



## Legislation Text

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### Title:

**Eastway Regional Park & Briarwood Community Park Connection Trail**

### Summary

#### **ACTION:**

**Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of a permanent trail easement on Tax Parcel 097-223-11, totaling +/- 0.35 acres, from James P. Knuckles, LLC for a purchase price of \$21,000 to create a pedestrian connection between County-owned property at Eastway Regional Park and Briarwood Community Park**

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**Presentation:** No

#### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Eastway Regional Park and Briarwood Park are both in east Charlotte near N. Tryon Street, Eastway Drive, and the Plaza. The parks are separated by only one privately owned parcel. The County is currently in the design phase for the future recreation center that is to be located at Eastway Regional Park which is funded as part of the County's 2019 - 2023 Capital Improvement Program. Part of the site improvements scheduled for Eastway Park include walking paths in some of the more passive areas of the park.

As part of the design for the recreation center, the design team suggested creating a pedestrian path that would link the two parks and eliminate the need to access vehicular roadways to gain access to and from either park from the other. The owner of the privately owned parcel was agreeable to granting the County a permanent easement across his sideyard for pedestrian use. The easement was appraised by Fortenberry Lambert and valued at \$21,000. The owner has agreed to the purchase price of \$21,000. The purchase contract with the owner includes such incidentals as requiring the County to place wayfinding and safety alert signage on the existing fence between the parcels.

**Acquisition items being considered for purchase at appraised value of \$30,000 or under are heard on the consent portion of the agenda per County agenda guidelines.**

#### **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:**

**N/A**

**POLICY IMPACT:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for this acquisition is from fund PAYG (paygo) account 9002.