



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 15, 2022

Re: Easement to Record Stewardship Requirements – Clary-Shy Community 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 Clary-Shy Community Park Outdoor Recreation Legacy Program (ORLP) grant agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. As part of the ORLP 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 ORLP grant process for the park.

Discussion

On Nov. 5, 2018, City Council approved the execution of an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for a \$400,000 Outdoor Recreation Legacy Program (ORLP) grant for improvements at Clary-Shy Community Park. The ORLP is a nationally competitive grant program funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) that targets projects that benefit disadvantaged urban communities. 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 20 acres and 9.93 acres will be included in the LWCF Section (6)(f)(3) boundary map which indicates the boundaries of the easement. The remaining 10.07 acres of park property are not included within the easement as they include the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC), a future indoor building and parking.

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 in the future.

Once the easement is established, all requirements related to the ORLP grant for Clary-Shy Community 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



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Inclusive Community, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

Date	Action
11/05/2018	<p>B268-18: Authorizing construction of a playground, fitness trail, second outdoor classroom and amphitheater at the Clary-Shy Community Park; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division; authorizing a financial assistance agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources; appropriating funds.</p> <p>https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3700389&GUID=9A1C70B9-670D-48E2-8373-B2C344B5A34E&Options=&Search=</p>

Suggested Council Action

Approve the legislation authorizing the City Manager to execute the easement agreement to record stewardship requirements for Clary-Shy Community Park.