

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



Agenda Date:	June 7, 2021
Action Required:	Appropriation
Presenter:	Chris Gensic, Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Staff Contacts:	Chris Gensic, Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Title:	Trail fund contribution from Milestone Partners for Meadow Creek Trail - \$12,043

Background:

The City sold a piece of land to a developer many years ago and as part of the sale contract, the developer was expected to provide land for a trail along Meadow Creek and contribute \$15,000 toward the construction of the trail in this area of the City. The developer is Milestone Partners, and the property is now called “Lochlyn Hills”. The City has established the trail easement across the property, and the developer has paid a contractor \$2,957 to construct the trail on the Lochlyn Hills property. The developer is now contributing the balance of \$12,043 to the City to complete the next phase of the trail heading upstream to Holmes Avenue.

Discussion:

Charlottesville Parks and Recreation is working to complete the trail plan according to the City Bicycle, Pedestrian Plan and Comprehensive Plan. Along Meadow Creek, the plan calls for retaining the Rivanna Trails Foundation (RTF) footpath on the south bank of the creek and constructing a stone dust path along the north bank between Holmes Avenue and Locust Avenue/Pen Park. The developer at Lochlyn Hills has constructed a trail bridge across Meadow Creek and in partnership with the City is constructing a 4-5 foot wide relatively flat natural surface trail along easements to the City on the Lochlyn Hills property and adjacent Locust Meadows Owner Association open space. This trail will be upgraded to a fully accessible stone dust path in a few years when funding is available to do so.

Alignment with City Council’s Vision and Strategic Plan:

The project supports City Council’s “America’s Healthy City” vision by providing outstanding recreational areas and walking trails, as well as the vision of being a “Connected Community”. It contributes to Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan, for a beautiful and sustainable natural and built environment, and specifically objective 3.3, to provide a variety of transportation and mobility options.

Community Engagement:

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and Comprehensive Plan were both developed with multiple public meetings and opportunities for input, including public hearings, and was approved by City Council.

Budgetary Impact:

This appropriation reduces the amount of City capital funds necessary to construct this trail connection. The funding will be appropriated into the Meadow Creek portion of the Trail CIP fund.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the appropriation.

Alternatives:

This is a requirement of a contract.

Attachments:

Appropriation

APPROPRIATION
Trail Fund Contribution from Milestone Partners for the Meadow Creek Trail project
\$12,043

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, is receiving \$12,043 from Milestone Partners per terms of a contract; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, is working to construct the Meadow Creek Trail;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$12,043 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Expenditures: \$12,043

Fund: 426 WBS: PR-001 G/L Account: 599999

Revenues: \$12,043

Fund: 426 WBS: PR-001 G/L Account: 451020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$12,043 from Milestone Partners.