Energized Public Spaces: Functional Master Plan (EPS FMP) for Parks in Mixed Use and Higher Density Residential Areas
How can we deliver these experiences?

**Encourage**
- access through walking, biking and public transit.

**Promote**
- community identity,
- partnerships.

**Provide**
- “flexible”, multi-functional, all-season,
- balance of experiences,
- inviting, attractive and safe,
- methodology for implementation.
How can we deliver these experiences?

This Plan will develop a methodology that can be employed systematically across the County ensuring equity in parks and open spaces.

Today’s focus
- Identify gaps

Future meetings focus
- Investigate Solutions
- Propose new funding sources
- Prioritize which parks to fund
Agenda

Open House 7:00 to 7:30 pm and 8:00 to 9:00 pm.

- Add your input
  - Station #1: Likes and Dislikes
  - Station #2: Frequency of Use
  - Station #3: Take the Survey!
- Learn about our process
  - Station #4: Analysis Tools
  - Station #5: Funding & Implementation

Project Overview 7:30 to 8:00 pm.

- Why this Plan?
- What?
- Where?
- How can you help?
- Q/A
Project Overview

Why this plan?

Where?

What?

How can you help?
Why this plan?

The County is growing...

Tool to prioritize & distribute resources fairly among different communities.
Where?

Areas where we have more people and jobs...
How will your input help us?

Input from community will help identify "service gaps"

Find the gaps in ...

LOCATION + EXPERIENCES + CONDITIONS

active + contemplative social gathering

Input from community will help identify “opportunities”
What?

Locational gaps

- 10-minute walking distance to parks

- Evaluate existing parks & open spaces
- Apply walking distance tool
- Identify locational gaps
What?

Park Experiences gaps
- Create a balance

ACTIVE
PHYSICAL HEALTH

CONTEMPLATIVE
MENTAL HEALTH

SOCIAL
GATHERING
CIVIC HEALTH
What?

Park Condition Gaps

- Provide & maintain a safe and attractive network of spaces

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

SURVEYS ONLINE & IN-PERSON

EXISTING INVENTORY & STAFF INTERVIEWS
What?

Partners

- Consider ALL open spaces for potential providers
What?

NEXT STEPS

- Finalize Analysis
- Look for Opportunities
- Prioritize Options
- Propose Recommendations
- Propose Funding Opportunities
How can you help?

Become an ambassador!
Spread the word to your community!

- 3 ways to provide your input online!

1. Likes and Dislikes?
2. How often?
3. parks & recreation of the future: voice your vision
   Take the Survey!

Tell us what you think!
How can you help?

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- Learn how we are getting what you want!
- Sign-Up to be an Advocate for Funding Parks!
Keep an eye on our schedule...

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1. Go to the tab: New Parks & Projects
2. Select Projects
3. At the left bar, scroll down and click on the Energized Public Spaces project (list in alphabetical order)

Open House Stations Overview

1. Likes and Dislikes?
2. How often?
3. PARKS & RECREATION OF THE FUTURE: Voice Your Vision
   - Take the Survey!
4. How are we analyzing needs?
5. How will we make this plan real?

Tell us what you think!

Learn about our process!
Open House Stations #1, #2, and #4

http://mcatlas.org/parkplanning
Open House Station #1 – PARK NEEDS

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Tell us what you think!

Likes and Dislikes?

What are your likes and dislikes in our parks and open spaces system? What amenities are missing to support your recreation needs? How safe and attractive are our parks? Can you conveniently walk to one of our parks within 10 minutes of your home? What new park locations could be added to our open spaces system?

The Montgomery County Department of Parks is seeking to answer these questions and learn more about the preferences of the community through this interactive map. Select locations on the map to identify new areas for parks or add comments related to existing or desired amenities, park safety, conditions, and accessibility. We are looking for comments not only in our park system, but also in the overall network of open spaces within the most densely populated areas of the County. See Study Area Boundary.

The Department of Parks is hosting this map to solicit feedback from residents, workers, and stakeholders. Your comments will be used to help us develop recommendations and strategies for this functional master plan now underway. For additional info or questions on this process, please contact Cristina Sassaki, Planner Coordinator at cristina.sassaki@montgomeryparks.org.
Open House Station #1 – PARK USAGE

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Tell us what you think!

How often do you use our parks and open spaces?

The Montgomery County Department of Parks is seeking to answer this question and learn more about the frequency of use of these spaces through this interactive map. Select locations on the map to identify how often you use these public accessible spaces. We are looking for answers not only in our park system, but also in the overall network of open spaces within the most densely populated areas of the County. See Study Area Boundary.

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Open House Station #3 - SURVEY

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Tell us what you think!

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Parks and Recreation of the Future: Voice Your Vision

Help us create the parks of the future. We want your input and ideas!

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!
How your input will help us?

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Open House Station #4 – ANALYSIS TOOLS

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Park experience Gaps

How do we create a balance of experiences?

- Active
- Contemplative
- Social Gathering
Benefits

- Each park facility is scored for the amount of people served
Analysis

Housing Density

- Concentration of Dwelling Units

more dense
less dense

*graphic shows in-progress results*
Analysis

Supply per Population

- By Experience Category

ACTIVE RECREATION

graphic shows in-progress results
Open House Station #5 - Implementation

How will we make this plan a reality?

- County Council Approval
  - Funding for acquisition
  - Funding for planning and design

Overall Recommendations

- Prioritization of Study Areas
- Pilot Area Recommendations
  - Partnerships with alternate providers
  - Repurpose/renovate existing parkland
  - Acquire new parkland
  - Prioritize implementation

Learn about our process!
Thank you

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