CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director

DATE: October 29,2024

SUBJECT: Accept a $500,000 Land and Water Conservation Grant to help with the construction of new Skate Board Park and related site improvements at Kiwanis Riverside Park (CIP#60).

Recommendation:

Accept this report and resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a Land Water Conservation Fund Grant award of $500,000 to support construction of the new Skate Board Park at Kiwanis Riverfront Park (CIP#60)

Background

In FY22 funds were approved to create a new Park Master Plan for Kiwanis Riverside Park and the Everett Arena. In late FY22 a new park master plan was approved and in the FY23 funds were approved by City Council for the design and permitting of the complex. In the new park master plan, there is a new larger skateboard park in the general area of the former fire training area. Information on the public meetings and master plan is online at; https://www.concordnh.gov/1920/Kiwanis-Park . In the approved FY25, CIP60 the new skatepark is an approved project pending grants and donations of one million dollars.

City Council at their November 2023 meeting authorized the City Manager to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Grant for $500,000. This report and resolution are to accept the LWCF grant award of $500,000.

The Land and Water Conservation Grant has a 50/50 match requirement. We will be working with the nonprofit Concord Skatepark Association and community partners to help raise the match requirement. We are asking City Council to accept the grant award, however we will not be moving forward with construction until all matching dollars are received. The city has four years to complete the project and can be extended by an additional year with agreement by LWCF.

As part of the acceptance of the grant award, the City will be required to comply with the Buy America/Build America requirements and land must be used forever for public recreation purposes.