

Introduced by: Councilmember Searcy

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION 2018-59**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO PROCEED WITH THE  
TAKOMA PARK RECREATION CENTER LAND EXCHANGE**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Recreation Center (Recreation Center), located at 7315 New Hampshire Avenue, is located within the study area of the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan (Sector Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Sector Plan, adopted by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and endorsed by the Takoma Park City Council, recommends the replacement of the Recreation Center “with an expanded and updated facility independently or as a mixed-used facility”; and

WHEREAS, while the Recreation Center is managed and programmed by the City of Takoma Park, the property is owned by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC); and

WHEREAS, M-NCPPC has expressed an interest in divesting itself of the Recreation Center property and has proposed the transfer of the facility and the land to the City of Takoma Park in exchange for unimproved property located adjacent to the Long Branch Stream Valley Park; and

WHEREAS, the City has expressed willingness to transfer ownership of 922 Jackson Avenue, a vacant residentially zoned parcel that functions as part of Long Branch Stream Valley Park, to M-NCPPC in exchange for the Recreation Center property; and

WHEREAS, M-NCPPC’s proposed transfer of ownership of the Recreation Center to the City is contingent upon the retention of the recreational functionality of the property, and

WHEREAS, the City’s transfer of ownership of 922 Jackson Avenue to M-NCPPC is contingent upon the preservation of the parcel as public undeveloped open space; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council, having investigated the potential fiscal and operational impact of the proposal on the City’s recreation programs and solicited input from residents and members of the Recreation Committee, has expressed support of the proposal to transfer ownership of 922 Jackson Avenue to M-NCPPC in exchange for the Takoma Park Recreation Center (Takoma Park Recreation Center Land Exchange).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA**

**PARK, MARYLAND**, intends to proceed with the above described Takoma Park Recreation Center Land Exchange.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is directed to take action necessary to facilitate the transfer of ownership of 922 Jackson Avenue to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission in exchange for ownership of the Takoma Park Recreation Center.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council shall take action to advance the described land exchange and assume ownership of the Takoma Park Recreation Center by July 1, 2019.

**Adopted by the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, this 28th day of November, 2018.**

ATTEST:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk