



City of Greensboro

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300 W. Washington Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Agenda Report

File Number: 2024-755

Agenda Item# E.1.

Agenda Date: 10/22/2024. **Department:** Parks & Recreation

Meeting Type: Special Meeting **Category:** General Business Agenda

Title: 2024 – 755 Resolution to Support One of the Two Resolution Options for Remediation of Bingham Park and Former Hampton School Site

Council Priority: Place an ‘x’ in the box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Easiest Place to Do Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Connected City |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports Capital | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hub of Recreation and Entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abundance of Attainable Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Admin <u>Briefly Explain 3 word maximum</u> |

Council District: District 1

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date/By: N/A

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PURPOSE:

Representatives from Parks and Recreation, the Office of Sustainability and Resilience and the NC Department of Environmental Quality will provide an update on the status of remediation options for Bingham Park and the former William M. Hampton School site. Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment on the project and proposals. Council is being asked to consider the approval of one of the two options presented, each with a corresponding resolution. This will enable the next phase of planning for the remediation project to begin.

BACKGROUND:

In the 2000’s, Parks and Recreation staff was made aware of a sinking and cracking basketball court at Bingham Park, a 12 acre neighborhood park which located between Bingham St. and S. English St. Following an exploration into the history of the site it was revealed that a waste incinerator and pre-regulatory landfill had operated at both Bingham Park and a portion of the former Hampton School site across S. English St. The former Hampton School property was acquired by the City in 2023 allowing its remediation to be managed through this project.

In the 2010’s, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) conducted extensive testing of the park, and Parks and Recreation removed amenities. In the past 4 years, additional testing was conducted and external funding for remediation has been identified from

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state and federal sources. In 2024, a fence was installed around the Bingham Park property restricting access to this open space.

The Bingham Park Environmental Justice Team has consistently supported the full remediation option. The Parks and Recreation Commission voted to support full remediation at its February 2023 meeting. Since that time, staff has explored options which could provide full remediation including the potential use of White Street Landfill. Staff explored the use of the City's White Street Landfill for remediation, and participated in at least five (5) public meetings and led 18 landfill tours this year. Following these engagement efforts which included approximately 225 attendees, White Street Landfill is not supported or recommended as a waste disposal site. Great Oak Landfill in Asheboro or Uwharrie Landfill in Troy are two possible options to receive waste.

Council is being presented with two resolutions options for the consideration.

- 1) Resolution A, corresponding with Option A in presentation materials- Waste containment and cover at Bingham Park and full remediation (removal) at the former Hampton School site with a neighborhood park built on a portion of Hampton.
- 2) Resolution B, corresponding with Option B in presentation materials- Full removal of all contaminated soil and waste at the Bingham and Hampton sites, with a neighborhood park built at Bingham.

Neither option would use White Street Landfill as a waste disposal site.

The presentation will review the history of Bingham Park, testing results, cleanup options, health and safety precautions during the completion of the project, and present the two resolutions for consideration.

BUDGET IMPACT:

To be determined, depending on costs of remediation actions that are approved.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council consider approving one of the two resolutions presented- either Resolution A – Waste containment and cover at Bingham Park with full remediation at the former Hampton School site, with a neighborhood park built on a portion of Hampton; OR Resolution B – Full removal of all contaminated soil and waste at Bingham Park and the former Hampton School site, with a neighborhood park built at Bingham.