

INTRODUCED: May 8, 2023

AN ORDINANCE No. 2023-155

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept a donation of construction services and materials valued at approximately \$56,500.00 from the Friends of The James River Park, for the purpose of facilitating the construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle trail at Reedy Creek in the city of Richmond.

Patron – Mayor Stoney and Vice President Nye

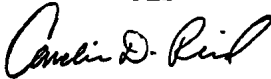
Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JUN 12 2023 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer, for an on behalf of the City of Richmond, is hereby authorized to accept a donation of construction services and materials valued at approximately \$56,500.00 from the Friends of The James River Park for the purpose of facilitating the construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle trail at Reedy Creek in the city of Richmond.

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

A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:

City Clerk

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: JUN 12 2023 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____



City of Richmond

Intracity Correspondence

O&R REQUEST

DATE: March 17, 2023 **EDITION:** 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Sabrina Joy-Hogg, DCAO for Finance and Administration

Designee

THROUGH: Sheila White, Director of Finance

THROUGH: Jason May, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning

THROUGH: Reginald E. Gordon, DCAO for Human Services

FROM: Christopher E. Frelke, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

RE: Accepting a donation from The Friends of James River Park to construct a new trail at the Reedy Creek Park Headquarters

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To accept a donation of \$56,500 from Friends of the James River Park, a 501 C-3 non-profit organization, to contribute towards the cost to construct a new pedestrian/bike trail that bypasses the maintenance shop at the James River Park headquarters at Reedy Creek. To provide a grant, pursuant to the authority granted in Code of Virginia Code § 15.2-953 (B), in the amount of \$14,295 to the Friends of the James River Park to complete the funding necessary for the construction of a new pedestrian/bike trail that bypasses the maintenance shop at the James River Park headquarters at Reedy Creek.

REASON: The construction of this trail will both greatly increase user safety and improve the aesthetics in this very popular and heavily-used location. This bypass trail is recommended in the James River Park Master Plan and has been approved by Norfolk Southern, whose property is adjacent. The Friends of the James River Park have raised \$56,500 for the cost of this project, which in total will cost \$70,795. In order to ensure that the project can be properly completed, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities desires to provide a grant to the Friends of the James River in the amount of \$14,295 to cover the balance.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities recommends approval of this request.

BACKGROUND: Currently, the vehicle access road at the James River Park shop and headquarters receives a tremendous amount of pedestrian and bicycle traffic. This road is heavily used by JRPS staff vehicles as well as backhoes, tractors, delivery trucks, DPU service trucks, etc. By constructing this trail around the maintenance shop, it will greatly reduce the chance of accidents by physically separating all trail users from vehicles. The Friends of the James River Park have raised \$56,500 to help pay for this project which will cost in total \$70,795. The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities desires to provide a grant in the amount of \$14,295 for the balance of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: One-time payment of \$14,295 from the department's Capital Projects fund towards the project. Total cost of the project is \$70,795.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: The City will receive the value of a \$56,500 donation towards the project from the Friends of the James River Park.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: No

REVENUE TO CITY: None.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: April 24, 2023

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: May 8, 2023

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing and Transportation Committee

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS: Friends of the James River Park Donation Letter

STAFF: Christopher Frelke, Director – Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities
646-1128



To whom it may concern,

Friends of the James River Park is proud to be able to donate \$56,500 to the City of Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities for the construction of the Reedy Creek Bypass Trail. As the largest nonprofit supporter of the James River Park System, we appreciate all of the hard work that City employees put into managing the Park, and we consider this donation one of the most efficient ways for us to deliver on our mission. We are excited to be able to help make this important safety improvement in the Park.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached by email at josh@jamesriverpark.org.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Stutz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Josh" being more prominent than the last name "Stutz".

Josh Stutz, Executive Director- Friends of the James River Park.