



# WILDWOOD

April 19, 2022

## MEMORANDUM

To: Planning and Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Overview and Direction on Watershed Projects and Needs (Wards – All)**

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor  
Steve Cross, City Administrator  
John A. Young, City Attorney  
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works  
Melanie Rippetoe, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks  
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**BACKGROUND >>>** The City Council has received a number of recommendations from the Watershed Erosion Task Force (WETF) regarding its efforts to address critical locations within certain areas of the City and take steps to better manage stormwater runoff in many of this community’s watersheds. These recommendations have come in the form of contracts with a group of consultants, with certain costs associated with each of them. These consultants have been involved in the task force’s efforts since its inception, now some thirty (30) months ago.

Over the course of the last four (4) months, several contracts have been completed by the City Council and have encumbered funds that were set aside at the start of this fiscal year. These encumbrances have reduced the available funding for major project’s for the rest of this year, but still money remains for critical and priority efforts that arise. To this end, the Department has provided the table below for the Committee’s consideration of the current commitments in this regard:

| Consultant-Agency                            | Contract Cost (\$) | Remaining Funds from 2022 Budget - \$225,000 | Commentary  |
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| <b>United States Geological Study (USGS)</b> | 104,000            | \$121,000                                    | This amount is the first year commitment to this planned two (2) year study by this federal agency in Caulks Creek. |

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| <b>Wilson Hydro</b>                  | 27,500             | 93,500                                       | Contract is for pre-permitting process for four (4) critical locations in Caulks Creek with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.   |
| <b>Wilson Hydro</b>                  | 12,000             | 81,500                                       | Contract is for pre-engineering and assessment of six (6) detention basins upstream from Anniversary Park and the triple meander location in the creek, the City's number one priority. |
| <b>Wagner and Associates, L.L.C.</b> | 14,635             | 66,865                                       | This contract is for this consultant's work on The Reserve at Wildwood, which is a major residential project located at the headwaters of Bonhomme Creek.                               |
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The remaining amount for other needs is \$66,865.00, as identified by the Watershed Erosion Task Force (WETF) and/or City Council.

**FUTURE PROJECTS >>>** The task force had also previously requested from Wilson Hydro a proposal to begin the specific design and engineering plans for four (4) critical locations, which was provided in this regard. That contract was in excess of \$426,500.00 and certainly exceeds the full fiscal year budget for the task force and cannot be accommodated under the remaining budget that is available for 2022. Accordingly, the desire to have projects 'shovel-ready' may not be able to be accomplished this fiscal year.

The City has been hoping for State funding, which has been discussed, since the later part of 2021, after a meeting with Senator Schatz of the Missouri Senate. At one (1) point, the amount of this potential funding discussion was in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), but, at the City Council meeting on April 11, 2022, the City's legislative consultant noted these funds may be less, more in the range of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00), and now being awarded on a competitive grant basis. Also, this funding, as was described by the City's legislative consultant, would only be awarded under a matching type of grant scenario, with a one-to-one ratio from Wildwood. Accordingly, the potential number of major projects for the foreseeable future is limited.

The need for funds has been a consistent theme of the task force and its members have spent a great deal of time exploring options in this regard. Certainly, given the needs that exist in just the Caulks Creek Watershed, a source of funds needs to be identified and pursued for the purposes of the City's four (4) critical locations, which have an estimated to cost of five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00). Accordingly, this coming May is the month the City Council had previously delayed discussion of the

parks and stormwater sales tax when it was brought to the members from the task force. Therefore, a conversation on this option may be very timely, given this sales tax could provide that desired funding source at some point in the future.

**CONTACT INFORMATION >>>** If any of the Committee Members have questions or comments regarding this process, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning at (636) 458-0440. A presentation on this matter is planned at tonight's meeting. Thank you for your review of this information.