

State Of Maryland

2021 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Long Branch Stream Valley Signature Bridge		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Smith	Charkoudian	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Long Branch Stream Valley pedestrian community connection bridge		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Senator Will Smith		will.smith@senate.state.md.us
Emily Mitchell		
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.</p>		

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

The purpose of this project is to install a new signature bridge to replace an existing narrow bridge crossing along the Long Branch Trail at Domer Avenue. The bridge provides a vital community connection across the stream valley between schools, parks, retail centers, and the neighborhoods they serve. Additional future transit stations are expected to increase foot and bicycle traffic crossing this vital corridor. The new bridge will be significantly wider than the current bridge, which will better accommodate the existing and future pedestrian/bicycle traffic on the trail and provide a safer stream crossing. This bridge is an important aspect of the overall trail corridor rehabilitation project underway within the Long Branch Stream Valley, which will also rehabilitate an aging playground at Long Branch-Garland Neighborhood Park, adjacent to the bridge site.

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	\$450,000
Equipment	
Total	\$550,000

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

Long Branch Stream Valley Park State Aid	\$200,000
CIP Program: PLAR Non-Local Park Minor Renovation	\$350,000
Total	\$550,000

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
October 2021	April 2022	June 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	6,000	7,400	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2020: Long Branch-G	\$350,000	Planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, rec	
2016: Martin Luther	\$100,000	Planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, rec	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 2425 Reddie Drive, 11th Floor Wheaton, MD 20902		Long Branch-Garland 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	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 2425 Reddie Drive 11th Floor Wheaton, MD 20902 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	9000.00	13000.00
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

approximately 1995

28. Comments

Long Branch Stream Valley Park Unit #1 is a 16.3-acre park that serves a densely populated, lower-income and ethnically diverse community with representation from nearly 50 countries. The stream valley park is located immediately adjacent to a cluster of affordable garden apartments, not far from the aging commercial center of Long Branch. The stream valley is a green corridor which includes a network of trails and linkages that provide alternative routes throughout the area, particularly to public facilities. This corridor provides the user a chance to step away from the busy and heavily urbanized surrounding area and connect to nature in an environmental setting.

The purpose of this project is to install a new signature bridge to replace an existing narrow bridge crossing on the Long Branch Trail at Domer Avenue. The bridge provides a vital community connection across the stream valley between schools, parks, retail centers, and the neighborhoods they serve. In addition, two new proximate transit stations planned as part of the Purple Line are expected to increase foot and bicycle traffic crossing this corridor.

The new bridge will be significantly wider than the current bridge, which will better accommodate the existing and future pedestrian/bicycle traffic on the trail and between neighborhoods. It will increase the quality and comfort of the residents using the trail and visiting the adjacent park, as well as improve the overall safety for park users. The new signature bridge will offer more open views into the stream valley and provide resting areas at each end for trail users to recharge for their continued journey. This bridge is an important aspect of the overall trail corridor rehabilitation project underway within the Long Branch Stream Valley, which will also rehabilitate an aging playground at Long Branch-Garland Neighborhood Park, adjacent to the bridge site.

The Long Branch Domer Avenue Bridge is well beyond its projected life cycle of 20 years and needs to be upgraded to meet current codes and guidelines. Our current budget does not allow us to make major renovations to parks and trail bridge crossings as quickly as they are needed. With financial assistance from the State, this vital community project will receive renovations several years before traditional funding would be available. We ask for your support for these improvements to the Long Branch Stream Valley Park.