

INTRODUCED: February 5, 2018

A RESOLUTION No. 2018-R010

To direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents to place Crooked Branch Ravine Park under the protection of a conservation easement as state law defines that term and to present such documents to the Council as soon as possible after receipt of the requisite grantee name, legal description, and drawings depicting the metes and bounds of Crooked Branch Ravine Park.

Patron – Ms. Larson

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 26 2018 AT 5 P.M.

WHEREAS, Crooked Brank Ravine Park contributes to the quality of life of city residents; and

WHEREAS, the pressures of development and economic stress may from time to time lead to proposals for the City’s consideration that could result in the conveyance or leasing of the Crooked Branch Ravine Park property, or portions thereof, to governmental or private parties for development and other uses; and

WHEREAS, although the City Council adopted sections 8-2(c) and 8-57 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, to address this concern by prohibiting the leasing of Crooked Branch Ravine Park for any development purpose and the sale of any park property, it is the sense of the Council that more needs to be done to prevent future City leaders from

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conveying or allowing the use of any part of the Crooked Branch Ravine Park in a way that might threaten its pristine character; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Richmond that Crooked Branch Ravine Park be placed under the protection of a conservation easement as state law defines that term;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare the necessary documents to place Crooked Branch Ravine Park under the protection of a conservation easement as state law defines that term and to present such documents to the Council as soon as possible after receipt of the requisite grantee name, legal description, and drawings depicting the metes and bounds of Crooked Branch Ravine Park.



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Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen Jackson, City Attorney

THROUGH Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff *LB*

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Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney

DATE January 5, 2018

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TITLE Crooked Branch Ravine Park Conservation Easement

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This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Councilwoman Larson

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patrons request a resolution to direct the City Attorney's Office to prepare the necessary documents to place Crooked Branch Ravine Park under the protection of a conservation easement.

BACKGROUND

The resolution is to express Council's desire and intentions, per its authority under State law, to grant a conservation easement to preserve the Crooked Branch Ravine Park.

The Crooked Branch Ravine Park is owned by the City government and is located at 4200 Crutchfield St. The park is slightly less than 20 acres in size.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact:

Resources from the City Attorney's Office will be required to complete this request.

Attachment/s Yes No