



Mayor Jim Gray

**LEXINGTON - FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
Division of Grants and Special Programs

**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR  
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**DATE: MARCH 28, 2012**

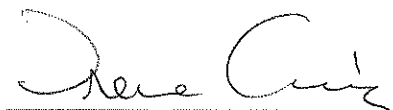
**SUBJECT REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION  
TO THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE FY 2012 LAND AND  
WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW  
TRAIL AT RAVEN RUN NATURE SANCTUARY**

The Division of Parks and Recreation has prepared a grant application for submission to the Kentucky Governor's Development for Local Government, requesting federal funding in the amount of \$75,000 for construction of a new ADA accessible educational and interpretive trail at Raven Run. The trail will be between 2500 to 3500 LF, and will provide opportunities to explore highlights of Raven Run for those not physically able to navigate the other non-accessible trails throughout the nature sanctuary. Features will include 3-5 educational and interpretive nodes that will focus on flora, fauna and history of Raven Run. The existing Freedom Trail has been in service for decades. While it was considered ADA accessible when it was constructed, because of changing regulations, it no longer meets ADA code. It is also in need of major capital repair. The cost of repairing the Freedom Trail and making it accessible to today's standards exceeds the cost of building a new accessible trail.

This project requires a 50% local match. Local match in the amount of \$75,000 will come from funds that have been requested in Fiscal Year 2013 Parks Capital Improvement Plan budget. Total project cost is \$150,000.

The source of federal funds is the Department of Interior/National Park Service. Funds are authorized by the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965.

Council authorization to submit application is hereby requested.

  
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Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Sally Hamilton, Commissioner of the Department of General Services

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