



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 19, 2019

Re: Lot 125 Ridgemon Park Plat No. 1 Land Acquisition

## Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting Council approval of an ordinance to accept the donation of lot 125 Ridgemon Park Plat No. 1. Ridgemon Development, LLC has agreed to donate 5.73 acres of land for public park and open space uses. The property is located south of the intersection of Ridgemon Road and College Park Drive and will serve as buffer land adjacent to the County House Trail. Prior to the development of the County House Trail, park planning staff wanted to purchase this property but it was sold and planned to host a private school. The County House Trail was then routed along the edges of the property to allow for the future school, but over time the school plans never progressed and the land was sold once again. Staff anticipates no additional development of the land as this time.

## Discussion

In 2015, park staff was approached by representatives of Ridgemon Development, LLC and citizens in the adjacent neighborhood concerning the development of a 12.34 acre property at the intersection of Ridgemon Road and College Park Drive. After extensive discussion and multiple plan reviews, Crockett Engineering submitted a revised 26-lot plat of the property known as Ridgemon Park in October 2016 for review by City planning staff. The revised plan included a lot measuring 5.73 acres, which would potentially be donated to the City as part of the development project.

The lot, labeled lot 125 Ridgemon Park Plat No. 1, includes a 0.3 mile section of the County House Trail. Park staff evaluated the potential of the property and determined that the property would serve as quality trail buffer for the County House Trail and also could be used as green space by adjacent neighbors. Park staff currently maintains the portion of the trail within the property including trail maintenance and mowing on both sides of the trail.

After further discussion between the City and representatives of the Ridgemon Development, LLC, the development group agreed to donate the 5.73 acre property to the City for the purpose of land preservation and buffer land for the County House Trail.

Park staff is requesting Council approval to proceed with the acquisition of the 5.73 acre property.



## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: There is no fiscal impact with the donation of the property.

Long-Term Impact: Park staff does not anticipate any increase in expenses associated with the property acquisition. Trail maintenance and mowing are already completed along the County House Trail within the property.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility

## Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

## Suggested Council Action

Approve the legislation authorizing the land acquisition to proceed.