



TO: Gahanna City Council
Clerk of Council

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DATE: April 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Dept. of Parks & Recreation Report to Council (April 22, 2024 COTW Meeting)

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM #: ORDINANCE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO CONSTRUCT A TRAILHEAD AT ACADEMY PARK

The Gahanna Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan identifies adventure sports, including mountain biking, as a popular activity for youth. This activity has experienced a surge in participation in the last five years. The creation of a Mountain Bike Trail at Academy Park is an active capital project with strong support and participation by resident groups. The excitement for the project has attracted support from local business owners, the school district, and athletic clubs as well as regional enthusiasts of the sport.

A trailhead was identified in the Capital Improvement Plan and slated for design and construction in 2025. This trailhead would serve as a resource to provide trail users a dedicated location to prepare for their ride and to rest and rehydrate. This hub would provide an intentional space with trail rules and guidance, fully serviced bike racks, a water fountain and bike repair station. This space also lends itself to provide lessons for new riders as well as instruction on bike repairs.

The Gahanna Parks and Recreation Foundation supported this effort by funding a grant writer to aid in a grant application through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks program. A total of \$95,746 was awarded to construct the trailhead at Academy Park.

The Administration is respectfully requesting an ordinance for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$95,746 to a required, dedicated NatureWorks account and a transfer in the amount of \$79,254 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the State NatureWorks Grant Fund to be appropriated for the completion of the project once transferred.

Requested Legislation and Funding:

Legislation Needed: Ordinance
Emergency/Waiver: N/A



Name & Address: N/A

Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts Names/Titles): N/A

Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Account Names/Titles):

\$175,000 – 322.08.500.5505 State Nature Works Grant Capital Improvements from the unappropriated unencumbered balance of the State Capital Grant Fund 3220.

\$79,254 – 325.06.550.5900 – Capital Improvement Transfer Out from the unappropriated unencumbered balance of the Capital Improvement Fund 3250.

ACTION ITEM #2: ORDINANCE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO DREDGE PONDS AT HANNAH PARK

The two ponds located at Hannah Park need to be dredged due to a build-up of sediment and reduction in overall water quality. If left unmitigated, the water quality and overall ecosystem of the ponds will continue to suffer and decline. The 2024 Capital Budget funded a similar project on the Woodside Green Park pond. Although the Hannah Park pond project was slated to begin in 2025, studying and planning for the remediation of both ponds simultaneously will improve the overall cost of both of these pond projects and result in cost savings.

The Administration is respectfully requesting an ordinance for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$175,000 to advance the Hannah Park pond dredge project.

Requested Legislation and Funding:

Legislation Needed: Ordinance

Emergency/Waiver: N/A

Name & Address: N/A

Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts Names/Titles): N/A

Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Account Names/Titles):

\$175,000 - 224.11.030.5505 –From the unappropriated unencumbered balance of the Manor Homes TIF Fund 2240