

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Bill No. R 276-08

**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 purposes, 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 \$85,000.00. The amount of the grant applied for will be \$38,250.00 with the City providing \$46,750.00 in matching funds.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

ATTEST:


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City Clerk


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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor

Source

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** City Manager and Staff   
**DATE:** November 21, 2008  
**RE:** Request to apply for LWCF Grant-Stephens Lake Park Aquatic Gardens

Mike Hood  


Fiscal Impact

YES X  
NO

**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 \$85,000 and the grant would provide 45% (\$38,250) of the project with the remaining \$46,750 coming from the previously designated Park Sales Tax budget for parks improvements. The grant would be used for development purposes only with the application and planning being performed by park 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. This is a re-submittal of 2007 grant request that was not funded.

Other Info.

**Discussion:** The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is currently accepting application for the Land and water Conservation Fund FY-2008 program. The maximum grant match for the program is \$75,000 not to exceed 45% of the project cost. 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.

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 aquatic gardens will add a new feature to the park that fits well with the park arboretum development concept approved by Council for Stephens Lake Park.

This grant application was submitted in 2007 and unfortunately, did not score enough points to be funded. Park staff is hoping that the 2008 grant application will be more successful.

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