




Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

Jim Gray
Mayor

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Commissioner, General Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Jim Gray
Urban County Council Members

From: Jerry Hancock, Director of Parks and Recreation 

Date: June 28, 2013

Subj: Grant Acceptance from KY Fish and Wildlife Resources

This is a request to approve the acceptance of a grant from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources for the purpose of enhancing Parks and Recreation's archery range at Hisle Farm (Park) on Briar Hill Road.

The grant proposes to create a program shelter, a covered archery shooting station, with covered shooting lanes, an elevated shooting stand and additional targets. The grant is for up to \$50,000 with Parks and Recreation required to match the grant by 33%, or up to \$16,667. These funds are budgeted in the FY 14 budget, during which time the grant must be used. The improvements will make the range more customer friendly in bad weather, and will enhance the ability to stage events and communicate safety messages to the public. The existing archery practice range is open year round, and has proven to be a safe and popular site for archers of all ages to learn and enjoy the sport. It is not uncommon to see 30 – 50 archers at a time on the range, particularly in the summer and fall.

Parks and KYDFWR agree that one of the factors essential to producing safe and responsible hunters is to provide them with quality practice facilities. Public shooting range opportunities are extremely limited in Kentucky, with only a very small portion of these ranges open to the public.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has partnered with us in the past to provide assistance in the original opening of the Hisle Farm archery range, and has been a valuable partner in various other projects within our parks system in the past and we look forward to working with them on this project.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have.