



CAPITAL PROJECTS

FISCAL YEAR 2027

Howard County
Recreation & Parks



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FY 2027 Executive Proposed 5 Year Capital Budget Project Type Summary
RECREATION AND PARKS

Revenue Source		Prior Approp	Current FY	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	Total
B	BONDS	85,492	0	0	0	0	0	0	85,492
D	DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION	980	0	0	0	0	0	0	980
G	GRANTS	65,284	3,550	2,550	2,550	2,550	1,000	1,300	78,784
O	OTHER SOURCES	6,667	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,667
OG	Other GO	8,870	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,870
P	PAY AS YOU GO	10,007	3,560	0	0	0	0	0	13,567
T	TRANSFER TAX	57,642	9,320	4,000	4,500	5,000	4,800	1,000	86,262
Total		234,942	16,430	6,550	7,050	7,550	5,800	2,300	280,622

N3102 Blandair Regional Park

Description

- A project to master plan, design, and construct a 298-acre regional park, and restore the 19th century Blandair Mansion

Justification

- Blandair North includes the historic mansion & slave quarters
- Opportunity to provide historic programming and additional park amenities

Project Status

- Phase VI completion in June
- Design of the mansion restoration underway
- Slave quarters restoration is in procurement

Key Points

- Design of mansion restoration to continue in FY27
- North meadow management

FY27 Budget request

- \$900,000 decrease in T-Tax to \$150,000



- Mansion restoration design has begun
- Mansion interior has been inventoried and cleaned out.
- Slave Quarters restoration design/build going to procurement

N3959 Patapsco Female Institute

Description

- A project to design and construct site improvements related to the historic Patapsco Female Institute.

Justification

- Supported by key preservation and recreation organizations
- Aligns with multiple County Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plans
- Advances goals for historic site and park rehabilitation

Project Status

- Pathway construction completed
- Stucco and stone re-pointing completion in May
- Restroom facility is in design

Key Points

- Design and construction of pavilion & first floor drainage & paver improvements

FY27 Budget request

- \$175,000 increase in T-Tax

N3963 Pathway and Trail Rehab and Expansion

Description

- A project to rehabilitate and expand existing pathway and trail network

Justification

- Expands and improves trail network, including key park and pathway connections

Project Status

- Continuing trail and bridge improvements, including Savage Bollman Truss & Mill Trail
- Woodland Road path bridge and Savage Bollman improvements scheduled for completion
- Gray Rock bridge design is underway

Key Points

- Advancing multiple trail and bridge improvement projects

FY27 Budget request

- \$520K T-Tax for trail and bridge improvements
- \$200K POS Grants for pathway enhancements and grant match

Savage Mill Trail - Access Trail #2



Woodland Road Bridge



N3973 East Columbia Library Athletic Field and Site Improvements

Description

- Upgrade athletic fields at East Columbia Library (Cradlerock Park), construct pathways, pavilion, playground, basketball courts and age friendly fitness equipment.

Justification

- Identified in multiple Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plans
- Improves player safety and increases field utilization
- Provides additional park amenities requested by the community

Project Status

- Project underway
- Completion anticipated in FY27

Key Points

- Design reflects the requests of the surrounding community and sports groups

FY27 Budget request

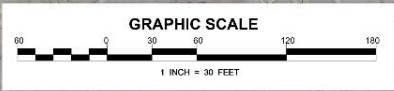
- \$450K T-Tax for project management and contingency funding

CRADLEROCK PARK

Howard County Dept. of Recreation & Parks

SITE PLAN

December 2025



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N3978 Parkland Acquisition Program

Description

- Countywide fund for parkland acquisition and related expenses
- Enables quick acquisition of land for parks, open space, and resource protection

Justification

- Advances greenway goals, protects natural resources, and expands parkland

Project Status

- Ongoing land acquisition program
- FY26 acquisitions include the 4-acre Fairview property

Key Points

- Supports strategic and timely land purchases
- Protects environmentally sensitive areas
- Expands and connects park and open space system
- Appraisals and feasibility studies for FY27 potential acquisitions underway

FY27 Budget request

- \$100K T-Tax for property-related expenses
- \$550K POS Grants for land acquisition (25% of Program Open Space Funds)

N3981 Ilchester Park and Recreation Center

Description

- Plan, design, and renovate 16-acre former Camp Ilchester site in Ellicott City
- Includes development of park amenities and indoor facilities

Justification

- Identified in multiple Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plans
- Expands recreational access and repurposes existing site for public use
- Provides access to overnight camps through DRP

Project Status

- Phase I exterior and indoor improvements underway
- Public access anticipated upon completion in FY27

Key Points

- Transforms former camp into public recreation space
- Phased development approach with indoor and outdoor amenities

FY27 Budget request

- \$1.0M T-Tax for Phase II indoor facility improvements and exterior restroom shower facility to support the overnight camps



N3982 Park Systemic Improvements

Description

- Countywide program to replace and upgrade aging park facilities
- Includes equipment, buildings, and small park improvements

Justification

- Maintains safety, functionality, and long-term viability of park assets

Project Status

- Ongoing planning and construction program
- Work scheduled through FY32

Key Points

- Addresses aging park infrastructure across multiple sites
- Includes turf field replacements, playground upgrades, and lighting improvements
- Supports a wide range of park enhancements and grant-funded projects

FY27 Budget request

- \$4.825M T-Tax for infrastructure and park improvements
- \$2.4M Grants for park development and bond-funded projects
- Will be a \$1.1M reduction needed due to not receiving all LBI grants
- \$500K PayGo for additional improvements (garden plots, amenities)

N3983 Parks Resurfacing Program

Description

- Program to resurface and upgrade park infrastructure
- Includes roadways, pathways, trails, parking lots, playgrounds, and courts

Justification

- Maintains safe, accessible, and functional park facilities

Project Status

- Sports court resurfacing (multiple park sites).
- Pathway resurfacing
- Playground safety surface repairs

Key Points

- Improves condition of high-use park infrastructure
- Addresses safety and accessibility through resurfacing
- Supports multiple park sites across the County

FY27 Budget request

- \$1.34M for resurfacing and repairs
- \$500K for POS Grants for parking lot & pathway improvements at Rockburn Branch Park

N3984 Historic Structures Rehab

Description

- Fund for preservation and rehabilitation of historic park properties
- Includes studies, design, engineering, and site improvements

Justification

- Preserves historic assets and supports long-term public use

Project Status

- Design, restoration and improvements to historic sites
 - B&O Freight House and Caboose ADA improvements
 - Fire Museum restoration and exhibits
- Multiple projects advancing in FY27, including museum exhibits and mansion improvements

Key Points

- Supports preservation of key historic sites across the park system
- Includes design and construction of restoration projects
- Addresses ongoing maintenance and structural repairs

FY27 Budget request

- \$690K T-Tax for historic structure improvements
- Grant funding reduced by \$100K (did not receive MHT grant)
- \$1.5M T-Tax reallocated for project financial closeout support

N3985 Public Gardens

Description

- Project to develop public gardens for educational and interpretive use

Justification

- Enhances public education, community engagement, and open space use

Project Status

- Master plan completed
- Meadow planting in May

Key Points

- Creates new educational and community-focused garden spaces
- Phased development approach
- Phase 1 scope focused on manor house renovations, parking and event spaces that will be revenue generators.

FY27 Budget request

- \$3.06M PayGo for Phase I construction
- Reapplying for \$1M Congressional Directed Spending Grant

The Master Plan

Overall Plan

LEGEND

- ① PROJECT ENTRY & IMPROVED DRIVEWAY
- ② CEREMONIAL DRIVE AND ALLEE
- ③ VISITOR PARKING LOT
- ④ OVERFLOW PARKING
- ⑤ BUS PARKING
- ⑥ VISTOR CENTER
- ⑦ BUFFER PLANTING
- ⑧ TERRACE GARDENS
- ⑨ PROSPECT PERGOLAS
- ⑩ FLORAL PROMENADE
- ⑪ TREE HOUSE AND CROW'S NEST
- ⑫ THE CRESCENT
- ⑬ RECONCILIATION GARDEN
- ⑭ EDIBLE GARDEN
- ⑮ COSMOPOLITAN GARDENS
- ⑯ MEADOW GARDEN
- ⑰ AQUATIC GARDENS
- ⑱ ROCKERY
- ⑲ EVENT CENTER
- ⑳ CELEBRATION GARDEN
- ㉑ EARLY LEARNING CLASSROOMS
- ㉒ WONDER LAB
- ㉓ WONDER GARDEN
- ㉔ GLOBAL GARDENS
- ㉕ GATHERING GARDENS
- ㉖ PERIMETER TRAIL
- ㉗ INTERNAL FENCING: TICKETED VS NON-TICKETED AREAS
- ㉘ THE PROMENADE
- ㉙ UPPER STREAMSIDE GARDENS
- ㉚ LOWER STREAMSIDE GARDENS
- ㉛ PANORAMA PAVILION



C0375 - Elkridge Community Center

Description

- Design and construction of a 67,000 SF community center and 50+ center in Elkridge. Scope includes gymnasium, fitness and dance rooms, kitchen and art classrooms, multi-purpose rooms, kitchen, and teen spaces.

Justification

- Serves the County's fastest growing area (Elkridge)
- Expands access to recreation programs and community services
- Aligns with existing community center model across the County

Status

- Approximately 85% design complete
- Permitting and bidding scheduled for Summer 2026
- Construction to begin FY27 with phased implementation

Key Points

- Cost drivers include site conditions, code updates, and sustainability requirements
- Phased approach; pool deferred to future phase

FY27 Budget Request

- \$25.71M Bonds
- \$700K Grants
- \$8M PayGo

C0376 - Multi-Sport & Indoor Track Facility

Description

- Design and construction of a 120,000 SF indoor track and multi-sport facility

Justification

- Addresses lack of local indoor track facilities for County athletes
- Increases court space and ability to host basketball, volleyball and other tournaments
- Provides long-term economic and community return on investment

Status

- Early planning phase with site evaluation underway
- Schematic design and land acquisition to begin in FY27
- Design and construction phased through FY30

Key Points

- Potential sites under review; location not yet finalized
- Program expanded to meet competition and spectator standards
- Phased funding and construction approach

FY27 Budget Request

- \$12.5M PayGo for land acquisition and schematic design phase

C0377 - Public Ice Rink Facility

Description

- Project to design and construct an indoor ice rink facility

Justification

- Addresses growing local and regional demand for ice rink facilities
- Provides ability to host regional tournaments and events
- Provides long-term economic and community return on investment

Project Status

- Market and economic impact analysis
- Site selection and concepts
- Design and construction phased through FY29

Key Points

- Meadowbrook site selected
- Design initiation in FY27
- Budget reflects updated scope
- Cost increases driven by scope refinement and market escalation

FY27 Budget request

- \$3.5M design funding

