

# State Of Maryland

## 2021 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Willet Branch Greenway		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Lee	Korman	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Montgomery County	\$350,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Willett Branch Greenway, including improvements to the site's grounds and the installation of landscaping		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Delegate Korman		marc.korman@house.state.md.us
Senator Lee		
		emily.mitchell@montgomeryparks.org
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (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)

With the support of a Legislative Bond Initiative, Montgomery Parks plans to acquire land to create the future Willett Branch Greenway in the Westbard community. The purpose of the Greenway is to transform a degraded, channelized stream into a community amenity. The Greenway will improve the ecological functioning of the Willett Branch stream, and thus the connected Little Falls watershed, the Potomac, and the Chesapeake Bay. The Greenway will also provide greatly needed pedestrian and bicycle linkages across the Westbard area and between the two existing linear parks in the area (the Little Falls Stream Valley and Capital Crescent Trail). The Greenway will feature a naturalized stream, trails, forested areas, interpretive signage, public art and seating.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	\$700,000
<b>Design</b>	
<b>Construction</b>	
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$700,000

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

Willet Branch Greenway State Aid	\$350,000
CIP Program: Legacy Open Space/ALARF capital accoun	\$350,000
<b>Total</b>	\$700,000

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>	
0.00	N/A	Tens of thousands of trail users	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2020	\$400,000	Willet Branch Greenway	
2019	\$250,000	Josiah Henson Park	
2018	\$200,000	Josiah Henson Park	
2015	\$100,000	Josiah Henson Park	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 2425 Reddie Drive, 11th Floor Wheaton, MD 20902		-Approximate (TBD at point of acquisition)- Willet Branch Greenway 5200 River Road Bethesda MD 20817	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	16 - Montgomery County		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [ X ]	<input type="checkbox"/> [ ]	<input type="checkbox"/> [ ]	<input type="checkbox"/> [ ]
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Adrian Gardner	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	301-495-2460		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
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			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
0	TBD in Design	0.00	20000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
N/A			
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
N/A			
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	N/A		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	N/A		
<b>New GSF</b>	N/A		

<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>	N/A
<b>28. Comments</b>	
<p>One of the major recommendations in the Westbard Sector Plan in Bethesda is for the Willett Branch Greenway. Willett Branch is a stream in the Little Falls watershed, a tributary to the Potomac River. Despite this stream running through the center of a thriving Sector Plan area, the stream is a deteriorated concrete channel currently riddled with litter and graffiti. Parks vision for the Willett Branch Greenway is to turn this blight into a jewel in the area by improving the aesthetic and ecological function of the stream, naturalizing the concrete-lined channel, creating a greenway corridor, providing vital trail connections, and providing a contemplative respite for residents.</p> <p>Montgomery Parks is asking for financial assistance from the State in order to help with the acquisition of additional parcels of land to complete the Greenway. In combination with the previously approved State Bond Bill of \$400,000, supplemental capital will provide substantial funds needed to pursue acquisition in this expensive downcounty area. With the additional land acquisition, the vision of the Willett Branch Greenway as a community asset, unifying feature, and a rare natural area will become a reality, right in the heart of Westbard.</p>	