



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
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DATE: AUGUST 5, 2013

SUBJECT: REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AWARD OF FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE KENTUCKY ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/KENTUCKY DIVISION OF WATER FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WOLF RUN WATERSHED BASED PLAN

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet for Environmental Protection/Kentucky Division of Water has offered the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government an award of federal funds in the amount of \$300,000 for implementation of the Wolf Run Watershed Based Plan. In March 2013 the *Wolf Run Watershed Based Plan* was completed. This plan lays out a path forward to improve water quality in Wolf Run and its tributaries through public involvement, education, and implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs).

The goals for this project relate to successful implementation of two of the High Priority BMPs identified in the *Wolf Run Watershed Based Plan*. Goals include improvement of warm water aquatic habitat and reduction of non-point source pollution entering Gardenside Tributary, Cardinal Run, Vaughn's Branch, and Wolf Run through Retrofit of the Cross Keys Park Retention Basin and Stream Enhancement and Constructed Wetlands in Picadome Park. Public involvement and public education goals are tied to BMP implementation efforts.

Project Activities include engineering evaluations, design, permitting, and construction activities related to successful completion of the two High Priority BMP projects. Project Activities related to public involvement and education include holding public meetings with a design charrette and collaboration with the established Wolf Run Watershed Council.

The source of federal funds is the Environmental Protection Agency's Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program. A 40% match in the amount of \$200,000 is required. Matching funds are being budgeted from personnel costs in the divisions of Water Quality and Environmental Policy (\$36,000) and \$164,000 from the Water Quality Management Fund. Total project cost is \$500,000.

Council authorization to accept the award is hereby requested.


Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Richard Moloney, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works