

April 13, 2020

IN REPLY REFER TO:
NCPC File No. CP14

The Honorable Todd M. Turner
Chair
Prince George's County Council
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Honorable Todd M. Turner:

We have reviewed Prince George's County's *Proposed Capital Budget and Program Fiscal Years 2021-2026 (CIP)* to determine the program's potential impact on federal properties or other federal interests in the National Capital Region. None of the capital projects appear to have any adverse impacts. The CIP is consistent with the planning principles and policies of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements* (Comprehensive Plan).

We appreciate that the second largest component of the capital program is designed to improve regional mobility. Consistent with Comprehensive Plan Policies Related to Integrated Regional Transit, we particularly support the **Bus Mass Transit/Metro Access, Southern Maryland Rapid Transit, Transit Oriented Development Infrastructure, Maryland Purple Line, and Addison Rd/Capitol Hts. Metro Corridor** projects.

Likewise, we support the incorporation of multiple trail development projects: **Trail Development Fund, Collington Branch Stream Valley Park, Piscataway Creek Stream Valley Park, Paint Branch SVP – College Park Woods Trail, WB&A Trail Spur and Bowie Heritage Trail.**

The County's CIP also embraces a commendable program of environmental improvements. Several projects support Capper-Cramton stream valleys and other regional watersheds including the **Bear Branch Sub-Watershed, COE [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers] County Restoration, Flood Protection and Drainage Improvement, Patuxent River Park and Stream Restoration/SWM [Storm Water Management] Retrofit.**

Consistent with Comprehensive Plan Connectivity and Access policies designed for the growing National Capital Region, we welcome the CIP's multiple park acquisition projects, including the **Countywide Local Park Acquisition, Regional/Stream Valley Park Acquisition, and Anacostia Tributaries Trail System.**

Cultural resource projects including the **Surratt House Historic Site - Enhancement, Oxon Hill Manor Historic Site, and Bladensburg Monument - Preservation** support Comprehensive Plan Policies Related to Visitor Amenities and Information Services.

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We recognize successful implementation of these projects will require continued coordination with applicable federal agencies, including the National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Department of Transportation. Specifically, we note that the **Little Paint Branch Stream Valley Park** project for a two-mile hiker/biker trail involves right-of-way acquisition from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Projects impacting Capper-Cramton stream valleys and federal lands may be subject to NCPC review.

NCPC's Comprehensive Plan policies are available at <https://www.ncpc.gov/>. We anticipate that updated Transportation and Workplace Elements will be finalized this summer. For additional guidance on specific types of projects and issues such as Capper Cramton, NCPC recently developed a set of resources at <https://www.ncpc.gov/review/guides/>.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on your proposed CIP; we look forward to working with you in advancing our continued shared regional goals in the future. If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact Kael Anderson at 202-482-7273 or kael.anderson@ncpc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marcel C. Acosta', written in a cursive style.

Marcel C. Acosta
Executive Director