



**City Of Richmond, Virginia
Office of the City Clerk**

Request to Withdraw Legislation

Paper Number: Ord. No. 2020-010

Chief Patron: Mayor Levar Stoney

Introduction Date: January 13, 2020

Chief Patron Signature: 

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Attestation: 

Effective Date: February 4, 2020

INTRODUCED: January 13, 2020

AN ORDINANCE No. 2020-010

To designate a certain portion of City-owned property located within the Low Line as a garden named the “Dominion Energy Garden at the Low Line Green.”

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JAN 27 2020 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City owns the enclosed areas labelled as “Dominion Energy Gardens at the Low Line Green” as shown on the drawing entitled “Exhibit A: The Dominion Energy Garden at the Low Line Green,” a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, section 8-12 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, provides for the designation of the use of City-owned real estate by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Richmond that the City Council officially designate such property as a garden for its protection and preservation;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: _____ REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

§ 1. That all City-owned property located within the enclosed areas labelled as “Dominion Energy Gardens at the Low Line Green” as shown on the drawing entitled “Exhibit A: The Dominion Energy Garden at the Low Line Green,” a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this ordinance is hereby designated as a garden.

§ 2. That, notwithstanding the provisions of sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, to the contrary, the garden designated pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance shall be named the “Dominion Energy Garden at the Low Line Green.”

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

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Office of the
Chief Administrative Officer

O&R REQUEST

DATE: December 16, 2019
TO: The Honorable Members of City Council
THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor (Patron: Mayor, by Request)
THROUGH: Lenora G. Reid, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
THROUGH: Sharon L. Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Economic Development and Planning
THROUGH: Mark A. Olinger, Director
Department of Planning & Development Review
FROM: Jeff L. Gray, Senior Policy Advisor to the Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: To designate a portion of City property located within the area known as the Low Line, the Dominion Energy Garden at the Low Line Green.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

ORD. OR RES. No:

PURPOSE: To designate and establish a portion of the Low Line, more specifically known as the Low Line Green, the Dominion Energy Garden at the Low Line Green.

REASON: Capital Trees proposes to name the planted garden around the hardscape plaza in the portion of the Low Line Green. The Green is the area which begins at the western end of the covered portion of the Capital Trail and goes west to the Flood Wall doors. It is bounded on the north side by the Flood Wall and on the south side by the Canal. The hardscape plaza will be repositioned north to south in the historic 17th Street roadbed. A site plan of the area in question is attached as Exhibit A.

The garden, stretches along its eastern, northern and southern edges of the plaza. Capital Trees wishes to name the area the Dominion Energy Garden at the Low Line Green.

Dominion Energy has agreed to financially support improvements to the Low Line Green in exchange for naming rights. Installation of any signage related to the naming, and the costs associated with installation, maintenance, repair, removal, etc., will be the sole responsibility of Capital Trees.

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends adoption.

BACKGROUND: On December 8, 2014, the Council adopted two ordinances related to the development of the "Low Line Park" along Dock Street in the City. Ordinance 2014-248-224, provided \$200,000 in City funds to help support the development of Phase 1 of "Low Line Park" by the Three Chopt Garden Club (as fiscal agent) and Capital Trees. Ordinance 2014-247-223 authorized the acceptance of a donation of services and materials in the form of improvements and future maintenance along the "Low Line Park." The donated value of the improvements would be approximately \$1,275,000, \$75,000 of which would be a dedicated maintenance fund to maintain the improvements of Phase 1 "Low Line Park" until such time as the funds were exhausted. The improvements would then be accepted by, and incorporated into, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities inventory, as per Ordinance 2014-247-223.

On July 27, 2015, as part of a number of papers related to Phase 1 of Low Line improvements along Dock Street as part of a partnership among Capital Trees, CSX Transportation, Inc., and the City, Ordinance 2015-150-160 was adopted by Council granting the a Land License for the City access to railroad property and right-of-way from Great Shiplock Park to 21st Street in order to maintain the portion of Dock Street located over CSX Transportation, Inc.'s, railroad tracks and right-of-way.

In 2018 Capital Trees came forward with plans to improve the area near in the vicinity of the floodwall (1700 block of Dock Street) which would cover property as shown on the plans entitled "Low Line Green," prepared by Water Street Studio, dated August 1, 2018, and approved as to location, character and extent by the Planning Commission on November 19, 2018.

In 2019, three (3) Ordinances related specifically to the Low Line Green were adopted by Council:

1. Ord. No. 2019-102 (adopted 4/22/19): To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a First Amendment Agreement to an existing Land License Agreement between the City and CSX Transportation, Inc.
2. Ord. No. 2019-103 (adopted 4/22/19): To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation of services and materials in the form of landscaping improvements and future maintenance thereof on City-owned real estate on the Low Line valued at approximately \$740,000 from Capital Trees.
3. Ord. No. 2019-252 (adopted 9/23/19): To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute a Grant Contract between the City and Capital Trees for the purpose of making landscape improvement to The Low Line park in the city of Richmond.

As part of this initiative, Dominion Energy has agreed to financially support the improvements to the Low Line Green in exchange for the naming rights to the garden areas surrounding the plaza. Installation of any signage related to the naming, and the costs associated with installation, maintenance, repair, removal, etc., will be the sole responsibility of Capital Trees. Final design and review of any graphic/wall/sign/etc., will be subject to the review and approval of Director of Planning & Development Review.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

COST TO CITY: There will be no cost to the City. Installation, maintenance, repair, removal, etc., will be the sole responsibility of Capital Trees.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption of this ordinance

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: January 13, 2020

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: January 27, 2020

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing & Transportation Standing Committee Meeting January 21, 2020

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: City Attorney's Office, Planning & Development Review

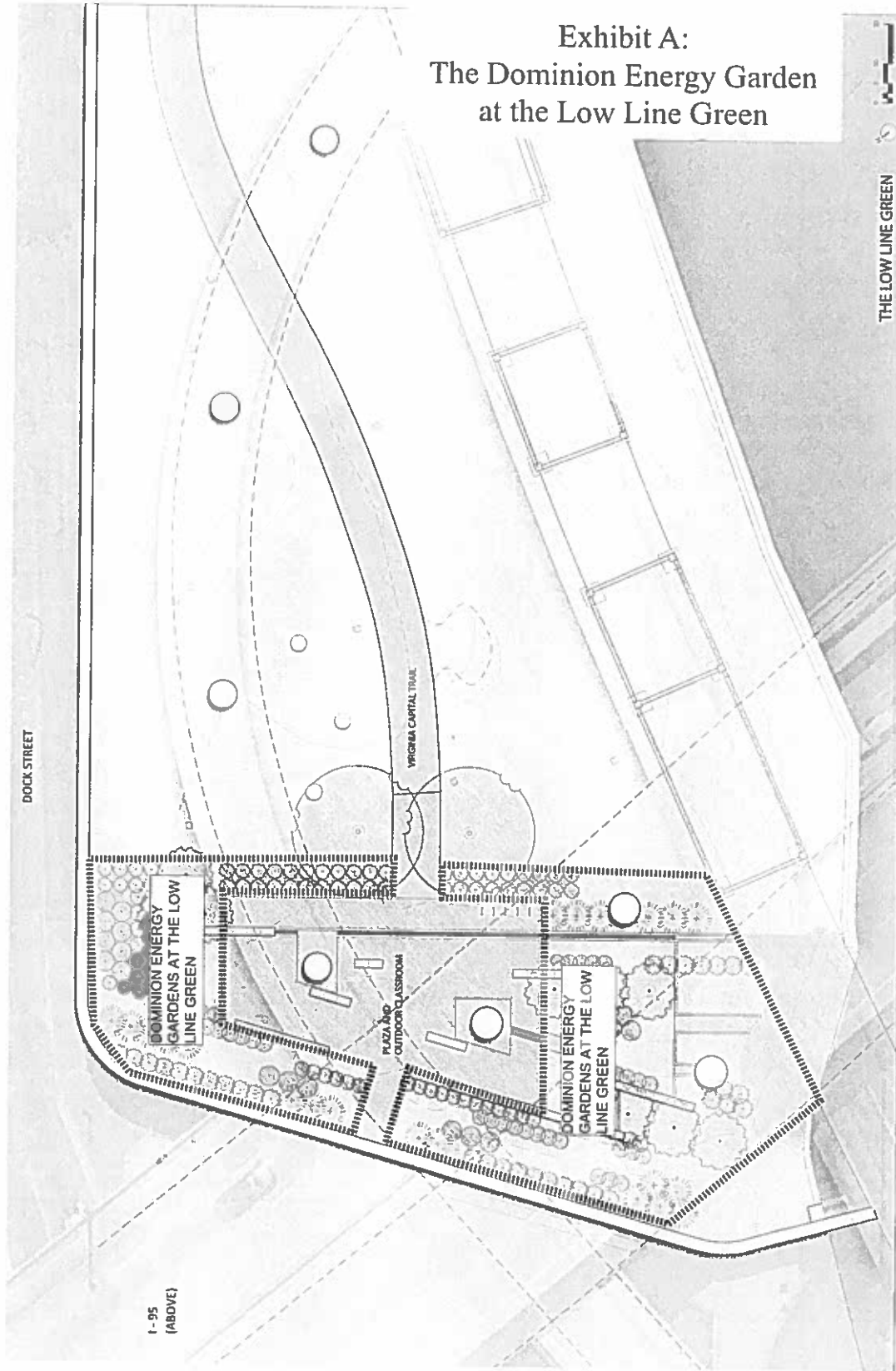
RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCES: Ord. No. 2019-043, Ord. No. 2019-102, Ord. No. 2019-103, Ord. No. 2019-252.

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS: Site Plan Showing Area of the Dominion Energy Garden at the Low Line Green.

STAFF: Jeff L. Gray, Senior Policy Advisor to the Chief Administrative Officer 646-7968

Exhibit A:
The Dominion Energy Garden
at the Low Line Green



DOCK STREET

VIRGINIA CAPITAL TRAIL

DOMINION ENERGY
GARDENS AT THE LOW
LINE GREEN

PLAZA AND
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

DOMINION ENERGY
GARDENS AT THE LOW
LINE GREEN

THE LOW LINE GREEN

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