

Warner Circle Special Park -- No. 118703

Category **M-NCPPC**
 Subcategory **Development**
 Administering Agency **M-NCPPC**
 Planning Area **Kensington-Wheaton**

Date Last Modified
 Required Adequate Public Facility
 Relocation Impact
 Status

May 24, 2010
No
None
Planning Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY09	Est. FY10	Total 6 Years	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	250	0	0	250	200	50	0	0	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	250	0	0	250	200	50	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

State Bonds (P&P only)	250	0	0	250	200	50	0	0	0	0	0
Total	250	0	0	250	200	50	0	0	0	0	0

DESCRIPTION

Warner Circle Special Park (WCSP), located on Carroll Place in the heart of the Kensington historic district, was the home of Brainard Warner, the founder of the Town of Kensington, Maryland, and a significant figure in the development of Montgomery County. This 4.5-acre property was acquired by M-NCPPC in 2005-2006 through the Legacy Open Space program to achieve three public needs: a) preservation of two historic buildings of countywide significance, b) preservation of historic landscaped open space that has served as de facto public parkland for decades, and c) provision of another public benefit through adaptive reuse of the large historic buildings. Planning and design work for this new park has been underway since 2006. Several years of close coordination with the Town of Kensington and other interested communities has resulted in the identification of community needs and desires that are being incorporated into the design. This PDF will fund construction of the completed design that focuses on three goals for the new park:

1. Create a landscaped open space park that serves as a Town Green for Kensington and supports county-wide public events
2. Provide historical and archaeological interpretation of this important historical site to the County's citizens
3. Restore and rehabilitate the historic structures through adaptive reuse as staff offices and laboratory space.

It is essential to activate vacant buildings on Parks' historic inventory with appropriate uses to prevent deterioration. This project will accomplish that for a large publicly-owned historic site with county-wide significance.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Schematic Design (35%) and a Landscape Master Plan are currently underway and expected to be completed by early FY11. Final Design will be pursued in FY11 to be prepared for construction as soon as funds are available in FY12 or beyond.

JUSTIFICATION

Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation (1979); Kensington Historic District listed in 1986; From Artifact to Attraction: A Strategic Plan for Cultural Resources in Parks (January 2006); National Register of Historic Places: Kensington Historic District (1980); Vision for Kensington: A Long-Range Preservation Plan (1992); Legacy Open Space Functional Master Plan (2001).

FISCAL NOTE

In 2004 and 2006, \$250,000 in state bond bills were awarded to M-NCPPC. An additional \$1.1 million in state and federal bonds and grants will be pursued.

OTHER DISCLOSURES

- A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.
- M-NCPPC asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

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