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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Jim Bowlin, Mayor

DATE: February 25, 2019

RE: Wildwood Preservation Commission

DIST: Steve Cross  
Joe Vujnich  
Amanda Foster

### BACKGROUND

The proposals for City/County merger and related potential elimination (or reclassification) of St. Louis County municipalities is a fluid situation that may be ongoing for some time. It is also the case that we do not know how this will ultimately end.

It is important that we are proactive for the benefit of our residents. It is also the case that any steps taken now relative to protecting the Wildwood assets our residents value could involve significant time to implement.

For these reasons, I think we should:

1. Identify key Wildwood assets that must be protected - such as our ecological and environmental attributes (watersheds, etc.), current highway and street layout, parks, etc.; and,
2. Develop recommendations in consultation with our City Attorney, City Team Members and other key advisors to permanently protect these assets, regardless of the outcome of the merger debate.

The best approach for this undertaking would be an *ad hoc* Commission, composed of a representative from each Ward and two Council Members.

### RECOMMENDATION

I recommend the formation of an *ad hoc* Wildwood Preservation Commission be approved at our February 25, 2019 Council meeting.

Appointments to the Commission will be made at the Council's March 11, 2019 meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss.