

Introduced by _____ Council Bill No. R 258-07

A RESOLUTION

authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources relating to development of the Stephens Lake Park aquatic gardens.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources relating to development of the Stephens Lake Park aquatic gardens.

SECTION 2. If a grant is awarded, the City of Columbia accepts all responsibilities under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the project site to be protected by the LWCF rules and regulations in perpetuity, maintenance of the park for public outdoor recreation purposed, compliance with the provisions of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, underground wiring of all telephone and electrical wires under 15KV within the park both under this project and in the future, provisions of facilities which are accessible to and usable by people with special needs.

SECTION 3. The estimated cost of this improvement is \$75,000.00. The amount of the grant applied for will be \$33,750.00 with the City providing \$41,250.00 in matching funds.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2007.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

Source

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager and Staff 

DATE: October 19, 2007

RE: Request to apply for LWCF Grant-Stephens Lake Park Aquatic Gardens

Mike Hood



Summary: The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to submit a grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for partial funding for the construction of the Stephens Lake Park Aquatic Gardens. Total project cost is \$75,000 and the grant would provide 45% (\$33,750) of the project with the remaining \$41,250 coming from the previously designated Park Sales Tax budget for parks improvements. The grant would be used for development purposes only with the application being written by park planning staff. The proposed LWCF Grant would be used to provide a new and unique aquatic garden area that will enhance the overall arboretum development program at Stephens Lake Park.

Fiscal Impact

YES

NO

Discussion: The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is currently accepting applications for the Land and Water Conservation Fund FY-2007 program. The grant program is a 55% matching program with a maximum project limit of \$166,667.00 per community. The City's funding source for its match will come from the Park Sales Tax. The LWCF is a competitive grant program and provides funding for a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects intended to help communities meet the unmet recreation needs of citizens.

Other Info.

The proposed LWCF Grant would be used introduce a new landscape feature at Stephens Lake Park that will provide a unique setting for passive enjoyment of a landscape rich environment. The area will incorporate water impoundment areas with unusual landscaping that demonstrates the various qualities and benefits that can be achieved by proper use of aquatic and non-aquatic plants in a wet environment. The proposed aquatic gardens, to be located along the drainage just east of the existing lake, will add a new feature to the park that fits well with the park arboretum development concept approved by Council for Stephens Lake Park.

Suggested Council Action: Pass the resolution authorizing the submittal of the grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.