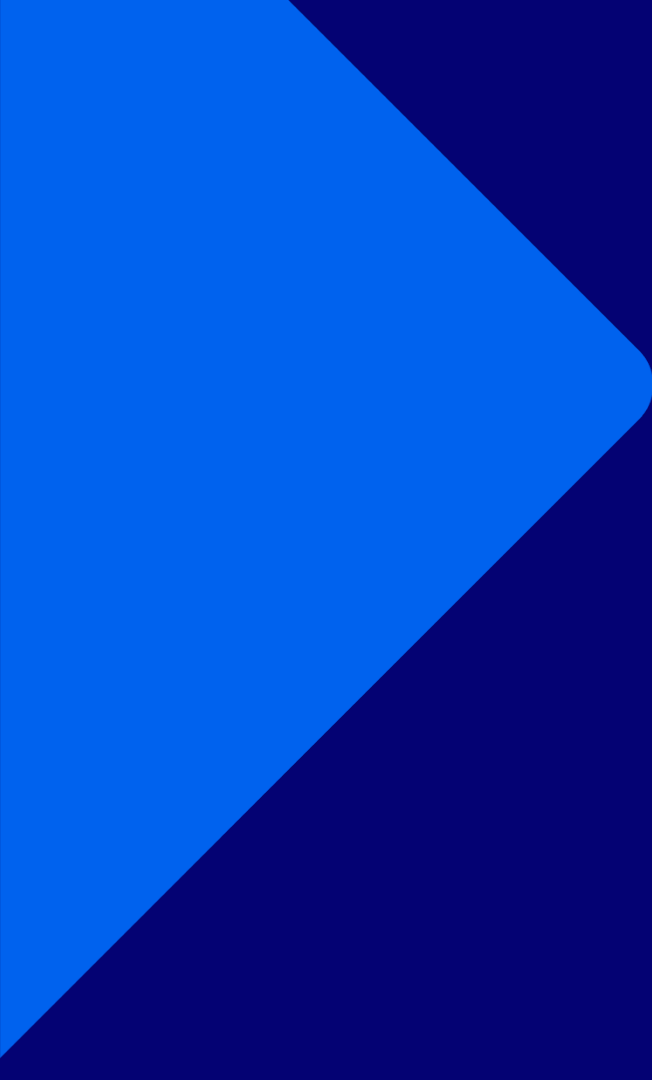




RedGate Park and Arboretum – Land Water Conservation Fund Grant Acceptance

Mayor and Council

November 17, 2025

Outline

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- LWCF Grantee Compliance and Commitments
- LWCF Future Funding
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- Recommend Acceptance LWCF Grant

Mayor and Council Guiding Principles



✓ **Economic
Development**



✓ **Public Safety**

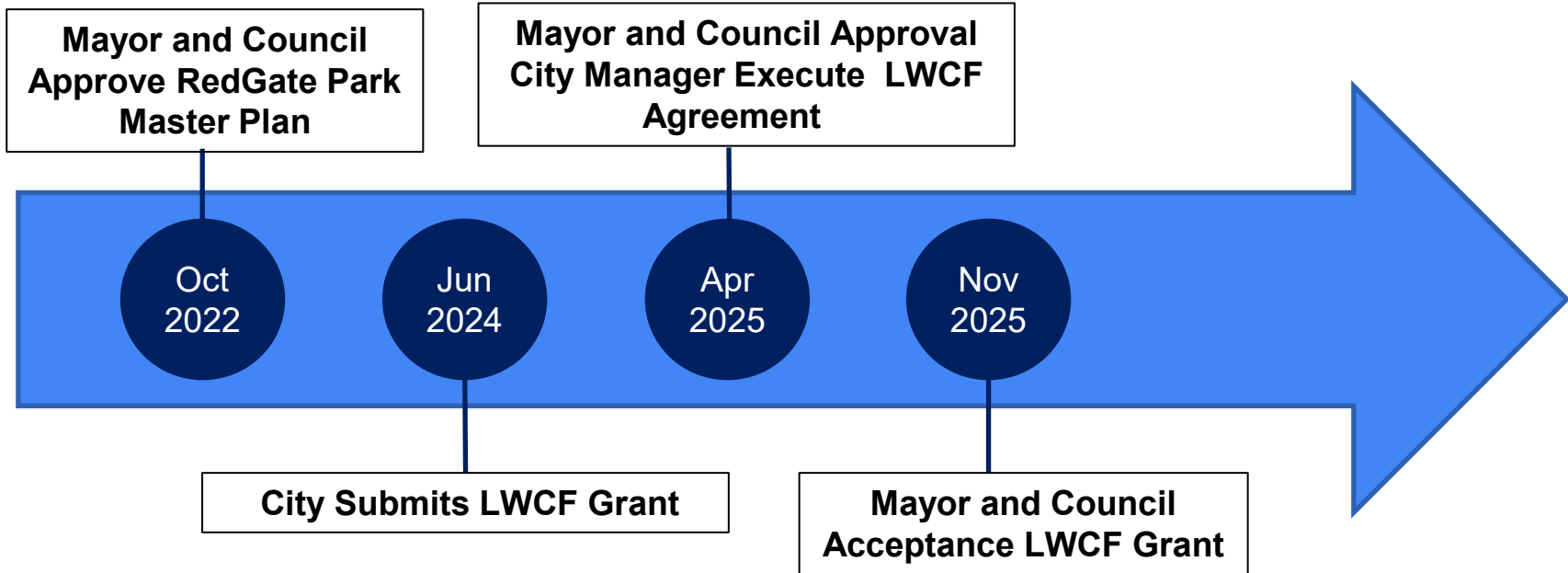


✓ **Effective and Efficient
Service Delivery**



✓ **Stewardship of the
Environment and
Infrastructure**

LWCF Grant Timeline





RedGate Park Master Plan

Program Priorities & Identified Needs

Pathway Network

Playground

**Picnic Pavilions
and Restrooms**

Arboretum

Guiding Principles
Universal Site Design
Environmental Site Design
Accessibility

Dog Park

**Meadows, Passive
Lawn, Feature
Landscapes**

**Amphitheater and
Deck Overlook**

**Community
Gardens**

Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan

Big Moves

VISION

To be THE place
to make lifelong
memories as you
live, work, play and
thrive

Design, develop, and
maximize the use of RedGate
Park as a community asset
and a regional destination.

Continue to identify new and
dedicated funding sources to
ensure long-term financial
sustainability.

MISSION

To nurture
community
connections

Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan

Program Priorities & Identified Needs

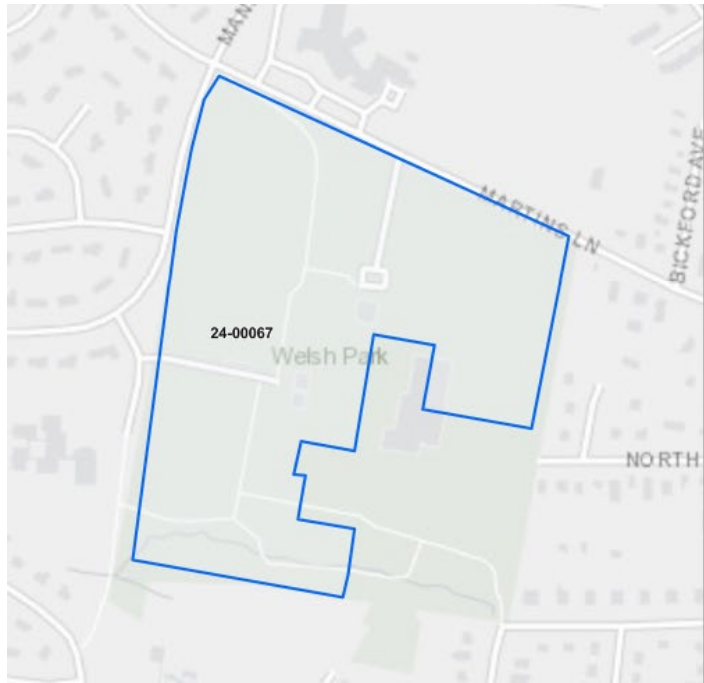
Deficiencies

Level of Service Standards

- ✓ Picnic Pavilions – 5
- ✓ Multiuse/Natural Trails – 8 miles
- ✓ Dog Park – 1
- ✓ Special Use/Cultural Facilities – 3,000 sq ft
- ✓ Restrooms in Parks

City Parks supported by LWCF

- ✓ **Welsh Park:** 1971, 23.81 acres, Development, \$16,737 (Basketball, Tennis, Action Tennis Courts)



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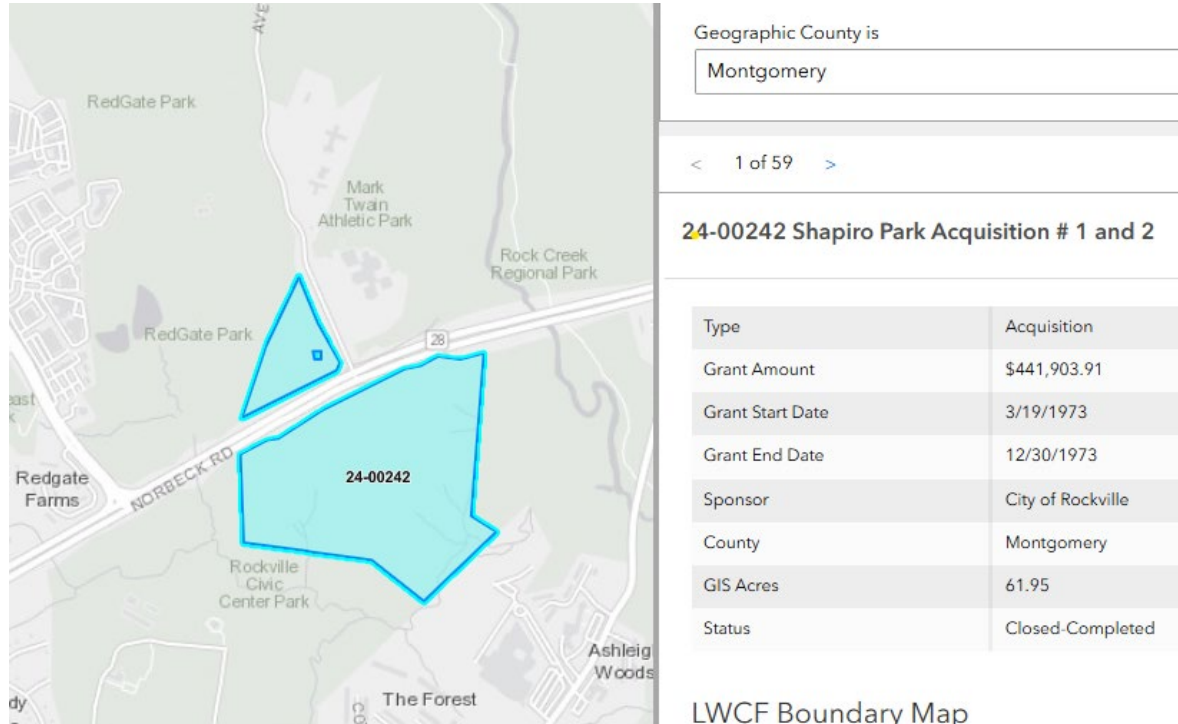
24-00067 Welsh Park

Type	Development
Grant Amount	\$16,737.5
Grant Start Date	1/4/1968
Grant End Date	2/28/1971
Sponsor	City of Rockville
County	Montgomery
GIS Acres	23.81
Status	Closed-Completed

LWCF Boundary Map

City Parks supported by LWCF

- ✓ **RedGate and Civic Center Parks:** 1973, 61.95 acres, Acquisition, \$441,903



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- ✓ **Woottons Mill Park:** 1974, 4.33 acres, Acquisition, \$48,244



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24-00191 Carter Tract Acquisition 1

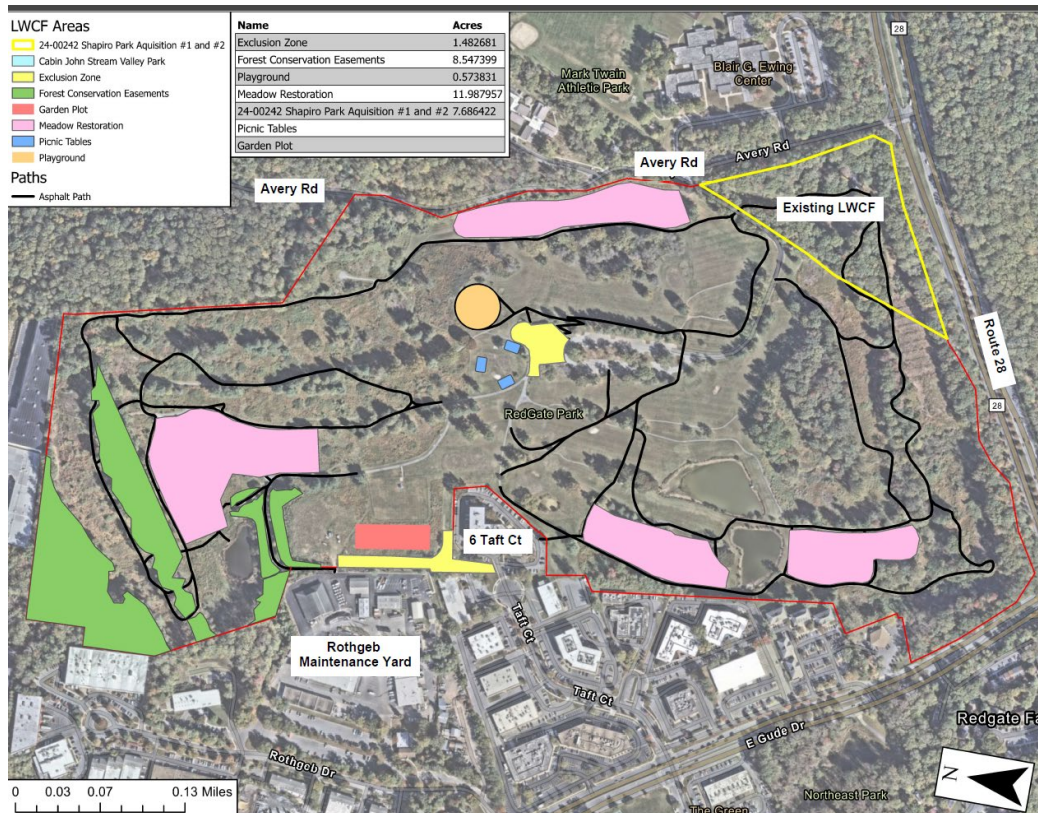
Type	Acq & Dev
Grant Amount	\$48,244.69
Grant Start Date	9/27/1971
Grant End Date	6/30/1974
Sponsor	City of Rockville
County	Montgomery
GIS Acres	4.33
Status	Closed-Completed

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LWCF Approved Round 1 Grant Site Plan



Community gardens, meadows, playground, picnic tables, and sections of multiuse/nature trails



LWCF Grantee Compliance and Commitments



The Land and Water Conservation Fund is intended to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of quality public outdoor recreational resources as well as to stimulate non-federal investments in the purchase, development, maintenance and protection of these highly valued outdoor recreational areas. Per section 6(f)(3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, “No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses.”

Declaration of the area for outdoor recreational use in perpetuity.

Increase the number of protected State, tribal, and local outdoor recreation resources and to ensure their availability for public use in perpetuity.

LWCF Grantee Compliance and Commitments



Development/Rehabilitation – Projects involving the creation, improvement, or restoration of public outdoor recreation facilities, including:

- Development of new outdoor recreation amenities or facilities.
- Renovation or enhancement of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure.
- Design and construction work associated with these improvements.
- Multiple development projects within the same park may be included under one grant application

LWCF Future Funding

- 2025 Round 1 - Funding Approved \$1.5 million (If accepted by Mayor and Council)
- 2025/2026 Round 2 - LWCF Grant Application, City requested \$1.2 million for design and construction of multiuse/nature trails, deck overlook, and arboretum features.

Outcome

- If the city does not accept the Round 1 funding, the city will not be in good standing with the National Park Service and Maryland's Department of Natural Resources for future competitive grants. LWCF Round 2 process will be abandoned.
- Potentially affecting future grant opportunities.

LWCF Round 1 Implementation Update

- Pre Design - June 2025 to January 2026
- Design and Permitting – February 2026 to February 2027
- Pre Construction – February 2027 to July 2027
- Construction – July 2027 to July 2028
- Substantial Completion October 2028 – If needed, grant allows an extension request.

LWCF Round 2 (\$1.2 million)

- April 2026 Mayor and Council Approval (expected award September 2026)
- Design and construction of multiuse/nature trails, deck overlook, arboretum features.

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Recommended Action

- Acceptance of \$1.5 million LWCF Grant
- *Suggested Motion:* I move to accept the \$1,500,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for RedGate Park and Arboretum.