



City of Greensboro

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Agenda Report

File Number: 2022-493

Agenda Item# G.8.

Agenda Date: 5/23/2022. **Department:** Parks & Recreation
Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** Consent Agenda

Title: 2022 -493 Resolution Authorizing Matching Grant Application for 2022 Environmental Enhancement Grant for Twin Lakes Park Area Revitalization Project

Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.

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Council District: 5

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date/By: NA

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PURPOSE:

The Parks and Recreation Department, in collaboration with the Water Resources Department, seeks to apply for the 2022 NC Attorney General's Environmental Enhancement Grant (EEG) for the Twin Lakes Park Area Revitalization Project in the amount of \$77,952. Pursuit of EEG funding is consistent with the City's GSO 2040 Big Idea: Prioritizing Sustainability, which focuses on protecting natural resources and ensuring that residents live in a healthy environment. The Water Resources Department will provide a 20% match of \$19,488 for the grant. City Council approval is required to apply for the joint grant application, which has a deadline date of May 26, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

Flooding is the biggest concern and most frequent hazard experienced in the Twin Lakes area. Through the City's Participatory Budgeting program, funding was provided for the initial planning for the Twin Lakes Park Area Revitalization project to develop strategies for mitigation

and reduction of flood risks. The project's study area, located along the Twin Lakes Tributary that drains to South Buffalo Creek and the Cape Fear River Basin, encompasses a total of six City-owned parcels, totaling 29.16 acres. The largest parcel (11.99 acres) is south of the Cypress Park Road and retains a conservation easement in perpetuity granted by Piedmont Land Conservancy. The conservation easement restricts the use of the property to be retained for its natural, scenic, aesthetic, environmental, open space, educational, and recreational values.

Parks and Recreation and Water Resources Departments are working collectively to secure EEG funds to implement Phase I of the project, which will include removal of the playground at Twin Lakes Park to re-establish the naturalized floodplain area using floodplain pools and varying topography. The goal of the Phase I is to increase the overall floodplain storage volume, further reducing flood risks for the residences within the study corridor.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This project is supported by the Water Resources Department, which will provide a 20% match in the amount of \$19,488, towards the requested EEG funding of \$77,952 for Phase I of the Twin Lakes Park Area Revitalization project.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

505-7003-02.5413

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council approve the matching application for the 2022 North Carolina Attorney General's Environmental Enhancement Grant (EEG) for the Twin Lakes Park Area Revitalization project.