

INTRODUCED: December 11, 2017

A RESOLUTION No. 2017-R097

To direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents to place Lewis G. Larus 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 Lewis G. Larus Park.

Patron – Ms. Larson

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JAN 22 2018 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, Lewis G. Larus 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 Lewis G. Larus 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 Lewis G. Larus 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 conveying or

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allowing the use of any part of the Lewis G. Larus Park in a way that might threaten its pristine character; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Richmond that Lewis G. Larus 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 Lewis G. Larus 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 Lewis G. Larus Park.



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Ordinance/Resolution Request

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TITLE Larus Park Conservation Easement

OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

K. Larson

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

This resolution states that it is Council's intention to develop/grant a conservation easement to preserve the natural state of Larus Park and any land that is added to that park in the future.

BACKGROUND

The resolution expresses Council's desire to exercise its authority, under State law, to grant conservations easements to preserve the natural state of Larus Park and future additions of acreage to that park.

Lewis Larus Park is owned by the City government and is located in the City's southwestern edge. It consists of approximately 106 acres of land. The park is largely wooded and contains some streams and walking trails. The park is bounded by Huguenot Road, Chippenham Parkway, and Stoney Point Fashion Park.

