

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CLAYTON**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 2021-18**

**A RESOLUTION BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF FOREST PARK, GEORGIA TO AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT AS A CO-APPLICANT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CLAYTON COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY (CCWA) TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000.00 FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, UNDER GEORGIA SECTION 319(H) NONPOINT SOURCE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR FY 2021, TO PROVIDE FOR GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE AND ADDRESS URBAN WATER QUALITY AND REDUCE NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION IN THE WEST JESTERS CREEK WATERSHED; THE PROJECT START DATE OF AUGUST 1, 2021, ENDING JULY 31, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, green infrastructure is an approach to water management to protect, restore or imitate a natural water cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, green infrastructure enhances community safety and quality of life by restoring wetlands, planting trees, or retrofitting existing infrastructure to produce expected results that will benefit the community; and

**WHEREAS**, West Jesters Creek is a tributary of the Flint River that begins from two smaller streams in Forest Park near the Pine Ridge Road area and flows south, meandering its way through the cities of Forest Park and portions of Lake City, Morrow, Clayton County, and Jonesboro where it empties into the Flint River near State Route (SR) 138; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources FY2021 Georgia Section 319 (H) Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant period is now open with a deadline of April 30, 2021 for water quality and non-point source pollution projects; and

**WHEREAS**, there are green infrastructure opportunities at two (2) separate sites in Forest Park: (1) City of Forest Park, Starr Park Design and Construction, and (2) City of Forest Park, Police Department Headquarters Design by retrofitting and enhancing existing infrastructure basins and swales as part of efforts to improve water quality in the West Jesters Creek Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the total projected cost of the Starr Park renovation project is \$12,450,000.00, with a match of \$12,100,000.00, and the maximum federal award to any individual project is \$400,000.00, the city's request is \$350,000.00.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

**Section 1.** The Mayor and City Council of Forest Park, Georgia, hereby authorize the Planning, Building and Zoning Department as co-applicant with the Clayton County Water Authority to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$350,000.00 from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for green infrastructure opportunities to improve water quality and non-point source pollution in the Jesters Creek Watershed.

**Section 2.** Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of the court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution, and such remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** Repealer. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 4.** Effective Date. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon and after its final passage.

**SO RESOLVED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.**

**CITY OF FOREST PARK**

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Angelyne Butler, Mayor

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Kimberly James, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 1)

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Antoine Dabouze, (Ward 2)

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Hector Gutierrez, (Ward 3)

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Latresa Akins-Wells, (Ward 4)

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Alan Mears, (Ward 5)

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

(THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF FOREST PARK,  
GEORGIA)

Approved as to form:

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CITY ATTORNEY