

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



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| Agenda Date: | November 18, 2019 |
| Action Required: | Appropriation |
| Presenter: | Chris Gensic, Parks and Recreation |
| Staff Contacts: | Chris Gensic, Parks and Recreation Brian Daly, Parks and Recreation Ryan Davidson, Office of Budget and Performance Management |
| Title: | Virginia Outdoors Foundation Grant – Land Acquisition - \$50,000 |

Background:

The City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, has received an award from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) in the amount of \$50,000 to assist with efforts to purchase land in order to construct a bicycle and pedestrian trail along the north side of the 250 bypass. The grant does not require local match. The award of \$50,000 will be appropriated into the Parkland Acquisition Account P-00534

Discussion:

The City of Charlottesville has negotiated for purchase of a parcel of land at the west end of McIntire Park to be used for a bicycle and pedestrian and trail along the north side of the 250 bypass from Route 29 and Hydraulic Road to McIntire Road, which is part of the City Comprehensive Plan.

Use of VOF funding for this acquisition includes placing the parcel to be acquired and approximately 5 acres of the wooded section of western McIntire Park into an open space easement with the VOF. This area is already designated as a Managed Conservation Area in the approved master plan for western McIntire Park. This easement will not affect fire station expansion/renovation or any other facilities in the park.

Use of VOF funds will also initiate a one dollar fee per real estate closing fee to be allocated to the VOF. This has been discussed and is recommended for approval by the Circuit Court Clerk. Charlottesville is one of few localities in the Commonwealth that has not yet joined this program.

Community Engagement:

The bicycle, pedestrian and trail master plan was developed with multiple public meetings and was approved by council to be an addendum to the City Comprehensive Plan.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan:

Construction of this trail will further council goals of being a Connected City by establishing a portion of the bicycle and pedestrian trail system that enhances our residential neighborhoods.

Budgetary Impact:

If these grants funds are appropriated there is no impact to the City budget as there is no required match.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends appropriation of grant funds.

Alternatives:

If grants funds are not appropriated, Parks and Recreation will have to use local CIP funds for the acquisition, leaving less money for other potential parkland acquisitions.

Attachments:

Appropriation
Letter From Clerk of Court

APPROPRIATION
VOF Grant for Acquisition of Parkland for of 250 Bypass Trail
\$50,000

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, has been awarded \$50,000 from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation to purchase land adjacent to McIntire Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$50,000 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue

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| \$50,000 | Fund: 426 | WBS: PR-001 | G/L Account: 430120 |
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Expenditures

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| \$50,000 | Fund: 426 | WBS: PR-001 | G/L Account: 599999 |
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$50,000 from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

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April 18, 2018

Brian Daly, Director
Parks & Recreation
City of Charlottesville
501 East Main Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902

RE: Fee for open-space preservation

Dear Brian:

Pursuant to Va. Code §58.1-817, there is a \$1.00 fee imposed on every deed admitted to record in those jurisdictions in which open-space easements are held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

Once this statute is triggered, I will have my real estate records vendor program the \$1.00 fee into our recording system. From that date forward, the \$1.00 fee will be automatically assessed when a deed is admitted to record in my office. The impact on my budget and on my staff is minimal.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Llezelle A. Dugger
Clerk of Court