

Item Title: Conveyance of Easements to the City of Raleigh on County Owned Property at Crabtree Creek Flood Control Structure Site# 13 Shelly Lake

Specific Action Requested:
That the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Approves the conveyance of Greenway Easements on County owned property at Crabtree Creek Flood Control Structure Site#13 Shelly Lake to the City of Raleigh; and**
- 2. Authorizes the Chair to execute said easement documents (along with any other supporting documentation), subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.**

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners must approve all real estate transactions, including conveyances. NC General Statute 160A-274 authorizes the Board of Commissioners to convey any interest in real property to other governmental agencies.

Background: The City of Raleigh is preparing to perform trail improvements on the Mine Creek Greenway. The section of Mine Creek Greenway included as part of this project extends from Shelly Lake, south to the Crabtree Creek Greenway near North Hills Drive. This project will include upgrades to the city trail to bring it within current design and construction standards. The improvements include trail resurfacing and widening, drainage enhancements, improved community access, safety enhancements, and pedestrian bridge replacement. In order to complete the greenway project, Raleigh is requesting the County convey easements in support of the project.

Strategic Plan: This action supports routine County operations.

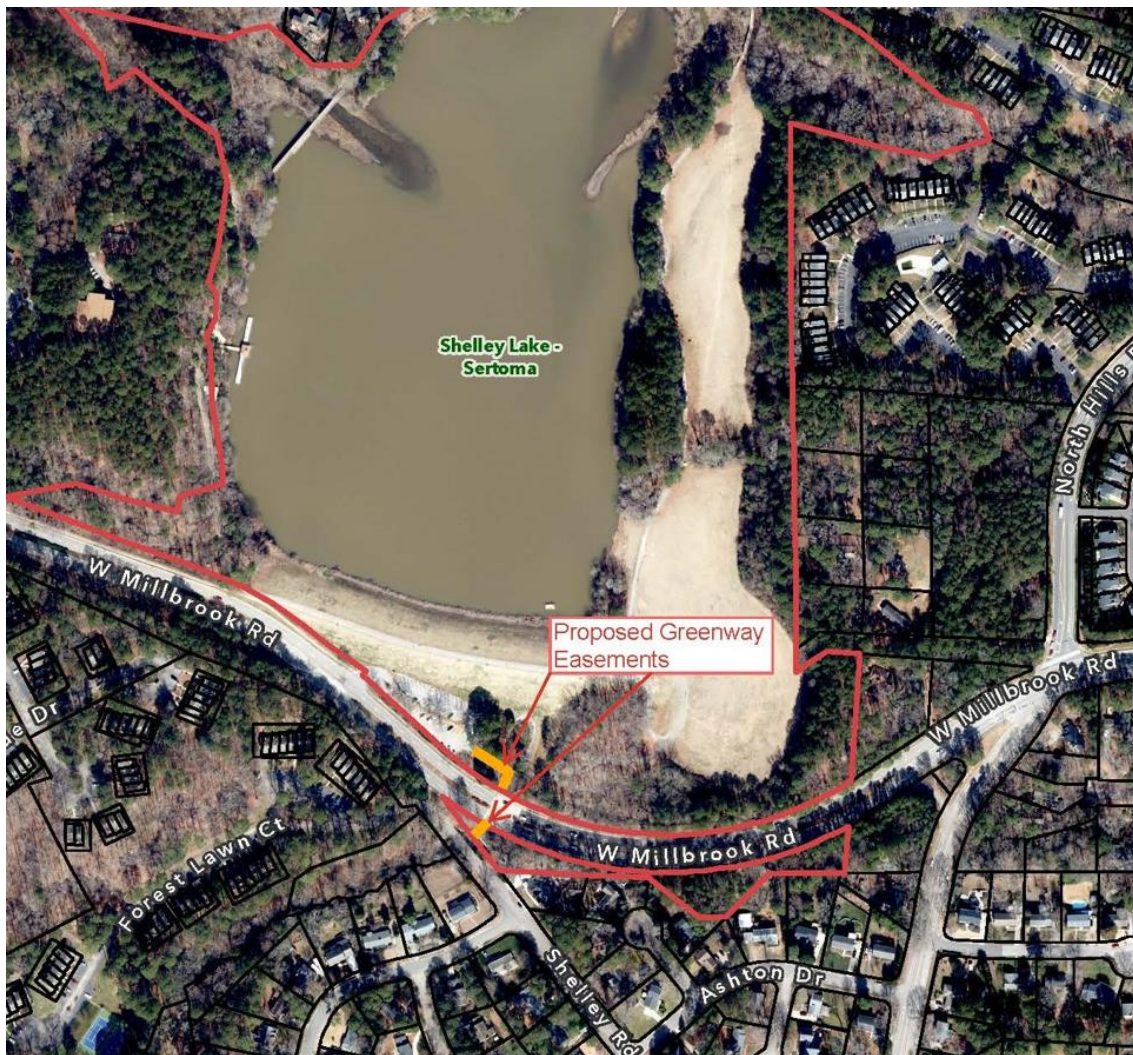
Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the County associated with this easement conveyance to the City of Raleigh.

Additional Information:

Wake County owns several parcels as part of the Crabtree Creek Watershed Project. Flood Control structures have been constructed in various locations within this watershed and are maintained by the County. In 1975 and again in 1985 Wake County entered into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) assigning operations and maintenance to the County for all the flood control structures in the Crabtree Creek Watershed Project. Any improvements around or to the flood control sites must be approved by the County

General Service Administration-GSA. GSA has reviewed the City of Raleigh plans for this project and provided approval to the City which is attached.

Raleigh has requested the County to convey the easements in support of the project. The County received the attached letter from the city requesting the dedication of greenway easements due to the pedestrian safety, access, and public recreational benefits related to the nature and scope of the project. The map below displays the County owned property at 1140 W Millbrook Road around Shelly Lake along with the general location of the proposed easements. A more detailed construction plan and Easement Exhibit are attached showing the exact locations and square footage of the easements being conveyed as part of this project.



The proposed project plans and location of the proposed easements have been reviewed by County staff from Facilities Design & Construction and General Services Administration. Staff have determined this conveyance will have no negative effect on the current flood pool storage volume and functioning of the flood control structure or future use of the County property. Staff recommend approval of the conveyance subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

Attachments:

1. Raleigh Easement Request Letter
2. GSA Approval
3. Construction Plans
4. Easement Exhibit Map
5. Raleigh Greenway Easement