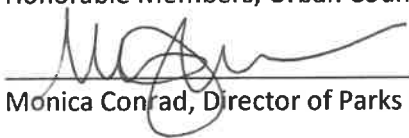




TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM: 
Monica Conrad, Director of Parks and Recreation

DATE: October 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program at Lakeside Golf Course

Request:

To execute Agreement between the LFUCG and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services to fund project at Lakeside Golf Course to restore Monarch habitat for the benefit of Federal trust species on private lands.

Purpose:

The project entails establishing approximately 0.5 acres of native forb habitat for the monarch butterfly and other pollinator species. Additional acres can be added if desired. This project follows the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources state monarch recovery plan by providing small blocks of food and breeding habitat for the monarch butterfly. In addition, it will also provide habitat for neo-tropical birds and pollinators. Lakeside Golf Course has been observed to be in a major fall migration corridor for migrating monarchs.

This project also will provide beauty to Lakeside Golf Course and LFUCG and will provide education and outreach to the public pertaining to monarch and other butterflies, pollinators, and nature in general.

The entities involved involve the LFUCG – Division of Parks and Recreation, US Fish and Wildlife Service’s (USFWS) Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program administer through the Kentucky Field Office of the USFWS and the North American Butterfly Association-Kentucky Chapter. The USFWS’s PFW Program will provide technical expertise and funding for native seed and herbicide. Lakeside Golf Course will implement the field work concerning the project and the NABA will provide outreach and education as needed. Post project a monitoring will be conducted by the USFWS Project Manager.

Budgetary Implication:

USFWS will reimburse costs up to \$2,000 to improve wildlife habitat, planting of native plants and particular pollinator plants, and herbicide products. Labor will be provided by Lakeside Golf Course.

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Director/Commissioner: Monica Conrad/Chris Ford

