



CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: March 7, 2022		Subject: Resolution No. 2960 Oregon State Parks Local Government Grant Program	
		Staff Member: Dustin Schull, Parks Supervisor	
		Department: Parks and Recreation	
Action Required		Advisory Board/Commission Recommendation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 1 st Reading Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 2 nd Reading Date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Information or Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Council Direction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda		<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input type="checkbox"/> None Forwarded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
		Comments: N/A	
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt the Consent Agenda.			
Recommended Language for Motion: I move to approve the Consent Agenda.			
Project / Issue Relates To: Pursuing a grant from Oregon State Parks			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Goals/Priorities:	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted Master Plan(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

A resolution by council is required by Oregon State Parks to have a project considered for the Local Government Grant Program (LGGP). The Parks and Recreation team is submitting the Park at Merryfield Trail Rehabilitation Project to the LGGP and is requesting a resolution approval by City Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This project will revitalize and update trail connectivity in the Park at Merryfield. The current trail has ADA slope concerns and is moving into a state of continued needed maintenance. The .16 mile asphalt trail built prior to the year 2000, will be widened and striped to improve safety. ADA improvements will be made to ensure the trail and connected playground are accessible to all community members. The Park at Merryfield trail system has been identified as a key connection for students attending both Boones Ferry Primary School and Inza R. Wood Middle School. Both schools serve the Villebois and Camelot neighborhoods. The Park at Merryfield trail is a primary off street connection for those neighborhoods to the schools.

The Parks team is seeking a grant that would repay 50% of costs, up to \$75,000, as a part of this project initiative. The Local Government Grant Program will rank applicants in June of 2022 and grants at the \$75,000 threshold are traditionally awarded at an 85% success rate. The 50% required match for this project will be brought forward through the Capitol Improvement Project Budget process for consideration by the Budget Committee and City Council.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

Through the rehabilitation of The Park at Merryfield trail, the ADA insufficiency as well as the narrow nature of the trail and non-marked passing zones will all be improved. A ten foot wide trail with two marked lanes of travel will work to improve the tight nature of the current aging trail system. The new trail will be installed to meet current ADA trail standards and also look to improve opportunities to rest and interact with nature with benches or other amenities.

TIMELINE:

Grant application is due May 1st with scoring and ranking to be conducted by the LGGP advisory committee in June. If the project is selected the funds would be made available following the scoring and ranking process.

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IMPACTS:

No budget impact for the current fiscal year. This grant does require a minimum 50% match, which will be funded out of the 2022/2023 budget.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROCESS:

The Merryfield Trail Rehabilitation project was originally identified in the 2006 Wilsonville Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. It was called out in both the 2007 and 2018 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plans. It was also identified in the 2015 Wilsonville Parks ADA Assessment Report and the 2013 Transportation System Plan.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS OR BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY:

This project will revitalize and update trail connectivity in the Park at Merryfield in Wilsonville. The .16 mile asphalt trail built prior to the year 2000, will be widened and striped to improve safety. ADA improvements will be made to ensure the trail and connected playground are accessible to all community members. The Park at Merryfield trail system has been identified as a key connection for students attending both Boones Ferry Primary School and Inza R. Wood Middle School. Both schools serve the Villebois and Camelot neighborhoods. The Park at Merryfield trail is the only off street connection for those neighborhoods to the schools.

The existing trail will be milled onsite to provide a base layer for the new trail. The City of Wilsonville has worked diligently over the past ten years to improve the 8.48 acre park that encompasses the trail. Invasive species management, wet land bridge installation, soft surface trail alignment and an updated playground are all improvements that have been completed in the last 10 years. These improvements have increased trail use and make it critical for the trail to be rehabilitated. An updated trail would continue the overall rehabilitation of The Park at Merryfield to increase safety and improve accessibility for all.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no current alternatives. This project will remain unfunded if a resolution for the grant is not approved by City Council.

CITY MANAGER COMMENT:

N/A

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution No. 2960