

Montgomery County Planning Board

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

MCPB No. 25-010

Acquisition: 2225 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD

Seller: Mary E. Searce

Project: Upper Paint Branch Stream Valley Park Acquisition

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (“Commission”) is authorized by Md. Code Ann., Land Use, §17-101 (formerly Article 28, Section 5-101), to acquire, develop, maintain and operate a public park system within the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Planning Board received and considered a recommendation from staff of the Commission, in closed session on January 9, 2025, that it approve the acquisition of 2225 Briggs Chaney Road and adjoining Parcel 24 (Tax Account Nos. 05- 00277021 and 05-00277032) recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland in Book/Page 03248/0470 and 03443/0444, respectively (“Property”), combined containing approximately 4.31 acres of land, from Mary E. Searce (“Seller”); and

WHEREAS, the Property is located within the environmentally sensitive Upper Paint Branch watershed, a unique and sensitive ecosystem that has been studied and prioritized for conservation efforts, including parkland acquisition and designation as a Special Protection Area, for the past four decades; and

WHEREAS, the Property meets parkland acquisition criteria to protect the Upper Paint Branch as recommended in plans and studies including the Upper Paint Branch Watershed Study (1995), the Cloverly Master Plan (1997), and the Legacy Open Space Functional Master Plan (2001); and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available in the Legacy Open Space CIP using Commission Bonds to pay the \$495,000 negotiated purchase price for the Property; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the acquisition of the Property from the Seller as described above, for a purchase price of \$495,000, in accordance with a proposed Land Purchase Agreement between the Commission and Seller, is hereby approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board on this 16th day of January, 2025 and the Executive Director is authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

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This is to certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution approved and adopted by the Montgomery County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on motion of Commissioner Hedrick, seconded by Commissioner Linden, with a vote of 5-0; Chair Harris, Vice Chair Pedoeem, and Commissioners Bartley, Hedrick and Linden voting in favor of the motion, at its regular meeting held on Thursday, January 16, 2025 in Wheaton, Maryland and via conference.



Artie L. Harris, Chair

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



M-NCPPC Legal Department
Date: 1/16/2025