# Montgomery Parks + Planning

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Spring 2025 Semiannual Outline

## Montgomery Planning Board Chair

### **Montgomery Planning**

**Community Planning Academy** 

**Development Pipeline Analysis** 

Development Update

- 2024 Development At-A-Glance
- Approvals by plan type
- Notable Development Projects

Master Plan Updates

**Budget Requests** 

FY26 Proposed Master Plan and Project Schedule

#### **Montgomery Parks**

Opening Slide: Pickleball at East Norbeck Local Park

Recap of 2024 Montgomery Parks Accomplishments

- Highlight trails constructed, facilities renovated, trees planted
- Food donated, programs hosted, Weed Warriors
- Number of events, athletics fields users, pounds of trash picked up

Investing in Montgomery Parks and Return on Investment

Overview of Program Enhancements from FY20 to FY25 (Highlight the investment the County Council has made with Parks staff and impact on work programs)

- Adaptive Programs for all Abilities
- Trails Equity Engagement Removing barriers and expanding access
- Trail Amenities Upgrades to our trail system with bike rakes, benches, fix-it stations
- Court Resurfacing Extending the life of our courts with ongoing maintenance
- Athletic Fields
- Data, Maps and Asset Management Knowing what we have, where we have it, and why
- Party in the Parks Growth of the activation program
- Making Parks History Expansion of the Untold Stories program
- Customer Service Staff Expanding our hours

- **Brookside Gardens Horticulturist** Diversifying plant collection and expanding interpretive programming
- Community Gardens
- Sustainability Making our facilities more carbon neutral and sustainable
- Environmentally-Friendly Weed Management Expanding our foam stream operations
- Public Safety New hire coming soon, Assistant Barn Manager for our Park Police
- IT Help Desk Position improved response times
- **Internship Program** Interns help us carry out our mission of providing the best park and recreation experiences for our residents
- **Grants Administrator** New hire coming soon and will ensure we meet requirements of grants
- Water Resources Project Manager Ability to identify more infrastructure needs and address them in a timely and cost-effective manner
- Hard Surface Trail Manager

#### Moving forward

- Resource Stewardship
- Improving Customer Service
- Data Analytics
- Community Outreach & Social Equity
- Supporting CIP Implementation
- Maintaining and Improving what we Have

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings & Openings

Mark your calendars for exciting events