

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:

AUGUST 29, 2012

SUBJECT:

REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FEDERAL

FUNDING FROM THE KENTUCKY ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

FOR THE WOLF RUN CREEK WATERSHED BASED PLAN

On February 11, 2010 (Ordinance No. 27-2010), Council authorized acceptance of federal funds from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet in the amount of \$174,125 for the Wolf Run Watershed Based Plan. The goal of this project is the development of a watershed plan that the LFUCG can implement to reduce nonpoint source pollution in Wolf Run creek. Project objectives include the compilation of all existing data on pollutants and identification of reductions and critical areas, the participation and education of the public regarding development of the watershed plan, and implementation of plan as funding is available. Original award was used for volunteer training, establishment of a Wolf Run watershed council, website development, and monitoring activities (data analysis, field studies, habitat assessments, monitoring plan, Quality Assurance Project Plan development, sediment load evaluations, karst investigations, and pollutant load calculations and reductions).

On May 5, 2011 (Ordinance No. 50-2011), Council authorized acceptance of additional federal funds in the amount of \$20,266.

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet has offered Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government additional federal funds in the amount of \$300,000. These funds will be used for professional services to complete development of the watershed plan and to provide for construction of a stormwater management solution along Vaughn's Branch. Additional federal funds require additional local match (40%) in the amount of \$200,000. Additional local match will come from existing personnel costs (\$10,109) budgeted in Fund 1115, from Water Quality Management Fund (fund 4051) in the amount of \$156,693, and from the value of volunteer time contributed by the Friends of Wolf Run in the amount of \$33,198. Total project cost is now \$823,984.67.

The source of federal funds is the Environmental Protection Agency's Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program.

Council authorization to accept additional federal funding from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Richard Moloney, Acting Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works HORSE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD