

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	September 7, 2021
Action Required:	Resolution
Presenter:	Chris Gensic, Parks and Recreation
Staff Contacts:	Chris Gensic, Parks and Recreation
Title:	Resolution Amending and Reauthorizing Funds to construct a Bike and Pedestrian Bridge for McIntire Park - \$50,000

Background:

The Department of Parks and Recreation was awarded a Recreational Access grant from the Virginia Department Of Transportation (VDOT) in 2018 to construct a bridge which would provide bicycle access into McIntire Park from Melbourne Road. Although the grant application did not specify that the entire trail system had to be built simultaneously, the required local funding to build out the full system all at once has not materialized. The funding situation has left the grant funds unspent and VDOT is now de-authorizing the grant. At the time of the grant award, the City provided a local funding match of \$50,000 for the project from the McIntire Park Plan Implementation CIP account. This appropriation is now requesting that the unspent local grant match be returned to the original McIntire Park fund account so it can be used to construct the bridge and a portion of the accessible trail using local funding. Once this funding is reallocated the grant account will be closed out.

Discussion:

Charlottesville Parks and Recreation will continue to work to complete the trail plan according to the approved McIntire Park Plan in accordance with fund availability. This connection is the final trail and bridge needed to provide access into the main body of the park from the north. The bridge design is nearly complete and will complement the stream restoration project also underway. The anticipated total cost to construct the bridge is estimated to be \$300,000. This transfer of funds paired with funding that has already been appropriated for McIntire Park would allow for the construction of the bridge and trail up to Melbourne Road..

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 McIntire Park Plan was developed with multiple public meetings and opportunities for input, including public hearings, and was approved by City Council. The work being proposed and the use of the existing funding is consistent with the original intent and discussion.

Budgetary Impact:

This appropriation is a transfer of existing CIP funds from one account to another for the purpose of constructing the same project as intended in the grant. The funding will be appropriated into the McIntire Park CIP fund.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the appropriation.

Alternatives:

None known

Attachments:

Resolution

**RESOLUTION AMENDING AND REAUTHORIZING
Funds to construct a Bike and Pedestrian Bridge for McIntire Park
\$50,000**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, is no longer obligated to provide match to the VDOT Recreational Access grant fund for the McIntire Park Bike Access project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, is working to construct the McIntire Park Trail and Bridge;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$50,000 is hereby transferred in the following manner:

Transfer From

\$50,000	Fund: 426	WBS: P-01005	G/L Account: 599999
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Transfer To

\$50,000	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00673	G/L Account: 451020
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