

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



Agenda Date:	October 16, 2023
Action Required:	Approval of Resolution (2 readings)
Presenter:	Chris Gensic, Park and Trail Planner
Staff Contacts:	Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget
Title:	Resolution to Appropriate VDOT TAP funding for Meadow Creek Trail and Bridges - \$800,000 (2nd reading)

Background

The City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, has received an additional award from the Virginia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$800,000 to assist with efforts to construct a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Meadow Creek and associated shared use paths. |

Discussion

The City of Charlottesville has completed a bicycle, pedestrian, and trail master plan, including a bike/pedestrian commuter trail along Meadow Creek from Route 29 and Hydraulic Road to Greenbrier Park. This project will construct ADA-accessible stone dust paths from Greenbrier Park up Meadow Creek to behind the Pepsi Plant and up to the Virginia Institute of Autism at Greenbrier Drive near Hillsdale Drive. The City has designed the trail and bridges, and the next step is to construct the new bridge and trails, which are an integral piece of the Meadow Creek Valley Master Plan adopted in 2013.

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.

Community Engagement

The bicycle, pedestrian and trail master plan was developed with multiple public meetings and was approved by council in 2015 as an addendum to the City Comprehensive Plan. The Meadow Creek Valley Master Plan was also developed and approved with a number of public meetings and inputs according to the approved Parks Master Planning Process.

Budgetary Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund as the funds being appropriated are VDOT grant funds that do not require a local funding match.

Recommendation

Staff recommends appropriation of grant funds.

Alternatives

If grants funds are not appropriated, Parks and Recreation staff will seek another funding source, and the project will be delayed. Without assistance from this grant program, more local dollars will have to be expended in order to construct the trail, leaving less money for other improvements.

Attachments

1. City Council Item October 2 2023 -Meadow Creek Trail Bridge TAP Appropriation Resolution