



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

Jim Gray  
Mayor

Geoff Reed  
Commissioner, General Services

## MEMORANDUM

To: Jim Gray, Mayor  
Urban County Council Members

From: Jerry Hancock, Director, Parks and Recreation *J. Hancock*

Date: July 30, 2013

Subj: Purchase of property at Raven Run Nature Sanctuary

Parks and Recreation is interested in purchasing a 14 acre piece of property that is now available to us at Raven Run. The Department of Law has recommended that we receive Urban County Council permission to negotiate a purchase agreement for the property before any negotiations take place.

The land is completely surrounded by existing LFUCG owned property that makes up Raven Run. Owning this remaining property would eliminate some issues that we currently have, as the property owners and their guests have to cross LFUCG property to get to theirs. No one lives on this property today.

Parks and Recreation is interested in acquiring the property if it can be purchased at a reasonable price. The property owners have contacted us indicating their willingness to sell, and we have performed an appraisal on the property.

This resolution seeks the approval of the Urban County Council to proceed with discussions to hopefully arrive at suitable terms. Funding exists in the Parks Acquisition Fund for this purpose.

Please let me know if there are any questions on this issue.