

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Dinglewood Park Grant Extension - NRT 22(12)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute an extension of a grant for the Dragonfly Trails with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources until December 1, 2026, due to unforeseen challenges and delays to ensure the successful completion of the project.
INITIATED BY:	Planning Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute an extension of a grant for the Dragonfly Trails with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources until December 1, 2026, due to unforeseen challenges and delays to ensure the successful completion of the project.

Background: In October 2021, Columbus Council approved a request to submit an application for a Georgia Department of Natural Resources Grant. Said Grant was approved, and funds were accepted via the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) for the Dragonfly Trails and to the Multi-Governmental Fund was amended by the amount of the grant awarded. The grant amount requested was \$200,000. The City was not required to provide matching funds to participate in this grant. The Friends of the Dragonfly Trail Network provided the match. The purpose of the grant program is to support recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both nonmotorized and motorized recreational trail uses.

Analysis: The extension was requested because of unforeseen challenges and delays necessitated additional time to ensure successful completion of the project.

Financial Considerations: The City was not required to provide matching funds to participate in this grant.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney approves this resolution.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to execute an extension of a grant for the Dragonfly Trails with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources until December 1, 2026, due to unforeseen challenges and delays to ensure the successful completion of the project.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A GRANT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (GDNR) TO EXTEND THE LIFETIME OF THE GRANT TO DECEMBER 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Dragonfly Trails requested permission to apply for the Recreational Trails Program Grant in 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Council approved a request to submit an application for a GDNR Grant in October 2021; and,

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen challenges and delays, additional time to ensure successful completion of the project was requested; and,

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2025, GDNR extended the project date from February 1, 2025, to December 1, 2026 pending approval by the Columbus Consolidated Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to proceed with executing an extension of said Grant with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the construction phase of the Dragonfly Trail through Dinglewood Park.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day of _____, 2025, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Hickey voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor