



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 2, 2021

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

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SUBJECT: 2022 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan Briefing

Requested Action: Review of Draft PROS Plan to be transmitted to the Department of Natural Resources

Background

Staff requests the Board’s review and discussion of the 2022 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master (PROS) Plan. This Plan must be completed in conformance with Maryland State Guidelines (Attachment 1: LPPRP Guidelines). The 2022 PROS Plan Update will serve as the state-mandated Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) which is required every five to six years to maintain Program Open Space Grant Funding eligibility. The PROS Plan was last updated July, 2017. The schedule mandated by the State requires the 2022 Staff Draft Plan to be submitted by December 31, 2021 with Final Plan completion by July 1, 2022.

Purpose

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan is the primary planning policy document for parks and recreation in Montgomery County. Its purpose is to (1) provide the basis for park and recreation recommendations in area and park master plans and the development review process, (2) set priorities for park acquisitions, renovations, and development, (3) provide guidance on recreational facility needs for the next ten years, (4) recommend priorities for preservation and interpretation of natural and historic resources and (5) document agricultural land preservation programs and policies.

Chapters include information on Physical Activity (Parks and Recreation), Social Connections and Civic Engagement, Natural Resources and Environmental Stewardship, Land Conservation and Management (Agriculture), and Implementation. The 2022 PROS Plan supports the park and recreation goals and objectives contained in the County's *Thrive Montgomery 2050* General Plan Update.

Schedule

- December 9-December 31, 2021: Reflect planning board feedback
- December 31, 2021: Submit the draft PROS to Maryland Department of Planning (MDP)
- January 1-February 15, 2022:
 - MDP and DNR (Department of Natural Resources) review and feedback
 - Concurrent public review and comments
- Spring 2022:
 - Finalize PROS
 - Planning Board Approval
- July 1, 2022: Finalized approved/adopted PROS to be submitted to DNR and MDP

Attachments:

- The 2022 LPPRP Guidelines
- The 2022 PROS Plan Draft
- The 2022 PROS Appendices Draft

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