



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 19, 2021

Re: Easement to Record Stewardship Requirements – Norma Sutherland Smith Park

Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting City Council's authorization to execute an easement agreement to record stewardship requirements as part of the Norma Sutherland Smith Park Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. As part of the LWCF grant agreement, the City agreed to place an easement on the property stating that it is to be designated for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity and cannot be converted for any other use. The execution of this easement is the final step in the LWCF grant process for the park.

Discussion

On December 5, 2016, City Council approved the execution of an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for a \$150,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for phase II improvements at Norma Sutherland Smith Park. As part of the grant requirements, an easement must be established on the property to designate it for public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity and the property cannot be converted for any other use. The total park acreage is 50 acres and 45 acres will be included in the LWCF Section (6)(f)(3) boundary map which indicates the boundaries of the easement. The remaining 5 acres of park property are not included within the easement as they have been reserved for the future construction of a fire station if so needed.

Previously, the department had to specify the park acreage for inclusion in the grant and the agreement specified that the land must be used for public outdoor recreation use. LWCF now requires an actual easement which will make it easier for officials to monitor that this commitment is maintained.

Once the easement is established, all requirements related to the LWCF grant for Norma Sutherland Smith Park will be completed and staff with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources will close out the grant project.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None



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Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
12/5/2016	(B317-16) Authorizing recreation trails program project agreements and a land and water conservation fund project agreement with the State of Missouri – Department of Natural Resources; appropriating funds. https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2889932&GUID=91436FCB-26BA-4D6A-9104-94535C035DFF&Options=&Search=

Suggested Council Action

Approve the legislation authorizing the City Manager to execute the easement agreement to record stewardship requirements for Norma Sutherland Smith Park.