

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** 11/2/99

**Reference No.:** CB-61-1999

**Proposer:** Maloney

**Draft No.:** 1

**Sponsors:** Maloney

**Item Title:** An Act to amend the Prince George's County portion of the M-NCPPC Capital Budget for FY 1999-2000 and Capital Improvement Program for FY 2000-2005 to amend one development project in the Commission's Capital Improvement Program, (Longwood Community Park - Dinosaur Fossil Area)

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**Drafter:** Bruce Crawford, Administrative Specialist

**Resource Personnel:** Andrew D. Epplemann  
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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 9/28/99

**Executive Action:** 11/16/99 S

**Committee Referral:** 9/28/99 PZED

**Effective Date:** 1/3/2000

**Committee Action:** 10/6/99 FAV

**Date Introduced:** 10/12/99

**Public Hearing:** 11/2/99 1:30 P.M.

**Council Action:** 11/2/99 ENACTED

**Council Votes:** JE:A, DB:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, PS:A, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLANNING, ZONING AND ECON. DEV. COMMITTEE REPORT**

**DATE:** 10/6/99

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Russell, Bailey, Gourdine and Hendershot)

This legislation amends the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's (M-NCPPC) Capital Budget for FY2000 and FY2000-2005 Capital Improvement Program to provide \$250,000 in funding for the Longwood Community Park – Dinosaur Fossil Area project. The project will develop the park to provide educational and recreational amenities surrounding an area where dinosaur fossils have been found. It is envisioned that the park will include an active fossil recovery area where families can participate in dinosaur digs.

Of the \$250,000 that CB-61-1999 proposes to add to the FY2000 Capital Budget, \$187,500 will come from the State under Program Open Space (POS), with M-NCPPC supplying the 25% cash match, or \$62,500. There was a State Bill introduced in the 1999 Session that would have provided \$250,000 to the Commission. The Bill was approved by the Senate but was not passed by the House of Delegates. However, the House Appropriations Committee referred this project, along with a series of other projects, to the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This was done in the belief that DNR could finance these projects from its budget. The Department agreed to work with the Commission to identify another Commission project budgeted for POS funding in FY2000 and fund that project through DNR's budget. The POS funds freed up by this transaction would then be available for the Longwood project. No existing Commission project had funding eliminated or reduced in FY2000 to accommodate this project.

The Legislative Officer has determined that the bill is in proper legislative form. The Office of Audits and Investigations has determined there should be no negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-61-1999. The County Executive supports the legislation.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

This Bill would, in accordance with Section 2-118 of Article 28 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, amend the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission FY2000 Capital Budget and FY2000-2005 CIP. This amendment would provide funding in FY2000 for an existing development project to develop the dinosaur fossil recovery area at Longwood Community Park. The funding source will be State Program Open Space funding, with a 25% match from the Commission.

#### **CODE INDEX TOPICS:**