

Title: Grant Application - NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund

Summary

ACTION:

- 1. Authorize the County Manager to submit a stream restoration grant application to the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) for the restoration of Long Creek from I-77 to Rumney Court up to an amount of \$400,000
- 2. Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and enter into a grant contract with CWMTF
- 3. Upon receipt of grant, recognize, receive and appropriate up to \$400,000 in funds from the CWMTF
- Staff Contact: David Kroening, LUESA, Storm Water Services
- Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The County's Storm Water pay-as-you-go Capital Program was expanded in FY05 to restore degraded surface water quality conditions and to enhance aquatic habitat in our streams. Since 1997, the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) has provided more than

\$19,200,000 in funding for projects in Mecklenburg County. These projects include land/easement acquisition, wetland construction, stream-bank and overbank re-vegetation, and stream restoration.

Staff seeks to continue to pursue CWMTF grant funding for the restoration of Long Creek from I-77 to Rumney Court (see attached map). The proposed project will restore approximately 6890 feet of Long Creek in Charlotte, NC. The project will improve aquatic habitat and reduce in-stream erosion. Park and Recreation is designing a greenway within the project area. This stream restoration project would enhance the greenway and facilitate the permitting process. To the extent possible, Storm Water staff will accelerate the survey and design of the stream project so that the stream restoration project and the greenway project can be constructed cooperatively.

The grant application was due February 6, 2017. Storm Water Services submitted the grant application on-time but can withdraw the application in the event this action item is not approved.

The \$1,296,000 in matching funds for the grant is available through Storm Water's Capital Reserve.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: N/A

POLICY IMPACT: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: \$ 400,000 - NC Clean Water Management Trust Funds <u>1,296,000</u> - Storm Water Services Capital Funds \$1,696,000