



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: JANUARY 4, 2023

**SUBJECT: Acceptance of Award from Kentucky Cleaner Water Round 2 Grant from
American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the Furlong Drive Offline Channel Water
Quality Improvement Project**

Request: Council authorization to execute a Conditional Commitment Letter and a Final Assistance Agreement to accept an award of federal funding from the Kentucky Cleaner Water Round 2 Grant (American Rescue Plan Act funds) in the amount of \$906,645. This grant is for the design and construction of water quality improvements on LFUCG property located at 862-898 Furlong Drive. No matching funds are required.

Purpose of Request: In 2021, a stormwater quantity and stormwater quality best management practice options feasibility study was completed for the Furlong Drive Greenway. Currently, the greenway consists of a collection of vacant, flood prone parcels that were developed in the 1950's as residential homes. In 2001, those homes were purchased by LFUCG using Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant funds and then demolished to prevent future structure flooding.

The 2021 feasibility study evaluated four (4) options for better utilizing these vacant parcels as a means to improve stormwater management along the adjacent segment of Wolf Run. The offline channel option is recommended as the best option to reduce flooding, improve water quality and meet the expectations of the surrounding neighborhood.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$906,465 has been awarded for FY2023. No match required. Funds for future budget years are dependent upon availability of grant funds.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Martin/Albright

