

State Of Maryland

2020 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Long Branch-Garland Neighborhood Park		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Smith	Moon	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$350,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Long Branch-Garland Neighborhood Park, including the installation of playground equipment and improvements to the park's grounds		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements: Equal	Type: The matching fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.	
8. Special Provisions		
[<input type="checkbox"/>] Historical Easement	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Emily Mitchell	301-495-2510	emily.mitchell@montgomeryparks.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Montgomery County Department of Parks is a key agency of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), the proud steward of over 37,000 acres of parkland. Our mission is to protect and interpret the county's valuable natural and cultural resources; balance the demand for recreation with the need for conservation; offer a variety of enjoyable recreational activities that encourage healthy lifestyles; and provide clean, safe, and accessible places for leisure-time activities. The Park Development Division is responsible for acquiring parkland and for designing, constructing, and developing parks and completing major renovations.</p>		

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)

Long Branch-Garland Neighborhood Park serves a densely populated, lower-income and ethnically diverse community. The 32-year old playground is in poor condition and needs to be renovated. The purpose of the project is to replace the playground and provide additional neighborhood amenities within the park, including improved paved trail connections and green space. Financial assistance from the State would help upgrade the park for families within the neighborhood several years earlier than would otherwise occur with traditional funding.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	
Design	\$100,000
Construction	\$600,000
Equipment	
Total	\$700,000

13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)

Long Branch-Garland Neighborhood Park State Aid	\$350,000
CIP Program: PLAR Local Park Minor Renovation	\$350,000
Total	\$700,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
December 2020	December 2021	March 2022	December 2022
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
0.00	11,000	11,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2016	\$100,000	Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreational Park	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 9500 Brunett Avenue Silver Spring MD 20901		Long Branch-Garland Neighborhood Park 8601 Garland Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20901	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	20 - Montgomery County		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[X]	[]	[]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Adrian Gardner	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-495-2460		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 9500 Brunett Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20901 Attn: Emily Mitchell, Senior Division Support Specialist			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
8	8	12000.00	10000.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
N/A			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF		N/A	
Space to be Renovated GSF		N/A	
New GSF		N/A	

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion

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28. Comments

Long Branch-Garland Neighborhood Park is a 3.8-acre park that serves a densely populated, lower-income and ethnically diverse community with representation from nearly 50 countries. The park is located immediately adjacent to a cluster of affordable garden apartments, not far from the aging commercial center of Long Branch. The park is also connected to the centrally located Long Branch Stream Valley Park. This is a green spine which includes a network of trails and linkages that provide alternative routes throughout the area, particularly to public facilities. While these connections are well-used, some are perceived as unsafe.

Long Branch-Garland Park includes a 32-year old playground, a single basketball court and a small multi-use open lawn area. The playground is in great need of renovation due to the aging and outdated play equipment, the lack of accessibility within the multi-level play area, and the need to replace materials and equipment which no longer comply with current safety guidelines. The playground is well beyond its projected life cycle of 20 years, and the park needs to be upgraded to meet current codes and guidelines. The park would also benefit from safe and integrated pedestrian connections to adjacent areas and enhancement to provide additional community amenities, such as picnic and seating areas. These improvements will help to activate the park, improve visibility and security, and provide recreational amenities to enhance the quality of life for neighborhood residents.

Our current budget does not allow us to make major renovations to parks and playgrounds as quickly as they are needed. With financial assistance from the State, this vital community park will receive renovations several years before traditional funding would be available. We ask for your support for the renovation of Long Branch-Garland Neighborhood Park.