

# Montgomery Parks Open Parkways

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# Open Parkway Update

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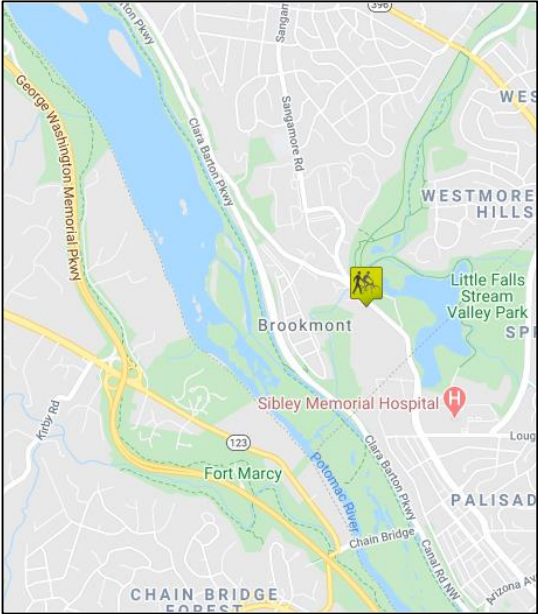
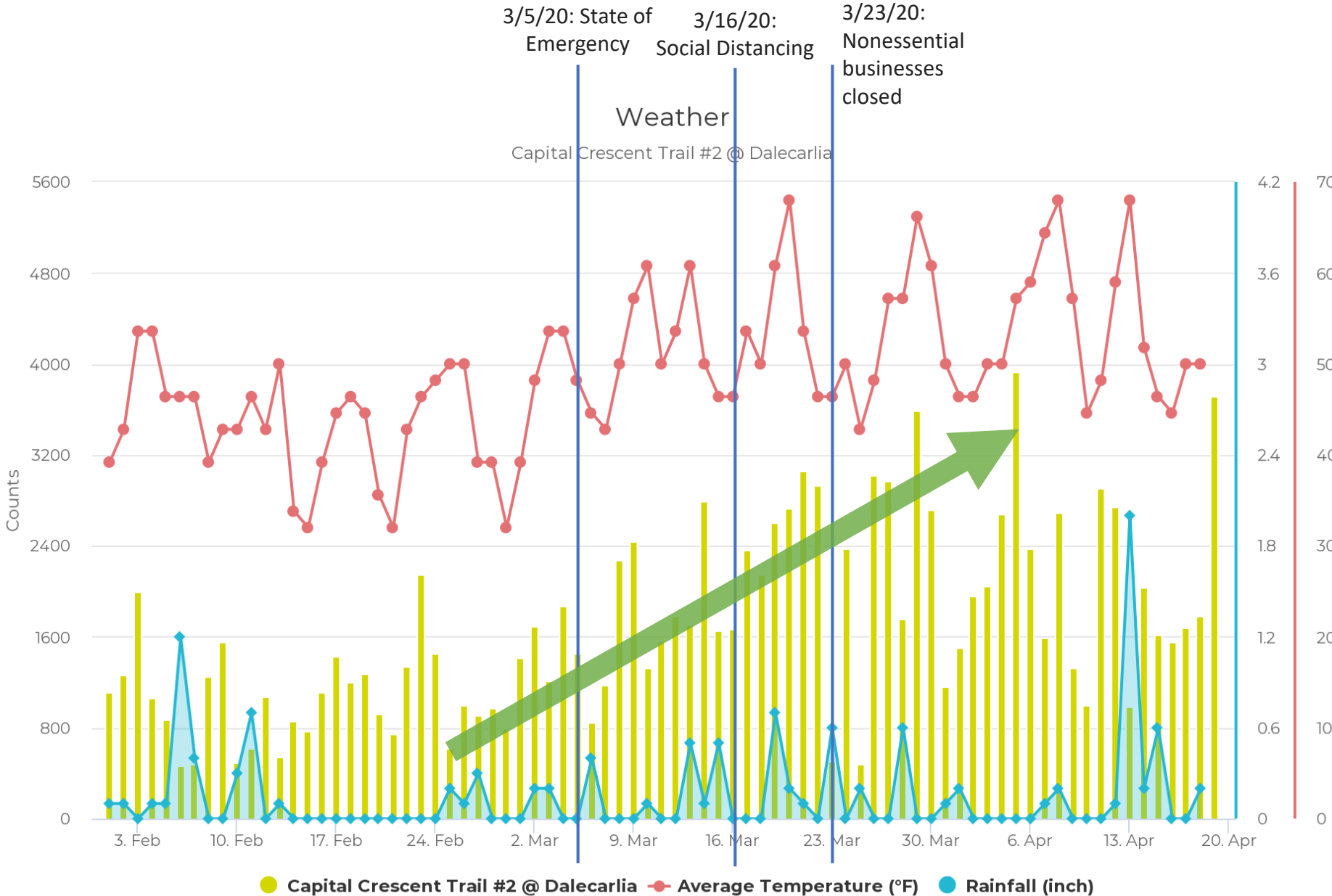


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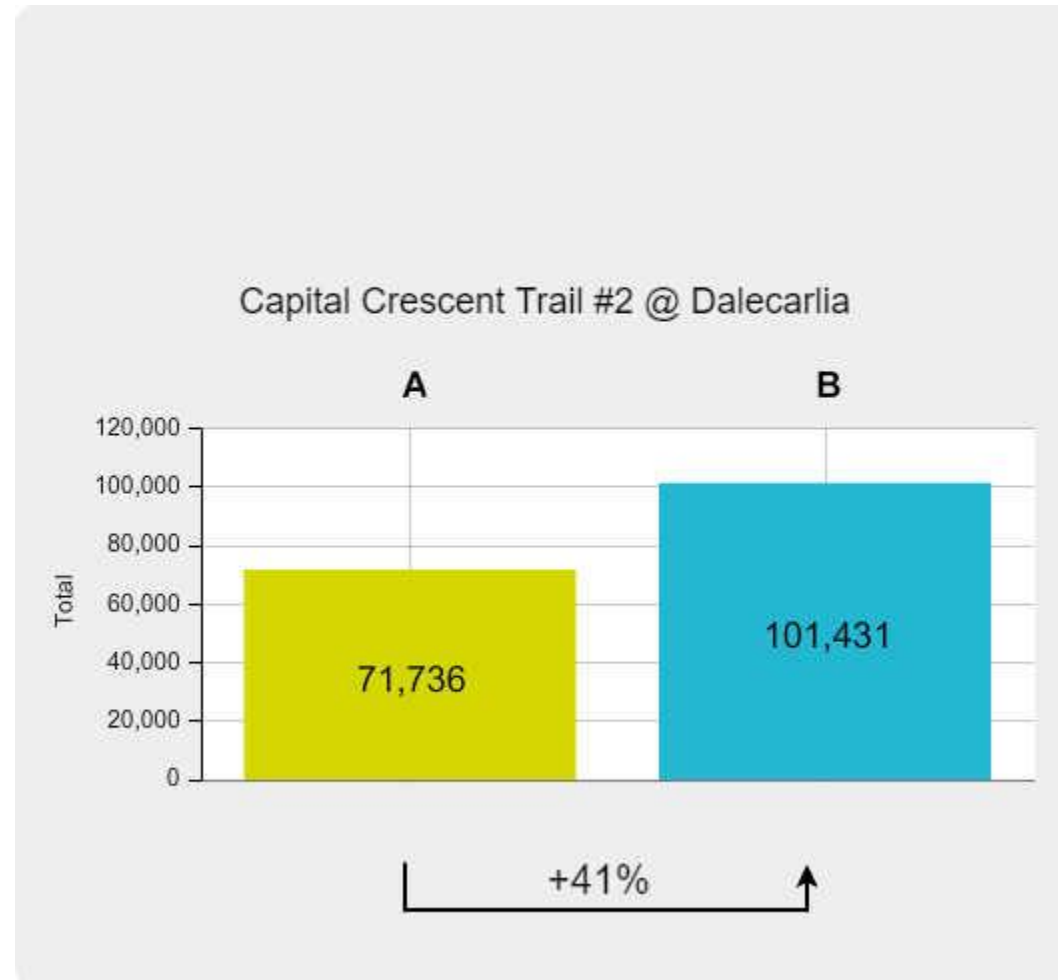
# Introduction



# Eco-Counter: Capital Crescent Trail #2 @ Dalecarlia



# 2019 compared to 2020



03/01/19 – 4/19/19

03/01/20 – 4/19/20

# Purpose of Open Parkways

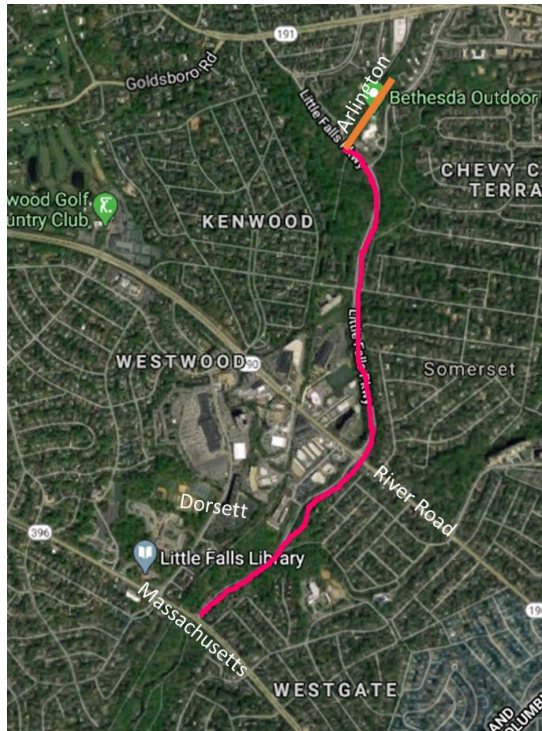


- Provide additional space for people to get outside and practice physical distancing during COVID-19
- Relieve pressure on our most used trails
  - Capital Crescent Trail
  - Sligo Creek Trail
  - Rock Creek Trail

# Locations & Duration

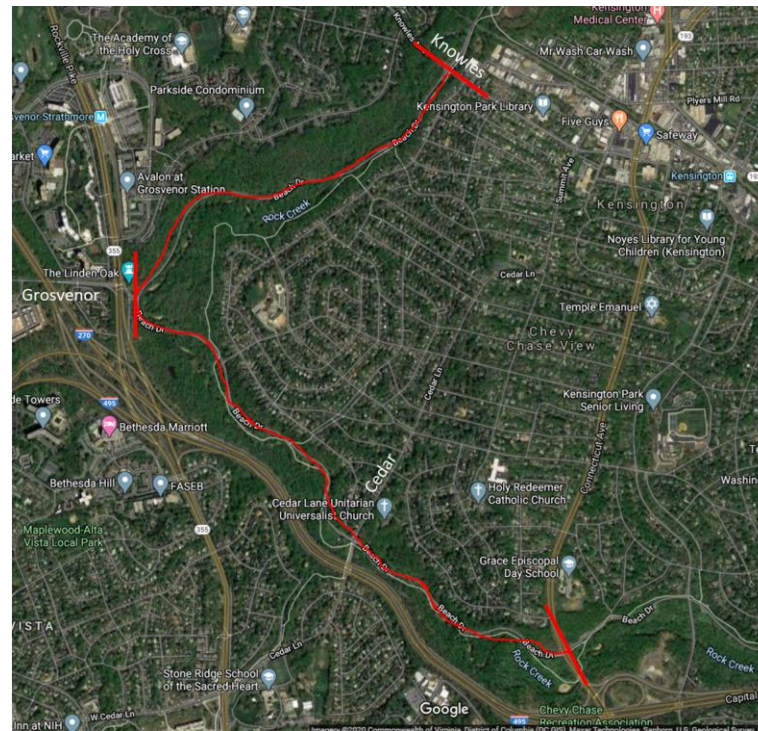
## Little Falls Parkway

Massachusetts Ave. to  
Arlington Rd. (1.3 miles)  
Continues on Arlington Rd



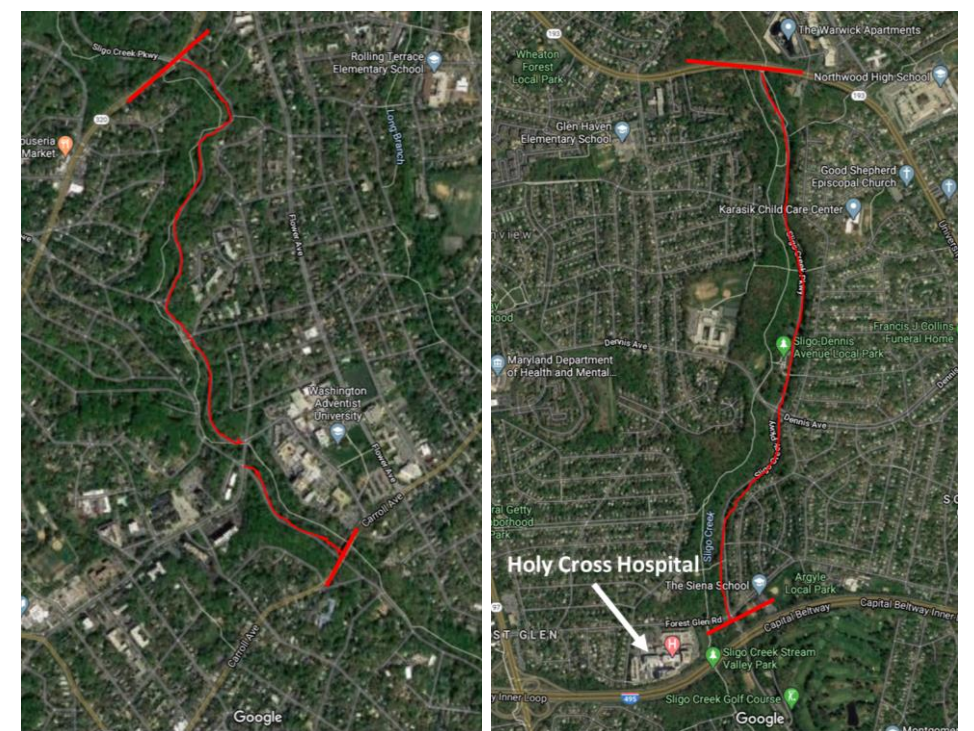
## Beach Drive

Connecticut Avenue to  
Knowles Avenue  
(2.7 miles)



## Sligo Creek Parkway

Old Carroll Avenue to Piney Branch Road  
Forest Glen Road to University Boulevard  
(2.6 miles)



Southern Section

Northern Section

**Friday 9 a.m. through Sunday 6 p.m.**

**Was also open for pedestrians and bicyclists on Memorial Day.**

# Little Falls Parkway





# Beach Drive and Rock Creek Trail



# Sligo Creek Parkway and Trail



**TRUCKS**  
RESTRICTED BRIDGE  
SINGLE UNIT  
30,000 LBS GVW  
COMBINATION UNIT  
30,000 LBS GCW  
ON PARK VALLEY RD  
← 200 FEET

# Team Effort

- Park & Planning Board
- Park Director & Deputy Directors
- Park Planning & Stewardship Division (PPSD)
- Southern Park Operations
- Park Police
- Park Development Division (PDD)
- Public Affairs & Community Partnerships (PACP)
- Facilities Management
- Exhibit Shop
- MCDOT



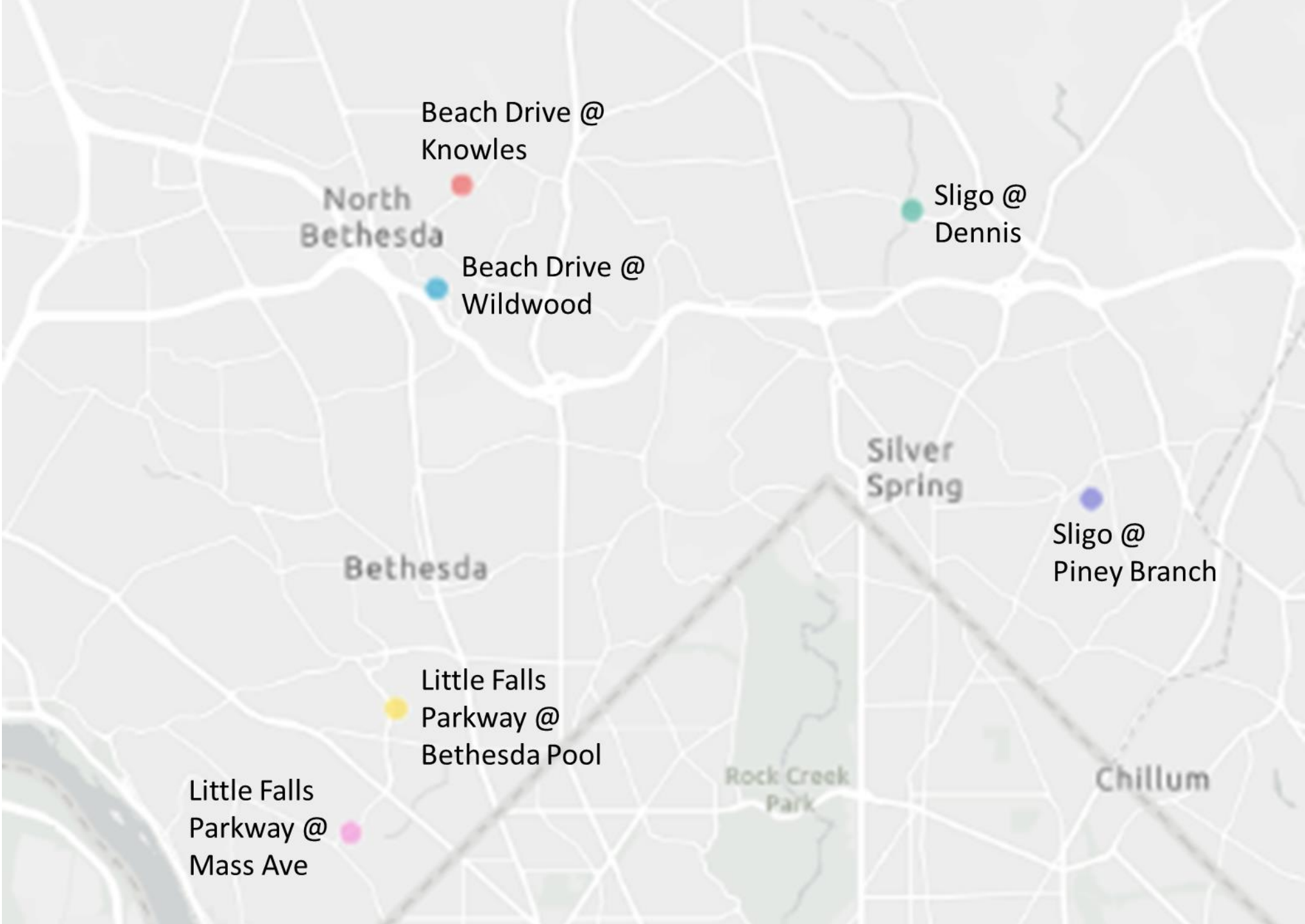
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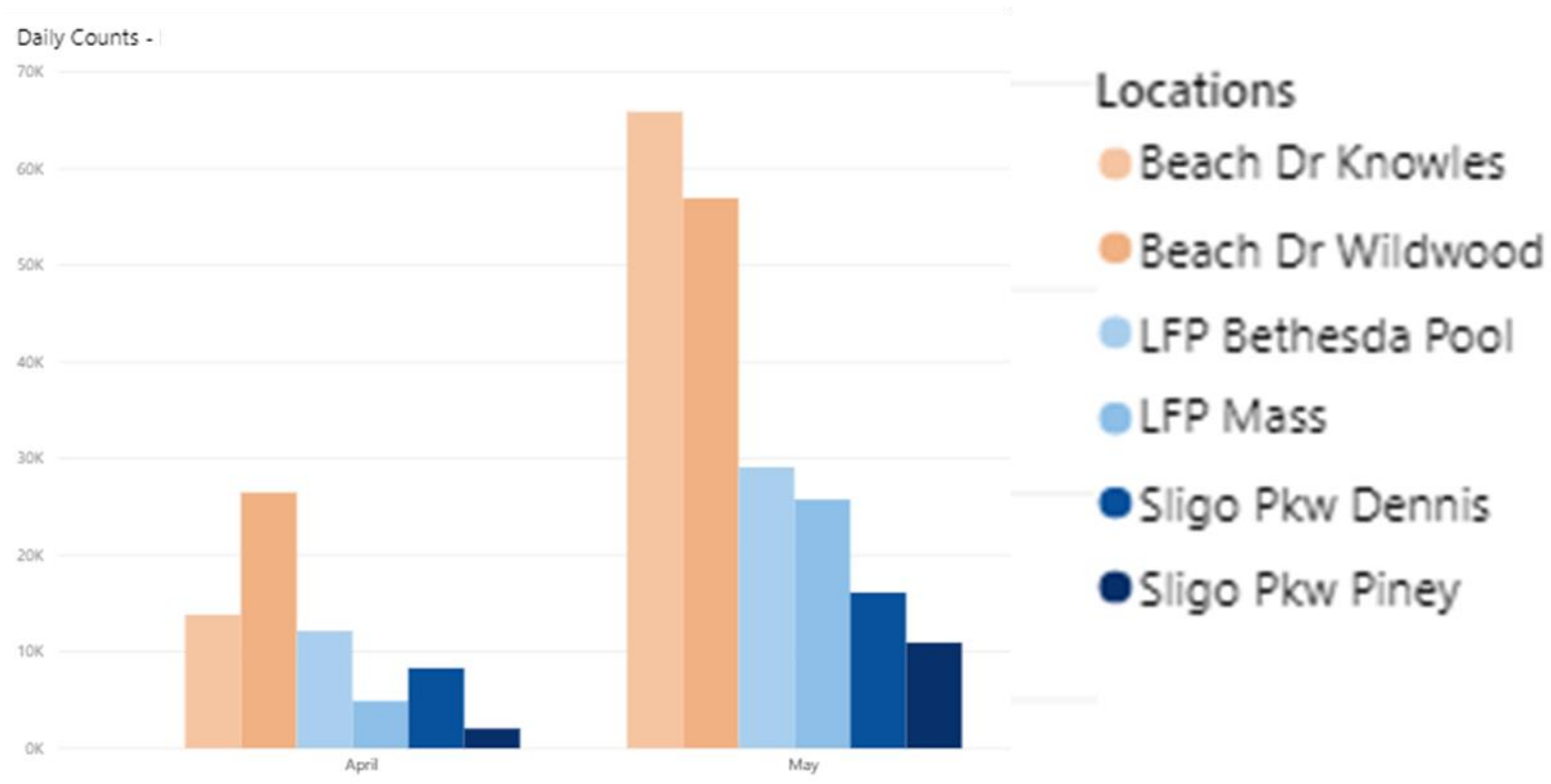


**Counts**

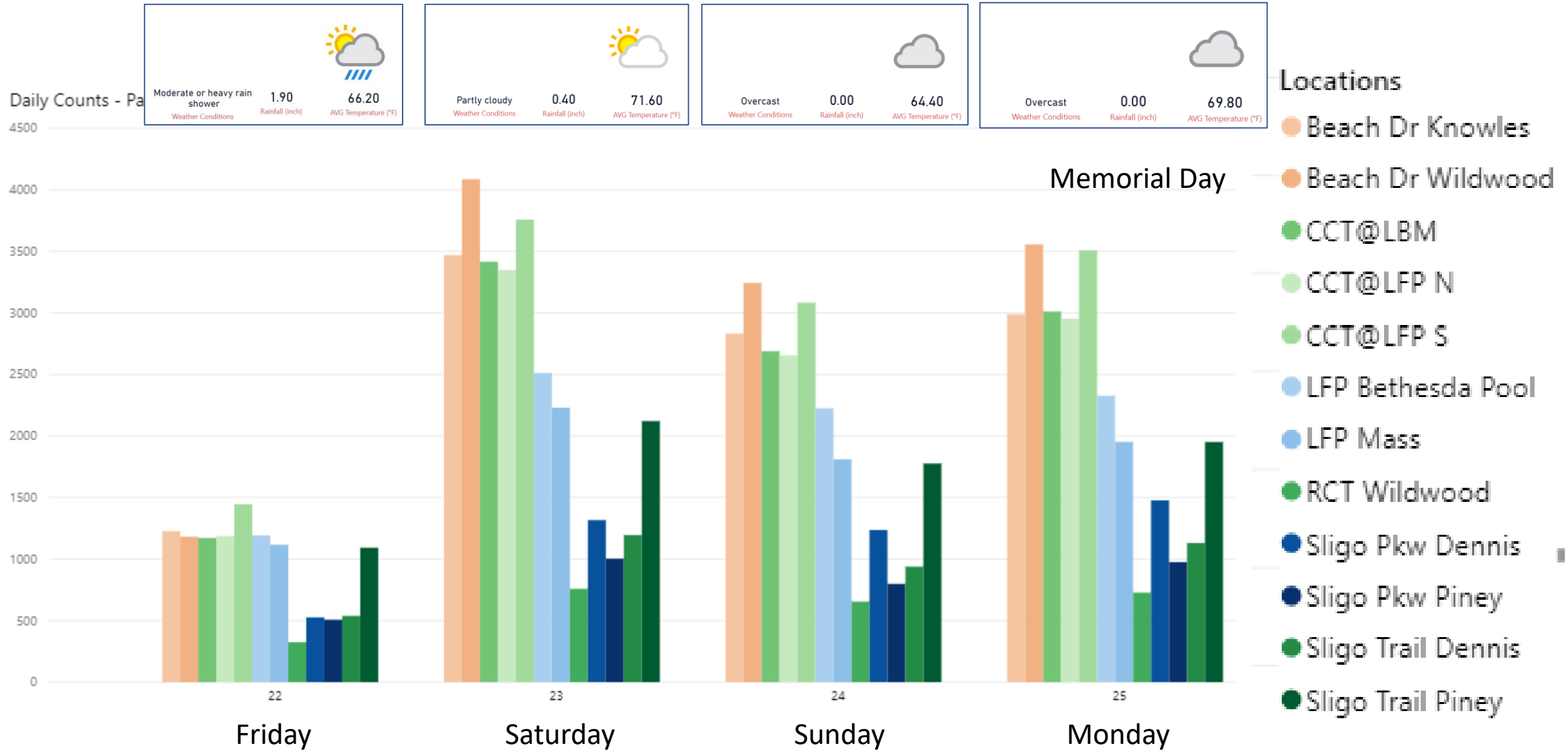
# Parkway Counter Locations



# Guesses?



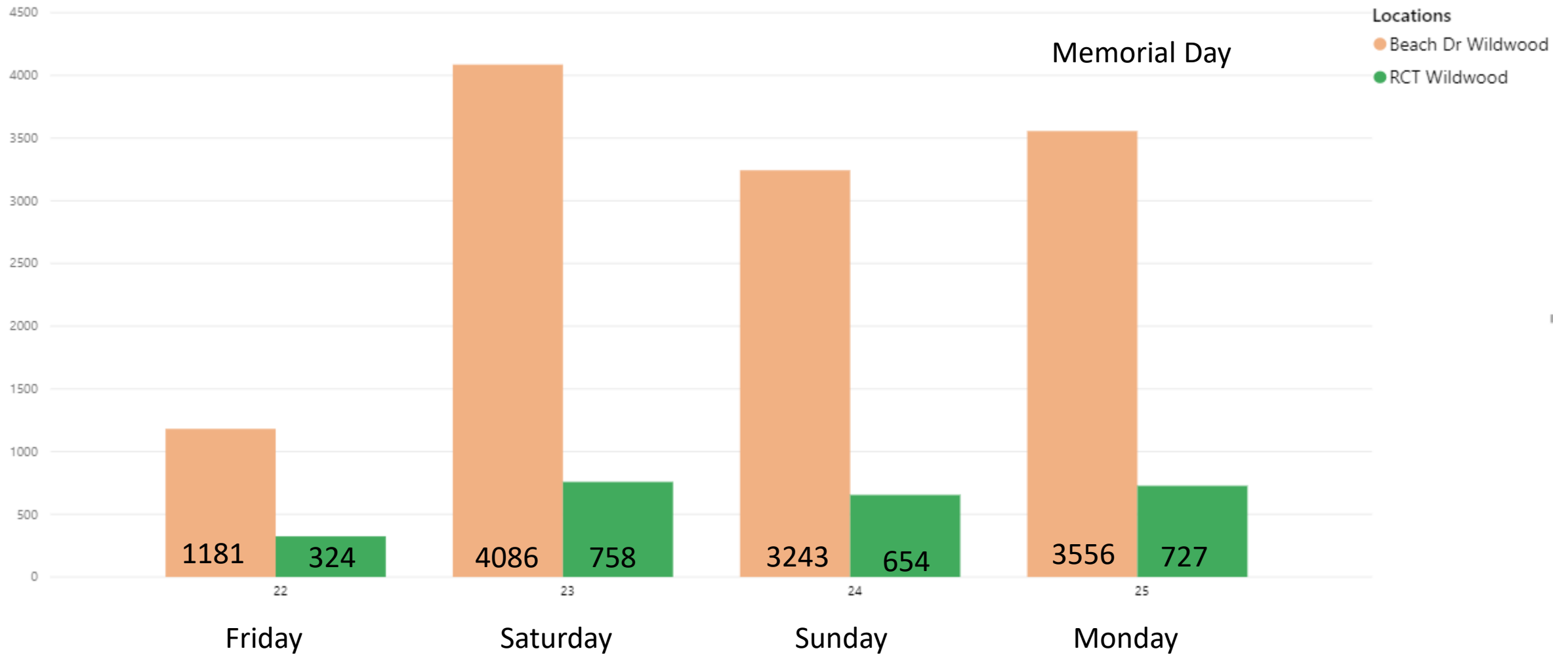
# Memorial Day Weekend (May 22, 23, 24, 25)





# Trail vs. Parkway -- Beach Dr. & Rock Creek Trail

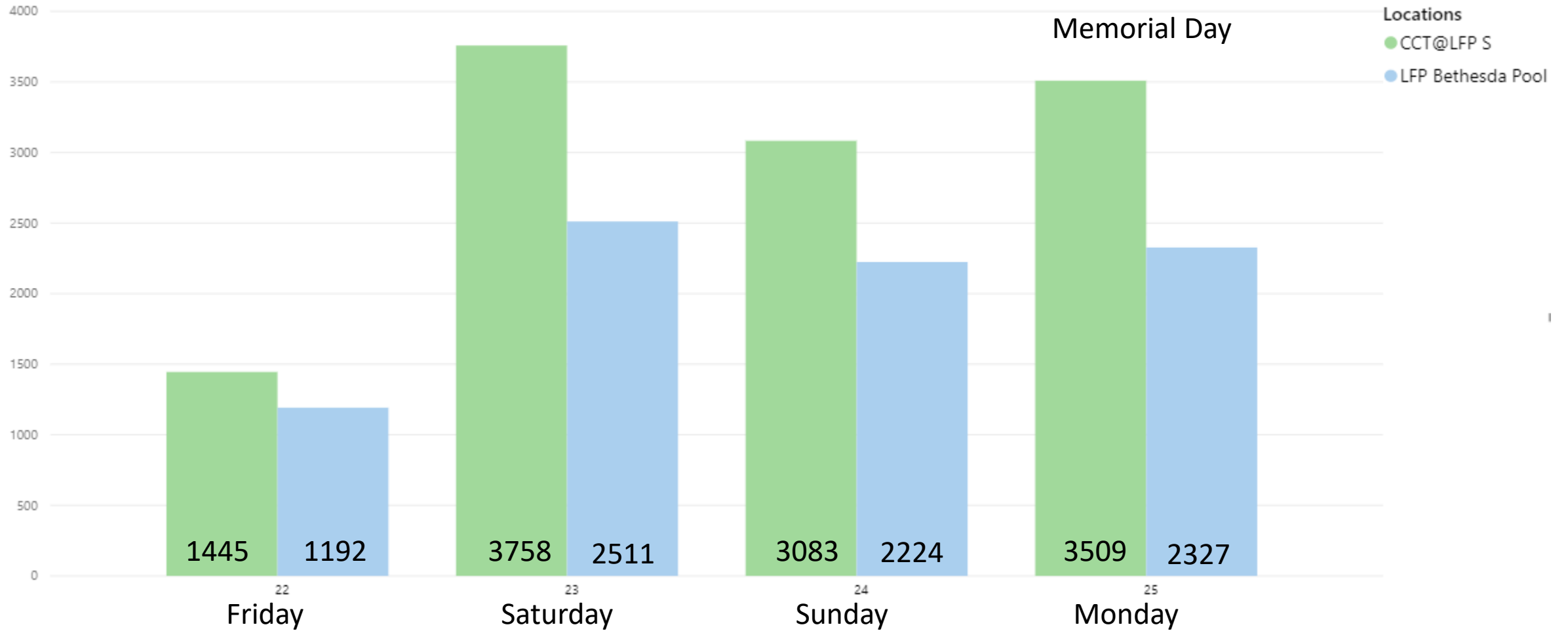
Daily Counts - Parkways & Trails



**Big Winner = Parkway**

# Trail vs. Parkway -- Capital Crescent Trail & Little Falls Parkway

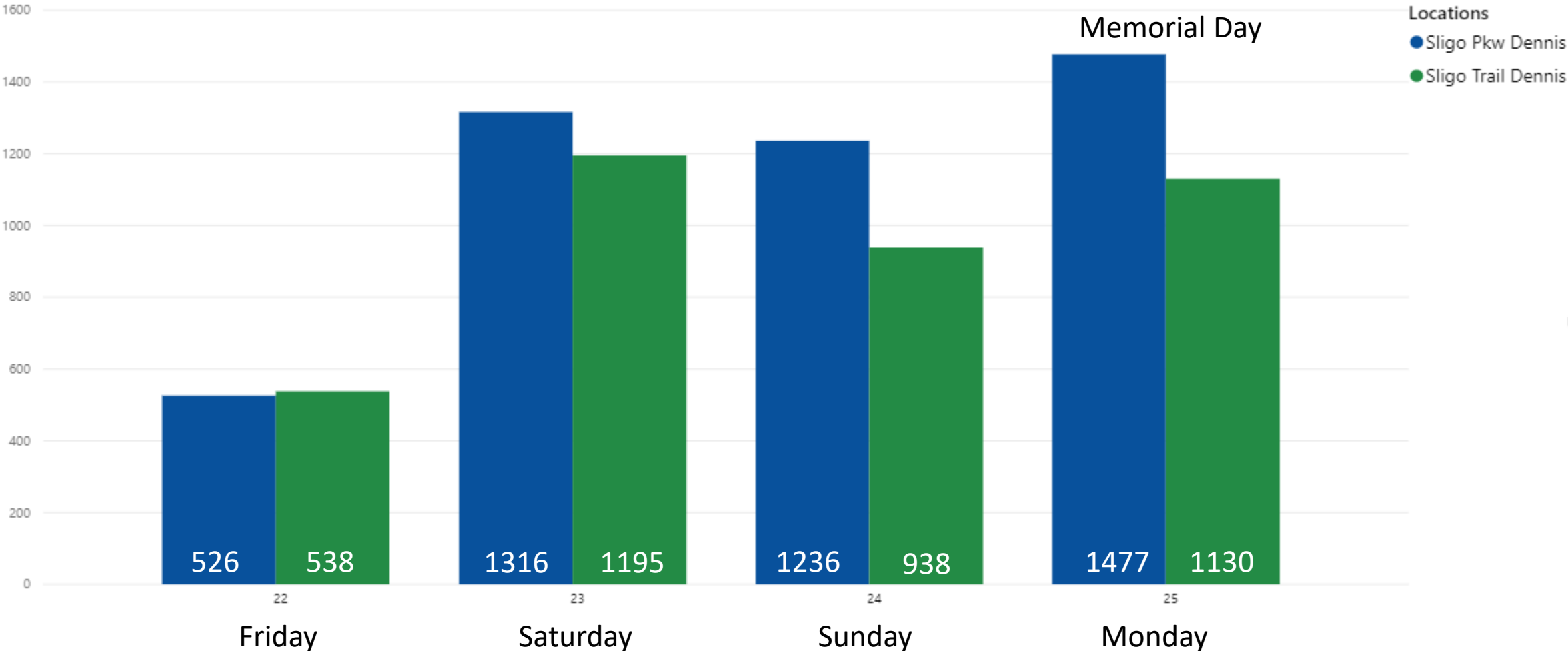
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**Winner = Trail**

# Trail vs. Parkway -- Sligo @ Dennis Ave.

Daily Counts - Parkways & Trails



**Close one!**

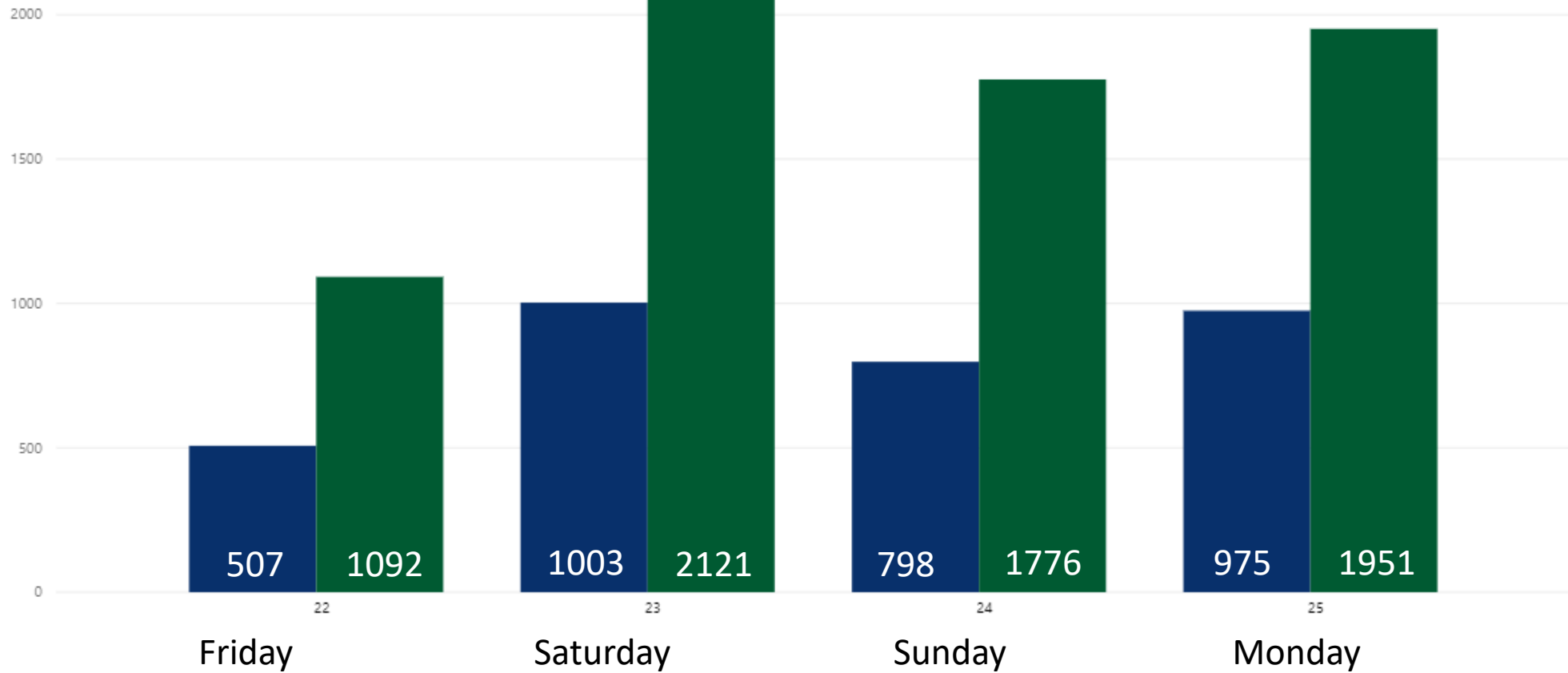
**Slight Edge = Parkway**

# Trail vs. Parkway -- Sligo @ Piney Branch Road

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Memorial Day

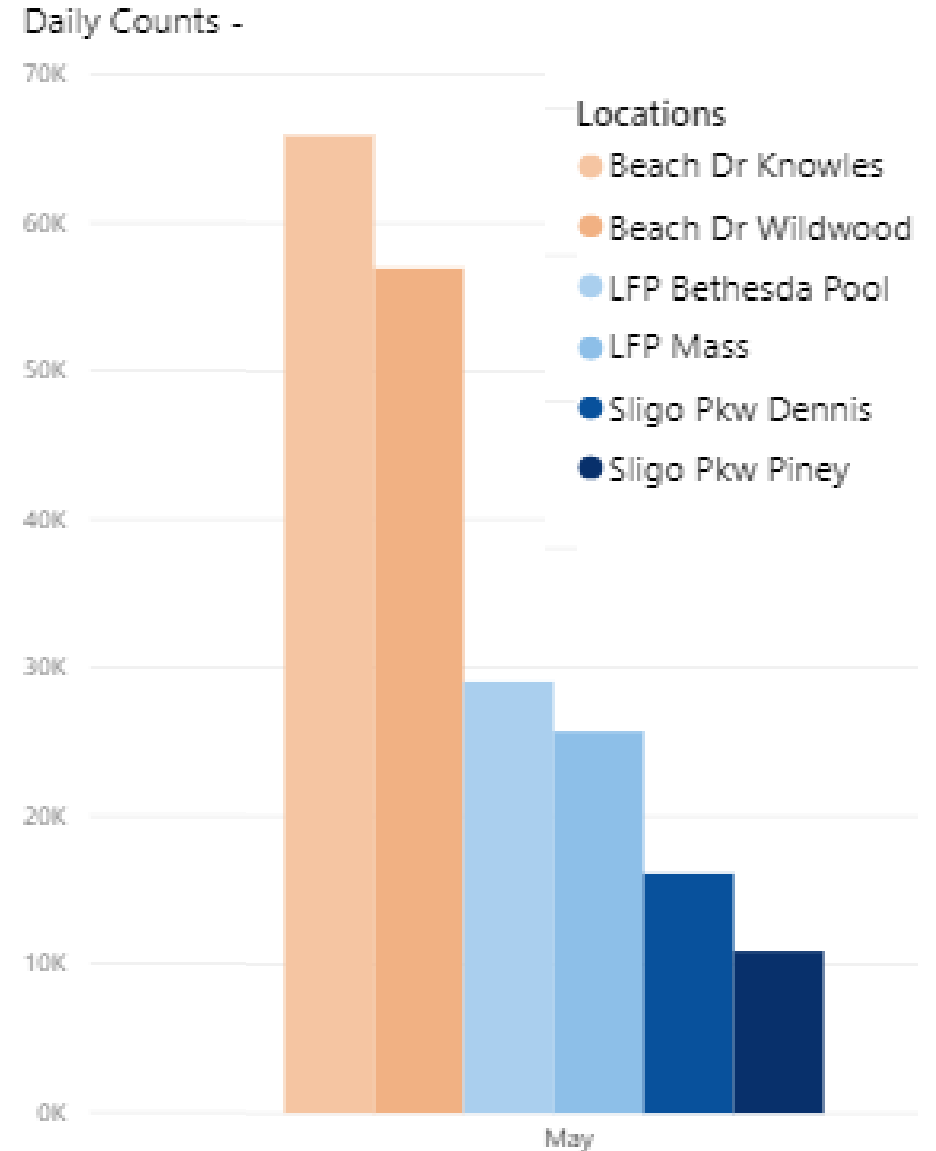
Locations  
● Sligo Pkw Piney  
● Sligo Trail Piney



**Big Winner = Trail**

# Counting Conclusions

- The Open Parkways have provided additional space for 10s of thousands of users
- Where the Open Parkway is consistently visible from the trail, parkway use increases
- Weather matters
- Volumes across locations vary, but tend to trend together based on day of the week and weather



# Feedback & Lessons Learned

- More messaging on trails to direct trail users to Parkway closures and encourage physical distancing
- More room at crossings; People are being channelized to narrow gaps & mud
- Larger maps
- Welcome Banners: “Road Closed to Motor Vehicles. Open for Walking and Biking.”
- Drop “Ahead” from road closure signs



# Stencils

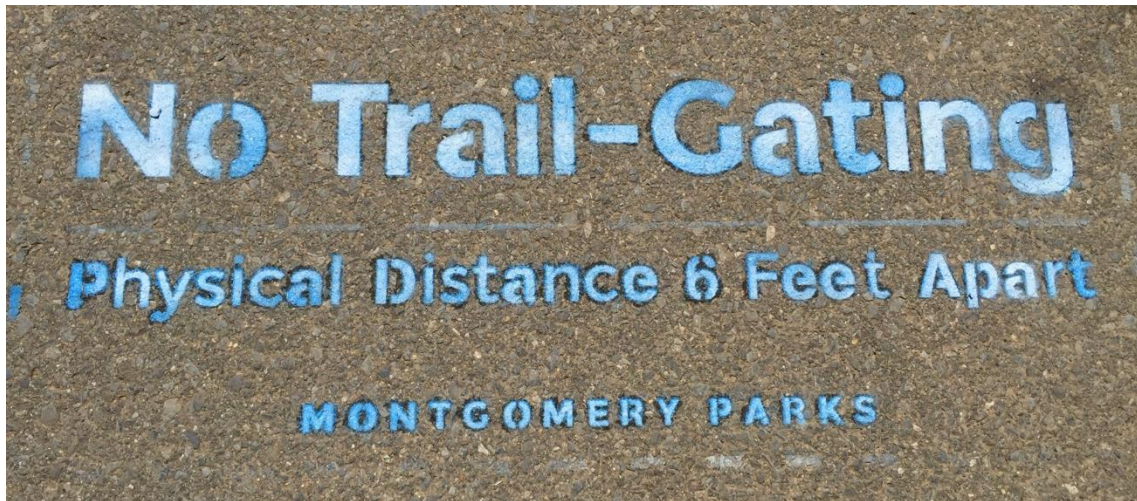


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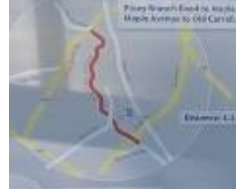


# Gates



### Sligo Creek Trailway (South)

Closed to motor vehicle traffic on Sundays 6 am - 6 pm



Support the Baltimore Bike Club by taking a ride on the trail. The trail is open to all cyclists.

# Connecticut Ave. & Beach Drive - Before



# Connecticut Ave and Beach Drive – Now\*



\* “now” not “after” – we are continually refining and improving the treatments

# Old Carroll -- Before



# Old Carroll – Now\*



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Thanks for listening!