

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** January 10, 2022

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

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**From:** Johnnie Taylor, Assistant City Manager  
William L. Royston, Recreation and Parks Director  
S. Kirk Bjorling, Real Estate Administrator

**Council Action Requested:**  
Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Property at Long Creek Park from The Conservation Fund, the Granting of a Conservation Easement to the Piedmont Land Conservancy, and a Reimbursement to the Conservation Fund for Proceeds Obtained from the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Clean Water Management Trust Fund (North 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:**  
 On April 17, 2017, the City Council authorized the purchase of property at the Long Creek Golf Course for development into a City of Winston-Salem park. This sale was originally based on preliminary size information indicating the City would be receiving approximately 100 acres at closing and receiving an additional 65 acres from the Conservation Fund at a future date. This arrangement enabled the City to apply for a grant from the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF). The City has now received this grant of \$123,250, which will enable the City to reimburse the Conservation Fund a portion of their financial commitment to the project. Based on original size calculations, the Conservation Fund’s participation allowed the City to acquire a total of 165 acres of land for a sale price of approximately \$740,000, with a net outlay by the City of approximately \$503,000, less some expenses.

The following three actions are necessary in order to complete this project. First, the Conservation Fund is prepared to deed to the City all of that land which it received from Holly Hills Golf, Inc. (Long Creek Golf Course) in 2017. Second, as was agreed in the acquisition of the CWMTF grant, the City is prepared to grant a conservation easement to the Piedmont Land

**Committee Action:**

Committee	Finance 1/10/22	Action	Approval
<b>For</b>	Unanimous	<b>Against</b>	

**Remarks:**

Conservancy for the land being received from the Conservation Fund, along with other smaller portions of the Long Creek Property. Third, the City is prepared to transfer \$123,250 it received for the CWMTF grant to the Conservation Fund in recognition of the over \$200,000 savings the City realized from the Conservation Fund participation in the project. The land and easement transfers are illustrated in attached Exhibits A through E, but are subject to final surveys.

The attached resolution authorizes the City's acceptance of property at Long Creek Park from the Conservation Fund, the granting of a conservation easement to the Piedmont Land Conservancy, and the reimbursement to the Conservation Fund of a \$123,250 payment from the CWMTF grant.