

Legislative Budget Analysis
Proposed FY 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets
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BALTIMORE COUNTY
FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET ANALYSIS

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS (039)

BUDGET SUMMARY

\$ in Thousands

PROPOSED CHANGE	GENERAL	SPECIAL	TOTAL	% Change Prior Year
FY 2024 - 2025 Change	\$ 2,338.9	\$ (3,989.2)	\$ (1,650.2)	-7.8%

BUDGET TRENDS

FY 2023 Actual	\$ 13,307.1	\$ 2,788.4 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 16,095.5	
FY 2024 Approp.	16,063.6	5,003.1 ⁽²⁾	21,066.6	30.9%
FY 2025 Request	18,402.5	1,013.9 ⁽³⁾	19,416.4	-7.8%

For Information Only:

Recreational Facilities Fund⁽⁴⁾

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Net Change from Prior Year</u>
FY 2023 Actual	\$ 310.7	
FY 2024 Approp.	738.2	427.5
FY 2025 Request	5,440.8	4,702.6

⁽¹⁾ Reflects audited expenditures \$2 thousand more than the amount reflected in the Executive's budget documents.

⁽²⁾ Adjusted for 2 supplemental appropriations totaling \$200 thousand not reflected in the Executive's budget documents.

⁽³⁾ Reduced by a \$750 thousand error included in the Executive's budget documents.

⁽⁴⁾ Recreational Facilities Fund is presented for information only. The Recreational Facilities Fund was designed to be financially self-supporting (i.e., an enterprise fund) and is not subject to County Council appropriation.

PERSONNEL

PROPOSED CHANGE	GENERAL		SPECIAL	
	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME
FY 2024 - 2025 Change	36	10	0	2

BUDGET TRENDS

FY 2023 Actual	124	47	0	0
FY 2024 Approp.	135	45	0	0
FY 2025 Request	171	55	0	2

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	<u>FULL-TIME</u>	<u>PART-TIME</u>
FY 2024 - 2025 Change	40	7

BUDGET TRENDS

FY 2023 Actual	1	45
FY 2024 Approp.	0	44
FY 2025 Request	40	51

VACANCY DATA

Positions Vacant ^{(A)(B)}	13	8	0	1
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^(A) Provided by the Office of Budget and Finance as of March 31, 2024 (General Fund) and May 7, 2024 (Special Fund)

^(B) Vacancy data does not include Recreational Facilities Fund positions.

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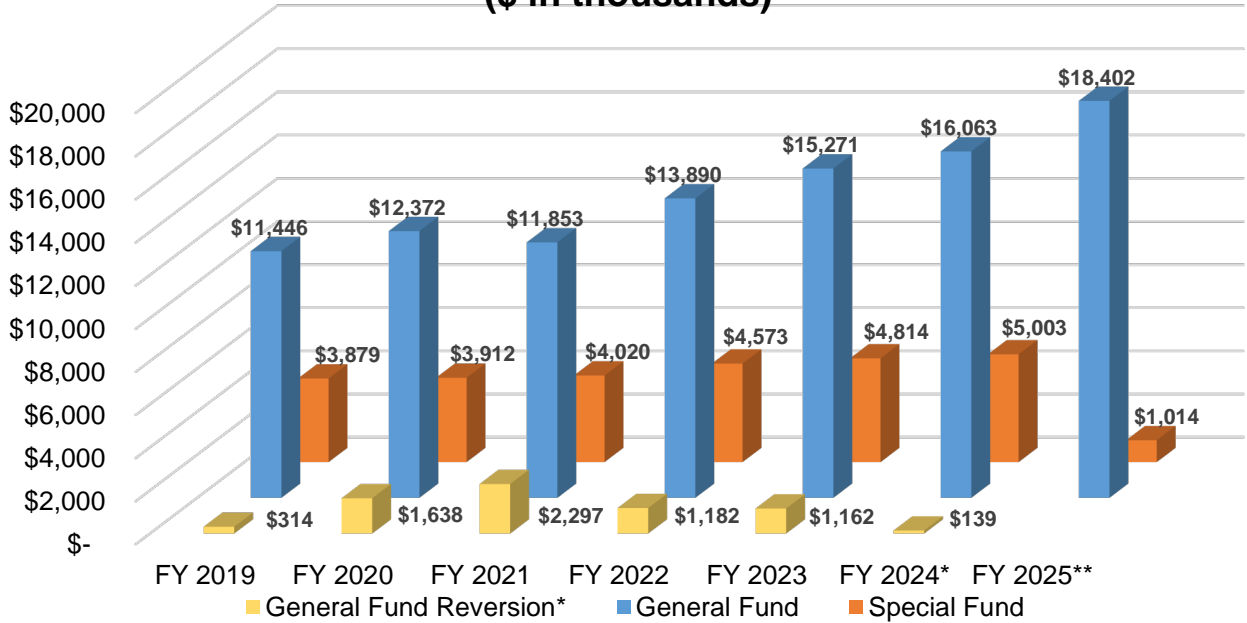
The proposed FY 2025 operating budget for the Department of Recreation and Parks totals \$19.4 million, a decrease of \$1.7 million, or 7.8%, from the FY 2024 budget; however, when combined with the Department’s Recreational Facilities Enterprise Fund budget (\$5.4 million in FY 2025 and \$738 thousand in FY 2024, which the Council does not appropriate), the Department’s total operating budget increases by \$3.1 million, or 14.0%. The General Fund budget increases by \$2.3 million, or 14.6%, and the Special Fund budget decreases by \$4.0 million, or 79.7%. The changes in budgetary structure and appropriation levels reflect the County’s implementation of the Reimagine Recreation and Parks initiative. See details beginning on page 5.

	General Fund	Special Fund	Total
	(\$ in thousands)		
2025 Request	\$ 18,402	\$ 1,014 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 19,416
2024 Appropriation	16,063	5,003 ⁽²⁾	21,066
\$ Increase/(Decrease)	\$ 2,339	\$ (3,989)	\$ (1,650)
% Increase/(Decrease)	14.6%	-79.7%	-7.8%
<u>Recreational Facilities Enterprise Fund (Not Appropriated)</u>			
	(\$ in thousands)		
2025	\$ 5,441		
2024	738		
\$ Increase.....	\$ 4,703		
% Increase.....	637.3%		
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See Exhibit 1 for a history of the Department’s budget and Exhibits 2A and 2B for the distribution of expenses across the Department’s programs and expenditures, respectively.

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Exhibit 1: Total Budget History (\$ in thousands)



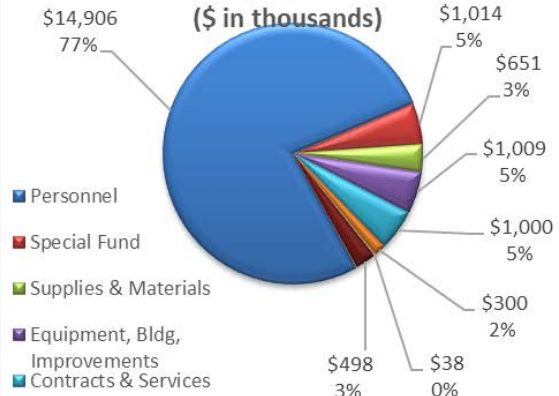
* FY 2024 General Fund Reversion is an estimate from the Office of Budget and Finance.
 ** FY 2025 Special Fund - Sunset of Group Leadership Grant program and the movement of Department Directed Programs expenses to the Recreational Facilities Enterprise Fund.

Exhibit 2A: Total FY 2025 Budget (excl. \$5.4m Rev. Fac. Fund) \$19,416 (\$ in thousands)



- Recreation Services Program (188 County pos. and 1,300+ activity leaders)
- Recreation and Parks Grant Programs (Including Group Leadership Grant)
- Administration Program (38 positions)

Exhibit 2B: Total FY 2025 Budget by Expenditure (excl. \$5.4m Rev. Fac. Fund) \$19,416 (\$ in thousands)



- Personnel
- Special Fund
- Supplies & Materials
- Equipment, Bldg, Improvements
- Contracts & Services
- Grants/Subsidies/Contributions
- Rents & Utilities
- Other Charges (incl. Travel)

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BUDGET FLEXIBILITY:

The Department's General Fund budget consists mainly of personnel costs, which account for roughly 81% of all costs. In recent years, personnel costs have provided budget flexibility. Of the 180 authorized General Fund positions as of March 31, 2024, there were 21 vacancies, with salaries totaling \$1.0 million, paired with budgeted FY 2024 turnover savings of \$418 thousand. The current estimate for FY 2024 turnover savings totals \$761 thousand. Of the 21 vacancies, 3 positions with salaries totaling \$134 thousand have been vacant for more than a year, with 1 position vacant since August 2021:

- 2 Carpenters II – 7/20/2022 (\$87,026)
- 1 Background Check Specialist – 8/27/2021 (\$47,820)

Largely as part of its Reimagine Recreation and Parks initiative, for FY 2025, the Department plans to hire 44 new positions in the General Fund, with salaries totaling \$2.0 million. The Department advised that it anticipates turnover savings of \$505 thousand attributable to the time it will take to hire/onboard these new positions. The Department's increased budgeted turnover savings, from \$418 thousand (3% of budgeted salaries) in FY 2024 to \$1.2 million (8% of budgeted salaries) in FY 2025, are primarily attributable to these new positions. All said, starting the fiscal year with more than 25% of its positions vacant, but with turnover savings totaling only 8% of budgeted salaries, suggests a high degree of General Fund budget flexibility as the Department commences its new initiative.

The Department's capital budget funding earmarks may serve as a source of certain budget flexibility. For example, the Parks, Preservation, and Greenways – Recreation Facility Renovations project budget includes a \$1.0 million "Contingency" earmark, funded by a General Fund – PAYGO contribution.

The Office of Budget and Finance anticipates using \$1.7 million in ARPA grant funding on various capital projects to be completed in FY 2025 and FY 2026 (details provided on page 12).

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OPERATING BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

General Fund

Of the \$2.3 million (14.6%) General Fund increase, \$1.3 million is attributable to personnel expenses and \$1.0 million to operating expenses, as detailed in #1 and #2, respectively.

1. **Personnel Expenses total \$14.9 million** (81% of the budget), an increase of \$1.3 million, or 9%, primarily for the following.

- **\$2.1 million – 47 New or Transferred Positions**
 - \$2.0 million – 44 **new** positions pursuant to the Reimagine Recreation and Parks initiative.
 - \$149 thousand – 3 positions **transferred in** from the Department of Economic and Workforce Development's Office of Agriculture and will continue to fulfill their property management functions at the Agriculture Center.
- **\$565 million – Salary Enhancements**
 - \$234 thousand - FY 2025 COLA/equivalent wage adjustment:
 - Pay Schedule I (Baltimore County Federation of Public Employees) includes a 1% COLA and a 9-year longevity, effective January 1, 2025.
 - Pay Schedule VI and XII (Supervisory, Management, Confidential and Unrepresented Employees) includes a 3% COLA, effective January 1, 2025.
 - \$193 thousand - Increments and longevities
 - \$102 thousand - FY 2025 effect of FY 2024 COLA
 - The FY 2024 budget, adopted in May 2023, included a 2% employee COLA (or equivalent wage adjustment), effective in January 2024; thus, the FY 2024 budget absorbed a portion of the annual cost of this salary enhancement; the remaining portion of the annual cost is realized in FY 2025.
- **\$50 thousand – Personnel Annual Review** – Provides for the reclassification of positions (primarily PAL Recreation Center Coordinator and Leader positions).

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- **(\$53 thousand decrease) - Offsetting savings from 1 transfer (Park Ranger I) to the Recreational Facilities Fund.**
- **(\$54 thousand decrease) - Wage Allowance**
- **(\$760 thousand decrease) - Increased Turnover Savings from 3.0% to 8.0%**
 - The Department advised that actual turnover in FY 2024 has surpassed the 3% budgeted amount, and that 8% turnover is more in line with historical trends due to a lack of qualified candidates and the length of the County's hiring process.
- **(\$589 thousand) - Other Salary Adjustments** – primarily due to a decrease in spending for occasional employee salaries to more accurately reflect historical trends.

The Department should be prepared to discuss how the proposed funding for its personnel expenses impact its ability to attract and retain staff, as well as its planned recruitment strategies for FY 2025.

- 2. Operating Expenses total \$3.5 million** (19% of the budget), an increase of approximately \$1.0 million, or 42.7%, primarily for the following:
- **\$384 thousand – Service Contracts** – primarily due to background checks contractual service rates, with pending contract renewal (\$238 thousand); portable toilets were reclassified from Equipment Rental or Lease with increased contract rates (\$57 thousand); increased sign language interpreter services (\$24 thousand); and **new transportation services** for participant field trips at Recreation Activity Centers (RACs) and in Therapeutic Recreation (TR) programs (\$20 thousand). The Department projects it will complete 8,500 background checks in FY 2025.
 - **\$384 thousand – Equipment** – primarily due to a higher seasonal volume of field marking paint, Turface, and related supplies, which have been reclassified from Grounds Maintenance Supplies (\$107 thousand), replacement of broken and damaged equipment and bleachers (\$104 thousand), replacement of two utility vehicles (\$43 thousand), and radios for Park Rangers (\$18 thousand).
 - **\$314 thousand – Operational Supplies** – primarily due to the reclass from Office & Administrative Supplies.

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- **\$145 thousand – Furnishings** – primarily for the purchase of workstations for new staff (\$120 thousand) and replacement of broken and damaged furnishings (\$25 thousand).
- **\$94 thousand – Travel** – reimbursement for travel by new staff (\$68 thousand) and travel associated with conferences, trainings, meetings, and program monitoring and site inspections (\$26 thousand).
- **\$84 thousand – Technology Peripheral Equipment** – primarily for replacement of devices and providing computers and related equipment to new staff.
- **\$71 thousand – Audio and Video Equipment** – primarily due to the reclass from Utilities – Voice & Data for smartphones and the purchase of additional smartphones for new staff.
- **\$70 thousand – Food and Drink** – primarily due to participant food costs at RACs, TR programs, and Equine programs (\$29 thousand), and food costs for animals cared for at County facilities (\$38 thousand).
- **(\$191 thousand) – Equipment Rental and Lease** – primarily due to the reclass to Service Contracts (portable toilets), Utilities – Voice and Data (Nextraq GPS), and Copier Rental or Lease.
- **(\$464 thousand) – Office and Administrative Supplies** – primarily due to the reclass to Operational Supplies.

Special Fund

The Department's proposed FY 2025 Special Fund budget is decreasing by \$3.2 million, or 64.7%, primarily due to the ending of the Group Leadership Grant program (\$3.3 million) in July 2024 (\$675 thousand remains budgeted as contingency for the sunseting process, and to cover the increased need for occasional employees in July) in conjunction with the implementation of the Reimagine Recreation and Parks initiative and the movement of Department Directed Programs expenses to the Recreational Facilities Enterprise Fund (\$561 thousand). The decrease is slightly offset by the new Park Explorers Maryland DNR grant (\$50 thousand) to provide programming to youth with limited access to green space. Notably, the proposed \$750,000 appropriation for Department Directed Programs was budgeted in error; the Department agreed that such funds represent duplicate funding that is also flowing into the Recreational

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Facilities Enterprise Fund, and advised that the budgeted \$5.4 million in the Recreational Facilities Enterprise Fund is correct and captures these costs.

Recreational Facilities Enterprise Fund – Council does not appropriate

The proposed FY 2025 Recreational Facilities Fund budget includes \$5.4 million, an increase of \$4.7 million, or 637.1%, over the FY 2024 budget. The increase is related to the Reimagine Recreation and Parks initiative, which will generate revenues and support the costs of 46 new positions (and the 1 Park Ranger I position transferred from the General Fund) and other operational costs. In total, of the \$4.7 million program increase, \$3.2 million is budgeted for personnel expenses and \$1.5 million for operating expenses.

The Department advised that new anticipated revenue streams to the Recreational Facilities Fund include:

- \$1.9 million – Facility and Field Utilization
- \$1.1 million - Agency Directed Program Fees
- \$908 thousand – Pavilion Rentals
- \$379 thousand – Tournaments, Events, & Other Permits

The Department further advised that these estimates assume a program fee structure that ranges from \$5 to \$250, depending on the type of program (e.g., drop-in program, summer leagues at centers); fields and facility usage fees ranging from \$10 to \$100 per hour; and pavilion rentals ranging from \$115 to \$1,059.

The Department also advised that the current Enterprise Fund Program, which includes the Loch Raven Fishing Center, Rocky Point Park, and Miami Beach Park, has become self-sustaining primarily due to fee increases and maximizing operational hours, and expects further success in FY 2025.

The Department should be prepared to discuss its plans for announcing a public fee structure. The Administration should discuss if any changes to Article 10, Title 11 of the

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County Code are required prior to implementing the new Reimagine Recreation and Parks initiative via the Recreational Facilities Fund.

3. Reimagine Recreation and Parks Initiative

The proposed FY 2025 budget includes \$6.7 million for the Reimagine Recreation and Parks Initiative across the Recreation and Parks General Administration and Recreation Services General Fund Programs as well as the expanded Recreational Facilities Enterprise Fund, as follows: \$2.1 million (32%) is budgeted in the General Fund and \$4.6 million (68%) in the Enterprise Fund, including \$4.8 million (71%) for personnel expenses and \$1.9 million (29%) for non-personnel operating expenses.

Exhibit 3a: Reimagine R&P Initiative			
(\$ in thousands)			
FUND	PERSONNEL	OTHER OPERATING	TOTAL
General Fund	\$ 1,503 (22%)	\$ 632 (9%)	\$ 2,135 (32%)
Enterprise Fund	\$ 3,293 (49%)	\$ 1,290 (19%)	\$ 4,582 (68%)
TOTAL	\$ 4,796 (71%)	\$ 1,922 (29%)	\$ 6,717 (100%)

70% and 97% of the increase in the General Fund (before other salary adjustments) and Enterprise Funds, respectively, is attributable to the Reimagine Recreation and Parks initiative. The initiative is also responsible for 91% of the increase in personnel expenses and 76% of the increase in other operating expenses.

Exhibit 3b: Percent of Expense Increase Attributable to			
Reimagine R&P Initiative			
(\$ in thousands)			
FUND	PERSONNEL	OTHER OPERATING	TOTAL
General Fund	74%*	60%	70%
Enterprise Fund	88%	88%	97%
TOTAL	91%	76%	86%

*New personnel expenses before other other salary adjustments of (\$539) thousand.

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In 2022, the County engaged PROS Consulting to conduct an organizational change assessment with a focus on recreation opportunities to ensure equity, access, transparency, and standardization. In winter 2023, the consultant issued its report with 19 recommendations, 4 of which the County identified would be implemented first: an online registration platform; a permit process and priority access policy; MOUs with each Recreation and Nature Council; and staff employed by the Department to work exclusively for the Department.

- **Staffing Restructuring and Reorganization:** The Department advised that the proposed FY 2025 budget includes \$4.8 million in personnel costs for an additional 44 General Fund (\$1.5 million in salaries) and 46 Enterprise Fund (\$3.3 million in salaries and benefits) positions in order to better align its structure with industry best practices and to ensure professionally trained staff manage the County's recreation and parks system. The Department further advised that it will begin hiring the General Fund positions using a phased-in approach (with 25% turnover budgeted), while the Enterprise Fund positions will be recruited and hired once adequate funding from Fund revenue is confirmed (as Enterprise Funds are intended to be self-supporting); recruitment of positions will be prioritized based on programmatic need, and coordination will occur with hiring managers for recruitment, interviews, and onboarding qualified candidates. The Department advised that it plans to hire a Human Resources Assistant, a Human Resources Analyst I, and a Human Resources Analyst II with General Fund salaries of \$159 thousand budgeted in FY 2025, who will be dedicated to these recruitment efforts.

The Department advised that a reorganization will occur in FY 2025: the Recreation Division will function with teams in 5 geographic zones (northeast, northwest, central, southeast, and southwest) plus a programming team; and the Parks Division will have teams in 4 functional areas to include Nature and Environment, Park Rangers, Special/Enterprise Facilities, and Resource Management.

- **Online Access:** The Department advised that the online permit registration system, CivicRec, launched to the public in January 2024 and has processed over 3,500 permit

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requests, resulting in revenue of \$240 thousand. The Office of Budget and Finance anticipates \$68 thousand in previously appropriated ARPA funds for CivicRec (with project completion by September 1, 2024).

- **Recreation and School Space Priority and Permitting Policy:** The Department advised that it has finalized and implemented a priority and permitting policy that allows first access to Council recreation-level programs, followed by Council competitive travel, select, club, and adult programs, and then outside organizations and the general public. The Department further advised that the goals of this change are to prioritize and improve the availability of low-cost programs that are open to all participants of the appropriate, prescribed age-groups regardless of ability and to maximize facility usage.
- **MOUs with Recreation and Nature Councils:** The Department advised it is currently working with Nature Councils on an MOU that will clarify the roles, duties, responsibilities, and authorities of the Department, Councils, staff, and volunteers; the 501(c)(3), fiduciary, liability, insurance, and legal responsibilities and requirements of the Councils; as well as the control, access to, and use of County and BCPS assets and resources. The Department further advised that it plans to address Recreation Councils as its next order of business.

The Department should be prepared to discuss:

- ***Communications/coordination with the Recreation and Nature Councils and the public, including feedback received and plans moving forward;***
- ***The timeline for entering into the MOUs;***
- ***Benefits and costs associated with CivicRec, including ongoing maintenance costs; and***
- ***Its plans for implementing additional report recommendations.***

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4. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The Office of Budget and Finance anticipates \$1.5 million in ARPA funding to be used on the Department's capital and/or equipment-related projects (to be completed in FY 2024) as follows:

- \$550 thousand - Multipurpose Courts
- \$450 thousand – Carriage Hill Park in Randallstown
- \$300 thousand – Playground Renovations
- \$182 thousand – Halstead RAC
- \$10 thousand – Basketball Court Goals

Additionally, the Office of Budget and Finance anticipates \$1.2 million in ARPA funding to be used for the Department's capital and/or equipment-related projects (to be completed in FY 2025) as follows:

- \$750 thousand - Ripken Foundation Renaissance Field
- \$250 thousand - Trail Analysis
- \$158 thousand – Electric Utility Vehicles (Polaris EUV) for use in the Parks
- \$68 thousand – Civic Rec (Data Processing Equipment)

The Office of Budget and Finance also anticipates \$500 thousand in ARPA funding to be used for Rocky Point Path Renovations (to be completed in FY 2026).

The Department should be prepared to discuss these projects, and its plans for ensuring ARPA funds are obligated/expended by the deadlines.

See Appendices A and B for program-level expenditure/appropriation and authorized staffing levels, respectively, for FY 2023 (actual), FY 2024 (appropriated), and FY 2025 (proposed).

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CAPITAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

The proposed FY 2025 Capital Budget includes \$17.8 million for the following projects, excluding recreation and parks projects assigned to the Property Management Division (athletic field construction/renovation totaling \$2 million).

- **\$12.3 million - Community Neighborhood Park Development**
 - \$5.0 million - Karl Trust Park Site Design and Development
 - \$2.8 million – Contingency (\$5.3 million previously authorized)
 - \$1.5 million – Fort Howard Park Renovations and Enhancements (\$800 thousand previously authorized)
 - \$1.0 million - Dogwood Road Park Site Mountain Bike Park Design and Construction
 - \$950 thousand - Rosie the Riveter Park Design and Development (\$10 thousand previously authorized)
 - \$500 thousand - Pikesville Armory Public Recreation Improvements
 - \$450 thousand - Anderson Property Park Site Design
 - \$150 thousand - Holland Hills Park Renovations and Enhancements
- **\$4.4 million - Parks & Recreation Facility Acquisition**
 - \$2.7 million – Contingency (\$19.0 million previously authorized)
 - \$1.7 million - Crane Property Acquisition (\$1.3 million previously authorized)
- **\$1.0 million - Recreation Facility Renovations – Contingency (\$3.2 million previously authorized)** - for renovations to existing sport courts, gymnasiums, parking lots, etc.
- **\$100 thousand – NeighborSpace (\$424 thousand previously authorized)**

Program Open Space (POS) Funding

The Office of Budget and Finance advised that for FY 2025, it plans to allocate \$3.1 million in POS funds for the Northwest Regional Park Splash Pad (\$2.0 million) and for trail project(s) (\$1.1 million). The Office estimates an ending FY 2025 POS balance of \$15.8 million, including \$13.6 million for acquisition and \$2.2 million for development, as shown below:

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PROJECT	ACQUISITION	DEVELOPMENT	TOTAL	NOTES/STATUS
APPROXIMATE FUNDING REMAINING (end of FY'22)	\$5,609,836.43	\$4,444,701.02	\$10,054,537.45	
FY'23 ALLOCATION	\$5,572,714.00	\$5,572,714.00	\$11,145,428.00	
APPROX. REVISED BALANCE AS OF THE START OF FY'23	\$11,182,550.43	\$10,017,415.02	\$21,199,965.45	
FY'23 APPLICATIONS				
Leadership Through Athletics Property Acquisition	\$3,170,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,170,000.00	Approved at BPW 1/25/23. Reimbursement Complete and rec'd May 202
Belfast Road Park Site Development	\$0.00	\$4,500,000.00	\$4,500,000.00	Approved at BPW 1/25/23. Awaiting project start.
Dogwood Road Property Acquisition	\$852,752.89	\$0.00	\$852,752.89	Approved at BPW 4/5/23. Reimbursement received 4/19/2024 and grant closed.
Tradepoint Atlantic Acquisition (Sparrows Point)	\$1,837,500.00	-\$1,837,500.00	\$0.00	Approved at BPW 10/4/23. 75% of the TPA donation value may be used towards site development. This effectively transforms \$1,837,500 in POS acquisition-side funds to POS development-side funds, specifically for use on the Sparrows Point Park development project.
Sparrows Point Park Site Development	\$0.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	Approved at BPW 10/4/23. Project underway.
APPROX. BALANCE	\$5,322,297.54	\$3,354,915.02	\$8,677,212.56	
FY'24 ALLOCATION	\$6,082,416.50	\$6,082,416.50	\$12,164,833.00	
APPROX. REVISED BALANCE AS OF THE START OF FY'24	\$11,404,714.04	\$9,437,331.52	\$20,842,045.56	
FY'24 APPLICATIONS				
Linover Park LED Lighting System	\$0.00	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00	Approved at BPW 3/13/2024. Project underway.
Oregon Ridge Park Renovations and Enhancements	\$0.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	Approved at BPW 4/17/2024. Project underway.
Day's Cove Park Site Development	\$0.00	\$932,416.00	\$932,416.00	Approved at BPW 4/17/2024. Awaiting project start.
Banneker Community Center Loop Path	\$0.00	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00	Approved at BPW 4/17/2024. Awaiting project start.
Fort Howard Park Shore Access Path	\$0.00	\$525,000.00	\$525,000.00	Submitted 3/25/24
APPROX. BALANCE	\$11,404,714.04	\$3,079,915.52	\$14,484,629.56	
FY'25 ALLOCATION (upcoming)	\$2,198,332.00	\$2,198,332.00	\$4,396,664.00	
APPROX. REVISED BALANCE AS OF THE START OF FY'25	\$13,603,046.04	\$5,278,247.52	\$18,881,293.56	
UPCOMING APPLICATIONS				
NW Regional Park Splash Pad	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	Replaces Cromwell grant request
Trail Project(s)	\$0.00	\$1,079,915.00	\$1,079,915.00	
REVISED BALANCE (includes FY'25 allocation)	\$13,603,046.04	\$2,198,332.52	\$15,801,378.56	

The Department and/or the Office of Budget and Finance should be prepared to discuss plans and timelines for commencing and completing these capital projects, and any specific plans related to utilizing “contingency” funding and remaining POS funding for acquisition (\$13.6 million) and development (\$2.2 million).

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APPROPRIATION DETAIL						
	FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY 2024 APPROP	FY 2025 REQUEST	NET CHANGE		
				AMOUNT	%	
<u>General Fund</u>						
General Administration	\$ 1,917,761	\$ 2,577,242	\$ 4,336,212	\$ 1,758,970	68.3%	
Recreation Services	11,389,336	13,486,337	14,066,285	579,948	4.3%	
General Fund Total	<u>13,307,097</u>	<u>16,063,579</u>	<u>18,402,497</u>	<u>2,338,918</u>	<u>14.6%</u>	
<u>Special Fund</u>						
GR-1085 Fees Group Leadership Grant Program	2,632,971	3,998,756	675,298	(3,323,458)	-83.1%	
GR-1197 Recreation Council Donations, Fees Donations	11,765	116,000	125,000	9,000	7.8%	
GR-1335 State Therapeutic Recreation Summer Programs	95,728	127,573	128,000	427	0.3%	
GR-1390 Fees Department Directed Programs	47,917	560,739	- ^(C)	(560,739)	-100.0%	
GR-2088 NRPA Youth Mentoring Grant	-	50,000	35,606	(14,394)	-28.8%	
GR-2107 NPS Bi-Lingual Park Ranger Grant	-	150,000	-	(150,000)	-100.0%	
GR-2127 Park Explorers Maryland DNR	-	-	50,000	50,000	100.0%	
Special Fund Total	<u>2,788,381 ^(A)</u>	<u>5,003,068 ^(B)</u>	<u>1,013,904</u>	<u>(3,989,164)</u>	<u>-79.7%</u>	
Total All Funds	<u>\$ 16,095,478</u>	<u>\$ 21,066,647</u>	<u>\$ 19,416,401</u>	<u>\$ (1,650,246)</u>	<u>-7.8%</u>	

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RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FUND					
	FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY 2024 APPROP	FY 2025 REQUEST	NET CHANGE	
				AMOUNT	%
General Administration	\$ 310,695	\$ 738,172	\$ 5,440,797	\$ 4,702,625	637.1%

NOTE: For informational purposes only.

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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS (039)

PERSONNEL DETAIL									
		FY 2023 ACTUAL		FY 2024 APPROP		FY 2025 REQUEST		NET CHANGE	
		FULL	PART	FULL	PART	FULL	PART	FULL	PART
<u>General Fund</u>									
	General Administration	19	5	23	6	30	8	7	2
	Recreation Services	<u>105</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>8</u>
	General Fund Total	<u>124</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Special Fund</u>									
GR-1085	Fees Group Leadership Grant Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GR-1197	Recreation Council Donations, Fees Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GR-1335	State Therapeutic Recreation Summer Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GR-1390	Fees Department Directed Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GR-2088	NRPA Youth Mentoring Grant	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
GR-2107	NPS Bi-Lingual Park Ranger Grant	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
GR-2127	Park Explorers Maryland DNR	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Special Fund Total	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
	Total All Funds	<u>124</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>12</u>
<i>For Information Only:</i>									
	Revenue Producing Facilities ^(A)	<u>1</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>7</u>

^(A) Revenue Producing Facilities program is 100% funded by the Recreational Facilities Fund; presented for informational purposes only.