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REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Beth Fenstermacher, Assistant City Planner, on behalf of the Conservation Commission

DATE: December 24, 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the granting of a conservation easement to Five Rivers Conservation Trust on approximately 30 acres of land located off Fisk road, and appropriating the sum of \$8,500 from the Conservation Trust Fund for stewardship fees and operation costs associated with the transaction.

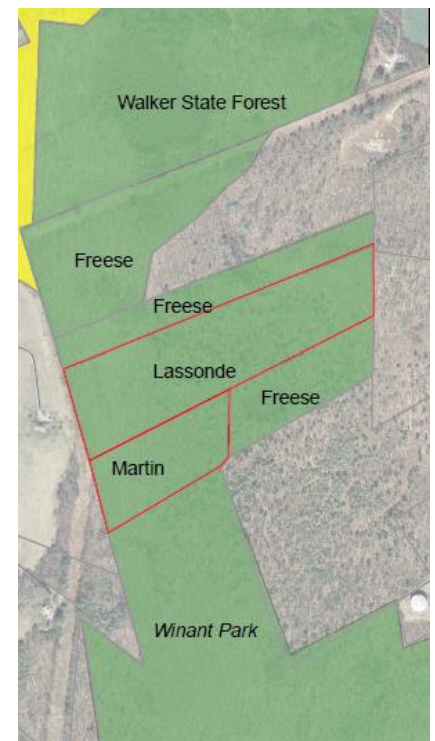
Recommendation

Approve the granting of a conservation easement on land located off of Fisk Road, and appropriate \$8,500 from the Conservation Fund for the stewardship fees and operation costs.

Background

In August 2018, the City acquired a parcel of land legally described as Tax Map 100 Block 2 Lot 19, consisting of approximately 21.6 acres, located off of Fisk Road, from the Lassonde Family through a land swap. In September 2018, the City purchased the parcel of land adjacent to the south of the Lassonde lot, legally described as Tax Map 102 Block 2 Lot 21, consisting of approximately 8.3 acres, located off of Fisk Road, from the Martin Family. The acquisitions added to a block of conservation land totaling nearly 244 acres. The Resolutions for the acquisition of the two parcels indicated that the Conservation Commission may convey a conservation easement on the above-cited parcel to a local or statewide conservation organization as a means of ensuring the permanent protection of said parcel.

Five Rivers Conservation Trust (FRCT) currently holds easements on the surrounding parcels identified as the Freese lots and Winant Park. The Conservation Commission approached FRCT in October 2018 with the proposal to convey an easement for the two recently acquired parcels.



Discussion

City Staff and members of the Conservation Commission met with FRCT staff in November 2018. FRCT indicated that their Lands Committee is recommending the acceptance of the conservation easement to add to the block of adjacent parcels currently under their stewardship. FRCT indicated that they would require a one-time stewardship fee and operational costs for the acceptance and long-term monitoring of the conservation easement in the amount of \$8,500.

The Conservation Commission voted unanimously at a public hearing on December 12, 2018, in favor of the granting of a conservation easement to FRCT on approximately 30 acres of land located off Fisk road, and appropriating the sum of \$8,500 from the Conservation Trust Fund for stewardship fees and operation costs associated with the transaction.

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