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Dear Mr. McQuarrie:

It is my pleasure to re-submit the revised Montgomery County's FY24 Annual Program for Program Open Space. This submission includes future development projects sponsored by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery County Department of Parks. The FY24 Annual Program for Acquisition is also included in this submission.

The Montgomery County Department of Parks' FY24 development submission includes three projects in our approved FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program. These funds support the design and construction of renovations and upgrades to some of our well-used local, urban and neighborhood parks that are consistent with the goals of promoting active lifestyles, upgrading, and maintaining park facilities and amenities to a certain standard, and ensuring parks and recreation opportunities are accessible and equitably distributed as stated in our PROS Plan.

The Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park project expands the active recreational area based upon The Park Facility Plan for the active recreation area that was approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board. The program of requirements for this project was recommended in the Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park Master Plan.

The Wheaton Regional Park project provides for renovation of a 1.1-mile segment of the Wheaton Regional Park Loop Trail, from the driveway to the Dog Park to Nairn Road. The existing trail is not ADA accessible, and the asphalt is in poor condition. The renovation of the trail includes accessibility enhancements, repairing the asphalt pavement, enhancing the shoulders, installation of new trail barrier, replacement of drainage culverts, and other renovation work all stemming from the Wheaton Regional Park Master Plan. This project is within the recommendations of the Wheaton Regional Park Master Plan, VISION 2030: Strategic Plan for Parks and Recreation in Montgomery County, Maryland, 2017 Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan as well as ADA Transition Plan that was submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ).

The North Branch Hiker-Biker Trail will be a new trail located within Rock Creek Regional Park and the North Branch Stream Valley Park Unit 4 and is approximately 2.2 miles in length including connector trails. There are two segments of this trail. The trail has been recommended in multiple master plans including the 2005 Olney Master Plan, 2004 Upper Rock Creek Area Master Plan, the 2008 Countywide Park Trails Plan, the 2000 Rock Creek Regional Park Master Plan and the 2008 Upper Rock Creek Trail Corridor Plan.

As plans progress there will likely be a need to incorporate more projects in an amended submission. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in Program Open Space.

Sincerely,

Ronald Peels

Ronald Peele Montgomery County Liaison Officer Program Open Space

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FY24 Development Program: M-NCPPC, Department of Parks  Source of Funds for Annual Program Or									
Sponsor	Project Name and Description		Total Cost	Local Match	State POS				
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MNCPPC	Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park This project expands the active recreation area in Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park and relocates the Ovid Hazen Wells Carousel from Wheaton Regional Park. The expansion of the active recreation area as recommended in the 2014 Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park Master Plan Update will occur in two phases. This project currently funds the design and construction of Phase I, which includes the carousel roundhouse, ticketing and restrooms, carousel relocation, skate park, parking, stormwater management, utilities, additional playground equipment, landscaping and afforestation. The future Phase 2 will include an adventure playground, water play area, dog park, community green, additional picnic shelters, teen adventure play (climbing/fitness tower and fitness equipment with running track), athletic field improvements, additional parking, maintenance building, trails, open meadows, and landscaping.	290 acres	\$ 9,500,000	\$ 5,591,000	\$ 3,909,000				

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	TOTAL FY24 Annual Program		\$	15,037,000			\$	8,009,000
	FY24 Annual Program Submissions from Incorporated	Municipaliti	es ir	n Montgome	ery C	County	ı	
Town of Garrett Park	Yeandle Park Creation Project. In 2006, Laetitia Yeandle gifted the property located at 11321 Kenilworth Avenue to the Town of Garrett Park. The conveyance of the property was subject to a life estate reserved to Ms. Yeandle. In conjunction with the execution of the Gift Deed, a Deed of Conservation Easement was executed; the property can only be used as a public park and/or a wildlife habitat. The Town plans to establish Yeandle Park as a passive use, naturalistic, and		\$	350,000	\$	296,471	\$	53,529
	TOTAL FY24 Annual Program for Municipalities		\$	350,000	\$	296,471	\$	53,529
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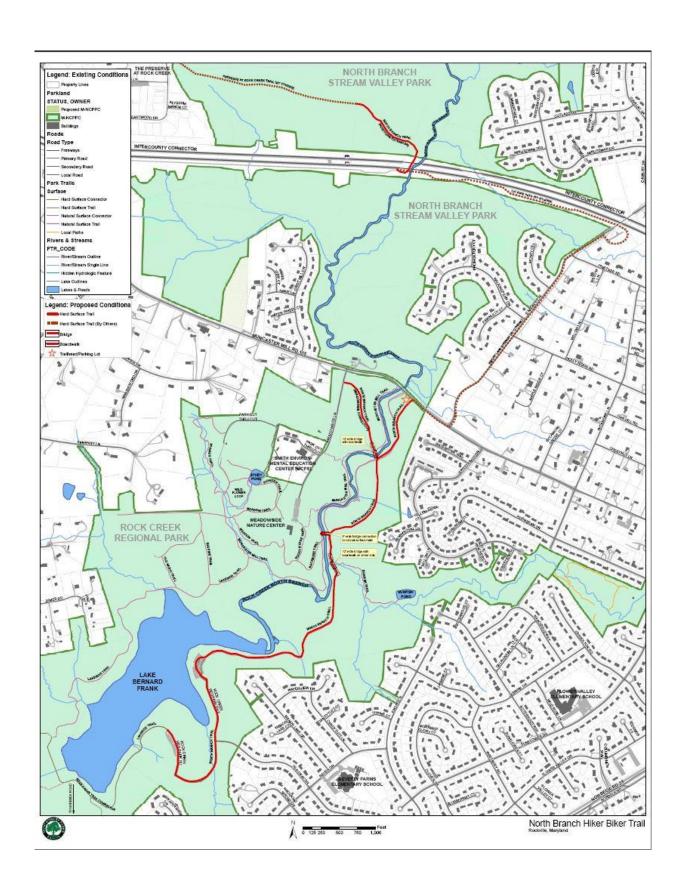
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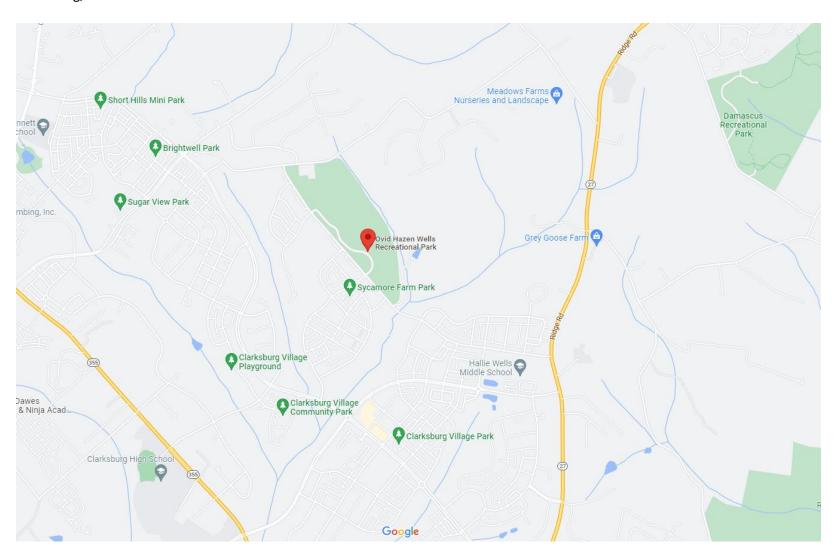
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Program Open Space Annual Program								
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	TOTAL FY24 Annual Program		\$ 11,633,333	\$ 6,124,333	\$ 5,509,000			

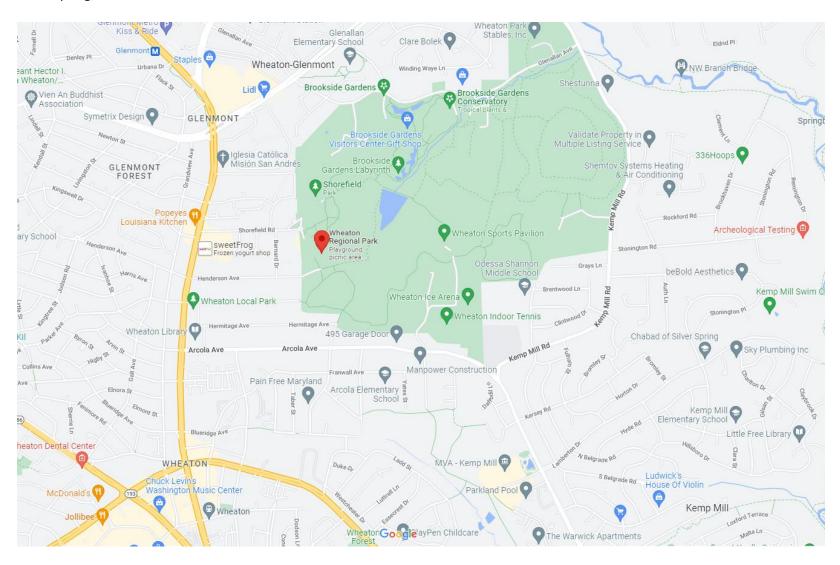
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	TOTAL FY24 Annual Program for Municipalities		\$	350,000	\$	296,471	\$	53,529	
	TOTAL FY24 Annual Program		\$	11,983,333	\$	6,420,804	\$	5,562,529	



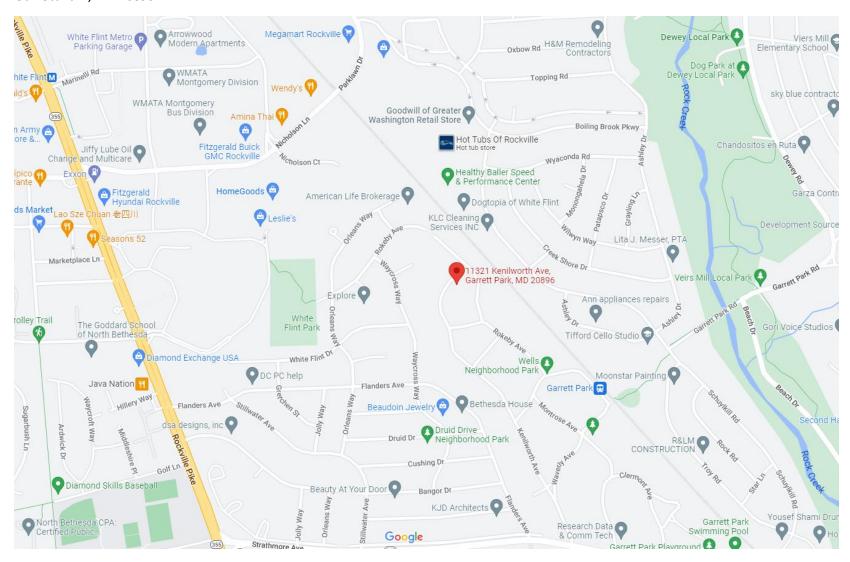
Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park 12001 Skylark Rd Clarksburg, MD 20871



Wheaton Regional Park 2000 Shorefield Rd. Silver Spring, MD 20902



#### Yeandle Park Creation Project 11321 Kenilworth Ave Garrett Park, MD 20896



# Program Open Space Annual Program FY24 ACQUISITION PROGRAM Montgomery County Department of Parks, M-NCPPC

	Drainet Name and Description	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Progra			am Only	
Map Locator	Project Name and Description	Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State	Other	
n/a	Park Planning Grant				\$25,000		\$25,000		
A1	Black Hill Regional Park - Ralph G. and C.K. Ecker Property	1,579.29	1,600.00	9.22	\$650,000		\$650,000		
A2	Long Branch SVP - 7813 Carroll Ave	41.00	46.00	3.00	\$800,000		\$800,000		
А3	Rachel Carson Special Park - 11707 Berwick	0.00	2.00	1.00	\$700,000		\$700,000		
A4	Flower Avenue Urban Park - 8736 Flower Ave	0.40	0.65	0.25	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000		
A5	Fenton Street Urban Park - Philadelphia Ave. Associates Property	0.69	1.30	0.26	\$1,750,000		\$1,750,000		
A6	South Silver Spring Urban Park - 1100 East West Highway	0.95	1.47	0.52	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000		
A7	Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park - George and Pamela Johnson Property	303.54	305.00	1.20	\$600,000		\$600,000		
A8	River Road Shale Barrens Conservation Park - Goldberg Property	30.00	200.00	68.25	\$950,000		\$950,000		
А9	Little Bennett Regional Park - Henry and K.G. Hamm Property	3,732.98	3,750.00	7.59	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000		
A10	East Capital Crescent Trail Greenway - Jose Serra et al Trust, 4310 & 4312 Montgomery Ave	0.00	1.50	0.26	\$5,000,000		\$5,000,000		
A11	East Capital Crescent Greenway - 4314 Montgomery, LLC	0.00	1.50	0.14	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000		
A12	East Capital Crescent Greenway - 4308 Montgomery Ave	0.00	1.50	0.13	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000		
A13	East Capital Crescent Greenway - 4324 Montgomery Ave	0.00	1.50	0.14	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000		
A14	East Capital Crescent Greenway - 4326 Montgomery Ave	0.00	1.50	0.14	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000		
A15	East Capital Crescent Greenway - 4328 Montgomery Ave	0.00	1.50	0.15	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000		
A16	East Capital Crescent Greenway - 4330 Montgomery Ave	0.00	1.50	0.15	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000		
A17	Westbard Urban Recreational Park - Schnabel Foundation Company	1.50	3.25	0.50	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000		
A18	Willett Branch Greenway Park - portions of Westbard Land LLLP and Country Realty Co. properties	0.00	10.00	1.00	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000		
A19	White Flint Civic Green - 11611 Old Georgetown Rd	0.00	2.00	0.90	\$11,000,000	\$	\$11,000,000		
A20	Wheaton Regional Park - 1703 Arcola Ave	536.00	550.00	0.26	\$550,000		\$550,000		
A21	Wheaton Regional Park - 1705 Arcola Ave	536.00	550.00	0.25	\$650,000		\$650,000		
A22	Wheaton Regional Park - 2016 Henderson Ave	536.00	550.00	0.31	\$540,000		\$540,000		
TOTAL FY24	Annual Program - Acquisition	6,226.35	6,473.17	95.62	49,715,000	0	49,715,000	0	

#### Montgomery County Department of Parks, M-NCPPC

#### **FY24 Acquisition Program Project Descriptions**

#### Park Planning Grant:

As a prerequisite to participation in the POS funding program, State law requires that long range plans be developed and updated by local governing bodies. This project requests the use of \$25,000 to support analysis and planning work used to keep the Montgomery County Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan which serves as the county's Local Land Preservation and Recreation Plan (LPRP) and other local plans up to date.

#### A1 – Black Hill Regional Park – Ralph G. and C.K. Ecker Property:

This approximately nine-acre property has been part of the planned extent of Black Hill Regional Park since its original conception nearly 50 years ago. This acquisition will provide additional resource protection for the park and the Little Seneca Reservoir. It will provide room to reroute a natural surface trail to a more sustainable and accessible route and increase access to the Black Hill Regional Park trail network, especially in the western part of the park, by providing space for an expanded trailhead area including parking and interpretive signage.

#### • A2 – Long Branch Stream Valley Park – 7813 Carroll Property:

Acquisition of the Agro Property will allow for the long-desired trail connection of the final section of the Long Branch Stream Valley Park — enhancing the recreational and trail opportunities in the park. This site will help to connect communities along the extent of the linear stream valley park as well as to the wider Anacostia Watershed Trail System in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties and in The District of Columbia. Additional resource protection value will be provided through enhanced stream buffers.

#### • A3 – Rachel Carson Special Park – 11707 Berwick Road:

Acquisition of this property will provide the necessary space to support the preservation and programming of the Rachel Carson Landmark house adjacent to this lot. Acquisition of this lot will preserve the green 1950's development setting of the Rachel Carson house and provide space in the existing house to support Parks interpretive programming of this significant historic site.

#### • A4 – Flower Avenue Urban Park – 8736 Flower Property:

This acquisition was originally proposed in the 2013 Long Branch Sector Plan and has taken on greater importance and risen in priority as the Purple Line works towards completion. This acquisition will provide space to enlarge Flower Avenue Urban Park and allow the park to host more programs and events as requested by the local community.

#### • A5 – Fenton Street Urban Park – Philadelphia Ave. Associates Property:

Acquiring this two-lot property would provide room for new and expanded amenities in this urban park. This acquisition would further allow for the acquisition of current road ROW creating the potential for a redesign of the park to better suit the needs of the community. This property is in the dense and growing Silver Spring CBD that is a Montgomery Parks targeted Equity Focus Area.

#### • A6 – South Silver Spring Urban Recreational Park – 1100 East West Highway:

This acquisition would complete a planned urban recreational park in the dense and growing Silver Spring CBD area. This park will serve residents of the surrounding apartment buildings as well as visitors to the area and provide a variety of amenities and activation programming.

#### A7 – Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park – George and Pamela Johnson Property:

This property is one of the last remaining inholdings in the planned design for this large recreational park that serves the rapidly growing Clarksburg area of the County. It will provide space for the continued development of the park to provide needed recreational amenities.

#### A8 – River Road Shale Barrens Conservation Park – Goldberg Property:

This 68-acre property is a top priority natural resource conservation acquisition to protect a rare and threatened ecosystem in the county and state.

#### • A9 – Little Bennett Regional Park – Henry and K.G. Hamm Property:

This property is one of the last remaining inholdings in the planned design for this large regional park. Acquisition of this site will provide additional resource protection and the potential for a new public access point to the park and its extensive trail system.

A10-16 – East Capital Crescent Trail Greenway – Jose Serra et al Trust, 2 Properties / 4314
 Montgomery, LLC / 4308 Montgomery Ave / 4324 Montgomery Ave / 4326 Montgomery Ave / 4328 Montgomery Ave / 4330 Montgomery Ave:

These properties will constitute a planned park along the enhanced Capital Crescent Trail after the conclusion of the Purple Line Construction. This park will provide access and amenities for trail users on the edge of the dense and still developing Bethesda CBD.

#### A17 – Westbard Urban Recreational Park – Schnabel Foundation Company

Acquisition of this property will complete the necessary acquisitions for the planned Westbard Urban Rec Park to serve the immediate community as well as users from throughout the area. It will be located close to the current Capital Crescent Trail and along the future Willett Branch Greenway. This park is part of a planned redevelopment and re-envisioning of the Westbard area.

#### A18 – Willett Branch Greenway Park – portions of Westbard Land LLLP and Country Realty Co. properties:

Acquisition of these properties will substantially complete the planned Willett Branch Greenway, a linear park centered around a rehabilitated Willett Branch stream that currently runs through a neglected concrete channel. The Greenway will provide trails and green space in an otherwise highly urbanized and impervious immediate vicinity.

#### • A19 – White Flint Civic Green – 11611 Old Georgetown Rd:

This acquisition would combine with planned development conveyance to provide for a new civic green in a rapidly redeveloping part of the County near the White Flint Metro Station and the intersection of MD 187 and MD 355.

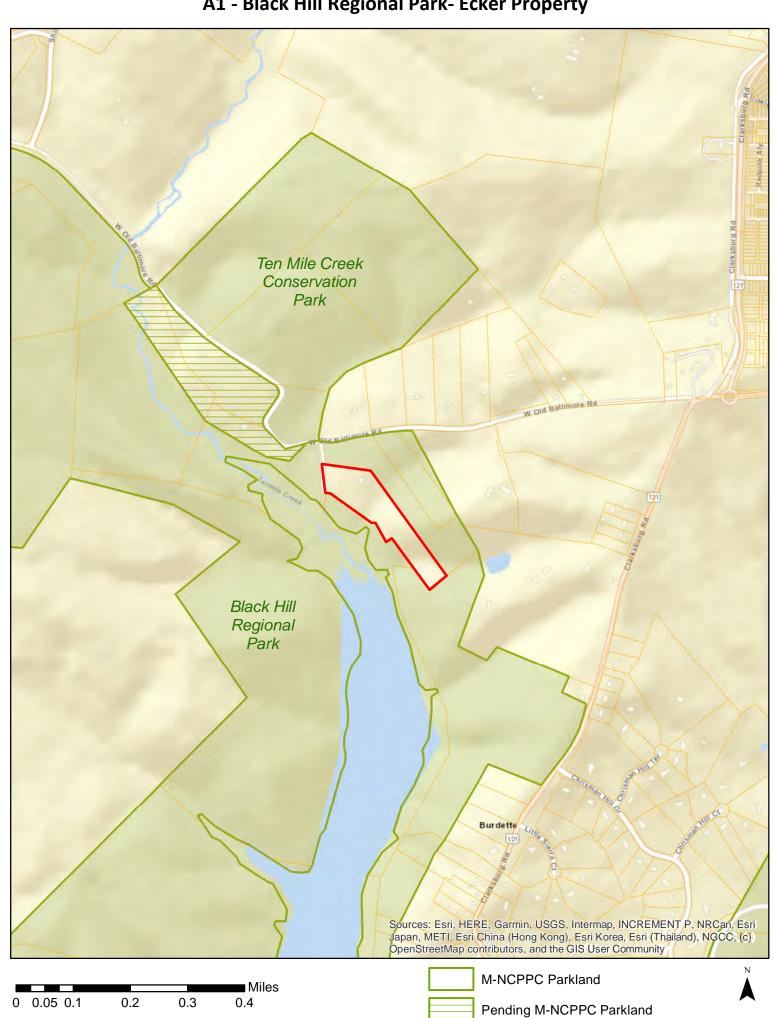
#### • A20-21 – Wheaton Regional Park – 1703 Arcola Ave / 1705 Arcola Ave:

These acquisitions were identified as priorities in the new 2022 Wheaton Regional Park Master Plan and will provide the needed space for an enhanced park entrance and connection to the Rubini Athletic Complex from Arcola Ave.

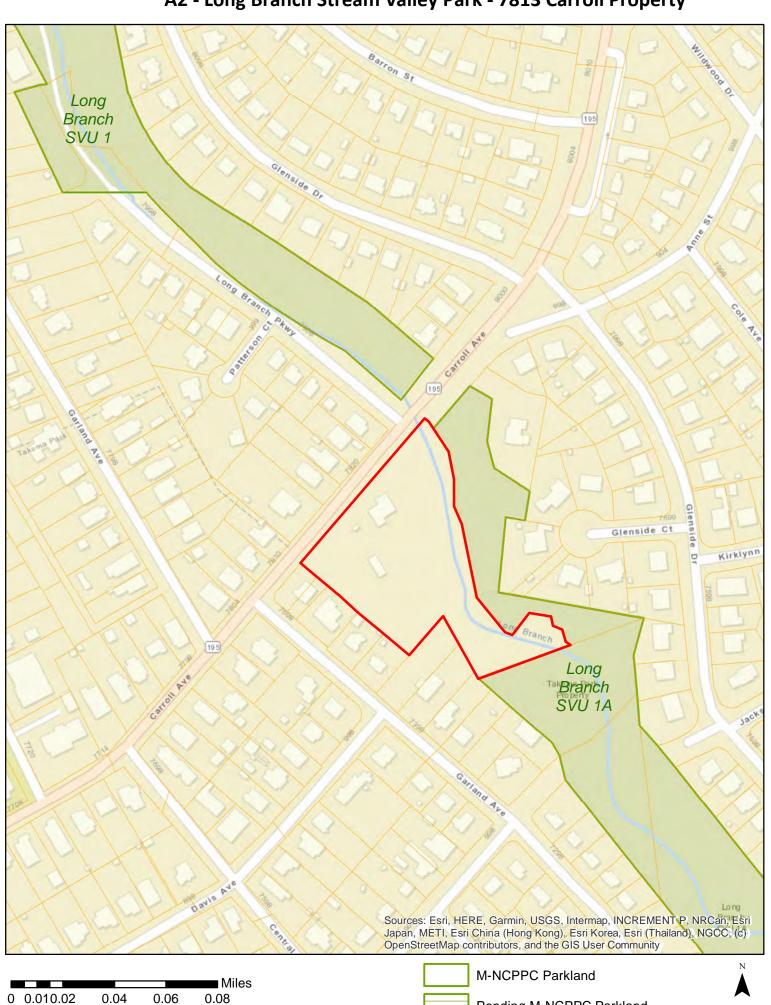
#### • A22 – Wheaton Regional Park – 2016 Henderson Ave:

This acquisition was identified in the new 2022 Wheaton Regional Park Master Plan and will allow for the abandonment of a dead-end section of Henderson Ave that enters the park; providing space for additional amenities and enhancing safety for park users.

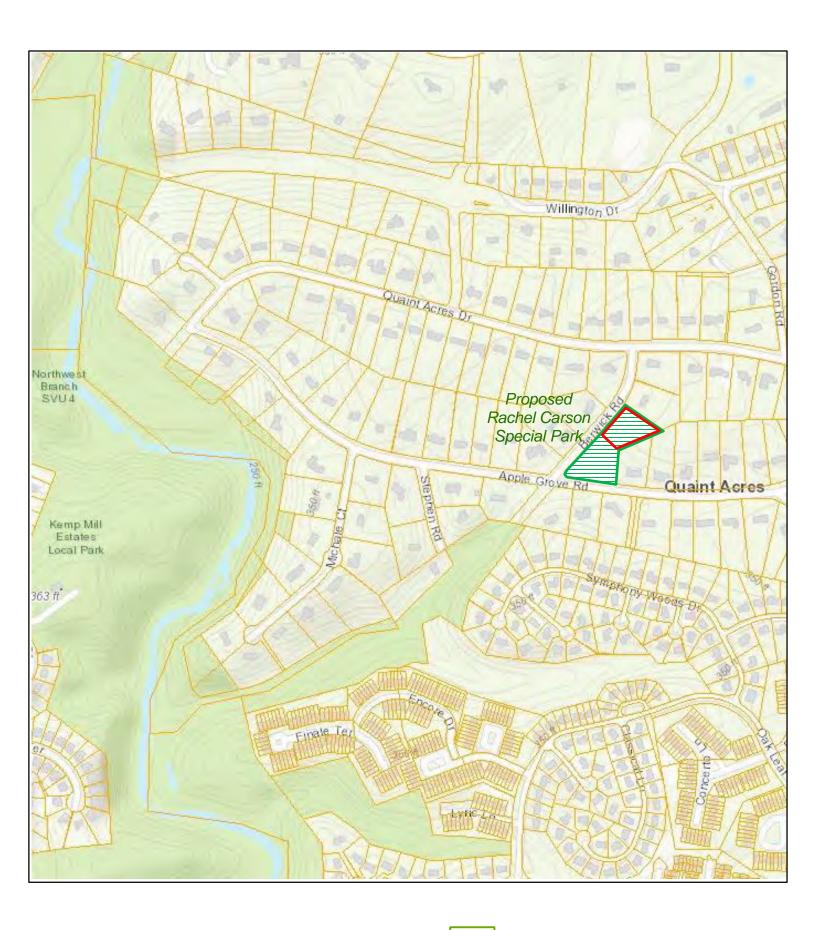
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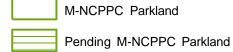
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Pending M-NCPPC Parkland

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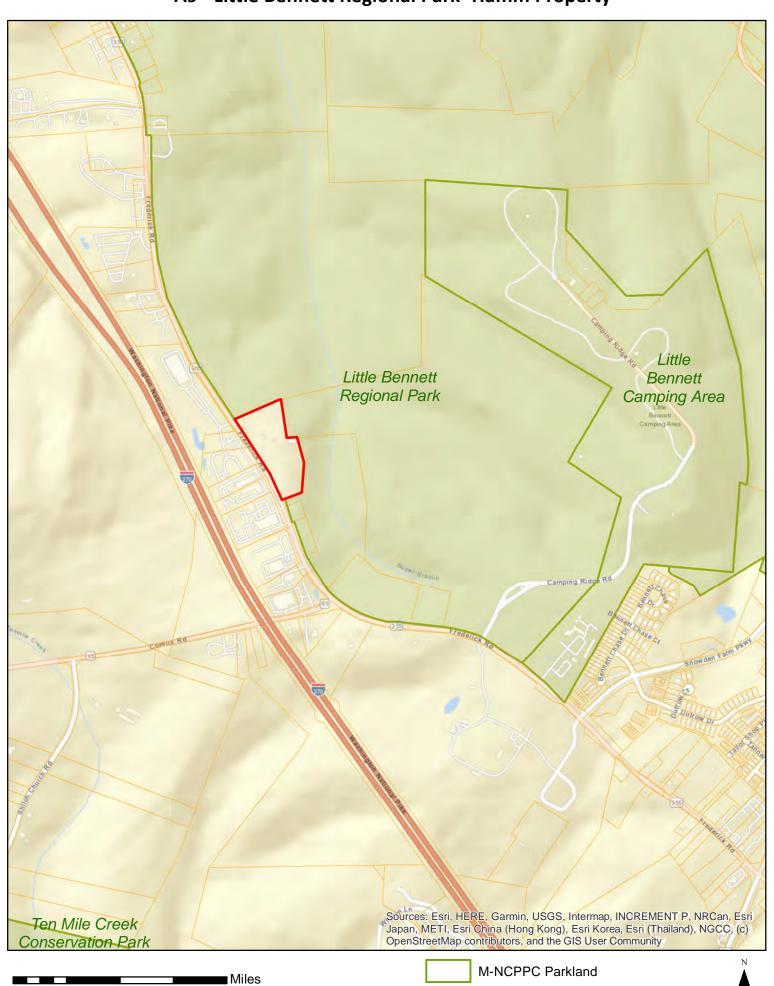
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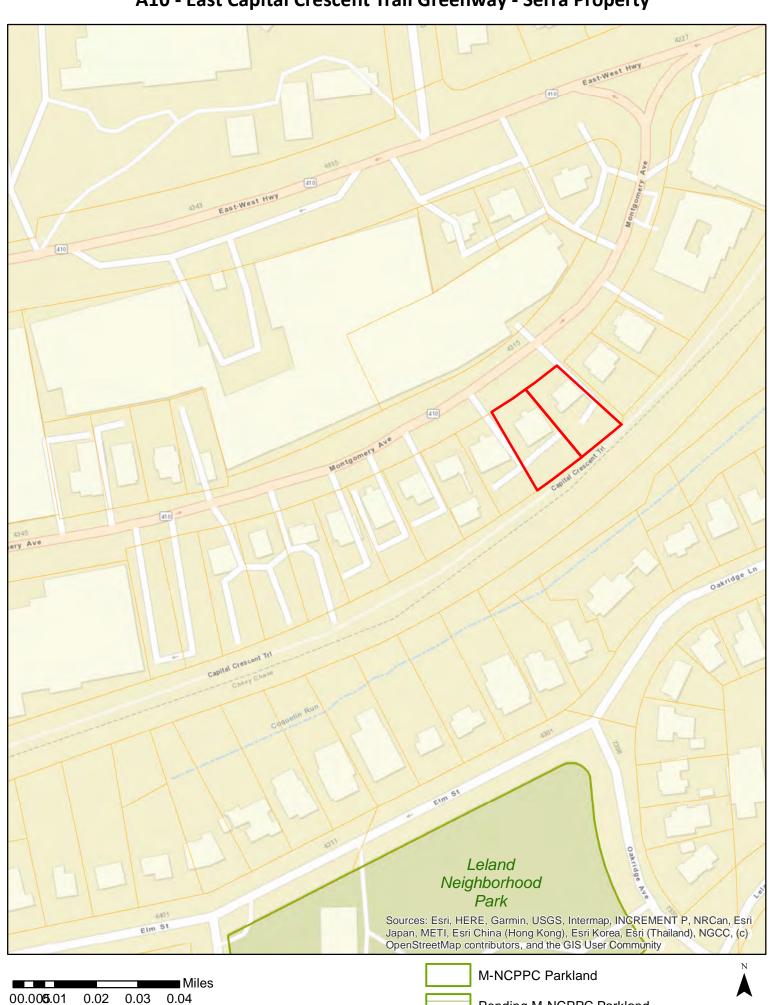
## **A9 - Little Bennett Regional Park- Hamm Property**



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# A10 - East Capital Crescent Trail Greenway - Serra Property



## A11 - East Capital Crescent Trail Greenway - 4314 Montgomery Property



### A12 - East Capital Crescent Trail Greenway - 4308 Montgomery Property

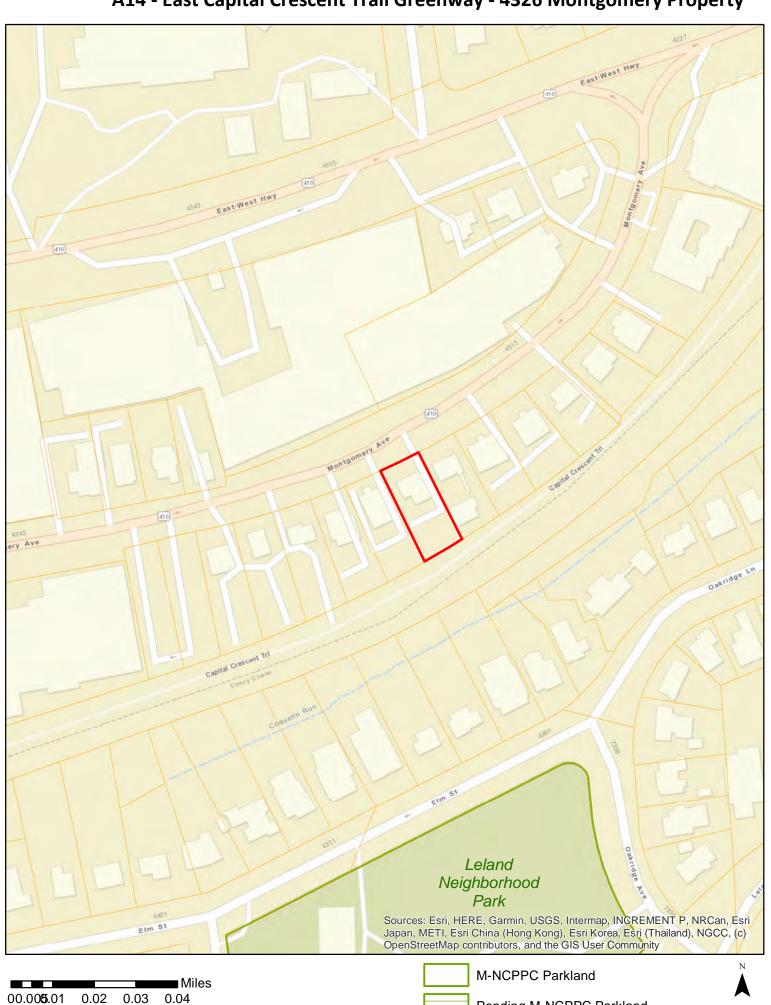




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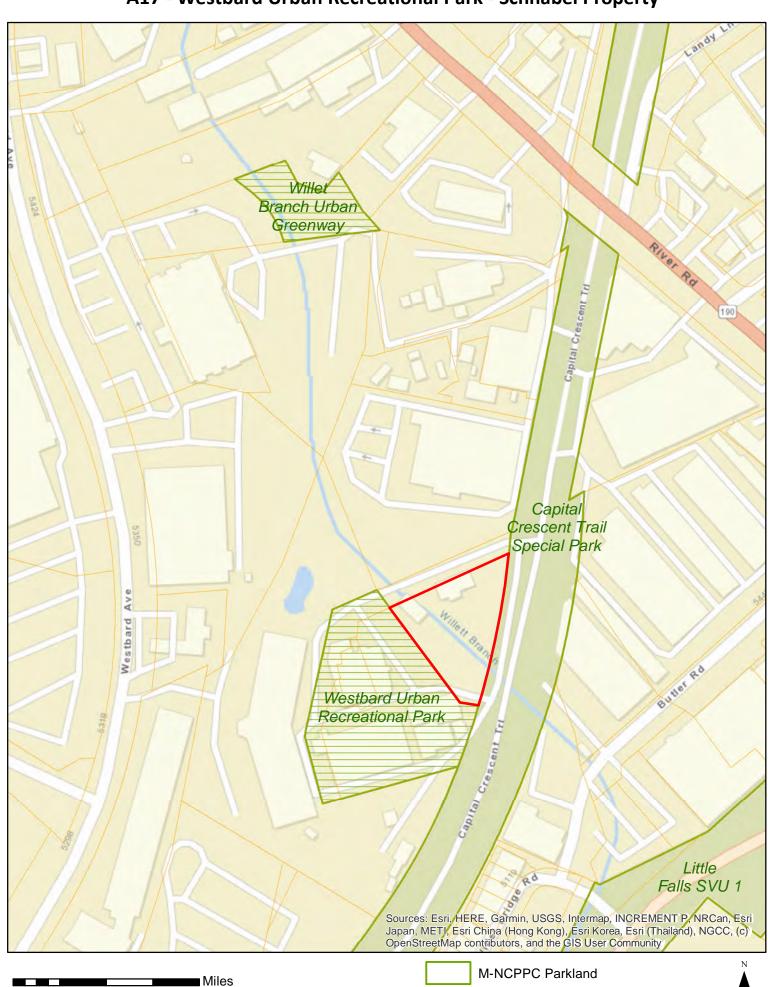


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## A16 - East Capital Crescent Trail Greenway - 4330 Montgomery Property



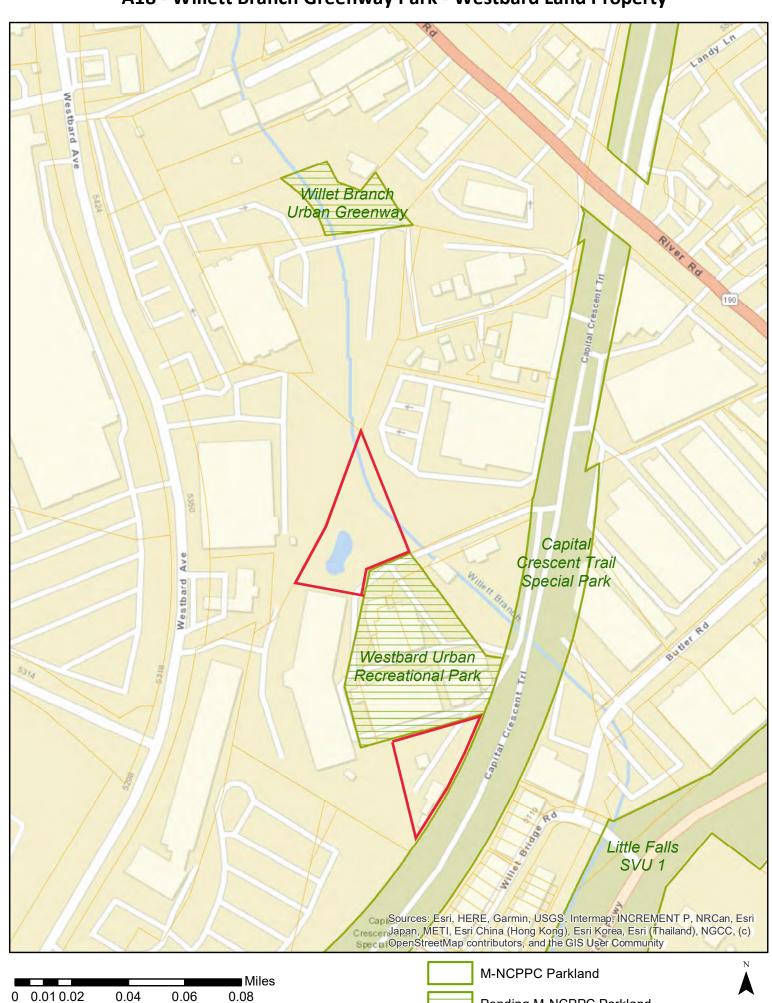
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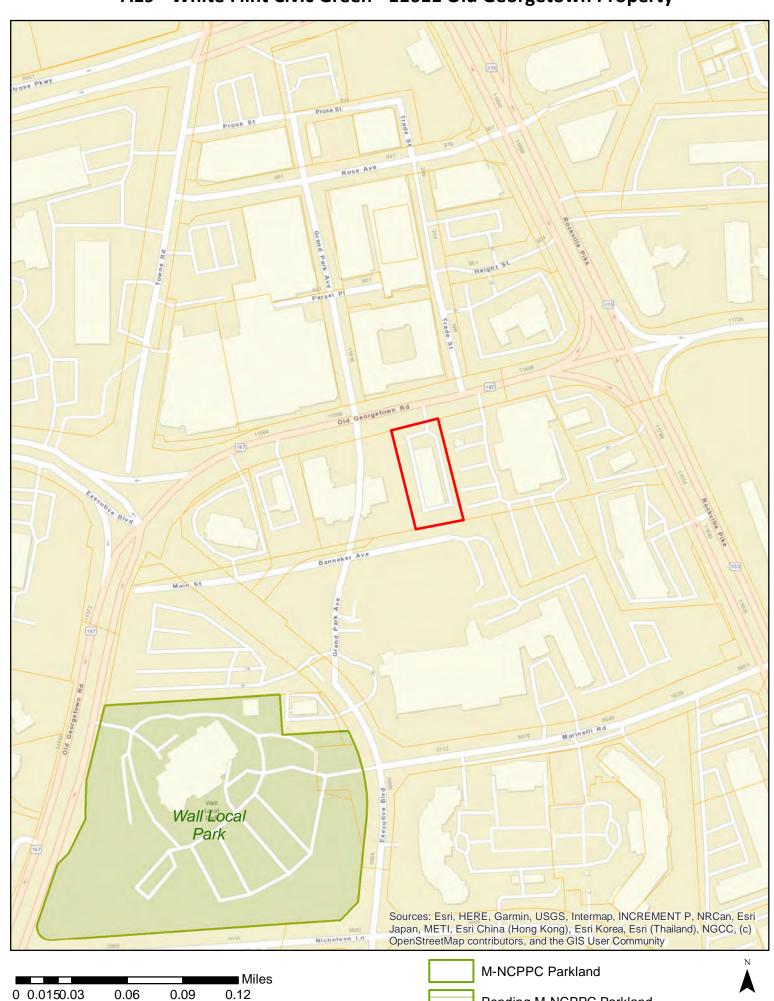
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