

Subject: DMF: Parks Bond Uses

Related Department(s): DMF

FY 2025 Proposed Capital Budget

CIP Work Session

The following information is provided in response to a request made by Mr. de Ferranti; at the work session on *06/11/2024*, regarding the following question:

Can the parks bond allocated to land acquisition be used for acquisition of easements in the transportation program?

No. The park bond referenda authority states that it must be used only for projects in the parks program and cannot be used for any transportation purposes. Below is both the question and explanation from the 2022 Parks referenda that outlines the permitted uses. Similar language is used in all current Park referenda authority.

Question: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$22,460,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for local parks & recreation?

Explanation: This proposal will fund a variety of parks and recreation projects. The anticipated costs of the projects that may be financed under this proposal are \$10.8 million for parks maintenance capital and master planning projects, \$4.4 million for Jennie Dean Park Phase 2, \$2.9 million for Arlington Boathouse, \$2.0 million for the Natural Resiliency Program, \$2.0 million for the Emerging Uses Program, and \$0.3 for the synthetic turf program. The County Board may reallocate bond funds among other parks and recreation projects within the County’s Capital Improvement Plan, as amended from time to time, to the extent necessary or desirable.