



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

ORD. 2026-112: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$2,002,659.00 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 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 \$2,002,659.00 for the purpose of funding the Broad Rock Creek Stream Restoration project.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: May 19, 2026

PETITIONER

City of Richmond

LOCATION

Broad Rock Creek

SUMMARY

This ordinance is a request to accept funds for the Broad Rock Creek Stream Rehabilitation Project. Broad Rock Creek is suffering from degraded and eroded streambanks. The Broad Rock Creek Stream Rehabilitation Project was initiated to provide a safe and stable environment to prevent future erosion and restore the degraded stream channel.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Site Description

Broad Rock Creek is a 3.84 square mile tributary to the James River in the 8th City Council District. The waterway flows into Goode's Creek and then the James River. This water corridor is a key feature within Broad Rock Creek Park and, as the new 26.2-acre park space is activated and transformed, will continue to be utilized frequently by recreationalists and visitors.

Fiscal Impact

The FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program budget will be amended to appropriate \$2,002,659.00 to the Department of Public Utilities' Stormwater Facilities Improvement category. All \$2,002,659.00 of the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund grant is subject to a 100% match requirement.

Community Engagement

Community outreach efforts have been ongoing throughout the Broad Rock Creek Stream Rehabilitation Project's preliminary design phase and will continue throughout the project's design and during construction in coordination and partnership with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities.

Community engagement has included an interactive and robust bilingual design charette held with Virginia Community Voice's Art, Reconciliation, and Civic Advocacy program in coordination with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities on Saturday, March 22nd of 2025 to solicit youth and parent feedback.

Outreach will continue throughout the remainder of the Broad Rock Creek Stream Rehabilitation Project's design, construction, and ensuing plantings. Project information will also remain available online following the conclusion of construction activities.

Master Plan

Thriving Environment "Big Move," Goal 16: Clean Water, and Objective 16.1 associated with it to restore all streams into healthy riparian areas.

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