



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

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: May 10, 2021

SUBJECT: Land and Water Grant Proposal for Raven Run

Request: Council authorization to submit a grant application and to accept award if offered to the Land and Water Conservation Fund requesting a grant amount of \$25,000 for improvements at Raven Run Nature Sanctuary, the acceptance of which obligates the Urban County Government to a match of \$25,000.

Purpose of Request: The Division of Parks and Recreation requests to submit an application to Land and Water Agency for improvements at Raven Run Nature Sanctuary to include:

- Acquiring a mini excavator to assist in regrading the meadow trails (Renting if possible)
- Regrading the meadow trails to better mitigate water runoff and prevent further erosion
- Installing gravel along the entire meadow trail (This does not include Prather trails)
- Installing a native river cane feature along a small section of the meadow (This will create native competition against Japanese Stiltgrass and a nice feature along the meadow)
- If funds allow, acquire rip rap to install alongside sections of the trail to better direct water

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Cost in FY22 is \$50,000. If grant is awarded, a match of \$20,000 has been included in the Mayor's Proposal Budget for FY22. The additional \$5,000 of required match will be provided by The Friends of Raven Run.

Are the funds budgeted? Funds are not yet budgeted, but included in Mayor's FY2022 Budget Proposal account 1101-707601-7211-78201.

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Director/Commissioner: Monica Conrad

