

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE

October 24, 2023

PRESENTED BY

Wyatt Woody, Director of Parks and Recreation

AGENDA ITEM # IV.6

Jefferson Park and Tinbridge Hill Overlook - Dedications/Restrictions of Conserved Open Space Land

RECOMMENDATION

SUMMARY

City Council previously approved Community Development Block Grant funding for park projects in the Tinbridge Hill and Dearington Neighborhoods, respectively. In Tinbridge Hill, the project includes a trail connection and overlook structure at the end of Hollins Street. In Dearington, upgrades to Jefferson Park include a new basketball court with a community-chosen mural, stair improvements to the old amphitheater, a small loop trail in the park, a neighborhood “patio” with a pavilion on the former tennis court, and park lighting. These enhancements were identified as part of neighborhood plans based on input from the residents and ultimately adopted by Council.

The improvements to both properties will generate surface water runoff (i.e. stormwater) that will need to be managed in accordance with city code and state law. Conserved open space -- the practice of setting aside land via deed restriction to allow low volumes of runoff to disperse and infiltrate -- is a state-approved measure to mitigate stormwater impacts. The engineers for each project identified conserved open space as a good fit for the park improvements and incorporated the practices into the approved design plans.

To dedicate the land for stormwater management purposes, City Council will need to approve resolutions to create the necessary deed restrictions. The resolutions will be scheduled for a public hearing at the November 28, 2023 meeting.

PRIOR ACTION(S)

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

CONTACT(S)

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Tom Martin, Acting Community Development Director
Matthew Freedman, City Attorney

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Open Space Dedication Tinbridge Hill Overlook
2. Open Space Dedication Jefferson Park
3. Open Space Land Requirements
4. Proposed Resolution - Restriction & Dedication of Conserved Open Space Land - Jefferson Park & Tinbridge Hill

REVIEWED BY



Date: October 19, 2023

Kent White, Assistant City Manager



Date: October 19, 2023

Wynter C. Benda, City Manager



Date: October 19, 2023

Alicia Finney, Clerk of Council