




AGENDA STAFF MEMO

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Sara Leaders, PE, Public Works Director
DATE: Submitted on July 14, 2025, for the July 21, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting

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AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a Resolution to Reimburse the City of Milton's Capital Projects Fund with Greenspace Bond Funding Regarding Properties Acquired on Hopewell Road.

SUMMARY:

At its May 19, 2025, meeting, the Mayor and City Council approved Agenda Item No. 25-134, removing from the sealed bid process the sale of approximately 38.92 acres on Hopewell Road and directing staff to preserve the properties through formal use of Greenspace Bond funding. This resolution authorizes the reimbursement of \$4.9 million to the City of Milton's Capital Projects Fund using unallocated Greenspace Bond funds. The reimbursement covers the City's prior acquisition of the following properties:

- The Bates Property (approximately 34.40 acres), acquired in February 2023 for \$3.5 million.
- The Hudson Property (approximately 4.86 acres), acquired in April 2023 for \$1.4 million.

Both properties were originally purchased using the Capital Projects Fund with the intent of potential future park development. However, they are now designated for permanent preservation as greenspace, consistent with the purpose of the voter-approved 2016 Greenspace Bond, which supports land conservation and long-term public benefit. This resolution formally directs staff to transfer Greenspace Bond funds into the Capital Projects Fund to retroactively fund the acquisitions.

FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total financial impact of this action is a \$4,900,000 reimbursement to the City's Capital Projects Fund, representing the original purchase prices of the Bates Property (\$3,500,000) and the Hudson Property (\$1,400,000). These acquisitions were initially funded through Capital Projects Fund but are now being funded under the 2016 Greenspace Bond Program, in alignment with the City Council's updated direction to preserve both properties as permanent greenspace.

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ALTERNATIVES:

If this resolution is not approved the City would retain the properties as general government assets and leave the Greenspace Bond funds unspent or reallocated to other eligible conservation acquisitions.

PROCUREMENT SUMMARY (if applicable)

Purchasing method used: Other (See Comment Above)
Account Number: From Capital Projects Fund
Requisition Total: \$4,900,000

REVIEW & APPROVALS:

Financial Review: Bernadette Harvill, Deputy City Manager –
Legal Review: Jeff Strickland, Jarrard & Davis, LLP – July 14, 2025
Concurrent Review: Steven Krokoff, City Manager –

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Resolution

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A RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY OF MILTON'S CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND WITH GREENSPACE BOND FUNDING REGARDING PROPERTIES ACQUIRED ON HOPEWELL ROAD

WHEREAS, in November 2016, City of Milton (the "City") voters passed a bond for greenspace land acquisition; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2023, the City closed on its acquisition of Tax Parcel Number ("TPN") 22 -4770-0909-008-9, TPN 22 -4780-0964-091-5, and TPN 22 -4780-0964-092-3, totaling approximately 34.40 acres (the "Bates Property"), using capital projects/impact fee funds to cover the overall purchase price of \$3,500,000.00; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2023, the City closed on its acquisition of TPN 22 -4770-0909-048-5, totaling approximately 4.86 acres (the "Hudson Property"), using capital projects/impact fee funds to cover the purchase price of \$1,400,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Bates Property and the Hudson Property abut the City's Providence Park property and were initially acquired anticipating future development of active park space; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has since decided that the Bates Property and the Hudson Property would be better utilized as additional greenspace to be preserved as such for the public and secured under the protections of the City's Greenspace Bond Program consistent with its intended purpose of land preservation and public benefit (see Minutes of City Council Regular Meeting, May 19, 2025, Agenda Item No. 25-134); and

WHEREAS, in order to transfer the Bates Property and the Hudson Property under the protections of the City's Greenspace Bond Program, it is appropriate that Greenspace Bond funds are utilized to afford the acquisition of those properties; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient unallocated Greenspace Bond funds available to reimburse the City's Capital Projects Fund for the amounts spent purchasing the Bates Property and the Hudson Property in the total amount of \$4,900,000.00.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby directs City staff to make the appropriate fund transfer of \$4,900,000.00 from the Greenspace Bond fund into the Capital Projects Fund for the purposes stated hereinabove.

SO RESOLVED this 21st day of July, 2025.

Peyton Jamison, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tammy Lowit, City Clerk

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