

City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland

AGENDA

City Council Work Session
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
8:00 PM



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1. **Call to Order and Council Roll Call**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
5. **Public Comment (8:10 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.) Limit 2 minutes per speaker**
- 6.. **Summary of FY18 Budget Requests**
FY18 Budget Request Summary Worksheet
Motion #:
Sponsor(s): At the Request of the City Administrator
[FY18 Council Budget Initiatives SUMMARY.pdf](#)
7. **Presentations (8:20 p.m. - 8:35 p.m.)**
7.a.) Hyattsville Environment Committee: FY18 Budget Recommendations (15 minutes)
Motion #:
Sponsor(s): At the Request of the City Administrator
[HEC Presentation Cover.pdf](#)

7.a.1) Incentive for residents to plant native trees on their residential property
I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL allocate \$5,000 as incentive to residents to purchase a native tree for their residential property (up to \$50 per property, for up to 100 residential properties).
Motion #:
Sponsor(s): Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee
[HEC Native Tree Program.pdf](#)

7.a.2) Incentive for residents to remove English Ivy and other damaging vines from trees on their property
I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL allocate \$7,500 as incentive to residents for removal of tree-damaging vines, and for maintenance over a period of time sufficient to eradicate from tree canopy (up to \$75 per property, in 3 installments of \$25 over 1 year, for up to 100 residential properties).
Motion #:
Sponsor(s): Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee
[HEC English Ivy Program.pdf](#)

[NPS English Ivy Fact Sheet.pdf](#)

7.a.3) Gas Powered Mower Replacement Program
I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL allocate \$10,000 to fund the Gas Powered Mower Replacement Program.
Motion #:
Sponsor(s): Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee

7.a.4) Arbor Day/Earth Day and Green Expo Event Funds

I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL: Increase the budget by \$2,000 to fund two environmentally-themed events for 2017. The two events are: Arbor Day / Earth Day 2017 in late April and a Green Expo, which would take place in early September. The funding would provide for a speaker, an event-day workshop, environmentally-beneficial hands – such as reusable water bottles, refreshments, and promotional literature to spread awareness about the event to residents.

Motion #:

Sponsor(s): Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee

[HEC Arbor Day Green Expo.pdf](#)

7.a.5) Climate Change and Local Adaptation Measures – Workshop and Speaker Series

I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL allocate \$1,000 to fund a series of speakers and a workshop. The series will consist of three speakers and one workshop. The topics will be climate science research and climate adaptation opportunities for government, small businesses and community members. The workshop will focus on helping Hyattsville residents learn how they can be prepared and help their neighbors prepare for climate change (long-term) and weather-related emergencies (short-term). The funding for these initiatives will go toward promotion of these events, speaker transportation reimbursement if needed, food and beverages, the filming or audio-recording of these events, and the printing of supplementary literature.

Motion #:

Sponsor(s): Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee

[HEC Workshop Speaker Series.pdf](#)

8.. Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)

7.b.) Budget Item - Low Cost City Administered School Aftercare

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the Director of Community Services work to establish a City run aftercare pilot for 1 year at Hyattsville Elementary School that will be of zero net cost to the City. The aftercare will be piloted at Hyattsville Elementary for a year, and if successful it will be expanded to other schools in Hyattsville city limits.

Motion #:

Sponsor(s): Ward

[Ward Low Cost School Aftercare.pdf](#)

7.c.) President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing Assessment – Implementation

I move that the Mayor and Council allocate funding (amount to be assessed/determined) and staff resources to implement what remains to be implemented from recommendations 1.7, 2.2, 2.2.1, 2.2.4, 2.13, 5.9.1, and 5.11 of the Hyattsville City Police Department's baseline assessment against the report from the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

Motion #:

Sponsor(s): Hollingsworth

[Hollingsworth Presidents Task Force.pdf](#)

7.d.) Conceptual Design Services – Magruder Park

I move that the Mayor and Council allocate \$25,000 (or amount to be assessed/determined) to support professional services to reimagine Magruder Park with Neighborhood Design Center.

Motion #:

Sponsor(s): Hollingsworth

[Hollingsworth_Conceptual Design Svc Magruder Park.pdf](#)

7.e.) Bikeshare Network(s)

I move that the Mayor and Council allocate funding (amount to be assessed/determined) to support implementation of a bikeshare system(s) compatible with regional needs.

Motion #:

Sponsor(s): Hollingsworth

[Hollingsworth_Bikeshare.pdf](#)

7.f.) Council of Governments – Membership Renewal

I move that the Mayor and Council allocate \$6,660 to support continuing its membership in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments upon review near the end of FY17.

Motion #:

Sponsor(s): Hollingsworth

[Hollingsworth_COG.pdf](#)

7.g.) AmeriCorps VISTA – New Application (Mentoring)

I move that the Mayor and Council allocate \$20,000 to support a mentoring program in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the National Capital Area upon successful application to the AmeriCorps VISTA program.

Motion #:

Sponsor(s): Hollingsworth

[Hollingsworth_VISTA Mentoring.pdf](#)

7.h.) FY18 Budget Priorities

Budget Priorities for Council Consideration:

MD-208/Hamilton Street Road Improvements

Senior Nutrition Site Improvements

Police & Public Safety Citizen's Advisory Committee Requests

Health Wellness and Recreation Committee Requests

Pedestrian or cyclist activated stop light at the Northwest Branch Trail crossing on Queens Chapel Road

Motion #:

Sponsor(s): SOLOMON

[Solomon_FY18 Budget Priorities.pdf](#)

7.i.) Heurich Park Community Center

I move that the Council allocate the appropriate funding for staff to be able to conduct a feasibility study for the construction of a small community center at Heurich Park.

Motion #:

Sponsor(s): Haba

[Haba_Heurich Park.pdf](#)

7.j.) Hyattsville Circulator Bus

I move that the Council allocate appropriate funding for a Hyattsville Circulator Bus feasibility study. Such circulator will connect the city's two metro stations to the arts district on route 1 and the Riverdale MARC train station.

Motion #:

Sponsor(s): Haba

[Haba_Circulator Bus.pdf](#)

7.k.) ADA Compliant Improvements

I move that the Council allocate the appropriate funding for staff to be able to supplement, with ADA compliant ramp for people with handicap and cyclists, the stairs from Oliver St. & Jamestown Rd. to Prince George's Plaza metro station. The same undertaking is needed at the end of 32nd Ave. and 33rd Ave. leading into Nicholas Orem Middle School.

Motion #:

Sponsor(s): Haba

[Haba_ADA Improvements.pdf](#)

7.l.) Safety Improvements & Speed Mitigation: Nicholson Street, 31st Ave., Lancer Dr. and 31st Place.

I move that the Council allocate appropriate funding for staff to be able to implement needed improvements at the intersection of Nicholson St. & Maryhurst Dr., to replace the current rubber barricades; and near the playground in Heurich Park. Funding is also needed for speed mitigation on 31st Ave., Lancer Dr. and 31st Pl.

Motion #:

Sponsor(s): Haba

[Haba_Safety Improvements_Speed Mitigation.pdf](#)

9.. Council Dialogue (9:50 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

10.. Community Notices and Meetings

9.a.) City Calendar: January 19 - 23, 2017

Motion #: N/A

Sponsor(s): At the Request of the City Administrator

[Main City Calendar Jan 19-23 2017.pdf](#)

11.. Motion to Adjourn

COUNCIL PROPOSED FY2018 BUDGET INITIATIVES

SPONSOR:	DESCRIPTION:	DEPT(S):	ESTIMATED FUNDS:	STAFF COMMENTS:
Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee	Incentive for residents to plant native trees on their residential property	DPW	\$5,000	This will require significant DPW and Finance Department resources to develop a program, implement, inspect/validate and issue individual payments. As an alternative, the City could partner with local businesses to offer resident incentives for purchasing native plants.
Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee	Incentive for residents to remove English Ivy and other damaging vines from trees on their property		\$7,500	Implementation of this program will require DPW resources to inspect and validate. Environmental Committee resources would be required to support this effort.
Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee	Gas Powered Mower Replacement Program		\$10,000	This will require significant DPW and Finance Department resources to develop a program, implement, inspect/validate and issue individual payment. As an alternative, the City could outreach to businesses asking them to offer resident incentives for trade-ins, or discounts for new purchases.
Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee	Arbor Day/Earth Day and Green Expo Event Funds		\$2,000	Considerable staff time was invested in supporting the 2016 Green expo. Additional events of this magnitude will continue to require administrative support, which is not currently available. Smaller scale programs would be more supportable.
Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee	Climate Change and Local Adaptation Measures – Workshop and Speaker Series	DPW	\$1,000	This will be difficult to support with current resources. If this initiative is Committee planned and led, the staff would be able to provide limited support.
Ward	Low Cost City Administered School Aftercare	CS	\$0	Staff believes this initiative can be run & operated at net zero/break even, by using revenue from program fees. One staff member will be required to manage the program, with several contractors reporting to this person.

Hollingsworth	President's Task Force on 21 st Century Policing Assessment - Implementation		TBD	The Police and Public Safety Committee continues to identify and prioritize Task Force recommendations. Some of these initiatives have been identified as 2018 priorities. Additional funding will be required to conduct annual surveys which can help further inform priorities. Educational incentives/tuition assistance will be considered in the 2018 budget. Amount TBD.
Hollingsworth	Conceptual Design Services – Magruder Park		\$25,000	Staff can work with Neighborhood Design Center for conceptual architecture services. There is a cost for these services - TBD. Additional funds will be needed should the Mayor and Council decide to move forward with design and implementation.
Hollingsworth	Bikeshare Network			Staff has been in discussions with County on M Bike and Capital Bikeshare. This item and associated costs will come back as part of the departmental (or CIP) budget discussions.
Hollingsworth	Council of Governments – Membership Renewal		\$6,600	Funds for membership renewal are included in the draft FY18 budget.
Hollingsworth	AmeriCorps VISTA – New Application (Mentoring)		\$20,000	Staff estimates that a \$20K investment would result in approx. 100 mentoring relationships. Note that a portion of the total represents the City's cost share fee for the VISTA and a portion of the cost is allocated to the Big Brothers, Big Sisters organization. The VISTA employee would be located at the Big Brother, Big Sister offices.
Haba	Heurich Park Community Center			The staff can coordinate with M-NCPPC to determine if a feasibility study can be supported. The property at Heurich Park is primarily owned by Maryland National Capital Park and Planning (M-NCPPC). The City owns a small portion of the park that is currently programmed with playground equipment. Prince George's County and M-NCPPC have existing plans for the park that include extensive stormwater management.
Haba	Hyattsville Circulator Bus			The staff may be able to conduct a feasibility study to determine cost, partnership opportunities and demand. The staff will

				require more information on the requirements of the proposed circulator.
Haba	ADA Compliant Improvements: 1) ADA compliant ramp for people with handicap and cyclists, the stairs from Oliver St. & Jamestown Rd. to Prince George's Plaza metro station. 2) The same undertaking is needed at the end of 32nd Ave. and 33rd Ave. leading into Nicholas Orem Middle School.			The two identified locations are on METRO and PGCPs properties, further coordination is required to determine if this is supportable. Please note that \$60,000 is included in the City's budget annually for ADA improvements on City property.
Haba	Safety Improvements & Speed Mitigation: Nicholson Street, 31st Ave., Lancer Dr. and 31st Place			Staff is currently working on speed mitigation and safety improvements for Nicholson Street. Staff will assess the other two locations to provide an estimated cost for Council consideration.
Solomon	MD-208/Hamilton Street Road Improvements			This roadway is also included in the Council's 2017 Legislative Priorities. Staff met with District 3 representatives in early January. We expect to have feedback on our requested roadway improvements (street repair, sidewalks, signalization, cross-walks and ramps) by mid-March.
Solomon	Senior Nutrition Site Improvements			More information/direction is required to provide staff feedback.
Solomon	Police & Public Safety Citizen's Advisory Committee Recommendations			More information is required to provide staff feedback.
Solomon	Health, Wellness & Recreation Committee Requests			More information is required to provide staff feedback.
Solomon	Pedestrian or cyclist activated stop light at Northwest Branch Trail Crossing on Queens Chapel Road			More information is required to provide staff feedback.



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017

Submitted by: Laura Reams

Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Presentation

Agenda Section: Presentations

SUBJECT

Hyattsville Environment Committee: FY18 Budget Recommendations (15 minutes)

Motion #

Recommendation:

Sponsor(s):

At the Request of the City Administrator

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

The Hyattsville Environment Committee will present the budget initiatives submitted, on their behalf, by Councilmember Paschall and respond to questions from the Council on the initiatives.

Next Steps:

TBD

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

City Administrator Comments:

N/A

Community Engagement:

N/A

Strategic Goals:

Goal 1 - Ensure Transparent & Accessible Governance

Legal Review Required?

N/A



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017
Submitted by: Patrick Paschall, W3
Submitting Department: Legislative
Item Type: Budget
Agenda Section: Presentations

SUBJECT

Incentive for residents to plant native trees on their residential property

Motion

Recommendation:

I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL allocate \$5,000 as incentive to residents to purchase a native tree for their residential property (up to \$50 per property, for up to 100 residential properties).

Sponsor(s):

Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

This initiative will help the City of Hyattsville encourage its residents to plant large-sized native shade trees on private (residential) property. Urban trees are decreasing throughout the country; in fact, Tree City USA has found that in some cities, as many as four trees die or are removed for each new tree planted. Trees provide a host of benefits, including aesthetic appeal, shade and protection from extreme sun and wind, wildlife and bird habitat, cleaner air, stormwater runoff mitigation, and have been found to help boost property values. Native trees have added benefits: they require less water and fertilizer because they are better adapted to local climate conditions and soil types, and they can prevent the introduction of invasive plants.

The State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) offers a \$25 rebate for the purchase of a native tree from a participating nursery with a retail value of \$50 or more. The list of eligible trees, participating nurseries, and other information on the program is available at <http://www.trees.maryland.gov/pickatree.asp#trees>.

To further incentivize Hyattsville residents to plant large native shade trees, we recommend that the City offer a matching rebate of up to \$50, limited to one (1) rebate per household for City of Hyattsville residents toward the purchase of a large over-story native shade tree from this list ("Large" size only):
<http://dnr2.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/MarylandersPlantTrees/Recommended-Tree-List.aspx>

This added rebate from the City could make up the difference to meet the minimum \$50 purchase of a native shade tree free for a resident who wishes to purchase one.

Included in the \$50 incentive would allow Hyattsville residents to apply up to \$35 out of the \$50 allotment per household toward the purchase of products to help care for their new tree. Such products might include soil amendments such as organic composted leaves for soil conditioning (\$5.00 per bag such as LeafGro) or organic plant food (\$9-10/bag such as Bio-tone organic "Starter Plus") or the purchase of a tree watering bag (for larger trees <3-5 years old; \$20 each).

This initiative is a relatively low-cost way for the City of Hyattsville to promote the planting of large native shade trees on private property. It aligns well with the city's commitment to being a Tree City (recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation) and will complement existing City efforts to plant native shade trees on the City's public property. In recent years, the City has taken steps to inventory all street trees on public property and has set up a program to replace those that are dead or dying. However, no program currently exists to encourage planting trees on private residential property. This initiative would help to enhance Hyattsville's tree canopy by assisting residents with their purchase of a native shade tree with built-in safeguards to increase its likelihood of survival.

Next Steps:

Once this initiative is approved, a resident who buys a native shade tree and who takes advantage of the Maryland DNR rebate would provide to the City of Hyattsville Department of Public Works a photocopy of both their DNR rebate receipt and the receipt of the purchase of their tree from the participating nursery. The type of tree MUST be selected from the "Large" category from the Maryland DNR list referenced above. The resident would also have the option to include photocopies of receipts showing the purchase of accessories such as soil amendments and/or a tree watering bag. The City of Hyattsville would issue a check to the resident to cover the cost of the accessories in the amount not exceeding \$35, and cover the remaining difference of the purchase of the native tree (minus both the Maryland DNR \$25 rebate and the cost of the soil amendments and/or tree watering bag) up to the \$50 maximum cap.

Fiscal Impact:

\$5,000

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

This incentive could be advertised on the Hyattsville HOPE email listserv and Hyattsville Life and Times newspaper, along with information about native trees, their benefits, and provide information about the Maryland Dept of Natural Resources rebate program.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 5 - Strengthen the City's Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017

Submitted by: Patrick Paschall, W3

Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Presentations

SUBJECT

Incentive for residents to remove English Ivy and other damaging vines from trees on their property

Motion

Recommendation:

I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL allocate \$7,500 as incentive to residents for removal of tree-damaging vines, and for maintenance over a period of time sufficient to eradicate from tree canopy (up to \$75 per property, in 3 installments of \$25 over 1 year, for up to 100 residential properties).

Sponsor(s):

Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee

ATTACHMENTS

[NPS English Ivy Fact Sheet.pdf](#)

Summary Background:

English ivy is a non-native vining plant that can damage and kill Hyattsville's mature trees. It does this by growing up and over tree branches, blocking light to the leaves, and thus starving and weakening the tree. Over time large tree branches die, and the weight of the ivy in the canopy makes the tree branches or entire trunk more susceptible to wind. Additionally, ivy produces seed when growing up trees; removal will not only help the individual tree but will reduce the spread of ivy in the neighborhood. For more complete information on English ivy, please see documentation from the National Park Service at the following website: <https://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/hehe1.htm>

In Hyattsville, trees infested with English ivy are often also infested with vines of common greenbriar (a native but very thorny vine species), poison ivy (also native, but undesirable), porcelainberry (an invasive non-native vine), and others (JW personal observation). None of these vines are desirable on residential trees.

Although the National Park Service advises ivy removal using either mechanical/physical means or herbicides, we plan to specifically encourage mechanical/physical removal. Winter is an ideal time to begin this activity, because English ivy retains leaves through the winter but poison ivy does not, which may help prevent unintended exposure to poison ivy.

Removal of these vines takes perseverance and some effort. All vines must be removed from around the base of the tree and severed around the tree trunk approximately 1 foot above the ground, without damaging the tree's bark. The vines in the tree's canopy will then die over a period of several months, but for lasting removal, any new vines must be periodically removed from the base and trunk of the tree. Therefore, the Hyattsville Environmental Committee, with the support of the Hyattsville Horticultural Society, proposes offering our residents information, (?) assistance, and a financial incentive to remove ivy and other vines. The financial incentive would be \$25 after initial documentation of infested tree ("before") and removal of vines ("after") with photographs and/or a visit from HEC/HHS volunteers. An additional \$25 would be offered 6 months and 1 year after the initial removal (for a total of \$75) upon documentation of continued maintenance of a vine-free tree trunk and base. Volunteers working on this project will send out reminders at 6 months and 1 year to residents who have completed the first removal.

While there is no direct financial benefit to the city, this proposal does promote Hyattsville financial interests:

- i) Ivy removal will Improve Hyattsville's appearance, which is important for property values and quality of life
- ii) Preserving an intact shade tree canopy minimizes residential cooling costs and promotes indoor and outdoor comfort; shade will become an increasingly important public and residential amenity as heat waves and summer power outages become more frequent
- iii) Ivy removal will reduce damage to residential and public property and infrastructure (e.g. power lines) by reducing mortality and vulnerability to wind of large limbs and entire trees. As part of proper tree management, ivy removal may also result in modest discount on homeowners insurance premiums or may reduce homeowner liability in case of damage from tree or limb windfalls, because they have documented proper tree maintenance.
- iv) Every tree that has ivy removed will promote an overall reduction in the spread of ivy to new trees in Hyattsville, by limiting both seed production and vegetative spread; this will have a positive impact on the whole community

Next Steps:

HEC and HHS volunteers interested in helping would need to coordinate their efforts and prepare brief educational materials for interested residents. HHS members suggested that local scout troops or student groups may be interested in participating (e.g. by assisting with the actual ivy removal) for badges or educational credits. The pros and cons (liability?) would need to be explored before finalizing project.

Fiscal Impact:

Up to \$7,500

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

There is the possibility of engaging/educating students, scouts, and other interested parties. HEC and HHS members would like to make this a community endeavor.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 5 - Strengthen the City's Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A



English Ivy

Hedera helix L.

Ginseng family (Araliaceae)

NATIVE RANGE

Europe, western Asia, and northern Africa

DESCRIPTION

English ivy is an evergreen climbing vine that attaches to the bark of trees, brickwork, and other surfaces by way of small rootlike structures which exude a sticky substance that helps the vines adhere to various surfaces. Older vines have been reported to reach 1 foot in diameter. Leaves are dark green with white veins, waxy to somewhat leathery, and arranged alternately along the stem. Leaf forms include a 3 to 5-lobed leaf (the most common) and an unlobed rounded leaf often found on mature plants in full sun that are ready to flower. Vines may grow for up to ten years before producing flowers. Under sufficient light conditions, terminal clusters of small, pale yellow-green flowers are produced in the fall. The flowers are attractive to flies and bees in search of late season nectar sources. The black-purple fruits have a thin fleshy outer covering, contain one to three hard, stone-like seeds and may persist through the winter if not eaten first.



NOTE: The leaves and berries of English ivy contain the glycoside hederin which could cause toxicosis if ingested. Symptoms include gastrointestinal upset, diarrhea, hyperactivity, breathing difficulty, coma, fever, polydipsia, dilated pupils, muscular weakness, and lack of coordination. This feature also helps ensure effective seed dispersal by birds.

Poison ivy may be confused with English ivy in the winter because they both have hairy stems. However, poison ivy is deciduous and has no leaves during the winter time (English ivy has leaves all year round). During the growing season the three-leaved foliage and clusters of whitish berries help to distinguish poison ivy.

ECOLOGICAL THREAT

English ivy is a vigorous growing vine that impacts all levels of disturbed and undisturbed forested areas, growing both as a ground cover and a climbing vine. As the ivy climbs in search of increased light, it engulfs and kills branches by blocking light from reaching the host tree's leaves. Branch dieback proceeds from the lower to upper branches, often leaving the tree with just a small green "broccoli head". The host tree eventually succumbs entirely from this insidious and steady weakening. In addition, the added weight of the vines makes infested trees much more susceptible to blow-over during high rain and wind events and heavy snowfalls. Trees heavily draped with ivy can be hazardous if near roads, walkways, homes and other populated areas. On the ground, English ivy forms dense and extensive monocultures that exclude native plants. English ivy also serves as a reservoir for Bacterial Leaf Scorch (*Xylella fastidiosa*), a plant pathogen that is harmful to elms, oaks, maples and other native plants.



DISTRIBUTION IN THE UNITED STATES

English ivy has been reported to be invasive in natural areas in 18 states and the District of Columbia.

HABITAT IN THE UNITED STATES

English ivy infests woodlands, forest edges, fields, hedgerows, coastal areas, salt marsh edges, and other upland areas, especially where some soil moisture is present. It does not grow well in extremely wet conditions and tolerates a wide range of soil pH but prefers slightly acid (pH=6.5). English Ivy is often associated with some form of land disturbance, either human-caused or natural.

BACKGROUND

English ivy was probably first introduced to the U.S. by European immigrants for its ornamental appeal. It persists as a popular plant for homeowners, businesses, landscape designers and others. Cooperative Extension offices continue to recommend English ivy for use as a low maintenance alternative to lawns because it is evergreen, relatively pest free, very cold hardy and fast-growing groundcover that requires little care once established.

BIOLOGY & SPREAD

English ivy spreads locally through vegetative growth and new plants can grow from cut or broken pieces of stems that are able to root in the soil. It disperses longer distances via seed which is carried to new areas by frugivorous birds including the Cedar Waxwing, Northern Robin, Stellar Jay, Mockingbird, European Starling, and House Sparrow.



MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

Manual, mechanical and chemical control methods are all effective in removing and killing English ivy. Employing a combination of methods often yields the best results and may reduce potential impacts to native plants, animals and people. The method you select depends on the extent and type of infestation, the amount of native vegetation on the site, and the time, labor and other resources available to you. Whenever possible and especially for vines climbing up trees or buildings, a combination of cutting followed by application of concentrated systemic herbicide to rooted, living cut surfaces is likely to be the most effective approach. For large infestations of ivy spanning extensive areas of ground, a foliar herbicide may be the best choice rather than manual or mechanical means which could result in soil disturbance.

Biological

There are no biological controls currently available for English ivy.



Chemical

Systemic herbicides like triclopyr (e.g., Garlon® 3A and Garlon® 4) and glyphosate (e.g., Accord®, Glypro®, Rodeo®) are absorbed into plant tissues and carried to the roots, killing the entire plant within about a week. The evergreen nature of English ivy means that it continues to grow through the winter months although at a reduced rate. Herbicide applications can be made any time of year as long as temperatures are above 55 or 60 degrees Fahrenheit for several days and rain is not expected for at least 24 hours. Fall and winter applications will avoid or minimize impacts to native plants and animals. Repeated treatments are likely to be needed. Follow-up monitoring should be conducted to ensure effective control. Herbicidal contact with desirable plants should always be avoided. In areas where spring wildflowers or other native plants are interspersed, application of herbicides should be conducted prior to their emergence, or delayed until they have died back. If native grasses are intermingled with the ivy, triclopyr should be used because it is selective for broad-leaved plants and will not harm grasses.

Glyphosate products referred to in this fact sheet are sold under a variety of brand names (Accord®, Rodeo®, Roundup Pro® Concentrate) and in three concentrations (41.0, 50.2 and 53.8% active ingredient). Other glyphosate products sold at home improvement stores may be too dilute to obtain effective control. Triclopyr comes in two forms – triclopyr amine (e.g., Garlon® 3A, Brush-B-Gone®, Brush Killer®) and triclopyr ester (e.g., Garlon® 4, Pathfinder®, and Vinex®). Because Garlon® 3A is a water-soluble salt that can cause severe eye damage, it is imperative that you wear protective goggles to protect yourself from splashes. Garlon® 4 is soluble in oil or water, is highly volatile and can be extremely toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates. It should not be used in or near water sources or wetlands and should only be applied under cool, calm conditions.

Basal bark application

Use a string trimmer or hand saw to remove some of the foliage in a band a few feet from the ground at comfortable height. To the exposed stems, apply a 20% solution of triclopyr ester (Garlon® 4) (2.5 quarts per 3-gallon mix) in commercially available basal oil with a penetrant (check with herbicide distributor) to vine stems. As much as possible, avoid application of herbicide to the bark of the host tree. This can be done year-round although efficacy may vary seasonally; temperatures should be above 50° F for several days.

Cut stem application

Cut each vine stem close to the ground or at a comfortable height and cut again a little higher up. Remove cut pieces to make a vine-free band around the tree trunk. The upper portions of cut vines will eventually die, rot and fall off the host tree. To the freshly cut surfaces of the living rooted stems apply a 25% solution of triclopyr amine (Garlon® 3A) or glyphosate (e.g., Accord®) mixed in water. Homeowners can apply products like Brush-B-Gone®, Brush Killer® and Roundup Pro Concentrate® undiluted to cut stems. Using a paint brush or a plastic spray bottle, apply herbicide to the cut surface especially the perimeter inside the bark which is the living portion of plant.

Foliar application

From summer to fall, apply 2 to 5% solution (8 to 20 oz. per 3-gallon mix) of triclopyr ester (Garlon® 4) mixed in water with a non-ionic surfactant to the leaves. Thoroughly wet the foliage but not to the point of runoff. Some control may be achieved with glyphosate as a 2 to 4-percent solution (8 to 16 oz. per 3-gallon mix) mixed in water with a 0.5 to 1.0 %non-ionic surfactant, but repeat applications are likely to be necessary. During foliar applications some of the herbicide is also absorbed through the stem for additional (basal bark) effect. Because English ivy is evergreen, the ideal time to treat it is during mild spells in winter when most native plants are dormant, to avoid affecting non-target species. However, winter treatments may be less effective than summer through fall applications.



Manual and Mechanical

Vines growing as groundcover can be pulled up by hand, with some difficulty, and left on-site or bagged and disposed of as trash. Always wear gloves and long sleeves to protect your skin from poison ivy and barbed or spined plants. For climbing vines, first cut the vines near the ground at a comfortable height to kill upper portions and relieve the tree canopy. A large screw driver or forked garden tool can be used to pry and snap the vines away from the tree trunks. Vines can be cut using a hand axe or pruning saw for larger vines or a pruning snips for smaller stems. Try to minimize damage to the bark of the host tree. Rooted portions will remain alive and should be pulled, repeatedly cut to the ground or treated with herbicide. Because cutting will likely result in vigorous regrowth, vigilance is required to ensure long term control.

Mulching

Mulching may be an effective choice for smaller infestations when herbicides are not appropriate. Cover the entire infestation with several inches of mulch. This may include wood chips, grass clippings, hay or similar degradable plant material. Shredded or chipped wood may be the best option since hay and grass may potentially carry weed seeds. Covering the area with cardboard may improve the effectiveness and longevity of this method. The mulch should stay in place for at least two growing seasons and may need to be augmented several times. Mulching can also be done following herbicide treatment.

USE PESTICIDES WISELY: Always read the entire pesticide label carefully, follow all mixing and application instructions and wear all recommended personal protective gear and clothing. Contact your state department of agriculture for any additional pesticide use requirements, restrictions or recommendations.

NOTICE: mention of pesticide products on this page does not constitute endorsement of any material.

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SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE PLANTS

A wide variety of attractive and ecologically adapted and beneficial native plants can be substituted for English ivy. Select plants adapted to the level of light available on the site (i.e., full sun, shade, part-shade). Plants that will eventually spread to cover an area of ground include flowering plants like eastern prickly pear cactus (*Opuntia humifusa*), blue phlox (*Phlox*

divaricata), wild ginger (*Asarum canadense*), Allegheny spurge (*Pachysandra procumbens*), and green and gold (*Chrysogonum virginianum*); ferns like Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*), northern maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*), northern lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*), and cinnamon fern (*Osmunda cinnamomea*); grasses like red fescue (*Festuca rubra*), wild oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*), bottlebrush grass (*Elymus hystrix*) and switch grass (*Panicum virgatum*); and sedges like Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pennsylvanica*) and tussock sedge (*Carex stricta*). Native vines that are good replacements for English ivy include trumpet creeper (*Campsis radicans*), Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*), passionflower vine (*Passiflora lutea*), Dutchman's pipe (*Aristolochia macrophylla*), and native wisteria (*Wisteria frutescens*)*.

***NOTE:** If you wish to plant wisteria, make certain that it is the native species. Two commonly planted ornamental wisterias, Chinese wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*) and Japanese wisteria (*Wisteria floribunda*), are exotic and aggressive invaders. Please consult the native plant society in your state for more information on species native to your particular area.

OTHER LINKS

- <http://www.invasive.org/search/action.cfm?q=Hedera%20helix>
- http://www.hear.org/starr/hiplants/images/thumbnails/html/hedera_helix.htm

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Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017
Submitted by: Patrick Paschall, W3
Submitting Department: Legislative
Item Type: Budget
Agenda Section: Presentations

SUBJECT

Gas Powered Mower Replacement Program

Motion

Recommendation:

I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL allocate \$10,000 to fund the Gas Powered Mower Replacement Program.

Sponsor(s):

Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

Gas-powered lawn mowers are run by small engines that emit disproportionately large amounts of carbon monoxide, volatile compounds, and nitrogen oxides that contribute to smog. The human health effects of smog-laden air are well-known, and include inflammation and damage to lungs, increased risk of asthma attacks, and lowered levels of oxygen in the bloodstream, which can aggravate heart conditions. A 2001 study concluded that "Air pollution from cutting grass for an hour with a gasoline powered lawn mower is about the same as that from a 100-mile automobile ride."

It is recommended that the City offer an incentive for up to 100 Hyattsville residents to receive a \$100 rebate/incentive from the City for replacing their working-condition gas-powered lawn mower with an electric, battery powered or push/reel lawn mower. The City will contact a lawn mower vendor (e.g., Home Depot, Lowes or directly with a company like Stihl) to negotiate a discount for a bulk purchase of new electric mowers. The current cost of an electric lawn mower is about \$200.

Other Information:

1. From Black & Decker: Our trade in programs go through our Factory Service Centers. I have listed your nearest Factory Service Center information below. You may contact the Service Center for information on the trade-in trade-up program if it is offered. Best Regards.

Factory Service Center
7963 Central Ave
Capitol Heights, MD 20743
301-333-0865

2. Local STIHL dealer:

Mike Bebaux
sales@commercialmowerdepot.com
(301) 326-1121

Genie McClain
Branch Marketing Manager
Mid-Atlantic STIHL
919-643-4624
genie.mcclain@stihl.us

Websites from similar programs:

1, <http://ozoneaware.org/mow-down-pollution/> (Denver Area)

2, <http://www.blackanddecker.com/en-us/about/events/anaheim-mower-exchange> (Southern CA) --- Looks like B&D does these - might be a good first contact. I sent them an email to see what they can do.

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<http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/news/2016/04/lawn-mower-exchanges-best-electric-lawn-mowers/index.htm> - Consumer Reports report.

4. <http://www.baaqmd.gov/grant-funding/residents/lawn-mower-exchange> -- Maryland based program. Has contact on the bottom of the webpage.

Next Steps:

Upon approval of initiative:

1. City contact distributor of Electric/Plug-In mowers (Stihl/Black & Decker - contact information below) to get a discount on a bulk purchase of lawnmowers. It would be ideal to have at least 2-3 different models, offering both electric and battery powered.

2. City puts out notice to residents of this “buy-back/incentive” program. Interested residents will complete the form indicating which electric/battery mower they want. Each mower would have a price shown new and with the \$100 discount. Residents would include payment with the form.

3. City to contact Prince George’s Department of Environmental Services about other rebate incentives that might dovetail with this program.

4. City would have all the new mowers at the DPW site for a Saturday pickup. Residents will be required to bring their gas mower (which must start) to DPW who will properly dispose of the gas mowers. This is an important step because the idea is that we are replacing gas mowers with electric/battery power.

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Fiscal Impact:

This program would cost the \$10,000 (assuming 100 people sign up) as well as the cost for staff time to administer the program.

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

This incentive could be advertised on the Hyattsville HOPE email listserv and Hyattsville Life and Times newspaper, along with information on how much pollution gas powered lawn mowers produce and the benefits of having a plug in/battery operated mower.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 5 - Strengthen the City's Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017
Submitted by: Patrick Paschall, W3
Submitting Department: Legislative
Item Type: Budget
Agenda Section: Discussion Items

SUBJECT

Arbor Day/Earth Day and Green Expo Event Funds

Motion #

Recommendation:

I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL: Increase the budget by \$2,000 to fund two environmentally-themed events for 2017. The two events are: Arbor Day / Earth Day 2017 in late April and a Green Expo, which would take place in early September. The funding would provide for a speaker, an event-day workshop, environmentally-beneficial hands – such as reusable water bottles, refreshments, and promotional literature to spread awareness about the event to residents.

Sponsor(s):

Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

Hyattsville, as a municipality, is an environmental leader in Maryland. We benefit by being close to a major state university and close to major federal agencies that focus on agricultural, environmental, and health sciences. Many of our residents are professionally or personally engaged in reducing our negative impact on the earth. Two public events would allow us to celebrate environmentalism, provide informational sessions, and highlight the work of local environmental businesses and organizations. Our 2016 Green Expo was a major success – with around 20 vendors, a well-attended speaker session, and a wildly successful rain barrel subsidy sign-up program. However, the event would have been better attended and would have been more successful if the event was funded.

Next Steps:

If approved, the Hyattsville Environment Committee will work with DPW staff to plan the events.

Fiscal Impact:

\$2,000

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

Community outreach plan would include as reusable water bottles, refreshments, and promotional literature to spread awareness about the event to residents.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 5 - Strengthen the City's Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017
Submitted by: Patrick Paschall, W3
Submitting Department: Legislative
Item Type: Budget
Agenda Section: Presentations

SUBJECT

Climate Change and Local Adaptation Measures – Workshop and Speaker Series

Motion #

Recommendation:

I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL allocate \$1,000 to fund a series of speakers and a workshop. The series will consist of three speakers and one workshop. The topics will be climate science research and climate adaptation opportunities for government, small businesses and community members. The workshop will focus on helping Hyattsville residents learn how they can be prepared and help their neighbors prepare for climate change (long-term) and weather-related emergencies (short-term). The funding for these initiatives will go toward promotion of these events, speaker transportation reimbursement if needed, food and beverages, the filming or audio-recording of these events, and the printing of supplementary literature.

Sponsor(s):

Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

Many Hyattsville residents are interested in how climate change may affect our local environments and our homes. Also of interest is how to identify weather-related hazards and prepare for weather-related emergencies. Locally and regionally, we have many environmental and adaptation experts who would be willing to speak to a local audience to share their knowledge, and build our understanding of climate change, and increase our capacity and confidence in responding to weather events.

Next Steps:

Hyattsville Environment Committee will work with the Department of Public Works to organize the events.

Fiscal Impact:

\$1,000

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

Outreach will be similar to past events - distribution over email listservs and inclusion on the City Calendar.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 5 - Strengthen the City's Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017

Submitted by: Kevin Ward, W1

Submitting Department: Community Services

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Discussion Items

SUBJECT

Budget Item - Low Cost City Administered School Aftercare

Motion #

Recommendation:

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the Director of Community Services work to establish a City run aftercare pilot for 1 year at Hyattsville Elementary School that will be of zero net cost to the City. The aftercare will be piloted at Hyattsville Elementary for a year, and if successful it will be expanded to other schools in Hyattsville city limits.

Sponsor(s):

Ward

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

Move that the Council appropriate \$100,000 for Director of Community Services to work to establish a city run aftercare pilot for 1 year at Hyattsville Elementary School that will be of zero net cost to the City. The aftercare will be piloted at Hyattsville Elementary for a year, and if successful it will be expanded to other schools in Hyattsville city limits.

Next Steps:

Community Services department will continue to research the costs and come to council with a zero net cost proposal.

Fiscal Impact:

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City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

TBD

Strategic Goals:

TBD

Legal Review Required?

N/A



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017

Submitted by: Candace Hollingsworth, Mayor

Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)

SUBJECT

President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing Assessment – Implementation

Motion

Recommendation:

I move that the Mayor and Council allocate funding (amount to be assessed/determined) and staff resources to implement what remains to be implemented from recommendations 1.7, 2.2, 2.2.1, 2.2.4, 2.13, 5.9.1, and 5.11 of the Hyattsville City Police Department's baseline assessment against the report from the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

Sponsor(s):

Hollingsworth

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

In January 2016, the City of Hyattsville adopted the task force's report to serve as framework for community policing in the City. In doing so, the Council required the Chief of Police to submit a baseline assessment of the department's readiness against applicable recommendations. The Chief of Police submitted this assessment to the Mayor and Council in August 2016 that included a list of recommendations/actions for the department to be in compliance with the report.

This motion requests allocation of the financial and human resources necessary to implement 7 of the 13 itemized recommendations. Specifically, the recommendations to be implemented are:

- 1.7 Conduct annual surveys of attitudes towards policing
- 2.2 Comprehensive use of force policies
- 2.2.1 Use of force training to include de-escalation
- 2.2.4 Collect and report use of force data
- 2.13 Profiling Policies
- 5.9.1 Cultural Diversity Training
- 5.11 Education Incentives

The department has the discretion to determine the workplan necessary to implement these recommendations in full. However, the following activities are recommended for consideration and assessment of cost:

Relative to recommendation 1.7:

Annual surveys should be far-reaching and statistically sound. Please consider costs necessary to obtain advisory counsel on survey design and methods. In addition to annual surveys please consider a practice that allows for the department to proactively solicit feedback on service level and performance following calls for service. This should

not be much different from that implemented in the ERP solution for customer encounters with other administrative departments.

Relative to recommendation 5.11:

The education incentive should be made available to all City employees with priority given a) to employees who currently do not hold a postsecondary degree or certification and b) employees seeking training/courses in management and leadership.

Next Steps:

Staff review of requirements.

Fiscal Impact:

TBD

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

None.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 1: Ensure Transparent and Accessible Governance

Goal 3: Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

Goal 4: Foster Excellence in all City Operations

Goal 5: Strengthen the City's Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community

Legal Review Required?

TBD



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017

Submitted by: Candace Hollingsworth, Mayor

Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)

SUBJECT

Conceptual Design Services – Magruder Park

Motion #

Recommendation:

I move that the Mayor and Council allocate \$25,000 (or amount to be assessed/determined) to support professional services to reimagine Magruder Park with Neighborhood Design Center.

Sponsor(s):

Hollingsworth

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

The City solicited feedback from residents using the SpeakUp portal regarding the use and function of Magruder Park. Neighborhood Design Center has worked with the City in the past to propose conceptual designs of our public spaces. It would be beneficial for the City to look at Magruder Park in a new way and explore the ways that we can create a functional, attractive, and pleasant park whose design and layout is equally visually interesting and functional.

Next Steps:

Agreement/MOU with NDC

Fiscal Impact:

25,000 (TBD)

City Administrator Comments:

TBD

Community Engagement:

Community engagement strategies are part of NDC's design strategy.

Strategic Goals:

Adopted Priority: HVLGenerations

Adopted Priority: Integrated Public Health and Safety

Action 3.1 – Enhance safety and security in public places including residential neighborhoods, parks and commercial corridors

Action 3.2 – Enhance the overall quality and profile of parks recreational programming and community amenities

Legal Review Required?

TBD



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Submitted by: Candace Hollingsworth, Mayor

Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)

SUBJECT

Bikeshare Network(s)

Motion #

Recommendation:

I move that the Mayor and Council allocate funding (amount to be assessed/determined) to support implementation of a bikeshare system(s) compatible with regional needs.

Sponsor(s):

Hollingsworth

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

The City of Hyattsville has been an active participant in the municipal working group to explore regional bikeshare opportunities for Prince George's County and has been in conversations with the City of College Park to explore how we can participate in a bikeshare service compatible with their previously implemented program. The City of Hyattsville is part of area that has been designated as Phase I of the countywide bikeshare program. This funding would allow the City to meet the partnership requirements for initial implementation of Capital Bikeshare with the County and a smaller network that is connected with that currently implemented in College Park.

Next Steps:

Costs to be obtained in upcoming meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

TBD

City Administrator Comments:

TBD

Community Engagement:

None.

Strategic Goals:

Adopted Priority: Integrated Public Health and Safety

Action 2.3 – Promote and invest in opportunities for alternative transportation methods to support multi-modal connectivity throughout the City.

Action 2.4 – Provide economic development programming and projects to support and facilitate infill, revitalization, redevelopment and transit-oriented investment.

Action 2.5 – Leverage funding and resource opportunities to support projects, programs and services consistent with City's adopted Vision, Mission and Strategic

Action 4.4 – Solicit and support collaborative partnerships that enhance City services to broaden the range of resources and services provided to City residents.

Legal Review Required?

N/A



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Submitted by: Candace Hollingsworth, Mayor

Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)

SUBJECT

Council of Governments – Membership Renewal

Motion #

Recommendation:

I move that the Mayor and Council allocate \$6,660 to support continuing its membership in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments upon review near the end of FY17.

Sponsor(s):

Hollingsworth

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

The City of Hyattsville joined MWCOG in October 2016 at a pro-rated amount through June 2017 with continued membership to be evaluated based on the value received through our participation. This request is to include a placeholder for this membership pending review of efficacy.

Next Steps:

Review of benefits to be provided to the Council prior to budget finalization.

Fiscal Impact:

6,660

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

None.

Strategic Goals:

Action 2.5 – Leverage funding and resource opportunities to support projects, programs and services consistent with City's adopted Vision, Mission and Strategic

Action 5.4 – Develop and maintain strategic partnerships with organizations and communities

Legal Review Required?

N/A



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Submitted by: Candace Hollingsworth, Mayor

Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)

SUBJECT

AmeriCorps VISTA – New Application (Mentoring)

Motion #

Recommendation:

I move that the Mayor and Council allocate \$20,000 to support a mentoring program in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the National Capital Area upon successful application to the AmeriCorps VISTA program.

Sponsor(s):

Hollingsworth

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

The Mayor and the Director of Community Services met with representatives from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the National Capital Area (BBBSNCA) to discuss partnership opportunities that would bring opportunities for mentoring to Hyattsville. Since BBBSNCA has limited activities in Prince George's County, the City would have to bear the cost of the coordinator to coordinate a program for Hyattsville youth. Last year, the City submitted an application to host an AmeriCorps VISTA member to help increase engagement via partnerships with area schools. We have been invited to host additional VISTA members provided we are able to offer service concepts that fit within the scope of allowed activities. We would like to propose this program and partnership in our next VISTA application. There are several benefits to doing so: 1) the City would be able to offer mentoring to interested Hyattsville youth at all ages, 2) the City would benefit from the expertise and mentoring network offered by BBBSNCA, and 3) the City would have a dedicated coordinator (the VISTA member) at a reduced cost.

Next Steps:

Application to AmeriCorps VISTA

Fiscal Impact:

20,000

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

None yet.

Strategic Goals:

Adopted Priority: HVL Generations

Action 5.1 – Create opportunities for community stakeholder networking by developing diverse recreation programs and events accessible and inclusive to all 36

Action 5.2 – Support volunteerism and encourage the creative arts within the community

Legal Review Required?

N/A



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017

Submitted by: Joseph Solomon, W5

Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)

SUBJECT

FY18 Budget Priorities

Motion #

Recommendation:

Budget Priorities for Council Consideration:

MD-208/Hamilton Street Road Improvements

Senior Nutrition Site Improvements

Police & Public Safety Citizen's Advisory Committee Requests

Health Wellness and Recreation Committee Requests

Pedestrian or cyclist activated stop light at the Northwest Branch Trail crossing on Queens Chapel Road

Sponsor(s):

SOLOMON

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

Council is required to submit budget priorities.

Next Steps:

Council to consider during budget meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

TBD

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

Budget discussion planned.

Strategic Goals:

Budget Priorities

Legal Review Required?

N/A



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: January 18, 2017

Submitted by: Edouard Haba, W4 (Council Pres.)

Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)

SUBJECT

Heurich Park Community Center

Motion #

Recommendation:

I move that the Council allocate the appropriate funding for staff to be able to conduct a feasibility study for the construction of a small community center at Heurich Park.

Sponsor(s):

Haba

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

Heurich Park serves as a venue for many city sponsored events and other community events. However, there's no shelter space nor adequate restrooms.

Next Steps:

Staff review and Council discussion

Fiscal Impact:

TBD

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

This suggestion has been brought up in various conversations with residents.

Strategic Goals:

Action 2.2- Invest in, and manage City infrastructure including streets, sidewalks and public facilities.

Action 3.2 – Enhance the quality of programs and the profile of parks, recreational services, community amenities and services.

Legal Review Required?

n/a



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Submitted by: Edouard Haba, W4 (Council Pres.)

Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)

SUBJECT

Hyattsville Circulator Bus

Motion #

Recommendation:

I move that the Council allocate appropriate funding for a Hyattsville Circulator Bus feasibility study. Such circulator will connect the city's two metro stations to the arts district on route 1 and the Riverdale MARC train station.

Sponsor(s):

Haba

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

This suggestion has been brought up in various occasions and settings. A circulator could improve pedestrian mobility and help connect the separate parts of Hyattsville as a single community.

Next Steps:

Staff review and Council discussion

Fiscal Impact:

TBD

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

This idea has been suggested by residents, over the years.

Strategic Goals:

Action 2.3 – Promote and invest in opportunities for alternative transportation methods to support multi-modal connectivity throughout the City.

Legal Review Required?

n/a



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Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)

SUBJECT

ADA Compliant Improvements

Motion #

Recommendation:

I move that the Council allocate the appropriate funding for staff to be able to supplement, with ADA compliant ramp for people with handicap and cyclists, the stairs from Oliver St. & Jamestown Rd. to Prince George's Plaza metro station. The same undertaking is needed at the end of 32nd Ave. and 33rd Ave. leading into Nicholas Orem Middle School.

Sponsor(s):

Haba

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

Although, these access points are heavily used by residents going to and coming from Prince George's Plaza, they are not currently ADA compliant.

Next Steps:

Staff review & Council discussion

Fiscal Impact:

TBD

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

These are suggestions I received from residents following my request for ideas.

Strategic Goals:

Action 3.1 – Enhance safety and security in public places including residential neighborhoods, parks and commercial corridors.

Legal Review Required?

n/a



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Meeting Date: January 18, 2017

Submitted by: Edouard Haba, W4 (Council Pres.)

Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)

SUBJECT

Safety Improvements & Speed Mitigation: Nicholson Street, 31st Ave., Lancer Dr. and 31st Place.

Motion #

Recommendation:

I move that the Council allocate appropriate funding for staff to be able to implement needed improvements at the intersection of Nicholson St. & Maryhurst Dr., to replace the current rubber barricades; and near the playground in Heurich Park. Funding is also needed for speed mitigation on 31st Ave., Lancer Dr. and 31st Pl.

Sponsor(s):

Haba

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

A little over a year ago, City installed rubber barricades at the intersection of Nicholson Street and Maryhurst Drive (Felegy), as a temporary measure, to improve vehicular traffic and pedestrian safety. The requested funding will enable the implementation of a permanent solution. As it currently stand, there is nothing to slow traffic down when nearing the playground at Heurich Park. This represents a major safety concern as kids and families are often crossing the street back and forth. The same need for speed mitigation applies to 31st Ave., Lancer Dr. and 31st Pl.

Next Steps:

Staff review & Council discussion

Fiscal Impact:

TBD

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

There have been various community conversations regarding the above issues.

Strategic Goals:

Action 3.1 – Enhance safety and security in public places including residential neighborhoods, parks and commercial corridors.

Legal Review Required?

n/a

Main City Calendar: January 19 – 23, 2017

Weekly Program Offerings

Ageless Grace Senior Exercise Classes

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10:00 AM @ the City Administrative Building

Creative Minds

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 AM @ Magruder Park Recreation Center

City Calendar: January 19 - 23, 2017

City Council Meeting

January 23, 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM @ 3rd Floor Council Chambers