



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2016-218: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept grant funds in the amount of \$716,000 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Utilities' Stormwater Facilities Improvements project in the Utilities category by \$716,000 for the purpose of constructing the Goode's Creek Stream Restoration & Constructed Wetlands project.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: September 19, 2016

PETITIONER

City of Richmond, Department of Public Utilities

LOCATION

Two portions of Albro Creek (aka Bellemeade Creek) and adjoining lands, generally between Oakland Avenue and Overlook Street, and Royall Avenue and Afton Avenue, all within the Goode's Creek watershed.

PURPOSE

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$716,000 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in the form of a matching grant pursuant to the conditions set forth in the attached "Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) FY 2015" letter from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality dated December 17, 2014 and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Stormwater Construction Fund by \$716,000 for the purpose of constructing the Goode's Creek Stream Restoration & Constructed Wetlands Project.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Public Utilities in December 2014 secured approval for a Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) matching grant to help fund the City's proposed Goode's Creek Stream Restoration & Constructed Wetlands Project. This stream restoration project is being constructed as part of The City's efforts to satisfy Chesapeake Bay TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) requirements as mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Richmond's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permit (General Permit No.: VAR040005) issued by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The Chesapeake Bay TMDL establishes pollution reduction goals for phosphorus, nitrogen and sediment for municipalities located within the Chesapeake Bay watershed in an effort to improve water quality in the bay and the region's streams, creeks and rivers.

The Department of Public Utilities will utilize the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) matching grant to help fund The City's proposed Goode's Creek Stream Restoration & Constructed Wetlands Project. This stream restoration

project is being constructed as part of the City's efforts to satisfy Chesapeake Bay TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) requirements.

City Administration recommends adoption of this Ordinance.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Site Description

Two portions of Albro Creek (aka Bellemeade Creek) and adjoining lands, generally between Oakland Avenue and Overlook Street, and Royall Avenue and Afton Avenue, all within the Goode's Creek watershed. The land is also located within the Bellemeade neighborhood of the Old South planning district.

Proposed Use of the Property

Streambank restoration and wetlands construction.

Master Plan

The City of Richmond Master Plan recommends Public & Open Space and Single-Family (Low Density) land use for the properties within the project area.

Zoning & Surrounding Area

The majority of the properties within the project area are zoned within R-5 Single-Family Residential district with some zoned within the R-53 Multifamily Residential District. A mix of Public & Open Space, Vacant, and Residential (Single- and Multifamily) land uses are present in the area.

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