



TO: Linda Gorton, Mayor  
Urban County Council

FROM: Nancy B. Albright, Commissioner *Nancy*  
Department of Environmental Quality  
& Public Works

DATE: September 23, 2024

RE: Authorization to execute a Stormwater Quality Project Grant  
on the Town Branch for Gatton Park

**Request:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to request Council authorization to enter into a Grant Award Agreement with Town Branch Park, Inc., DBA Gatton Park and Lexington Center Corporation, for the purpose of repairing portions of dry-stacked stone walls under Cox Street and Oliver Lewis Way, due to deterioration, in the amount of \$383,000.

**Why are you requesting?**

Gatton Park on the Town Branch is currently under construction. The park includes a section of Town Branch creek, where portions of the stone walls near the culvert under Cox Street and Oliver Lewis Way have deteriorated. Many sections of the walls have collapsed, and the remaining dry-stacked walls are leaning towards the creek, posing a risk of collapse. After considerable internal discussion, staff recommends that the bank be “restabilized” to prevent failure and future erosion around the existing culvert. It is the department’s recommendation that this work be completed in a manner consistent with other stream bank stabilization projects and that any aesthetic upgrades be at the sole expense of Gatton Park. It is also the department’s recommendation that Gatton Park complete the necessary work to avoid construction related conflicts between independent contractors. Gatton Park, with input from the division of Water Quality, will utilize the funds to stabilize the area and ensure that the streambed and culvert are safe and functional before the park opens.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?**

The cost for this FY - \$383,000. The cost for future FY’s - none



**Are the funds budgeted?** No – A BA request #13282 from storm water management fund balance is in process

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**Director/Commissioner:** Martin/Albright

