

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: June 13, 2022

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Johnnie Taylor, Assistant City Manager
William L. Royston, Recreation and Parks Director

Council Action Requested:
Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Donation of Property on Jonestown Road from the Jack Eugene Hauser Heirs and the Granting of a Conservation Easement to the Piedmont Land Conservancy (Southwest Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods
Strategic Objective: Expand Open Space and Recreational Facilities
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:
 The Jack Eugene Hauser Heirs and the Piedmont Land Conservancy have approached the City of Winston-Salem (City) offering to donate to the City 24.571 acres of land on Jonestown Road for the development of a park for the benefit of the citizens of Winston-Salem. The property also contains a house, two shops, and several outbuildings. The vast majority of the property to be donated is a portion of a larger 88-acre tract which is known as the Evergreen Farm and was listed in 2019 in the National Registry of Historic Places. The property is further described in the attached Exhibits.

A condition of the donation is that use of the park be limited to passive recreational activities such as wildlife viewing, nature photography, picnicking, walking, running, jogging, bird watching, horseback riding, and historical and archeological exploration, etc. Passive recreational activities do not require prepared facilities such as sports fields or pavilions. The donation is further conditioned on the Piedmont Land Conservancy receiving a conservation easement to be placed on the property by the City to ensure that the wishes of the donors are carried out. The Recreation and Parks Director and the Recreation and Parks Commission are both supportive of the acceptance of this donation.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 6/13/22	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

The attached resolution authorizes the City's acceptance of the property described herein and under the conditions described herein and that the City grant a conservation easement to the Piedmont Land Conservancy memorializing these conditions.