



MEMORANDUM

City of Angels City Council

Date: September 16, 2025

To: City Council

From: Amy Augustine, AICP City Planner

Re: Resolution 25-70 approving a grant application for and an expenditure of up to \$7,900 to hire GeoCon to prepare a United State Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Grant application to evaluate the site and begin preparing a remediation plan for the Raspberry Properties

Recommendation

Approve Resolution 25-70.

Background/Discussion

The Raspberry properties (Figure 1), totaling 5.4± acres, were used in the late 1800s and early 1900s for mining as part of the Utica Mine. In recent years, after heavy rains, sulfur was detected flowing from one of the mine shafts into Angels Creek.

Previously, Staff discussed with Council the landowner's wish to donate the land to the City, possibly as a tie-in to the Angels Creek Trail and/or for a dog park. Council indicated that clean-up would first have to be completed.

Many state and federal grants require a partnership between landowners and the local jurisdiction to clean-up or remediate site hazards, such as those remaining from former mining activities. Working with the landowners, the City is pursuing site clean-up to return the site to productive use.

GeoCon, the company that assisted the City with mine remediation at Utica Park, is experienced with preparing USEPA Grants for evaluating and preparing remediation plans and assisting with site clean-up. This endeavor is expected to be multi-phased over multiple years. Securing a grant to evaluate the extent, location, and nature of site hazard/contamination on the properties is the first step. Staff are recommending hiring GeoCon to prepare the grant application through the USEPA to begin this process.

The specific grant to be pursued is the USEPA BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANTS (COMMUNITY-WIDE ASSESSMENT GRANTS), or closely related grant. Grants are expected to be due mid-November. Staff will assist GeoCon with gathering demographic data and uploading the grant.

Strategic Plan Alignment

A3 Conservation & Open Space - *Protect the health and safety of people and property in the city from natural and man-made hazards*

The proposed project will assist in protecting the health and safety of people and property in the city from a man-made (mining) hazard by pursuing remediation of a former mine site.

Financial Impact

The cost to prepare the grant application is not to exceed \$7,900 in general fund monies. A budget amendment is attached. The grant product will enable the City to pursue eventual clean-up of the Raspberry Properties thereby opening them to constructive use.

Attachments

- A. Resolution 25-70



Figure 1: Raspberry Properties