



City Council

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Grant Application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for Kaiser Woods Park Acquisition and Development

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the Resolution authorizing City Staff to apply for a Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant for Kaiser Woods Park and authorizing the City Manager to receive the grant funds should the grant be successful.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve the Resolution authorizing City Staff to apply for an RCO grant for Kaiser Woods Park and authorizing the City Manager to receive the grant funds should the grant be successful.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item

Background and Analysis:

The Parks, Arts and Recreation Department is preparing an RCO grant application for the current funding cycle. The application is due May 3, 2022 and is required to include formal City Council authorization.

The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program provides funding for a broad range of land protection and outdoor recreation, including local and state parks, trails, water access, and the conservation and restoration of state land. The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program was envisioned as a way for the state to accomplish two goals: acquire valuable recreation and habitat lands before they were lost to other uses and develop recreation areas for a growing population.

In 2018, the City was awarded a \$516,170 reimbursement grant for the acquisition of the 68-acre Kaiser Woods Park parcel.

In the summer of 2020, two parcels, totaling 2.51 acres, were purchased adjacent to the southern boundary of Kaiser Woods Park for the purposes of parking and accessing the park off Black Lake Boulevard.

The grant would reimburse the City approximately \$125,000 of the land acquisition cost and would provide approximately \$500,000 towards trail development and parking at Kaiser Woods Park.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The development of Kaiser Woods Park was included in the 2022 Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan, which was developed with significant public involvement and strong community interest.

Options:

1. Approve the Resolution authorizing a grant application to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for Kaiser Woods Park.
2. Do not approve the Resolution. Staff would be unable to pursue the grant opportunity.

Financial Impact:

The grant totals approximately \$625,000.

Attachments:

Resolution

RCO Resolution

Sample Grant Agreement