



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: August 1, 2019
SUBJECT: Terrill Park (CIP 59) Update

Recommendation:

Accept this report and funding resolution and set for a public hearing in September.

Background

In 2015, the City of Concord, working in partnership with the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail (FMRGT), applied for a Land and Water Conservation Grant (LWCF) to begin construction of the elevated walkway that starts on the north end of Terrill Park. As part of this grant 50% of the project cost was going to come from the FMRGT committee while the other 50% from LWCF. No city funds were anticipated for the elevated walkway.

The City was notified in September 2015 we were successful with our application and received a \$100,000 LWCF grant. City engineering staff, working alongside consultant VHB and the FMRGT, finalized the design of the elevated walkway and placed the project out as a RFP last winter (2017/2018). Unfortunately the price of the project came in much higher than expected.

Last summer, during a City Council meeting, the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail gave an update on the project and asked if they could meet with city staff to re-look at the project with the goal of building the paved greenway trail in the park as indicated in the new Park Master Plan. Other improvements proposed would be improving the current parking lot and moving the dog park to reflect the new location within the park. They also indicated the City would need to apply for a grant extension to allow time to work out options. In summer 2018 they presented a plan that would include the

\$100,000 LWCF Grant, \$69,000 from the FMRGT and \$141,000 from the City of Concord for a total project cost of \$310,000.

The FMRGT presented to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee at their September 2018 meeting and again at their April 2019 meeting. Both times the committee was in full support of the new plan that would build the paved greenway trail, parking lot and moving the dog park to new location per the approved Park Master Plan.

City Council discussed the recommendation from the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee at their October 2018 and again at their May 2019 meeting. At the May 2019 meeting staff updated the cost estimate for the project; showing LWCF \$100,000, FMRGT \$69,000, City of Concord \$178,760 for a total project cost \$347,760.

Discussion

At the May 2019 City Council meeting there was a report approved to allow the City Manager to request a change to the approved Land and Water Grant Application (LWCF). This change in application was to use the LWCF grant (\$100,000) along with additional donations from the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail (FMRGT) and the City to make improvement to Terrill Park. In July, 2019 the City was notified the change in the grant request was approved.

With the approved grant application and continued support from the Friends of Merrimack River Greenway Trail I am are requesting the City of Concord fund \$178,760 of the project. This funding will be added to the approved \$100,000 grant and \$69,000 for a total project cost of \$347,760.

Funding Request

Paved greenway trail, improvements to parking lot, relocated Dog Park and related site work.

Total project cost of \$347,760 (includes an 8% contingency of \$25,760)

LWCF Grant: \$100,000

MRGT Share: \$69,000

City Share: \$178,760

If the funding request is approved, City staff will create an RFP for the project. The goal would be to have the RFP awarded in January 2019 with work beginning by late winter/early spring.



  **Terrill Park Illustrative Plan**
Concord, NH
December, 2017

