

Item Title: Funding Agreement with the City of Raleigh for the Crabtree Creek West Greenway

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute a \$2,800,000 Funding Agreement between Wake County and City of Raleigh for the Crabtree Creek West Greenway, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners appropriates County funding for projects. This action also formalizes County funding assistance for City of Raleigh's Crabtree Creek West Greenway.

Background: One goal of the 2018 Parks Greenways Recreation & Open Space bond was to continue the County's efforts toward assisting the local municipalities with our County-wide greenway system. To this end, staff put forward a greenway Request for Proposals (RFP) in 2019 to solicit responses from municipalities having greenway trail project ready to construct. Five municipalities responded with eight projects which were presented to the Board of Commissioners at their October 26, 2020 work session.

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The total project cost is estimated at \$8.6 million, with the County's participation recommended at \$2.8 million to construct the greenway.

Board Goal: This action supports Growth and Sustainability Goal 4: Preserve open space and expand access to parks, preserves, recreation resources, and greenways.

Fiscal Impact: The County share of \$2,800,000 is funded through a reallocation of previously appropriated PGROS bonds. The budget for delayed new park and park renovations are reallocated to Open Space acquisition and Greenway development to match the updated PGROS plan.

Additional Information:

Between 2000 and 2007, Wake County voters approved \$91,000,000 in Open Space Bonds. With these funds the County preserved or helped preserve open space across

the County as well assist municipalities with design and construction of area greenways totaling 23 miles.

The successful 2018 Parks Greenways Recreation & Open Space bond reserved approximately \$20 million to continue the County's efforts toward greenway partnerships. In 2019, County staff put forward a greenway Request for Proposals (RFP) in 2019 to solicit responses from municipalities having greenway trail project ready to construct. Five municipalities responded with eight projects which were presented to the Board of Commissioners at their October 26, 2020 work session.

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The County's Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee reviewed this partnership and recommended forwarding it to the Board of Commissioners at their February 23, 2021 meeting. Raleigh City Council will be approving the funding agreement at an upcoming meeting.

Funding Sources:

Projects Funding Source	Amount
City of Raleigh	\$ 4,258,348
NC DOT	\$ 1,547,000
Wake County	\$ 2,800,000
Total	\$ 8,605,348

Construction Timeline:

Milestone	Date
Advertise Construction	March 5, 2021
Open Bids	April 2, 2021
Award Bid	May 18, 2021
NCDOT Concurrence	June 2021
Signed Contract	July 2021
Notice to Proceed	August 2021
Construction Completed	August 2023

Due to the COVID-19 related economic downturn, the FY21 budget delayed future PGROS bond sales by one year. To adjust for this timeline and to leverage the NCDOT 540 settlement, the County has pulled forward Open Space and Greenway projects in the PGROS plan and delayed new park and park renovation projections. The design and construction of Beech Bluff County Park, design and construction of Procter Farm Preserve, and the design for Kellam Wyatt Preserve will continue on the original schedule, but other park projects will have a delayed start. This reallocation will allow the County to focus on Open Space acquisition and Greenway projects until the next bond sale, which will focus on funding future park development.

Reallocations: Element 74 – Parks, Recreation, Greenways, and Open Space CIP

Project	Current Appropriation	Proposed CIP Transfer	Revised Appropriation
Lake Myra County Park	2,400,000	(2,400,000)	0
Historic Oak View Park Renovations	290,000	(290,000)	0
Lake Crabtree Renovations	600,000	(600,000)	0
Harris Lake Renovations	580,000	(580,000)	0
Blue Jay Point Renovations	550,000	(550,000)	0
Crowder Park Renovations	1,141,940	(1,141,940)	0
Kellam Wyatt Preserve	3,500,260	(3,250,260)	250,000
Perry Property	0	1,620,000	1,620,000
Future Open Space	0	1,992,200	1,992,200
Crabtree Creek West Greenway	0	2,800,000	2,800,000

Future Greenways	0	2,200,000	2,200,000
Open Space Administration	32,512	200,000	232,512
	\$9,094,712	\$0	\$9,094,712

The remaining first sale bond funding of \$16,537,815 for Future Open Space is unallocated in the Parks, Recreation, Greenways, and Open Space CIP. Specific projects will come back before the Board for appropriation after they are identified by the RFP process.

Attachments:

1. Funding Agreement