



# WILDWOOD

September 12, 2022

The Honorable City Council  
City of Wildwood, Missouri  
16860 Main Street  
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Re: **Composition of Task Force (Wards – All)**

Council Members:

**Background >>>** The Watershed Erosion Task Force has been meeting for over twenty-four (24) months and making a progress on many fronts within that timeframe, which has been highlighted by the identification of five (5) priority project locations and submitted grant applications to help fund them to the State of Missouri. Also, over this timeframe, public education efforts have been undertaken, coordination with the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District on common needs, and engagement with many residents on individual basis about issues or concerns on their lots. The initial work of the task force required a number of meetings and other special events, typically held on Saturdays. As the task force's efforts have become more focused, much of its discussions have been about Caulks Creek and the number of locations that are threatened by erosion, bank destabilization, and tree loss along the edge of the channel. The focus has also included the implementation of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) study.

**April 25, 2022 City Council Study >>>** At this meeting, a discussion regarding the task force was held. It was noted the size of the task force was large and, as the task force progressed, the need for this number of members has become less critical. Therefore, a reduction in the size of the task force was supported by the City Council. As part of this discussion, the City Council recommended the following considerations to be included in a Resolution that would be prepared to address the size of the task force:

1. The Chair or Co-Chair of the task force to be a City Council Member.
2. The task force does not necessarily need to meet monthly.
3. The task force can accommodate attendance of any City Council Member, property owner, or others at any of its meetings, when topics involve areas of their interest.

4. The composition of the task force to include eight (8) residents, one (1) representing each ward, and two (2) City Council liaisons.
5. The sixteen (16) members of City Council shall be considered ex-facto participants of the task force.
6. The City Council liaisons having voting rights on the task force.

The City Council did briefly discuss what members of it would fill the two (2) liaison positions, with a request that Council Member Farmer remain, but no second liaison was selected.

**Requested Action >>>** Given the conversation and direction from the aforementioned meeting of City Council, the Department is respectfully requesting it be authorized to prepare a Resolution for the change in the number of members of the task force, with the items listed above to be included as part of it. The draft Resolution would be prepared for the next meeting of City Council for its action.

**Other and Contact Information >>>** If any of the City Council Members should have any questions or comments regarding this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. Thank you for the opportunity to present this information to the City Council on this important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

**CITY OF WILDWOOD**



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