most in our neighborhood would love a splash pad for those summer days when it's really too hot to go outside for long without some sort of water activity. The splash pads are in downtown silver spring or rockville being the closest and those require more planning and hassle to access for our many neighbors who may not have vehicles. A water feature/splash pad would bring a much needed element to the area, once again especially for families that don't have access to a pool in the summer time. I personally think a community garden sounds wonderful. There isn't one in the immediate area and the closest one is in DTSS in a section where you have to pay for parking. Since the park is still somewhat close to Georgia, I think fencing in the playground would be helpful for parents of young kids. I do like the comments other people have made. I love the idea of fitness equipment and some small tables or deck chairs (kind of like at Wheaton-Claridge local park) to help create a multigenerational space.

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J Wright inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 27, 2018, 11:12 AM

### Option #2

I believe as much passive (yet safe) space should be included. Our original intention regarding the space was to stop over-development. Creating a safe place for teens to use is vital for our neighborhood. There are two large parks with playgrounds for little children plus the two elementary playgrounds nearby. Creating an active space that encourages fitness (chin-up bars, etc) is supportive of multi-generational use. Soft-scaping trails and natural materials should be used when possible to minimize environmental impact so close to watershed. Natural barriers like hedges should be used to shield users from traffic and pollution on Georgia. Please include

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doggie walking stations dog water fountain with fixed water bowl would be great.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 27, 2018, 3:01 AM

Option #2

As other people have suggested, option 2 is great, but moving kid's playground away from Georgia would be best.

note to neighborhood residents: the community gardens in option 3 would be made available to all county residents, they would not be reserved just for the neighborhood

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 26, 2018, 9:04 PM

Option #2

Thanks for the opportunity for the community to share thoughts. I favor option 2, and I hope that any play equipment, for small children or teens be nonelectric. Not only do I think even rugged systems can break down, I think a local park should be a place for people to enjoy natural things. I also hope that the parking lot be reduced as much as possible. Thanks!

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 26, 2018, 5:02 PM

Option #2

Option #2 is great.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 25, 2018, 2:51 PM

Option #2

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 25, 2018, 12:48 PM

Option #2

I like option 2 but would suggest that the playground be swapped with something else to keep younger kids away from Georgia Ave. When the moveable pump track was in the park several months ago, I saw people coming to the park specifically to use it and across a wide age range. I think it would be fun for all to have something like that as a permanent installation.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 23, 2018, 3:34 PM

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Option #2

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 23, 2018, 3:26 PM

Option #2

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Sara Streeter inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 21, 2018, 7:40 PM

Option #2

I really like the three plans, but I think the second option is best. I like the teen area in this option and the flexibility of the open field. As a resident of Carroll Knolls, our family is very excited about being able to walk 2 blocks over to the new park, instead of having to cross busy George Ave. to get to the other one. Thank you for your effort and thoughtfulness about this project. We are so excited.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 17, 2018, 9:53 PM

Option #2

I agree with others who state that the play areas should be switched so that the younger children are further back from the street.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 17, 2018, 12:31 PM

Option #2

While Option 3 has a slightly better layout, I prefer the overall amenities of Option 2 instead of Option 3's community garden. I strongly agree with the suggestions to switch the playground and active teen areas in Option 2. Finally, I like the tree layout in Option 2 that plants trees along the northern and eastern borders of the park, as I think it will give the park a more cohesive look and a better defined boundary.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 17, 2018, 9:35 AM

Option #2

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 17, 2018, 9:00 AM

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Option #2

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 17, 2018, 7:23 AM

Option #2

I think option two is best. An athletic field so close to Georgia will result in soccer balls in the street. A community garden sounds great but it's size won't allow many folks to join. So that leaves option 2 for me.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 16, 2018, 10:14 AM

Option #2

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 16, 2018, 9:06 AM

Option #2

The community garden in theory is great, but splitting plots up can be a really lead to arguments (I have set them up before), can attract rodents, and could pose issues of cross contamination for those that use pesticides (even "organic") ones to others in the gardens and area in general. Moving the playground away from the street needs to be considered as well as fencing it to prevent children from running off.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 15, 2018, 1:34 PM

Option #2

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 15, 2018, 12:52 PM

Option #2

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Arthur Liu inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 15, 2018, 9:56 AM

Option #2

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Devin Gingrich inside Kemp Mill/4 Corners

August 15, 2018, 9:09 AM

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### Option #2

The play spaces specifically designed to engage kids and teens would be most appreciated.

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Name not shown inside Silver Spring

August 8, 2018, 1:36 PM

### Option #2

I would suggest swapping the locations of the playground and the teen areas. Keep the younger kids further away from the traffic. Some of the feature options are interesting (table tennis, chess, cornhole, etc.), but unfortunately, I see anything that isn't anchored down as an invitation for theft in this area. If bags are stolen from cornhole, paddles taken from table tennis, etc., the features will lose their utility quickly.

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beverly sobel inside Silver Spring

July 31, 2018, 8:38 PM

### Option #2

Option 2 is a fantastic design that maximizes function for community members. I agree that the teen area and the playground area need to be switched. Please remove as much asphalt as possible. Right now, the park is split into two because of the parking lot.

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Theresa Downey inside Kensington/Wheaton

July 27, 2018, 10:34 PM

### Option #2

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### All Participants who selected 'No preference'

Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 31, 2018, 10:36 PM

No preference

When I say "no preference" I mean, \*none\* of these options make sense. The county installed a skateboard loop here earlier: it got NO use at all. Why would that change? Installing a playground or other amenities that spark exercise (increased breathing) where young children and teens will inhale the car/truck/bus exhaust of Georgia Ave (one of the busiest streets in the county -- every day, all day, day and night) does not make sense from a community/individual health perspective. I wouldn't bring my children or teens to this park, nor should your kids to inhale those toxins. Let me remind you of how much more susceptible children and youth are to such toxins. Let me remind you of why the community fought Costco's plans to build a gas station near the community pool and homes behind Wheaton Mall: the fumes. This also goes for creating an "official" playing field. I don't want adults huffing carbon monoxide either. Installing exercise amenities all sounds good until you step back and \*look\* at where you're standing. The trees between the fence and Georgia Ave are cut high so the police see into the park easily as they pass by; any notion of plantings to "deflect" the exhaust will not happen, there will be no buffer/protection in that form when it "competes" with public safety/police enforcement. I agree with the comments against installing a community garden -- if you don't have a yard, grow herbs/tomatoes on your balcony or in your condo patio. Any "furniture" that's not tied down will walk off. The park opened with several picnic tables, and now there are two. Did the county move them or someone else? Reducing the parking lot will be a loss to those who use the whole lot as it is now. If you didn't realize, the "wild" part of this property contains vernal pools that are valuable to the wide range of wildlife that also use this space. NWBranch Trail (the Kemp Mill end) describes their environmental value. There are too few spots left in this community for the critters who live and rest/shelter in this park, including Eastern Box Turtles, which are listed in CITES as threatened. I understand the county feels compelled to spend our tax dollars developing this property, and appreciate the staff's efforts to present these three options. Those funds would be better spent on feeding the elderly, increasing health services, supporting schools. Leaving this park "unstructured" or undeveloped any more than it already is is a fourth option that also deserves consideration/implementation.

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## All Participants who selected 'Prefer Option Three'

Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 31, 2018, 9:12 PM

Option #3

I prefer option three because the playground is farther away from the road. I also think that there is not adequate parking to have a permitted soccer field here. The only thing I don't like About option three is that the picnic shelter is in an awkward position. It makes the layout feel crowded.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 31, 2018, 1:08 AM

Option #3

All three options have merit! I prefer Option Three especially because of its playground and community garden. Thanks to everyone who must have worked very hard together to create these designs for our wonderful community.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 30, 2018, 10:47 PM

Option #3

Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 30, 2018, 2:31 PM

Option #3

A permitted field is going to bring in more traffic than is appropriate for this location and more cars than the proposed parking lot can handle. In the absence of a permitted field, I think the size of the parking lot could be reduced, and I would like to see permeable surfaces as much as possible.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 30, 2018, 1:56 PM

Option #3

Roxane Glenn inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 29, 2018, 11:03 AM

Option #3

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Option 3 has more variance for everyone.

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Scot Ryder inside Kensington/Wheaton  
Option #3

August 16, 2018, 10:09 AM

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Name not shown inside Olney  
Option #3

August 16, 2018, 9:19 AM

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton  
Option #3

August 15, 2018, 9:50 PM

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Option 3 seems to bring the most people to the park. I like the fact that the playground is not shoved up next to Georgia Avenue.

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Name not shown inside Germantown  
Option #3

August 15, 2018, 10:02 AM

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Fallon Hitchens inside Kensington/Wheaton  
Option #3

August 15, 2018, 9:07 AM

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I would LOVE to have my kids involved in a community garden. What a lovely experience for them to have, being involved in their community in that way. Also, to have insight in to what goes in to their food is invaluable knowledge to have. Additionally, as a neighborhood resident, I would be a little concerned that an option with a large athletic field may attract too many people to the already congested area. We are so excited for the renovations!

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton  
Option #3

August 1, 2018, 1:09 PM

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Any of the options would be a great use of this space. I chose Option 3 for a few reasons. I'd prefer keeping the



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playground further back from Georgia Avenue than shown in Option 2. And, as nice as the large field in Option 1 would be, it would be better for it to be free for anyone to use any time, rather than being a permitted field that people in the neighborhood might not be able to use.

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Marian Katz inside Kensington/Wheaton

July 31, 2018, 11:54 PM

Option #3

Option three with the Community Garden providing 23 plots in an area that gets a good amount of sun will promote a community spirit and give people an opportunity to interact with their neighbors in Carroll Knolls. The picnic shelter and playground area and paved play area will also potentially assist in getting neighbors to mingle and get to know each other.

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Russell Belcher inside Kensington/Wheaton

July 31, 2018, 8:41 PM

Option #3

I like the idea of community gardens where people can come together and share their ideas and the rewards of growing their own food. There should be however, adequate security for the area to prevent vandalism and theft.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

July 27, 2018, 5:10 PM

Option #3

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### All Participants who selected 'Prefer Option One'

Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 31, 2018, 12:18 PM

Option #1

I prefer Option 1 because I assume a permitted field will be maintained by the county, and it would be nice to have a real athletic field in the neighborhood. Plus, having people come in and use the field for league games would improve the vibrancy of the neighborhood. I also like the fact that option 1 puts the playground farther from Georgia avenue, and there is no "teen area." I think an area dedicated to teens would be wasted space. DO teens ever hang out where they adults tell them to? If we want an area dedicated to teens, we should call it "children area" or "no-skateboarding area"- then I guarantee they'll show up.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 30, 2018, 1:47 PM

Option #1

I like option one but would prefer a paved loop (similar to St. Paul's park) that would allow a place for kids to ride bikes. I am also supportive of a water pad similar to other posters.

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Name not shown inside Kemp Mill/4 Corners

August 30, 2018, 7:12 AM

Option #1

The area could benefit from a splash pad or water playground for the many months of HOT summer days in Silver Spring when little ones can't play on traditional playgrounds because it is so hot and dangerous. I can also see a teenage spot with a soccer option or skate ramp so a multitude of families could benefit from this spot year-round.

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Adrienne Cooper inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 29, 2018, 10:47 PM

Option #1

I love all these concepts they are all so wonderful. Option one is my favorite with a soccer field fenced in, another great option would be sand volleyball. please include a splash pad area it would be utilized by many in the area.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 25, 2018, 11:56 PM

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### Option #1

I like plan 1 but with an active open space instead of an athletic field. The neighborhood has no shortage of personal gardens, so the community garden is a waste.

I would like to see a splash zone for warm months where kids and families can cool off with a low maintenance water feature.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 25, 2018, 1:25 PM

### Option #1

Option 1 is a wonderful design that fits with the local community. The play ground area location next to the picnic shelter will be a plus for families. Having a fitness area opens the use to more area residents. Evans park across Georgia Ave is set up more for older children, so having an area for younger children would be a welcome addition to our area. Option 2 has issues with a teen area so close to the townhouse pool which could become an issue for fence hopping. Option 3's community garden would not be of interest to homeowners that have their own private gardens, so it would be used by people in the apartments closer to the Mall or the condos closer to Forest Glen - so not actually a benefit to the adjacent neighborhoods.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 18, 2018, 10:55 AM

### Option #1

Why is the park to the left of Georgia Avenue on the map? Is north up or down? The current park is on the right as you go north.

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Carl Blake inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 16, 2018, 9:29 AM

### Option #1

Option one recognizes the unmet demand for youth athletic fields in the downcounty area per the PROS plan

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 3, 2018, 2:41 PM

### Option #1

I prefer Option One. I prefer this option over the others because, while all will be quite welcome, I think a community garden will be difficult to maintain, the teen rec area is too small to be a true gathering space specific to teens, and an athletic field that is maintained is much needed in this area. Concerning the athletic field and permits excluding the community, this is a difficult balance of course, but being a coach of soccer has

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shown me that there is a real scarcity for kids to practice on a field that actually functions. I also have a child who simply likes to be outside and has had no problem in finding that, or being disrupted by permits. In addition, per the garden, I have been a part of the team that created Oakland Terrace's school garden. This has been very taxing to maintain for those involved, and fear that a community garden would face similar as well as other challenges, while limiting the space usage. But, again, having a park is a privilege, any result is positive.

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Name not shown inside Kensington/Wheaton

July 27, 2018, 5:33 PM

Option #1

I live in the townhouses next to the park and prefer not to have a skating park behind the complex

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## Community Meeting #3

# Recommended Concept Plan


Presented during Community Meeting #3  
June 4, 2019

## PLAN LEGEND

■ || ■ PARK PROPERTY LINE

 EXISTING TREE (TO REMAIN)

 NEW TREE

 NEW PATHWAY (WIDTH VARIES)

 NEW STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT FACILITY

① PICNIC SHELTER (W/ TABLES)

② BICYCLE PARKING

③ DRINKING FOUNTAIN

④ PORTA-JOHN (W/FENCE)

⑤ PUMPTRACK (BEGINNER'S TRACK)

⑥ PUMPTRACK (MULTI-USE TRACK)

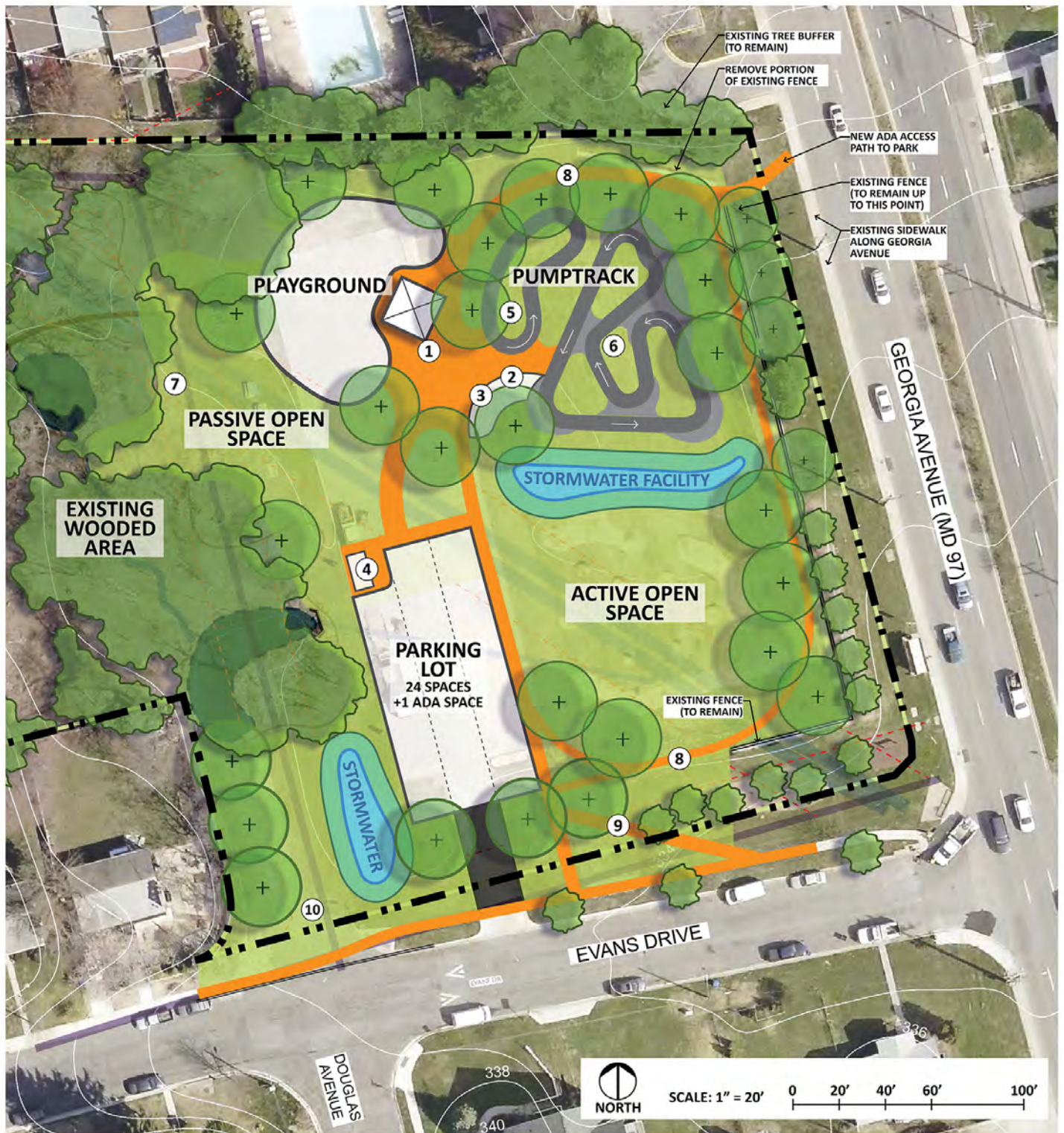
⑦ FLEXIBLE LAWN SEATING

⑧ LOOP PATH (4' WIDE)

⑨ ADA ACCESS PATH

⑩ REMOVE DOUGLAS AVE. PAVEMENT AT DEAD-END





# RECOMMENDED CONCEPT PLAN



CARROLL KNOLLS LOCAL PARK  
FACILITY PLAN  
M-NCPPC MONTGOMERY PARKS

06/04/19

## **Carroll Knolls Local Park Renovation Project – Facility Plan**

### **Community Meeting #3 Meeting Notes**

Date / time of meeting: June 4, 2019 from 7:00PM-9:00PM

Location: Capitol View-Homewood Park Activity Building, 2929 Edgewood Rd,  
Kensington, MD 20895

Public in attendance (from sign-in sheet): 18

Parks Staff in attendance:

Lucas Bonney, Project Manager, Park Development Division (PDD)

Tricia McManus, Design Section Supervisor, PDD

Brian Lewandowski, Engineer, PDD

Carl Weber, Park Manager

Kevin May, Park Manager

Alex Girr-Borrayo, Public Affairs & Community Partnerships (PACP)

Bob Green, Senior ADA Compliance Project Manager, PDD

Public official representatives in attendance:

Mr. Mark Melmed, liaison for Md State Senator Jeff Waldstreicher

#### **Meeting summary**

Community Meeting #3 began with a PowerPoint presentation that provided a summary of the information presented and the community feedback received during the previous two community meetings (December 5, 2017 and June 5, 2018). The presentation also included a brief review of existing site conditions, additional details on proposed future park improvements, and the proposed project schedule. Staff presented the Recommended Concept Plan, which was developed based on community and staff feedback to date. Staff re-iterated to the community that Carroll Knolls Park was designated as a “Local” park, which has amenities that serve a broader geographic area and include active recreation facilities such as permitted athletic fields. Since the community mostly responded that an “active teen element” would be the preferred amenity to draw countywide use to the park, rather than a community garden or



permitted athletic field, staff proposed that an asphalt pump track facility could serve this need. Additional details and examples of pump tracks were presented for the public to consider and discuss. Following the presentation, staff transitioned the meeting to an open discussion period. A summary of the meeting discussion is outlined below.

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## **Discussion**

- A. The Recommended Concept Plan – overall, meeting participants enthusiastically supported the plan, including the new asphalt pump track, and would like to see the project built as soon as possible.
- B. Funding/Budget – participants asked when the project would be constructed and if the project could be built in phases. Staff responded that due to the size of the project, it would be preferred to construct the project all at once.
- C. Georgia Avenue – the danger of pedestrians crossing Georgia Avenue at Evans Drive was discussed. Improvements to Carroll Knolls Park may increase the instances of people crossing Georgia Avenue from Evans Parkway Park. Perhaps signage could be installed on parkland on both sides of Georgia Avenue to highlight the dangerous crossing and urge patrons to use the signalized crossing at Dennis Avenue.
- D. Playground – residents asked if the community will be involved in the process of selecting playground equipment during the future Detailed Design phase. Staff responded that they would consider scheduling a meeting with the public to review potential playground equipment.
- E. Wooded edge – the existing shaded lawn area along the existing parking lot is very important to members of the community. Some asked to place picnic tables or flexible seating options to allow for picnicking/relaxing in the shade. Moveable furniture might get stolen.
- F. Douglas Avenue roadway terminus – a resident noted the large volume of rainwater from Evans Drive that flows into the dead-end of Douglas Avenue. In addition, snow removal piles and illegal dumping piles were also raised as

issues, since they occasionally block roadway runoff to the existing storm drain. Residents requested that we remain mindful of the existing drainage issues as we re-design this area.

- G. Stormwater facilities – some inquired about the depth of the stormwater facility adjacent to the proposed pumptrack. Staff responded that the stormwater facility would be similar to a planted rain garden and would be a few feet deep. The facility would not hold or pond water for more than 24 hours following a rain event.
- H. Perimeter fence – a resident asked if the existing perimeter fence along Georgia Avenue would remain in place. Staff responded that a small portion of the existing fence would be removed at the northern end to allow for a new sidewalk access to the park.
- I. Pedestrian access –
  - a. Formal access from adjacent Plyers Mill Crossing townhouses – some requested a paved pathway connection to the existing stone pathway adjacent to the community pool. This connection would be well-used by the community.
  - b. Mulch path – some suspect that with the addition of the pump track, bicyclists may want to access the park from Lilian Drive along the existing lawn area behind the Plyers Mill Crossing townhomes. There was a request for a natural mulch path to accommodate this potential increase in access/use, which could connect with the natural surface trails in the wooded area.
- J. Pathway materials – some requested clarification on the intended pathway materials. Staff responded that due to ADA requirements, concrete would be used for most pathways in the park. Asphalt material will be used in the parking lot and for the pump track. One person mentioned that they like the exposed aggregate concrete walkways at Evans Parkway Neighborhood Park.
- K. Existing tree removals – some asked if existing trees will be removed to make room for the new park facilities, including the pump track. Staff responded that the existing small trees that Park Staff had planted as part of the interim

improvements will need to be either relocated on-site, moved to another park, or removed before they grow too large. These existing young trees are planted on top of the large existing storm piping that traverses the site, which is not advisable in the long-term.

- L. Parking lot size – some asked if the number of proposed parking spaces (25) could be reduced further to lower the amount of impervious surfacing in the park. Staff responded that the current number of proposed parking spaces (25) is the minimum that should be provided for a Local Park of this size.
- M. Fundraising – some expressed interest in exploring opportunities to raise funds for the proposed park amenities through the Montgomery Parks Foundation.
- N. Habitat – residents noted the importance of preserving and enhancing the ecology of the wooded area so that animals have refuge in an increasingly urbanizing area. Invasive vines need to be removed. Some asked if a bat house could be added to the park. Staff responded that a bat house was not advisable.
- O. Labyrinth – some asked why the labyrinth amenity was removed from the proposed plan. It was discussed that at this stage in the project, there is not enough funding to include some of the smaller site amenities, such as the labyrinth. Staff noted that as the plan and cost estimate are developed and refined, these additional amenities may be added where feasible. Some mentioned that there is an interesting labyrinth behind Northwood High School, near the existing trail.

End of meeting notes



Open Town Hall  
Online Review Comments  
Post-Community Meeting #3  
(August 2019)







# Carroll Knolls Local Park Recommended Concept Plan-Final Draft

October 11, 2019, 2:40 PM

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## Summary Of Registered Positions

As of October 11, 2019, 2:40 PM, this forum had:		Topic Start
Attendees:	233	July 1, 2019, 10:37 AM
Registered Positions:	61	
Hours of Public Comment:	3.1	

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### Individual Registered Positions

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**Name not shown**

inside Kensington/Wheaton  
July 10, 2019, 3:17 PM

I say Yes

I especially support the building of a playground area as soon as possible. We have more and more young children on this side of Georgia Ave. The other aspects seem well planned and thought out as well.

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**Name not shown**

inside Potomac  
July 10, 2019, 3:19 PM

I say Yes

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**Name not shown**

inside Gaithersburg City  
July 10, 2019, 3:49 PM

I say Yes

This looks like a great plan! I fully support the planned design and balance of playground, active open space, pathways, and pump track along with passive open space, trees, and stormwater management facilities. I love the pump track and bicycle amenities!

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**beverly sobel**

inside Silver Spring  
July 13, 2019, 7:51 PM

I say Yes

Thoughtful park design. It is just what the communities need and will be an asset for generations to come. I hope the communities receive funding soon to make this park a reality in the near future. The need is great for this park. Thanks for such a thoughtful and creative plan.

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**Jennifer Freedman**

inside Kensington/Wheaton  
July 14, 2019, 3:45 PM

I say Yes

I like all the proposed elements and their locations on the park site.

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**Shaun Hardy**

inside Kensington/Wheaton  
July 15, 2019, 5:07 PM

I say Yes

Looks like a great plan that will serve many different needs in our neighborhood and community.

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**Kevin He**

inside Kensington/Wheaton  
July 21, 2019, 4:01 PM

I am Neutral

I think this will be a dramatic improvement upon what is currently there. The attention paid to the needs of the overgrown forest is especially promising to me.

That said, I am mostly unclear as to why a pumptrack was determined to be the most beneficial use for this space. That said, it may just be that I am not familiar with it yet. I am mostly curious and concerned about where access to the park (the forested area) will be through the neighborhood. Currently access is through a private property line, and that does not seem conducive to some of the longer-term planning and use that would be beneficial to the neighborhood. Are there clearly defined plans for how to adjust the intersection of Gardiner Ave and Haywood Dr so that there will be a nice entrance into the park? Will this involve installing a sidewalk for accessibility, among other considerations?

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**Bevin Conrow**

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inside Kensington/Wheaton

July 22, 2019, 12:04 PM

I say Yes

Our growing family is in full support of this park and is eagerly awaiting its development. Please fund this effort for the families and community members who reside on the west side of Georgia Ave, especially, who are deterred from accessing Evans Parkway Park by the treacherous crossing of Georgia Ave. This neighborhood park is much needed and will enhance the lives of many families. We especially love the playground, covered pavilion, paved walkways/strollerways, and added TREES for privacy, shade, and buffering of Georgia Ave. Residents of the Plyers Mill Crossing community would love a paved walkway entrance to the park extending from the existing walkway along the pool, which would be this community's main entrance to the park. Thank you for designing such a thoughtfully laid out plan. We hope to see it become a reality as soon as possible!

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### Name not shown

inside Kensington/Wheaton

July 22, 2019, 12:10 PM

I say Yes

Beautiful park! Local families are cheering!! This greenspace has so much potential to serve the community. We are excited about it. Thank you for the playground and improved stormwater drainage. "If you build it they will come!"

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### Kate Schrock

inside Silver Spring

July 26, 2019, 10:28 PM

I say Yes

This is a really well thought out plan. I am very excited about seeing a paved pump track in Montgomery County. I am especially excited about the pump track and play ground proximity. I hope my kids are still kids by the time this gets built.

### Richard Bird

inside Silver Spring

July 29, 2019, 3:58 PM

I say Yes

As a longtime bicyclist / bicycle commuter in downtown silver spring, I believe this pump track is something that would greatly benefit the community. Not only for recreation, but it would benefit the overall fitness of the population of the greater Silver Spring area. Myself, along with my bicyclist friends have discussed this for a long time and we can't wait to be able to proudly claim a pump track as silver springs own. We'd also love to see Germantown paved as well.

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### Name not shown

inside Olney

July 29, 2019, 10:22 PM

I say Yes

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### John Bowen

inside Bethesda/Chevy Chase

July 30, 2019, 7:15 AM

I say Yes

Very excited for the pump track

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### Leah Ford

inside Kensington/Wheaton

July 30, 2019, 10:24 AM

I say Yes

I fully support this plan. There is something for everyone in a small space. It will serve children and adults alike. The plan is well thought out with the playground farthest from the road and multiple access points. An access point to the neighborhood behind it (Haywood drive) should be included to make the park more accessible to the residents of carroll knolls.

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### Richard Ford

inside Kensington/Wheaton  
July 30, 2019, 10:52 AM

I say Yes

Great plan. Nicely suited to the needs of our neighborhood.

### Name not shown

inside Olney  
July 30, 2019, 1:20 PM

I say Yes

I support the plan. Given the space, it is well designed and allows use by many different ages. The addition of the pump track provides something no other park has (which I think is a good thing).

### Eduardo Carmona

inside Germantown  
July 30, 2019, 7:06 PM

I say Yes

yes park is awesome  
so excited about the pump Track

### Stephen Szibler

outside Planning Areas  
July 31, 2019, 9:18 AM

I say Yes

### Name not shown

inside Kemp Mill/4 Corners  
July 31, 2019, 1:55 PM

I say Yes

Please build a local pump track and/or skatepark - a pump track is perfect for all levels & ages of skaters, bikes,

scooters - companies like velo-solutions, grindline and dreamland design amazing parks

### Jason Lombard

inside Patuxent  
July 31, 2019, 3:17 PM

I say Yes

This is the kind of multi-use park facility that we need in Montgomery County. I approve of this plan.

### Matthew Conte

inside Kensington/Wheaton  
July 31, 2019, 3:41 PM

I say Yes

I think the concept plan for this park is perfect. I hope it can be built soon as I know our family will be using it often!

### Ronald Edwards

outside Planning Areas  
July 31, 2019, 4:38 PM

I say Yes

### Tyler Tichenor

outside Planning Areas  
July 31, 2019, 8:36 PM

I say Yes

### Mark Drajem

inside Takoma Park  
August 1, 2019, 2:26 PM

I say Yes

We need more ways kids (and adults!) can ride. I support this plan.

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### Jonathan Bruck

inside Kensington/Wheaton  
August 2, 2019, 8:46 AM

I say Yes

### Jed Dinger

inside Kensington/Wheaton  
August 5, 2019, 1:16 PM

I say Yes

Jed Dinger

### Jennifer Trujillo

inside Silver Spring  
August 6, 2019, 7:01 PM

I say Yes

Dear Chair, Planning Commission of MNCPPC:

I say Yes! Yes! Yes, Please!!!

Thoughtful Park Design for Carroll Knolls. The Park will serve many different needs in our neighborhood and community. It is just what the communities need and will be an asset for generations to come. I hope the communities receive funding soon to make this park a reality in the near future. The need is great for this park. Thanks for such a thoughtful and creative plan.

I am particularly excited about the proposed paved Pump Track at Carroll Knolls Park in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Specifically I am asking the Chair and Planning Commission:

- Please approve the facility plan for Carroll Knolls Park, including the paved Pump Track when it comes before you this Fall.
- Please fund the project as early as possible in the Capital Improvements Program.

A paved Pump Track will provide fun and entertainment to all ages, all demographics, and to all kinds of modalities;

Bikers, Skateboarders, Scooters, In-line Skaters, Wheelchair Athletes, Hot-Wheels Drivers, Pine Derby Car Drivers, Pedestrian traffic, and more can all enjoy the undulating surfaces of a properly designed and professionally built hard surfaced Pump Track. Kids and Kids at heart - from 18 months to 100 years old - will enjoy utilizing the Pump Track and observing other folks using the Pump Track.

Why Carroll Knolls Park?

□ A Pump Track in Carroll Knolls Park could help Montgomery County meet its Bicycle Master Plan goals by increasing bicycling rates and providing equal access to low-stress bicycling for all members of the community. The Pump Track would serve all Demographics that live in Montgomery, County Maryland and the region.

□ Carroll Knolls Park is close to Sligo Creek Trail and Rock Creek Trail, and less than three miles from downtown Silver Spring and 4 miles from Washington, D.C..

This central location not only opens the Pump Track to the surrounding community, but to the entire DMV Region.

□ The Park is accessible by bicycle, public transportation, and by car. You can ride your bike to the Pump Track, enjoy it, then ride home. It contributes to a fun and safe cycling network in Montgomery County.

□ A permanent paved Pump Track would make Montgomery County very unique, in that there are very few

of such Pump Tracks on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. Even a small Pump Track, like the one proposed at Carroll Knolls could garner National and International Attention.

The Carroll Knolls community was able to witness the success of the Pop UP Pump Track that was placed in Carroll Knolls Park last year. The Carroll Knolls Community continues to show support for a Permanent Pump Track to be built in Carroll Knolls Park as evidenced at the recent June 4th Community and MNCPPC-MC Meeting.

I hope that the Chair and Planning Commission of MNCPPC see the value in building the permanent paved Pump Track at Carroll Knolls Park. Additionally, I hope the success of the Pump Track at Carroll Knolls, will inspire Montgomery County to consider building additional permanent paved Pump Tracks in the County in the future. Such Projects could garner Montgomery County Maryland National and International Attention and Tourism.



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As a Silver Spring, Maryland Resident, Home Owner, BMX Rider, Mountain Biker, Mid-Atlantic Off Road Enthusiasts (MORE) Member, Bike Shop Manager, Bicycling Instructor, Skateboarder, and all-around Pump Track Enthusiast, I am very excited for this proposed addition of a permanent paved Pump Track in Carroll Knolls Park and the value, fun, attention, income, and bragging rights that it will bring to our Local and Larger Community. Please approve and fund this Project.

Thanks again for such a thoughtful and creative plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication!

Jen Trujillo

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### Corey Greeneltch

inside Silver Spring  
August 14, 2019, 11:35 PM

I say Yes

Pump tracks get kids outside and create community. We need this near urban SS.

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### Glenn Stevens

inside Kemp Mill/4 Corners  
August 14, 2019, 11:59 PM

I say Yes

Dear Chairman Anderson and Staff of the MNCPPC,

Thank you for incorporating the feedback received at the community meetings into such a well thought through design for Carroll Knolls local park and urge Montgomery County to move forward with funding an construction of this project as designed.

While I am most excited about the proposed permanent paved Pump tracks, the design does an excellent job of incorporating amenities to serve multiple park

consistencies from both the local neighborhood and the wider county.

As a Silver Spring, Maryland Resident, Home Owner, Mountain Biker and President of the Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association (MABRA), I look forward to the day the Carroll Knolls Local Park renovations are complete and I along with other local cycling enthusiasts can ride our bikes to a permanent, paved local pump track.

Thanks again for your hard work on this plan!

Glenn Stevens

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### Name not shown

outside Planning Areas  
August 15, 2019, 11:13 AM

I say Yes

with increasing population in the region and recommended amenities, the reduction in size of the parking lot seems counterproductive and most likely lead to problems in the future.

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### Ernest Rodriguez

outside Planning Areas  
August 15, 2019, 11:24 AM

I say Yes

Thank you for building a community amenity including natural surface trails for all to use.

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### Richard Meyer

inside Germantown  
August 15, 2019, 5:18 PM

I say Yes

The pump track plan would be an excellent use of the space. I visit The one in South Germantown Rec. Park and I am amazed at the number of people who enjoy the space. All skill levels! A great safe place to hang out.

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Please approve the pump track plan!

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**Name not shown**

inside Bethesda/Chevy Chase  
August 15, 2019, 9:12 PM

I say Yes

Great way to support the community for both young and old. Get people outside and off the couch. More exercise and overall a healthier population.

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**Name not shown**

inside Kensington/Wheaton  
August 16, 2019, 7:11 AM

I say Yes

This area direly needs safe places to ride bikes.

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**Jay Ulfelder**

inside Takoma Park  
August 16, 2019, 7:23 AM

I say Yes

Yes, please! What a great way to encourage kids and teens to exercise outdoors and have fun doing it. We don't have nearly enough of this in lower MoCo right now, so this would be a terrific addition.

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**Name not shown**

inside Kemp Mill/4 Corners  
August 16, 2019, 12:40 PM

I say Yes

I believe this would be a great addition to the already great and diverse facilities provided. More opportunities for skaters and bicyclists (of all kinds) is always welcomed and appreciated.

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**Name not shown**

inside Rockville  
August 16, 2019, 9:13 PM

I say Yes

This is a good plan

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**Name not shown**

inside Kensington/Wheaton  
August 16, 2019, 9:40 PM

I say Yes

This is a great modern design. I see kids biking and scootering in the parking lot so I know the pump track will get used.

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**Maris Finley**

inside Gaithersburg Vicinity  
August 19, 2019, 1:10 PM

I say Yes

A facility with a pump track and bicycle amenities would be a great addition for the park. It is a wonderful activity that many who do not participate in team sports can enjoy. One of the reasons I chose to purchase a home in Montgomery County when I moved to Maryland is the bicycle infrastructure and parks. Additions are welcomed with open arms!

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**Name not shown**

inside Silver Spring  
August 20, 2019, 7:32 PM

I say Yes

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**Name not shown**

inside Kemp Mill/4 Corners  
August 22, 2019, 2:37 PM

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I say Yes

Great plan, let's bring this to the community. I'm looking forward to the pump track & other amenities.

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**Erica Heinsman**

inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 22, 2019, 4:19 PM

I say Yes

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**raymond heinsman**

inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 22, 2019, 4:44 PM

I say Yes

As a board member of the neighboring Forest Estates Community Association, I am asking for you to fund the construction of a paved pump track currently proposed at Carroll Knowles Park next to an existing parking lot. A paved pump track would be an immeasurable addition to our parks. Opposite the dirt surfaced South Germantown Bike Park in the Northwest corner of the county, a paved pump track provides access to different opportunities in the Southeast. A paved pump track can be ridden more often because of its resistance to weather. Its surface allows us to ride faster and its durability requires less maintenance. A paved pump track can be ridden by scooters, skateboards, wheelchairs and bicycles. It can be used by everyone, every day, all day, as it is not something that requires reservations. Instead, we learn to take turns. More people means more cheering, more support, and more friendships. The community this facility cultivates is one that cares and supports one another. We pick each other up encouraging excellence, celebrating creativity, and being of service to each other, the park and the community.

Paved pump tracks are being constructed all around the country. I would like to add our community to the list of places that recognize and support the importance of having a paved pump track in it. Thank you

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**Name not shown**

inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 22, 2019, 7:13 PM

I say Yes

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**Name not shown**

inside Kensington/Wheaton

August 23, 2019, 9:47 AM

I say Yes

The pump track will be a great amenity for our neighborhood and will offer a safe area for our kids to engage in a healthy and fun activity!

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**Name not shown**

inside Takoma Park

August 23, 2019, 1:31 PM

I say Yes

Well thought out plan, the pump track in particular would be an excellent addition to recreational options for Montgomery County families (and it should be open to all ages and be wheelchair accessible). Highly approve!

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**Name not shown**

inside Potomac

August 28, 2019, 7:13 AM

I say Yes

100% Yes, fully support the initiative.

Building a paved pump track is absolutely the way to go. With kids learning to ride balance bikes before 2 and peddle bikes before 3 we need to provide kids with safe places to ride and advance their skills. In the DMV we lack adequate biking facilities, only three pump tracks exist, all dirt, spaced out by approximately 45 minutes of driving. Dirt tracks require regular/reoccurring maintenance and can be damaged if riders don't respect track conditions. Paved tracks are the way to go.

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There are few sports that parents and kids can participate in at the same time and pump tracks are one of them. When riding with our sons (6 and 4) at south germantown a teenage boy approached us and shared how much he appreciated that my wife and I were actively riding the track with our kids and wished more parents would do the same. Riding a pump track is a tremendous work out and all ages benefit.

Our family just completed a two week bike trip to Quebec with our boys. Every town has highly accessible pump tracks. Below is the list of tracks we found/visited during our trip.

1. Quebec City:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jb6r2P4wI5A>
2. Cowansville: <https://pumptrack.com/pump-track/track/96-velosolutions-pump-track-cowansville-quebec-canada/>
3. Saint Sauveur:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHdL7z9c48w>
4. Morin-Heights: Parc Basler
5. Mount Tremblant:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ortln7GMmgw>
6. Mount Tremblant:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOjUgUnoPck>
7. Val David:  
<https://linformationdunordsainteagathe.ca/sports/2018/9/21/une-nouvelle-piste-de-velo-au-c-ur-du-village.html>

What we learned from our trip:

1. Pump tracks that provide numerous paths allows faster riders to pass slower riders safely and reduce wait times.
2. All experience levels gravitated toward the more technical tracks, beginners spent very little time on beginner tracks. Beginners can absolutely ride more advanced tracks.
3. Hard surface tracks are ideal
4. Properly designed tracks are essential. Pump tracks should flow and allow riding with no peddling. Improperly designed tracks will not be used as much as a properly designed track.
5. Water and bathrooms should be available.

Thanks to all for making this happen for the community.

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### Name not shown

inside Silver Spring

August 28, 2019, 10:39 AM

I say Yes

I support the pump track for the Carroll Knolls local park! My kids (7 and 5) recently explored the temporary pop up pump track and had a blast. We live a few minutes away and would love to be able to easily access a permanent pump track option that our whole family could ride. We're teaching our kids to ride and safely handle their bikes and it is so helpful to have off-street options for fun and exploration. What a great amenity to bring to our community park!

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### Name not shown

outside Planning Areas

August 28, 2019, 2:57 PM

I say Yes

I think it would be great for youth and adults alike to get outdoors and have fun. I will be there if it is completed.

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### Lara Hein

outside Planning Areas

August 28, 2019, 5:09 PM

I say Yes

Would love to see the Pump Track become a reality!!

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### Holly Holland

outside Planning Areas

August 29, 2019, 2:20 PM

I say Yes

The pump track is needed. It's great for kids of all ages. Engages them with the outdoors, exercise and even science. Understanding how the track works is amazing. Please build and maintain the pump track system. And better yet grow it throughout the state. People come from all over to use it and engage the community.

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outside Planning Areas  
August 29, 2019, 2:30 PM

I say Yes

This would be a great asset to the community, and there isn't one a close enough proximity for people to get out and stay healthy. It's for all ages, and all wheels so literally anyone can take part.

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**Chris Irwin**

inside Kemp Mill/4 Corners  
August 29, 2019, 6:26 PM

I say Yes

I think the amenities of this park would be a fantastic addition to Wheaton specifically and the greater region in general. Having a modern playground, open play space (not a soccer field) and a pump track will be great additions to this neighborhood that will see immediate and frequent use! I used to live walking distance from this empty lot... even though I'm a little further now I will definitely be spending afternoons at the pump track!

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**Riley Casey**

inside Silver Spring  
August 29, 2019, 10:55 PM

I say Yes

Bike infrastructure is universally beneficial be it protected bike lanes or pump tracks. This portion of the county has precious few resources of this type and the cost of building and maintaining dirt mounds when compared to other recreational investments has to be a bargain. This pump track will be a valuable addition to the park.

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**Todd Bauer**

inside Germantown  
August 30, 2019, 11:11 AM

I say Yes

Yes, I support the plan. The county is falling "behind the times" compared to numerous communities around the country with regard to paved pump tracks, and pocket bike parks. These amenities are extremely popular, and can be shared by park users of all ages. They are a great way for families to recreate together in a controlled, supportive environment.

Paved pump tracks are being built at a record pace all around the country, following their meteoric rise in Europe. Communities see the value in providing an all-weather, low maintenance, amenity that requires very little space. Most families have multiple "wheeled devices" in their home. From bikes, to scooters, skateboards, anything with wheels can be used on a paved track. The tracks are perfect for families since anyone can ride one. Small children, mom's, dad's, advanced riders, and everything in-between, they can all share, and have fun on a paved pump track. I'd like to see Carroll Knolls as the first of many local parks where one of these valuable amenities is built within our incredible county.

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**Jonah Meyers**

inside Kemp Mill/4 Corners  
August 30, 2019, 12:02 PM

I say Yes

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**Name not shown**

inside Silver Spring  
August 30, 2019, 9:53 PM

I say Yes

I like the idea of the pump track because people of all ages, including those with wheelchairs can use it.

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**Rebecca Mann**

inside Takoma Park  
August 31, 2019, 6:55 AM

I say Yes

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**Daniel E Lopez Brena**

outside Planning Areas

August 31, 2019, 8:08 AM

I say Yes

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**Naomi Klein**

outside Planning Areas

August 31, 2019, 12:07 PM

I say Yes

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**Name not shown**

outside Planning Areas

August 31, 2019, 1:42 PM

I say Yes



# Community Email Correspondence



## Bonney, Lucas

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**From:** Bonney, Lucas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020 10:07 AM  
**To:** Beverly G. Sobel  
**Cc:** Girr-Borrayo, Alex; McManus, Patricia  
**Subject:** RE: Carroll Knolls Park - Recommended Concept Plan Review

**Categories:** Green Category

Hi Beverly,

Thanks for reaching out! The requested funding for Carroll Knolls is under the "Park Refreshers" program category. If approved by the Planning Board (date TBD), then we could possibly start the Detailed Design/Construction Documentation phase for Carroll Knolls in Fiscal Year (FY) 21.

As you are aware, the County Executive released his proposed FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), which if approved by the County Council will require reductions of approximately \$21 million in the Parks Department's capital budget request. These cuts will affect our ability to acquire parkland, complete critical parks projects, and maintain aging infrastructure.

As a strong supporter of the Carroll Knolls Park project, I would encourage you and other park advocates in the neighborhood to share your support for the Parks Department's capital budget by submitting testimony and/or appearing in person during the County Council's upcoming public hearings on the CIP. These hearings are scheduled for February 5 at 1:30pm and 7:30pm, and February 6 at 7:30pm. You can sign up to testify at this link: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/PHSignUp.html>. Keep in mind the list closes fast, so if you're interested and able to testify in person please sign up as soon as possible.

Once you're signed up, let me know so we can follow up with additional information to help you prepare your testimony. If you aren't able to testify in person, please consider submitting written testimony to [county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov). And whether or not you are able to testify, I hope you will also consider showing up to one of these hearings to express support for the projects we fund through the Montgomery Parks capital budget.

As far as I know, the Park Refreshers program (Carroll Knolls project) is not being considered as part of the cuts, but it is still important to come out and support maintaining the requested funding levels of the Park Refreshers program.

In addition, I would also suggest that you consider voicing your support for Carroll Knolls Park when we present the Facility Plan to the Planning Board (date TBD). As mentioned previously, we will notify the community when a date has been set and will include a link to instructions on how you can sign up to testify in person during the Planning Board meeting.

Please let me know if you have questions, and thank you in advance for your help and support!

Best Regards,  
Lucas

Lucas Bonney, PLA / M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks / 301-495-2572

**From:** Beverly G. Sobel <[weberlyg@gmail.com](mailto:weberlyg@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 27, 2020 10:01 PM

**To:** Bonney, Lucas <lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org>  
**Cc:** Girr-Borrayo, Alex <Alex.Girr-Borrayo@montgomeryparks.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Carroll Knolls Park - Recommended Concept Plan Review

Hi Lucas,

I am having difficulty finding the Carroll Knolls Local Park in the latest Capital Budget plan: <https://apps.montgomerycountymd.gov/BASISCAPITAL/Common/ProjectMeta.aspx?ID=0&TYPE=CAT>

Would you please let me know what funding has been allocated for the development of the Carroll Knolls Local Park?

Thanks,  
Beverly

On Thu, Nov 21, 2019 at 8:16 AM Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

Hi Beverly,

Thanks for checking in!

At this time, we are meeting internally to finalize the Facility Plan and requesting a Planning Board meeting date for sometime in early 2020. We received all of the necessary preliminary permits (stormwater, forest conservation, etc.) that are required to present the Facility Plan recommendations to the Board.

I will be developing a schedule for the next phase of the design process after we receive approval from the Board. So far, I've been told that I can proceed with the Detailed Design/Construction Documentation phase shortly after the Planning Board meeting. For that effort, we will need to advertise and hire another design consultant and proceed with final design and permitting applications.

Please let me know if you have further questions. We will surely notify the community of the upcoming Planning Board meeting date once it has been confirmed.

Thank you,

Lucas

**Lucas Bonney, PLA** / M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks / 301-495-2572

**From:** Beverly G. Sobel <[weberlyg@gmail.com](mailto:weberlyg@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 8:13 PM

**To:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Cc:** Girr-Borrayo, Alex <[Alex.Girr-Borrayo@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:Alex.Girr-Borrayo@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Carroll Knolls Park - Recommended Concept Plan Review

Hi Lucas,

I hope this note finds you well.

I was just wondering what the status of the Carroll Knolls Local Park is. Has funding been secured for park construction? Is there a timeline?

Thanks,

Beverly

On Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 1:40 PM Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

The Montgomery County Department of Parks has posted all materials that were presented during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Meeting, held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. Presentation materials include the Recommended Concept Plan, Community Meeting #3 PowerPoint Presentation, and a summary of June 4<sup>th</sup> community feedback. You are receiving this email if you have either attended one of the three previously-held community meetings for the proposed renovation of Carroll Knolls Park or if you have contacted the Project Manager via email.

Montgomery Parks is seeking additional community feedback on the proposed Recommended Concept Plan to improve Carroll Knolls Park. Please read the attached Public Notice for the link to the Open Town Hall webpage. The extended review period will end on August 31, 2019.

An identical version of this Public Notice was distributed to local community groups and civic associations earlier this week.

Best Regards,

Lucas

**Lucas Bonney, PLA**

## Bonney, Lucas

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**From:** Bonney, Lucas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 3:57 PM  
**To:** Beverly G. Sobel  
**Subject:** RE: Carroll Knolls Park Renovation - Upcoming Community Meeting

**Categories:** Green Category

Hi Beverly,

We like to first present the plan at the meeting and then post for additional comments, as we had done following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Meeting last summer.

We are currently projecting to request Facility Plan approval at the Planning Board this Fall 2019. A separate notification will go out for that. Following Planning Board approval, we should have a better idea of when we would enter into the Detailed Design Phase, final permits, and construction.

Lucas Bonney, PLA / M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks / 301-495-2572

**From:** Beverly G. Sobel <weberlyg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 3:44 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Carroll Knolls Park Renovation - Upcoming Community Meeting

Great! Can you send the proposed plan and timeline for construction?

Thanks,  
Beverly

On Tue, May 28, 2019, 3:33 PM Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

The Montgomery County Department of Parks will be holding a 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 to present and discuss the proposed Recommended Concept Plan for the future renovation of Carroll Knolls Park.

Please review the attached Public Notice for specific meeting information.

You are receiving this email if you have either attended one of the previously-held community meetings or if you have contacted the Project Manager in regards to this project. An identical version of this Public Notice was distributed to local community groups and civic associations on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Paper postcards were also mailed in early May to residences located within a quarter-mile radius of Carroll Knolls Park.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!



Best Regards,

Lucas

**Lucas Bonney, PLA**

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## Bonney, Lucas

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**From:** Bonney, Lucas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 9:39 AM  
**To:** Beverly G. Sobel  
**Cc:** Quattrocchi, Dominic  
**Subject:** RE: CKLP: Proposed Plans

**Categories:** Green Category

Thanks, Beverly.

Yes, since we won't even begin Detailed Design for another 2 years at least, it will take several years to break ground. The construction schedule really depends on final permit approvals and ensuring we have enough funds available. I have two daughters, 4 and 6, so I totally understand the urgency to get this project built while they are young enough to enjoy! We will do our best to advocate for this exciting project!

Best,  
Lucas

Lucas Bonney, PLA / M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks / 301-495-2572

**From:** Beverly G. Sobel <weberlyg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 9:29 AM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org>  
**Cc:** Quattrocchi, Dominic <Dominic.Quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org>  
**Subject:** Re: CKLP: Proposed Plans

Thanks Lucas!

OK If I understand correctly, then it will be more than a couple of years before construction starts.

I look forward to taking my kids to the renovated park in the future. They are now 4.5 and 2 years old. They love parks!

Best,  
Beverly

On Tue, Jan 22, 2019 at 9:22 AM Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

Beverly,

For Carroll Knolls, the Detailed Design/Construction Documentation/Final Permitting (DD/CD) phase is scheduled to begin in July 2021 (FY 22), per the current schedule/projections for the FY 22-24 CIP cycle. Similar to the Facility Plan, we would hire a consultant to produce the Design Development/Construction Documents, final cost estimate, and final permits. I will be able to give you a more accurate construction schedule once we begin the DD/CD phase.

Lucas

**From:** Beverly G. Sobel <[weberlyg@gmail.com](mailto:weberlyg@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 20, 2019 7:50 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Cc:** Quattrocchi, Dominic <[Dominic.Quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:Dominic.Quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: CKLP: Proposed Plans

Thanks Lucas for the update!

If everything is approved in the fall of this year, then when would actual construction start and finish?

Thanks again,

Beverly

On Fri, Jan 18, 2019 at 3:58 PM Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

Hi Beverly,

Thanks for reaching out!

Following the June 5<sup>th</sup> public meeting and on-line community review of the June 5<sup>th</sup> concept plans, we have been working on developing a single concept that addresses all of the feedback received to date (including yours below). We are currently in the process of hiring a Landscape Architect-Engineering Consultant to assist us with the design development and required preliminary permit applications for the Facility Plan, including development of a Topographic Survey, Natural Resource Inventory-Forest Stand Delineation (NRI-FSD), Stormwater Management (SWM) Concept, and Preliminary Forest Conservation Plan (if we don't receive an exemption).

I am planning to post a revised plan to the project website for community review once we have initial comments from the SWM Concept reviewer at DPS. This may occur sometime in late spring? Regardless, the community will be notified in advance and will be given ample time to post comments on-line. Once all preliminary permits are approved, we then go to the Planning Board and request approval. We are projecting that the Planning Board hearing will occur during the Fall of 2019. Again, the community will receive ample notification and will be welcome to testify and provide feedback.

Lastly, I wanted to clarify our design intent related to the youth-sized rectangular field, in response to your last email on July 25<sup>th</sup> (below). Although we had reduced the size of the proposed youth-sized rectangular field ("Active Open Space") in some of the concept plans presented on June 5th, we still need to study creative ways of incorporating the youth-sized rectangular field programmatic use into the final Facility Plan design. Since the youth-sized rectangular field was a strong component of the recommendation to the Planning Board for the acquisition of the MCAD property, we'll need to do our best to provide a youth-sized rectangle or find alternative ways of incorporating active recreation amenities that draw community-wide use.

Again, thank you for reaching out!

Thank you,

Lucas

**Lucas Bonney, PLA** / M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks / 301-495-2572

**From:** Beverly G. Sobel <[weberlyg@gmail.com](mailto:weberlyg@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2019 5:39 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Cc:** Quattrocchi, Dominic <[Dominic.Quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:Dominic.Quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: CKLP: Proposed Plans

Hi Lucas,

What is the status and timeline for the reprogramming of CKLP?

Thanks!

Beverly

On Wed, Jul 25, 2018, 12:29 PM Beverly G. Sobel <[weberlyg@gmail.com](mailto:weberlyg@gmail.com)> wrote:

Thanks Lucas!

I agree with the community on concept #2. No dog park, no community garden, switch location of playground with teen area, remove as much asphalt as possible, etc. I was surprised that the youth size rectangular field is not mandatory. If not, then concept 2 with the changes the community recommends looks fantastic to me!

Thanks,

Beverly

On Fri, Jul 20, 2018, 4:27 PM Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

Beverly,

So sorry for the delay! It took me a while to make these documents ADA-accessible for the online posting.

We have posted the June 5<sup>th</sup> community meeting presentation, meeting notes, and concept plans (and image boards with park amenity ideas). The concept plans and image boards have red and green dots on them – scanned results from the exercise performed during the meeting (red = “do not prefer”, green = “prefer”).

To visit the Project Website for Carroll Knolls, click here:

<https://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/carroll-knolls-local-park-facility-plan/>. Once there – scroll down to the “Calendar and Meeting Notes” heading, then down to the June 5<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting #2. You will see green text links to the presentation, minutes, and concepts, etc. Please review those to gain an understanding of the community feedback we received on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

We will be posting the concept plans and image boards (without red/green dots) very soon! This will give you and others who could not attend the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting an opportunity to comment on the concept plans. We will be using a format called “Open Town Hall”, which enables online commenting/voting on the various concepts. Your comments can be viewed by the public, so you’ll be able to see what others are saying! We will inform everyone when that is ready to go online – probably early next week.

Thank you!

Lucas

**Lucas Bonney, PLA** / M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks / 301-495-2572

**From:** Beverly G. Sobel <[weberlyg@gmail.com](mailto:weberlyg@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 5, 2018 10:55 AM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Cc:** Quattrocchi, Dominic <[dominic.quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:dominic.quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Subject:** CKLP: Proposed Plans

Hi Lucas,

Would you please send me the proposed plans for Carroll Knolls Local Park or let me know when they will be posted online?

Thanks,

Beverly



## Bonney, Lucas

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**From:** Bonney, Lucas  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 17, 2018 8:26 AM  
**To:** Beverly G. Sobel  
**Subject:** RE: Carroll Knolls Local Park - Upcoming Community Meeting #2

**Categories:** Green Category

Hi Beverly,

I am happy to add your comments to an expanded version of the meeting notes. We typically don't quote comments word-for-word in our meeting summaries, since others in the community also had similar comments to yours. Regardless of when we receive comments, we always officially record and equally consider comments that we receive during the project and beyond.

Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting!

Lucas

Lucas Bonney, PLA / M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks / 301-495-2572

**From:** Beverly G. Sobel <weberlyg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 16, 2018 4:19 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Carroll Knolls Local Park - Upcoming Community Meeting #2

Thanks!

I did not see my email included in the community meeting #1 notes? I would appreciate my and my daughter's input be included in the record.

Thanks,  
Beverly

On Wed, May 16, 2018, 4:04 PM Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

The Montgomery County Department of Parks will be holding a **second community meeting on June 5, 2018** to present and receive feedback on the proposed park renovation concept plans for Carroll Knolls Local Park. Please see the attached Public Notice for further information. If you are receiving this email, you either provided your contact information during the first community meeting or you contacted me through the project's website.

Following the upcoming meeting, I will post the meeting notes, concept plans, and presentation materials to the project's website. Post-meeting comments on the proposed concept plans will be accepted for a limited period of time, in case you are unable to attend or need additional time to review the plans.

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming meeting! Please forward the attached Public Notice to anyone that may be interested in attending.

Best Regards,

Lucas

**Lucas Bonney, PLA**

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## Bonney, Lucas

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**From:** Beverly G. Sobel <[weberlyg@gmail.com](mailto:weberlyg@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:05 AM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas  
**Cc:** Quattrocchi, Dominic; Judith Furash  
**Subject:** Re: Carroll Knolls Local Park: Comments and Suggestions

**Categories:** Green Category

Thanks Lucas!

Sounds great!  
Beverly

On Mon, Apr 9, 2018 at 9:59 AM, Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

Beverly,

Thanks for checking in on the status! Just last week, I tentatively secured the Park Activity Building at Capitol View-Homewood Local Park for the second Community Meeting. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 7:00PM. I actually had on my list this week to contact you about this! We will present a few concept plans for the renovation of the park and request feedback and discussion. We will be sending out meeting post cards and notifications to community groups in early May. I will also email Community Meeting #1 participants to let them know of the upcoming meeting.

Regards,

Lucas

Lucas Bonney, PLA / M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks / 301-495-2572

**From:** Beverly G. Sobel <[weberlyg@gmail.com](mailto:weberlyg@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 08, 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Cc:** Quattrocchi, Dominic <[Dominic.Quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:Dominic.Quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org)>; Judith Furash <[judifer48@gmail.com](mailto:judifer48@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Carroll Knolls Local Park: Comments and Suggestions

Hi Lucas,

What is the status of developing a formal park design for Carroll Knolls Local Park?

Thanks,

Beverly

On Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 3:39 PM, Beverly G. Sobel <[weberlyg@gmail.com](mailto:weberlyg@gmail.com)> wrote:

Great! Thank you Lucas! I look forward to meeting and working with you in the future.

Best,

Beverly

On Dec 5, 2017 8:39 AM, "Bonney, Lucas" <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

Beverly,

Thank you for your comments! I will add these to the note pad as we are taking notes during the discussion tonight. Either way, your comments will be recorded in the official meeting minutes and will be equally considered as we proceed to developing concept ideas for the park. There will be lots of opportunities to provide feedback in the future, especially during the next community meeting when we present multiple concept designs for consideration.

Hope you recover soon, and again thank you for your feedback.

Regards,

Lucas

**Lucas Bonney** / M-NCPPC / [301-495-2572](tel:301-495-2572)

**From:** Beverly G. Sobel [mailto:[weberlyg@gmail.com](mailto:weberlyg@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Monday, December 04, 2017 9:12 PM

**To:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>



**Cc:** Quattrocchi, Dominic <[dominic.quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:dominic.quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org)>; Judith Furash <[judifer48@gmail.com](mailto:judifer48@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Carroll Knolls Local Park: Comments and Suggestions

Hi Lucas,

Unfortunately, I am still recovering from a stomach virus and doubt I will be able to come to tomorrow's Carroll Knolls Local Park (CKLP) community meeting. My apologies.

Here are my and my daughter's comments and suggestions:

1) Me: I suggest looking no further than Evans Parkway Park as an example of what CKLP could become on a smaller scale. I have been most impressed with the thoughtful and sustainable design of that park. It has many sustainable features such as the restoration of Sligo Creek and the meadow habitat zones. It is a multipurpose park with a lovely playground for children, a walking path around the entire park for everyone, open fields, a tennis court, and a basketball court. The artwork is also very nice. I suggest that M-NCPPC carry the theme of Evans Parkway Park across Georgia Avenue to CKLP. CKLP could have a walking path, restoration of the wetland, a playground with a small open shelter or gazebo, a basketball court, and an open playing field. I would personally love to see more of the existing asphalt removed.

2) Norah (my almost 3.5 year old): slides, see saw, balance beam, the yellow spinning chair (there's one at Evans Parkway Park), swings, and wood chips. The wood chips comment took me by surprise. Norah is definitely my daughter to care about what is underneath her feet.

I am so excited about the upcoming transformation of CKLP. When I started the effort to save CKLP as parkland a decade ago with the help of MANY people, I did so for people especially children. I saw children in my townhouse community playing in the parking lot and I just thought that was not right. I am so happy that so many adults and children will benefit from this park for generations to come, and I will soon be able to take my own children to it.

Lucas or Judy, if you do not mind, would you please read my and Norah's comments and suggestions out loud tomorrow night? I am really sorry that I do not think I can make it. I was looking forward to seeing everyone.

Best,

Beverly

## Bonney, Lucas

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**From:** Beverly G. Sobel <weberlyg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 10:42 AM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas  
**Cc:** Quattrocchi, Dominic; Judith Furash; sheila@diggsgroup.org; bingchenzo  
**Subject:** RE: Carroll Knolls Local Park: Community Contacts

**Categories:** Green Category

Awesome! Thanks Lucas!

Looking forward to meeting and working with you!

Beverly

On Oct 31, 2017 10:38 AM, "Bonney, Lucas" <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

Beverly,

Thanks for checking in again. I have scheduled the community meeting for **Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Capitol View-Homewood Local Park - Park Activity Building, [2929 Edgewood Road, Kensington MD 20895](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2929+Edgewood+Road,+Kensington,+MD+20895)**.

Various notifications will be going out to community groups and individual residents within a ¼ mile radius of Carroll Knolls.

Please let me know if your association does not receive notification within a few weeks.

Thanks,

Lucas

**Lucas Bonney** / M-NCPPC / [301-495-2572](tel:301-495-2572)

**From:** Beverly G. Sobel [mailto:[weberlyg@gmail.com](mailto:weberlyg@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:10 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Cc:** Quattrocchi, Dominic <[dominic.quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:dominic.quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Carroll Knolls Local Park: Community Contacts

Hi Lucas,

I hope this note finds you well.

What is the status of setting up the initial park planning meeting with the community in early December?

Thanks,

Beverly

On Fri, Oct 13, 2017 at 11:37 AM, Beverly G. Sobel <[weberlyg@gmail.com](mailto:weberlyg@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Lucas,

Thanks for your time and help. Per our conversation, here is the Carroll Knolls Local Park community email addresses you need:

1. McKenney Hills/Carroll Knolls Civic Association Board Email: [board@mhckcivic.org](mailto:board@mhckcivic.org)  
(website: <http://www.mhckcivic.org/officers.html>)
2. Plyers Mill Crossing HOA Boardmember who was actively involved in saving the land as CKLP: Judy Furash  
- [judifer48@gmail.com](mailto:judifer48@gmail.com)  
Plyers Mill Crossing HOA Property Manager: Shireen Ambush - [sambush@abarisrealty.com](mailto:sambush@abarisrealty.com)  
(website: <http://www.plyersmill.org/>)  
NOTE: Please contact both Judy and Shireen to ensure all Plyers Mill Crossing Boardmembers receive the information.

Please let me know if you need any more information. I look forward to working with you and meeting with the community in early December.

Thanks much,

Beverly

**From:** [Bonney, Lucas](#)  
**To:** [Debra Kemp Fleischer](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Comments on Carroll Knolls Park Designs  
**Date:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 1:06:00 PM

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Debbie,

Thank you for providing such thoughtful comments on the proposed concepts! We will consider your comments as we develop the Preferred Concept for the park renovation.

Thank you,

Lucas

**Lucas Bonney, PLA** / M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks / 301-495-2572

**From:** Debra Kemp Fleischer <debrafleischer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 11:36 AM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org>  
**Subject:** Comments on Carroll Knolls Park Designs

Hello,

Thanks for putting the park concepts out for public comment. We live with a view of Evans Parkway Park, and my daughter's daycare is right by Carroll Knolls. I know it was not an easy process, but we really appreciate the renovations to Evans Parkway!

-- Shade for the playground area is critical. The kids BAKE in the summer at Evans Parkway -- we actively avoid the playground between 11-2. The trees they planted aren't doing well and provide no shade. If possible, spread out the play equipment -- the two bigger structures at EP get swarmed with kids. Make sure there are some swings for elem age kids -- Getty only has baby swings. Love the idea of some interactive games for bigger kids -- checkers, etc.

-- Keep the playground further from Georgia. The fence should be retained and more visual barriers added. It's nice how Evans Parkway is "buffered" from the view/noise

-- LOTS of folks come to Evans Parkway (even drive!) to walk the paths -- it's a good, safe way to get in your steps. Our neighborhoods largely are without sidewalks and there isn't a school track close by -- the parks fill this gap. Lots of paths at Carroll Knolls would be great

-- Keep any "bigger" sports fields away from the playground. When the county redid our park, we intentionally said we didn't want full court basketball because it attracts too many big kids or adults with their language. It's even true with the half court, but at least it's separate.

-- Bike parking by the playground is important.

-- keep trash/recycling away from seating -- too many bees!



-- Dogs love the waterfountain...when it works! Maybe add one to Carroll Knolls?

- The community garden in the concepts -- wouldn't get a lot of year round use and requires a lot of parking. That parking lot also attracts trouble :(

Thanks -- looking forward to seeing the final design!

Debbie Fleischer  
Evans Parkway

**From:** [Bonney, Lucas](#)  
**To:** [Jennifer Trujillo, Silver Cycles Store Manager](#)  
**Cc:** [Jen Trujillo](#); [McManus, Patricia](#); [kate@bikerackdc.com](mailto:kate@bikerackdc.com); [kate schrock](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Pump Track  
**Date:** Friday, March 6, 2020 11:31:00 AM

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Hi Jen!

Thanks for reaching out! We really appreciate your support and efforts to testify at the County Council and seek out volunteering opportunities! I also appreciate the video you sent about Lesotho! Very inspiring and amazing that some of those kids were able to qualify for the pumptrack world finals.

As for the Carroll Knolls Park Facility Plan project, we are currently waiting for our turn to present the project recommendations to the Montgomery County Planning Board. Although we do not yet have a confirmed date, we expect to go to the Planning Board in late Spring 2020. Once the date has been confirmed, the community will be notified in advance as well as anyone who has commented on the plan or been in contact with us throughout the process (includes you and Kate).

Following Planning Board approval, we hope to transition into the Detailed Design and Construction Documentation phase, which will take a few years to complete. We'll be sure to include you as one of our subject matter experts as we develop the final plan and will also work with experts in the industry to ensure a safe/appropriate design.

Please let me know if you have any further suggestions.

Best Regards,  
Lucas

**Lucas Bonney, PLA** / M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks / 301-495-2572

**From:** Jennifer Trujillo, Silver Cycles Store Manager <jdogsilvercycles@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020 1:29 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org>  
**Cc:** Jen Trujillo <jatdog@gmail.com>; McManus, Patricia <patricia.mcmanus@montgomeryparks.org>; kate@bikerackdc.com; kate schrock <katees@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Pump Track

Dear Lucas,

Greetings!!

I hope that this email finds you happy and healthy.

I wanted to touch base and see if there are any actions or steps I should be taking at this time to help along the Carroll Knolls Pump Track Installation and Park Improvements Plan.

Last, week, I testified before the Montgomery County Council for FY 21 Capital Budget and FY21-26 CIP (Feb 5 2020)

in defense of M-NCPPC Parks, put in a plug for the installation of a Paved Pump Track in MOCO, Multi - Modal Equitable Transportation Issues, DOT concerns, and Department of Education Boundary Assessments.

I am trying to get folks to email the County Council in defense of Montgomery Parks for FY 21 Capital Budget and FY21-26 CIP.

In order to increase our bang for the buck on trail building days, I am working on getting myself and other local Mountain and Trail Bikers to become certified Weed Warriors.

I understand the Parks Foundation wanting to wait until we are closer to construction, however, I am independently working on Fundraising.

I also wanted to re-echo my sentiment that when it comes down to design and installation of the Pump Track, a seasoned expert Pump Track Design Company needs to be involved so that the Pump Track is safe and fun for All.

I really want it to be Multi-Modal and Equitable. Pump Tracks that are too tight or too short or too steep, make it unsafe for all ages and all abilities and all modalities to utilize it effectively or safely. Hopefully, Bob Turnbull, folks from M.O.R.E., folks from VeloSolutions, folks from Canadian Company, Kate Schrock, and myself can be consulted when the time comes for design.

I want to be sure that we are kept in the loop and made aware when we need to testify before the Montgomery County Planning Board and also drum up Public Comments.

Thanks very very much for all of your guidance, help and support.

cool video about Pump for Peace and Pump Tracks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4lH63jcXrA&t=26s>

Pump For Peace in Lesotho | Pump Track World Championships w/Claudio Caluori Ep.1

Be Well,

Jen

Jennifer Trujillo

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Be Seen! Ride Safe! Have Fun!

On Fri, Nov 22, 2019 at 3:16 PM Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

Jen,

So sorry I haven't replied yet to your last voicemail/correspondence! I've been busy working on the final cost estimate for the project and will be preparing documentation to present the Facility Plan and our recommendations to the Planning Board in early 2020. I will send out public notifications when I have a date confirmed. We currently have all preliminary permits in hand, so there is nothing preventing us from going to the Board other than writing the reports, creating the presentation, and cost estimate, which will take a few months.

We did meet with the Parks Foundation a month ago to confirm and understand the typical process and timeline for public contributions to a specific project. The Parks Foundation has a new Director and she was very excited to hear about the public interest in the Carroll Knolls Park renovation project. She informed us that it is typical for the public funding process to start once a project has completed Construction Documentation/Final Permitting and is closer to an actual construction start date (ground breaking). At that time, the Foundation would reach out to you and other interested constituents to start the process.

I've been told that we have the green-light to proceed with the Detailed Design/Construction Documentation/Final Permitting phase of the project after we receive comments and approval from the Planning Board. During the next phase, we'll need to hire another Design Consultant to shepherd us through the process, develop the final design, and apply for final permits. I won't have a schedule for the next phase until we have a Consultant on-board.

Let me know if I've answered all of your questions clearly, or if you have any additional thoughts. Thanks a bunch for your continued support!

Best Regards,  
Lucas

**Lucas Bonney, PLA** / M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks / 301-495-2572

**From:** Jennifer Trujillo, Silver Cycles Store Manager <[jdogsilvercycles@gmail.com](mailto:jdogsilvercycles@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2019 2:06 PM

**To:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>

**Subject:** Pump Track

Greetings, Lucas!

I hope this email finds you happy and healthy.

I wanted to touch base and see if there are any actions or steps I should be taking at this time to help along the Carroll Knolls Pump Track Installation and Park Improvements Plan.

Thanks very very much for all of your guidance, help and support.

Sincerely,

Jen Trujillo

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Thanks for all of your Help and support!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Jennifer Lubkin Chávez](#)  
**To:** [Bonney, Lucas](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Carroll Knolls Local Park - Community Meeting #1  
**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2017 12:12:23 PM

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Thanks, Lucas, for your presentation. On the way home, my husband and I had another thought that I didn't hear voiced. It would also be nice if the park featured some community art, along the lines maybe of the totem poles outside the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro station or something commissioned by a local artist.

Best,  
Jennifer

On Thu, Dec 7, 2017 at 11:25 AM, Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

Thank you for participating in the December 5<sup>th</sup> community meeting for the renovation of Carroll Knolls Local Park. Please feel free to contact me via email with any additional comments or questions. My contact information is provided below.

Please reply to this email so that I can confirm that I have accurately documented your email address and contact information from the hand-written sign-in sheet. This will allow us to contact you in advance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> community meeting.

Thank you,

Lucas

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**From:** [Bonney, Lucas](#)  
**To:** [Judith Furash](#)  
**Cc:** [Mark Mattucci](#); [Stephens, Douglas](#); [Weber, Carl](#); [Lewandowski, Brian](#); [Geraci, Shelby](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Water buildup in Carroll Knolls Park  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 8:49:00 AM

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Judy,

Thanks for sending these additional questions and comments!

I am glad that you were able to speak with Doug Stephens and see some real-life examples of drainage improvements along Sligo Creek. Doug and I are working closely to identify specific opportunities for improvements at Carroll Knolls.

As for the trash removal – I submitted the work order last week. Sometimes, requests for maintenance are performed in the order they are received, so there may be a slight delay as we wait for our turn in the cue.

Regarding the surveyor flags – our design consultant is required to produce an existing conditions plan/topographic survey, which will provide us with an accurate base plan for the Facility Plan project. I had used a “GIS-level” base plan in order to develop the various concept plans that we had presented during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> community meetings. The various flags on site all relate to site reconnaissance by the Surveyor, and may even include existing utility location work (sewer, water, electrical, storm, fiber, etc.).

Thanks again for your comments and support!

Regards,  
Lucas

**Lucas Bonney, PLA** / M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks / 301-495-2572

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**From:** Judith Furash <judifer48@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019 9:10 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org>  
**Cc:** Mark Mattucci <markmattucci55@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Water buildup in Carroll Knolls Park

Hello again Lucas,

Thanks for your latest email. I just wanted to mention that the parks maintenance staff have not yet removed what appears to be trash table & chair.

I also wanted to tell you that my husband & I found it interesting & educational to attend last Saturday's Friends of Sligo Creek tour of Storm water management examples along the creek with Montgomery Parks staff. We met Doug Stephens who further explained some of the challenges in our small new park area. We look forward to some eventual solutions!

One more question for now, can you tell us anything about the surveying that's been done? There are some new stakes dug into the ground marked with blue streamers that are adjacent to the side of our townhouse. There's also a more prominent orange marked stake further out by two trees leading to our townhouse parking lot on Patternbond Terrace.

Thanks greatly for keeping us informed,

Judy Furash & Mark Mattucci  
10514 Pennydog Lane  
20902

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 25, 2019, at 3:17 PM, Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

Judy,  
Thank you again for sharing your observations!

We are working on developing solutions to the broader drainage issues in the wooded area. It is unfortunate that Lillian Drive, Haywood Drive, Gardiner Avenue, and Douglas Avenue all drain into the park. I will be working with my team to see what improvements can be implemented in an immediate-to-long-term timeframe. I will respond back to you with additional clarification once those solutions have been determined.

As for the trash/furnisher within the wooded area, I will put in an immediate request to Parks Maintenance staff to remove and dispose of those materials.

We are working hard to keep the Facility Plan moving! More details will emerge on that process later on.

Thank you,  
Lucas

**Lucas Bonney, PLA** / M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks / 301-495-2572

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**From:** Judith Furash <[judifer48@gmail.com](mailto:judifer48@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2019 5:15 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Cc:** Mark Mattucci <[markmattucci55@gmail.com](mailto:markmattucci55@gmail.com)>; Geraci, Shelby <[Shelby.Geraci@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:Shelby.Geraci@montgomeryparks.org)>; Moreno, Javier <[Javier.Moreno@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:Javier.Moreno@montgomeryparks.org)>; Weber, Carl <[Carl.Weber@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:Carl.Weber@montgomeryparks.org)>; Lewandowski, Brian <[brian.lewandowski@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:brian.lewandowski@montgomeryparks.org)>

**Subject:** Re: Water buildup in Carroll Knolls Park

Hello again Lucas,

After yesterday's steady, hard rain, I thought I'd report in about the drainage situation again. The one drain they cleared flowed great but there remain large, still pools of water nearer to the parking lot end of the wooded area as well as large swampy areas building up at the end toward Lillian Drive. That area appears greasy at times. We are concerned about all of this sitting water and how it will breed mosquitoes in the warm weather as well as it not being good ecological practice for storm water management.

My husband has been patrolling all of it periodically for trash pick up. In that regard, there remains an old table and chair near the one working drain that attracts people sitting, occasionally smoking???, on their phones and sometimes leaving trash. We and other neighbors would feel best if this ad hoc seating were not left in the middle of the woods. Is there a reason the parks service haven't removed it?

We hope plans are still coming along for the new park.

Thanks greatly,  
Judy Furash & Mark Mattucci  
10514 Pennydog Lane  
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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2019, at 9:28 AM, Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

Judith,  
As a follow-up to the correspondence below, I wanted to let you know that Parks Maintenance Staff has removed sediment that had completely clogged a major drainage inlet in the wooded area of Carroll Knolls Park (behind your house). Staff performed the work last week. The clogged inlet was causing water to overflow into other portions of the park. This should relieve some of the drainage overflow you had witnessed back in January. Staff will continue to monitor the existing drainage inlet to ensure it continues to perform.

Please let me know if you continue to see any other issues in the park as we approach the Spring season!

Thank you,  
Lucas

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**From:** Judith Furash <[judifer48@gmail.com](mailto:judifer48@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2019 2:40 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Cc:** Mark Mattucci <[markmattucci55@gmail.com](mailto:markmattucci55@gmail.com)>; Geraci, Shelby  
<[Shelby.Geraci@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:Shelby.Geraci@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Water buildup in Carroll Knolls Park

Thanks so much for this thorough update. I'm heartened to hear that the growing storm water management issue is being dealt with as part of park development.

Hopefully we'll be able to have both recreational amenities as well as state of the art environmental management in the not too distant future.

We'll do our best to keep up with meetings and testimony opportunities.

Thank you for your work,

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On Jan 25, 2019, at 9:37 AM, Bonney, Lucas  
<[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)> wrote:

Hi Judith,  
Thanks for reaching out!

We are definitely aware of the drainage issues in the wooded area and are trying to figure out the best approach for allocating funds for immediate basic drainage improvements, while also providing new long-term amenities and improvements in the open space portion of the park.

We are currently finalizing a contract to hire a Design Consultant to complete the necessary design and permitting documents for the Carroll Knolls Facility Plan. We've incorporated community feedback to date and have developed a single concept plan. We intend to post the plan for community review after the Consultant has submitted the plan to DPS for the first round of stormwater management



review. This community review may take place sometime in late Spring/early Summer 2019. We will broadcast notifications to the community (including direct emails to community meeting participants) with ample time to comment.

Once preliminary permits are in hand, we will bring the recommended Facility Plan to the Planning Board for approval, which we expect will occur in the Fall 2019. Again, the community will be notified and there will be opportunity for public testimony during the Planning Board meeting.

Please let me know if you have further questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
Lucas

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**From:** Judith Furash <[judifer48@gmail.com](mailto:judifer48@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2019 2:31 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Cc:** Mark Mattucci <[markmattucci55@gmail.com](mailto:markmattucci55@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Water buildup in Carroll Knolls Park

Hello Mr. Bonney,

With all of the rain, snow, and now more rain, we've been monitoring the "ponds" and "streams" now building up in our neighborhood park that borders our townhouse. The pictures below are taken from our bedroom window and from the paved park area.

Is your agency monitoring the situation and are there any plans for dealing with it in relation to further development of the park?

We would still like to see the recreational areas that have been proposed developed, especially a playground for young children, but it seems that any plan also needs to deal seriously with these drainage issues.

What is now the timetable for the park development?

Let us know if there's someone else to whom we should

address these concerns.

Thank you very much,

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bonney, Lucas](#)  
**To:** [Judith Furash](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Carroll Knolls Local Park  
**Date:** Friday, July 20, 2018 4:35:00 PM

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Judith,

So sorry for the delay! It took me a while to make the various documents ADA-accessible for online viewing.

We have posted the June 5th community meeting presentation, meeting notes, and concept plans (and image boards with park amenity ideas). The concept plans and image boards have red and green dots on them – scanned results from the exercise performed during the meeting (red = “do not prefer”, green = “prefer”).

To visit the Project Website for Carroll Knolls, click here:

<https://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/carroll-knolls-local-park-facility-plan/>. Once there – scroll down to the “Calendar and Meeting Notes” heading, then down to the June 5th Community Meeting #2. You will see green text links to the presentation, minutes, and concepts, etc. Please review those to gain an understanding of the community feedback we received on June 5th.

I just checked the website and we do also have the December 5, 2017 meeting notes link (Community Meeting #1), which you can find in the same place noted above, under the "Calendar and Meeting Notes" heading.

We will be posting the concept plans and image boards (without red/green dots) very soon! This will give those who could not attend the June 5th meeting an opportunity to comment on the concept plans (in addition to those who did attend). We will be using a format called “Open Town Hall”, which enables online commenting/voting on the various concepts. Your comments can be viewed by the public, so you’ll be able to see what others are saying! We will inform everyone when that is online – probably early next week.

Thank you for your patience!

Thank you,  
Lucas

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-----Original Message-----

From: Judith Furash <judifer48@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 5:35 PM  
To: Bonney, Lucas <lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org>  
Subject: Carroll Knolls Local Park

Hello Mr. Bonney,

This is Judy Furash again from the Plyers Mill Crossing townhouses adjacent to the park. I was just looking at your website again so I could urge our HOA Board and others in the community to look at it. I noticed that the minutes from the December 2017 meeting had not been posted and I see you also don’t yet have them from the June 5 meeting. Will they be updated soon? Also how soon do you think there will be a link to the Town Hall digital discussion you alluded to at the meeting? I want to be sure I can pass it on to folks who hadn’t made it to the meeting so please let me know when that’s up.

Thank you so much for all of the work thus far. I’m encouraged by the concept plans and your receptiveness to our feedback. I just walked through Evans Park across Georgia and was delighted to see young children on the play equipment, pre-teens playing with a ball in enclosed paved circular space, teens playing basketball, walking around drinking from water fountain and adults in the shaded roof area on this sunny, warm, low humidity day. I also noticed teens with their skateboards walking behind our townhouse today. In the future, I’m sure they, younger children and adults will be eager to use the facilities you’ve begun to envision.

I look forward to hearing from you with the town hall link information.

Sincerely,  
Judith Furash  
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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bonney, Lucas](#)  
**To:** [Judith Furash](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Carroll Knolls Local Park  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 16, 2018 12:39:00 PM

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Hi Judith,

I was just about ready to email all of the community meeting #1 attendees that gave me their email contact information. Please forward the email to anyone you know that is interested in attending the second meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>, same location. In addition, we are sending out paper postcard notifications to residents within a ½ mile radius of the park, will be sending out email notifications to various community groups in the area, and will post signage at the park with the meeting notice information.

Thank you,  
Lucas

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**From:** Judith Furash <judifer48@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 16, 2018 12:04 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org>  
**Subject:** Carroll Knolls Local Park

Hello Mr. Bonney,

I have heard that the next community meeting in regard to our park will be on Tuesday June 5. I assume you'll be emailing those who attended past meetings and have expressed interest but will you also be sending out notices of it to the other members of the community as you did for that last meeting? I hope so.

Thank you very much,

Judith Furash  
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**From:** [Bonney, Lucas](#)  
**To:** [Judith Furash](#)  
**Cc:** [Shireen Ambush](#); [Beverly G. Sobel](#); [Quattrocchi, Dominic](#); [Girr-Borrayo, Alex](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting about Carroll Knolls Local Park---Important  
**Date:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 10:27:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [CarrollKnoll\\_postcard\\_8.5x11\\_outlined.pdf](#)

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Judith,

Thank you for contacting us!

Please see the attached PDF, which is the postcard that we mailed out to residents earlier this week (should be arriving soon). The postcard was mailed to all residences within a half-mile radius of Carroll Knolls Park. The attached PDF is the print-ready version that we sent to the print shop, which is why it shows duplicate information. Our Public Affairs & Community Partnerships (PACP) staff will also be sending electronic notifications to Civic groups and HOAs within the area.

The meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> will start at 7:00PM. There will be an additional meeting scheduled sometime in the spring 2018, which is when we will present various renovation concepts for the park, based on feedback we receive during the first meeting.

If members of the community are unable to attend any of these meetings, they may send me comments directly via email ([lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)) or they can mail in comments to the address listed in my email signature below.

For more information on the project, please visit the Carroll Knolls Local Park Facility Plan Website at <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/listing/carroll-knolls-local-park-facility-plan/>

Again, thank you for contacting us. I look forward to seeing you all on December 5<sup>th</sup>!

Regards,  
Lucas

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**From:** Judith Furash [mailto:[judifer48@gmail.com](mailto:judifer48@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 08, 2017 4:41 PM

**To:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>; Quattrocchi, Dominic <[dominic.quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:dominic.quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org)>

**Cc:** Shireen Ambush <[sambush@abarisrealty.com](mailto:sambush@abarisrealty.com)>

**Subject:** Meeting about Carroll Knolls Local Park---Important

Hello Mr. Bonney & Mr. Quattrocchi,

I got word from Beverly Sobel about the planned meeting for Tuesday December 5. Is there an official flyer or announcement of that meeting that you can pass along to me? I'm on the Board of the HOA Plyers Mill Crossing townhouses which is directly adjacent to the Park and our townhouse backs up to the Park. Our management company advisor, Shireen Ambush, is going to do a mailing to our community very soon about our annual budget. She would like to be able to send the official announcement about this meeting in that mailing. We don't have the budget to do mailings very frequently so it would be great if you could send this along to me and to Ms. Ambush, copied on this email, as soon as possible.

If you don't have anything "official" prepared, please verify and add to the information below so we can begin to spread the word in other ways if needed.

**Community meeting to get input about next steps for the development of Carroll Knolls Local Park, Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at Capitol View-Homewood Local Park Activity Building, 2929 Edgewood Road, Kensington, MD 20895**

There are quite a few new families in our community. I want to be able to give them ample notice and opportunity to contribute their ideas.

Thank you very much,

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**From:** [Bonney, Lucas](#)  
**To:** [K](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Carroll Knolls Park plan (2nd suggestion/request)  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018 8:01:00 AM

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Karen,

Thank you for the additional idea! We will definitely consider this.

Best,

Lucas

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**From:** K [mailto:robinkaren@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 02, 2018 5:35 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Carroll Knolls Park plan (2nd suggestion/request)

Hi again, Lucas,

Your exclamation point makes me think you might consider another notion or two. Here's one:

- Install a labyrinth.

It would be unique, beneficial (see: <https://www.webmd.com/balance/features/labyrinths-for-modern-stresses#1>), simple, inexpensive and low maintenance (these last two qualities depend on your approach).

The lawn mowers would complain about some installation styles, but Brookside Gardens worked it out (you've surely seen that). Alternatively, paint it (or a couple) on the asphalt.

I've assisted with installing labyrinths of varying sizes/designs -- and would be happy to help make it happen in this park. Also, I can reach my colleague who designs/installs labyrinths in Texas, if you prefer to (or must) work with a pro.

So there's something pragmatic and easy to add to the plan file (I hope).

Yours,  
Karen

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**From:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2018 3:21 PM  
**To:** K  
**Subject:** RE: Carroll Knolls Park plans

Karen,  
Thank you for your comments! We intend to strengthen the wooded area and provide more opportunities for habitat.

For project updates, please visit MontgomeryParks.org or try the direct link to the Carroll Knolls Project webpage - <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/carroll-knolls-local-park-facility-plan/>

Thank you,  
Lucas

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**From:** K [<mailto:robinkaren@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 27, 2017 4:41 PM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Subject:** Carroll Knolls Park plans

Dear Mr. Bonney,

I wish I could have attended your planning meeting earlier this month for Carroll Knolls Local Park.

This park is, essentially, my back yard (as well as others', of course), and I'd like to keep up with what you intend to do with it, maybe shape that a bit.

Are you still eliciting ideas?

For example, the description of the park says, "Half of the site is comprised of forest with moderate invasive understory vegetation that limits visibility through the park." I say that that limited visibility bit is a good quality and should be allowed to continue -- several trees have already been taken out of that corner over the past few years. Last week's "Nature Moment" was a red fox, in the past I've seen other wildlife -- deer, raccoons, bunnies, Eastern box turtles, hawks -- there are too few oases for these fellow residents.

Please add me to your list of interested parties, and tell me where to go online for updates on the current status.

My postal address (if you ever mail something) is:

Karen Robin

2303 Evans Dr

Silver Spring, MD 20902

Thank you very much, and my best wishes for you in the new year!

Karen



**From:** [Leah Ford](#)  
**To:** [Bonney, Lucas](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Carroll Knolls Local Park - Community Meeting #1  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 2:01:15 PM

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Good afternoon - one more comment that I just thought of when I was driving through Kensington. The St. Paul park is a good example of how to use small space well. There is a nice children's playground away from the road and some small fields for people to play soccer, frisbee, dog walk, play catch etc. The park is not too crammed in with activities. There is also minimal parking around the park, but not a large space reserved for a parking lot, which doesn't seem to deter people from using the park. Clearly, a large parking lot is not necessary for a successful park and that space could be put to better use.

Thank you for your time,  
Leah Ford

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**From:** Bonney, Lucas <[lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:lucas.bonney@montgomeryparks.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2017 11:25 AM  
**To:** Bonney, Lucas  
**Subject:** Carroll Knolls Local Park - Community Meeting #1

Thank you for participating in the December 5<sup>th</sup> community meeting for the renovation of Carroll Knolls Local Park. Please feel free to contact me via email with any additional comments or questions. My contact information is provided below.

Please reply to this email so that I can confirm that I have accurately documented your email address and contact information from the hand-written sign-in sheet. This will allow us to contact you in advance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> community meeting.

Thank you,  
Lucas

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