

Montgomery Parks and Planning Spring 2021 Semiannual Outline

Parks

COVID Response

1. What's Opened and What's Closed
2. Rent Abatement for Parks Partners
3. Programming
 - a. Open Parkways
 - b. Picnic in the Park
 - c. Special Events
 - d. Program Access
 - i. Virtual Programming

Projects and Capital Development

1. Josiah Henson Museum and Park
2. Stream Restoration Projects
3. Park Acquisitions
 - a. Data-driven tools to focus on equity areas
 - b. Wheaton CBD (WMATA Property)
 - c. Veteran's Park Civic Green
 - d. Downtown Silver Spring
 - e. Willett Branch
4. Ken Gar Park Improvements
 - a. Soccer Field Renovation
 - b. Purple Line Wetland Mitigation Site
5. Park Visitation Project
 - a. George Mason University Visitation Study
 - b. Street Light Data
6. Parks Partnerships
 - a. Meadowbrook Stables
 - b. Shirley Povich Field Sculpture

Athletic Fields

1. White Oak Field
2. School Fields
3. Maintenance and Renovation Equipment & Efficiencies

Trails

1. Germantown Pump Track Improvements
2. Natural Surface Trail Projects

Financial Support for Parks other than County Taxes

1. Parks Foundation

2. Program Open Space
3. Bond Bill Updates
4. Public Private Partnerships
5. Enterprise
6. Volunteers

Planning

Thrive Montgomery 2050

- Planning Board final vote on April 8...will be transmitted to Council on schedule
- Three overarching objectives: economic competitiveness, racial and social equity, and environmental sustainability.
- Master Plans currently in process are already implementing Thrive objectives and are focused on equity, housing and a reimagining of the county's corridors.
 - Silver Spring Downtown and Adjacent Communities Plan
 - Fairland and Briggs Chaney Master Plan
 - University of Maryland PALS program
 - Spring Speakers Series

Focus on Equity: Policy, Strategy, Tools

- Equity Agenda for Planning
 - Equity Peer Review Group
 - Staff training
- Equity Focus Areas and Equity Opportunity Index
- Coordination with OLO on RESJ Impact Statements
- Street and Parks Facilities Renaming Review
- Missing Middle Housing efforts in master plans
- Vision Zero

Focus on Regional Transportation:

- Corridor Forward: I-270 Transit Functional Plan
- I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study

Work Program Items (Funded and Unfunded)

- Pedestrian Master Plan
- Predictive Safety Analysis
- Complete Streets Design Guidelines
- Rustic Roads Functional Master Plan
- Takoma Park Minor Master Plan Amendment
- GSSC Minor Master Plan Amendment
- Advancing the Pike District Study
- Retail in Diverse Communities
- Mixed-Use Development Study
- Urban Loading Study Street and Parks Facilities Renaming Review (unfunded)
- Attainable Housing Strategies Study (unfunded)

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- I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study (unfunded)

Regulatory Projects

- Urby Silver Spring
- CentroNia/Martha Gudelsky CDC
- The Avondale
- Long Branch Corner
- Park Montgomery
- 909 Rose Office Building in the Pike District
- Creekside at Cabin Branch
- Ashford Woods
- College View Campus (project in Germantown)

Development Applications Stats (since November 2020)

- Preliminary Plans
- Plats
- Sketch Plans
- Site Plans
- FCP Exemptions
- Mandatory Referrals

Community Engagement Stats (since November 2020)

- Planning Board meeting views
- New eLetter subscribers
- Virtual events
- Virtual meeting participants

Upcoming Work Program Schedule FY22 Proposed