



Legislation Text

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Title

Grant Application - North Carolina Land and Water Fund - Restoration Program

Action

ACTION:

- 1) Authorize the County Manager to apply for NC Land and Water Fund (NC LWF) Restoration Program grant funding of up to \$750,000 to be used for the restoration of the South Prong of Clarke Creek upstream of Asbury Chapel Road.
- 2) If awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate the awarded amount in the (G705) fund.
- 3) Adopt a grant project ordinance for the North Carolina Land and Water Fund - Restoration Program Grant.
- 4) Authorize the County Manager to execute contract(s) with the NC Land and Water Fund.

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Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The County's Storm Water Capital Improvement Program (CIP) began restoring Mecklenburg County creeks and floodplains to improve water quality in 1997. The program is funded with revenue from Storm Water fees. In 2021, Storm Water began implementing a 15-year CIP consistent with goals in the Environmental Leadership Action Plan (ELAP). By 2036, 69 additional miles of major creeks will be stable and partially supporting of diverse aquatic life. These natural infrastructure investments have many other benefits to greenway systems, increasing native plants/trees, open space, aesthetic improvements, and corridors for wildlife.

Staff seeks to pursue a grant from the NC Land & Water Fund (NC LWF previously known as the Clean Water Management Trust Fund) for 4,900 feet of stream restoration in South Prong of Clarke Creek upstream of Asbury Chapel Road in the amount of \$750,000. The grant application is due March 1, 2024. Since 1997, the NC LWF has provided more than \$21,000,000 in funding for projects in Mecklenburg County.

The project area has been identified by Park and Recreation as a potential site for a future greenway. Storm Water Services will coordinate with Park and Recreation to ensure the stream project is designed and constructed in support of the future greenway. Additionally, Storm Water Services has been coordinating property and easement acquisition in the project corridor with Asset and Facility Management.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase revenue along with associate expenses up to \$750,000 and \$2,500,000 from the Storm Water Capital Program.