

FY27 Capital Budget and FY27-32 Capital Improvements Program CIP Budget

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Thank you for this opportunity

I am Jennifer Trujillo

a Lifetime Montgomery County Resident and Home and Business Owner.

Our Parks play a Vital role in building strong communities, protecting our environment, ecosystems, watersheds AND providing community spaces for physical activities & social gatherings for ALL Ages and ALL Abilities through Active and Passive recreation, participation, observation, and reflection.

In our current difficult times and in ANY times... parks are more needed than ever!

With ALL of That and MORE in Mind

I am requesting the following for Upcoming Budgets

[FY2027-2032 and Beyond CIP]:

Full Funding for Montgomery County Parks Budgets

Full funding for implementing the updated Wheaton Regional Park Master Plan, including Rehabilitating aging facilities AND Creating the new Wheaton Action Sports Park.

Including spaces that offer a broad array of action sports to be able to Appeal to, Inspire, and Engage ALL types of people of ALL ages, body types, skill levels, etc:

offering Progressive challenges from beginner, through intermediate, and all the way up to advanced in Welcoming and Safe Environments.

This will ensure appeal to Casual, Impromptu, and to Planned, and High Skilled and Competitive Use. All of which will help our local economies.

Please allocate and spend the money to hire the Appropriate EXPERTS for designing and building the Pump Track, Skate Park, and the Bouldering & Climbing Areas. I CANNOT Stress Enough from First and Second Hand Experience the Gargantuan Impact these choices could have in the Reality that these features will be Safe AND Usable by ALL Skill Levels and ALL Ages

IF, designed and built CORRECTLY-. Like the differences in eating ice cream or soup with chopsticks vs. a spoon for an unskilled, untrained user.

And Please Fully Fund Family Friendly Spots in the Action Sports Park and in ALL of our parks so that kids, kids of all ages, parents, and caretakers can enjoy our parks together with ALL of our Family, Chosen Family, and Community Members.

As in make sure they are Accessible for ALL, Have Shade, Water, Bathrooms, Seating and Resting Spaces, Lights, Electricity, and maybe even WiFi and More....

AND ensure the Park is Safely Accessible and Connected to Public Transportation AND via ALL other alternative Transportation and Pedestrian, included wheeled, Modalities.

Please Fully Fund Continued Vision Zero plans for our ENTIRE region.

And Fully Fund and Build a Strong, Safe, and Accessible Regional trail network - including both Natural and Paved surfaces AND work to connect MoCo trails with surrounding counties as well as DC and even VA.

Please reaffirm your prior recommendation to fully support increasing Capital funding for natural surface trails to \$1 million.

[This investment is justified, overdue, and urgently needed]

Please Increase funding to implement Montgomery Parks' new solar initiative and continue Our Parks commitment to watershed and ecosystems protections and improvements.

[In Summary, Please Fully Fund All of the Park Improvements and Trail Improvements and Developments and Fully Fund rehabilitating and modernizing our aging infrastructures and ALL existing Park Amenities.]

I appreciate the duties and responsibilities which you have been entrusted to uphold and the hard decisions that you are faced with

And

I Thank you for your time, attention, hard work, dedication, and your careful consideration.

Be Well

Jennifer Trujillo