



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 15, 2024

Re: Land Acquisition – 605 Rockhill Road

## Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting Council approval to acquire a 2.6-acre parcel of land located at 605 Rockhill Road and for the City Manager to execute the real estate contract for the property. The parcel is owned by Harry and Phyllis Wulff and is located adjacent to Clyde Wilson Memorial Park. Staff negotiated a selling price of \$40,000 for the property. The land will be incorporated into Clyde Wilson Memorial Park. The property will be acquired using funds from the Park Sales Tax land acquisition account, totaling \$15,000, and a \$25,000 donation from the East Campus Neighborhood Association.

## Discussion

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting approval to acquire a 2.6-acre property adjacent to Clyde Wilson Memorial Park. The property is owned by Harry and Phyllis Wulff and will be incorporated into the adjacent park. The addition of the property will increase the total size of Clyde Wilson Memorial Park from 10 acres to 12.6 acres. The property is a heavily wooded area that will be preserved as is with natural surface trails as the only planned developed on the property. The acquisition of this property aligns with the City's Strategic Plan and Columbia's Climate Adaptation and Action Plan related to the preservation of greenspace and management of urban tree canopy within Columbia.

The property was appraised by Moore & Shryock Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants on Aug. 4, 2023; and as shown on the attached appraisal, was valued at \$40,000 for the property.

The City of Columbia will pay \$40,000 for the property. The property will be acquired using funds from the Park Sales Tax land acquisition account, totaling \$15,000, and a \$25,000 donation from the East Campus Neighborhood Association. The donation from the East Campus Neighborhood Association was given to the Parks and Recreation Department in 2022 to assist with future land acquisition for the expansion of Clyde Wilson Memorial Park.

## Fiscal Impact

**Short-Term Impact:** The proposed purchase price for this property is \$40,000 and will be acquired using funds from the Park Sales Tax land acquisition account, totaling \$15,000, and a \$25,000 donation from the East Campus Neighborhood Association.

**Long-Term Impact:** Staff does not anticipate any additional expenses associated with the acquisition of this property.



## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

## Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

## Suggested Council Action

Approve the legislation authorizing the acquisition of a parcel of land located at 605 Rockhill Road and for the City Manager to execute the real estate contract for the property.