

AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Place Land Use Restrictions on Certain Properties as Agreed to During Construction of the Kingsport Aquatic Center and to Purchase Wetland Mitigation Credits for Areas That Did Not Meet Wetland Success Criteria

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager

Action Form No.: AF-140-2024 Final Adoption: June 4, 2024
Work Session: June 3, 2024 Staff Work By: Chad Austin
First Reading: N/A Presentation By: Ryan McReynolds

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution.

Executive Summary:

During construction of the Kingsport Aquatic Center 15.5 acres of wetlands were disturbed. Kingsport received a permit to alter these wetlands with a plan to mitigate some areas on site and others along Reedy Creek near John B. Dennis. These areas were to be observed for ten years to ensure that the sites developed wetlands as determined in the permit. During monitoring studies, it was determined that one site containing proposed 10.5 acres of created wetland did not meet the criteria for success.

Working with S&ME consultants and TDEC it was determined that we would need to purchase 8.4 wetland mitigation credits from Water Resources, LLC. The cost of these credits is \$336,000. Funding is identified in NC2316. Once the credits are purchased, we will have met the requirements of the permit.

Additionally, the original permit required all proposed mitigation sites to have land use restrictions placed on them, <u>essentially returning those sites to their natural state</u>. These areas are all along the Greenbelt in the vicinity of John B. Dennis Highway, as shown on the map. This action will approve executing land use restrictions on those properties listed in the permit.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Wetland Mitigation Credit Invoice
- 3. Land Use Restrictions for Five Properties
- 4. Land Use Restrictions Map (offsite)

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