

CITY OF CONCORD



REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director

DATE: July 26, 2023

SUBJECT: Appropriate the sum of \$705,000 for the construction of phase 2 of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail (CIP#543).

Recommendation:

Accept this report and set for public hearing

Background

In the FY24 CIP (#543) the construction of phase 2 was approved but not funded as it relies on a combination of grants, donations and city funding. We now have all the necessary funds in place to move forward with the project.

City Council granted permission for the City to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Grant (LWCF) in the Fall of 2020 for the next phase of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. The City was awarded the LWCF grant (\$275,000) that has a dollar to dollar match requirement. We will use (\$145,000) of the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail's cash donation of \$150,000 and the general obligation bonds from the city (\$130,000) for the match requirement. In addition, the Friends of the Merrimack River received a grant from Merrimack County for another \$150,000 to be used for the construction of this section of trail (cannot be used as match for the LWCF grant).

This new section will be built on city owned land to the west of the corn fields along the banks of the Merrimack River and will travel south approximately 3,900 feet toward Terrill Park. Building this section of the trail will allow residents and tourists alike unique views of Concord and the Merrimack River. This will bring the City one step closer to having a connected trail along the east side of the river from Loudon Road to Manchester Street.

CIP 543 Phase 2 Merrimack River Greenway Trail

FY24 City GO Bond:	\$130,000
LWCF Grant:	\$275,000
FMRGT Cash Donation:	\$150,000
FMRT Grant from County:	\$150,000
Total Budget:	\$705,000