

Sample Email or Letter to Council Members:

Montgomery County Council Member [full name]
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD

Dear Council Member [Last Name],

I am urging you to restore funding for Montgomery Parks in the County's FY18 budget. Our parks are one of the finest examples of Montgomery County's exemplary quality of life. However, County Executive Ike Leggett's budget recommends a \$4.3 million or a 4.5% decrease from the Planning Board's proposed budget which effectively eliminates all program enhancements and will result in a reduction of services across many very important parks programs. The Parks Department has found a way to absorb \$2.3 million through careful belt tightening. However, the department still needs \$2 million of this funding request restored to continue to provide quality services for community residents.

[Please include any personal experience or specific examples of park experiences, cultural, education programs that impact the community.]

Montgomery Parks has been recognized SIX times as the best park system in the United States. I urge you to make sure it stays excellent, and support restoration of at least \$2 million, or just \$1.91 per capita, to support park initiatives in Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

[Your name]
[Civic Organization/affiliation/profession, if applicable]
[Address]
[Preferred contact information]

Sample Tweet to Council Members:

Dear @MoCoCouncilMD. Restore funding for @MontgomeryParks in FY18. I support great park initiatives in #MoCo and you should too.