



Commission Meeting

June 6, 2023

Parks & Recreation LWCF grant pre-application

Department:	Parks & Recreation
Presenter:	Maurice McDowell
Caption:	Motion to ratify a resolution for the pre-application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).
Background:	The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant is a federal grant supporting projects and developments that safeguard natural areas and increase recreational opportunities. Funding requires a 50 percent match and the maximum funding amount is \$1M. In order to be considered for the grant application, a pre-application is required, indicating the local government's support.
Analysis:	The Parks and Recreation Department intends to participate in the pre-application process for the grant with a project at Diamond Lakes Regional Park. If approved and the Department is awarded the grant, Parks & Recreation will improve Diamond Lakes Regional Park and establish a multi-usage trail system through and around the park. The trail system can be utilized for walking, running, inline skating, and biking, with different levels of intensity and different lengths from 1 mile to 5 miles. The trail would connect the old raceway to the park system and lead past the lake areas and through other natural areas within the park.
Financial Impact:	The overall cost for the project is estimated at \$1,000,000.00. Augusta's match would be approximately \$500,000. The actual cost and the resulting 50 percent match will be determined during the pre-application. Funding is available through SPLOST 8 Park Improvement projects.
Alternatives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Move to approve2. Move to no action
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Move to approve
Funds are available in the following accounts:	JL 222068302 (\$100,000), JL 222068303 (\$100,000), JL 222068304 (\$300,000), GL 330-06-1120
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A