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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Brent Walker, Parks and Recreation Manager

Date: December 10, 2012

Subject: DNR Recreational Trails Grant Application

BACKGROUND

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources is once again accepting applications for their Recreational Trails Grant Program. Staff believes the construction of the Multi-Use Trail through the 19 acre parcel of Project Renaissance aligns well with the goals for the Trails Grant program.

Based on DNR's grant process, if awarded, funds for this trail would not be officially awarded until late 2013. With this timetable in mind, the City would likely be in the construction phase of the 19 acre site park amenities in 2014 and this grant could assist in the funding of the multi-use trail.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adopting a Resolution in support for our application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Grant program.

<u>A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT</u> OF NATURAL RESOURCES RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM

- **WHEREAS,** the City seeks to create, protect, and preserve greenway corridors by developing outdoor recreational trails opportunities; and
- WHEREAS, a multi-use trail through the Georgetown area is envisioned as part of adopted plans including the Comprehensive Land Use Plan; the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan; the Comprehensive Transportation Plan; the Georgetown/North Shallowford Master Plan; and the Project Renaissance Urban Redevelopment Plan; and
- **WHEREAS,** the City has entered a Development Agreement with John Wieland Homes and Neighborhoods for the development of 35 acres which sets the terms and conditions of the redevelopment of the 16 acre property and 19 acre property, including the development of a multi-use trail across the 16 acre property and connecting to and across the 19 acre property; and
- **WHEREAS,** adopted by Resolution 2012-10-36, the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget allocates \$1.5 million to fund the construction of the parks on the 16 acre property as well as the portion of the multi-use trail on the 16 acre property; and
- **WHEREAS,** the City is dedicated to continuing the multi-use trail along the length of the 19 acre property as a multi-use trail through Project Renaissance will allow the community to better access the Project Renaissance parks and provide linkages between recreational resources and community activities; and
- **WHEREAS,** the City looks forward to working with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and their Recreational Trails Grant Program to develop Phase II of the Project Renaissance Multi-Use Trail on the 19 acre property; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody, that the City of Dunwoody supports the application for the Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Grant Program for the development of the Phase II Project Renaissance Multi-Use Trail and hereby authorizes the City Manager and staff to execute all appropriate documents in pursuit thereof.

SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE this 10th day of December 2012.

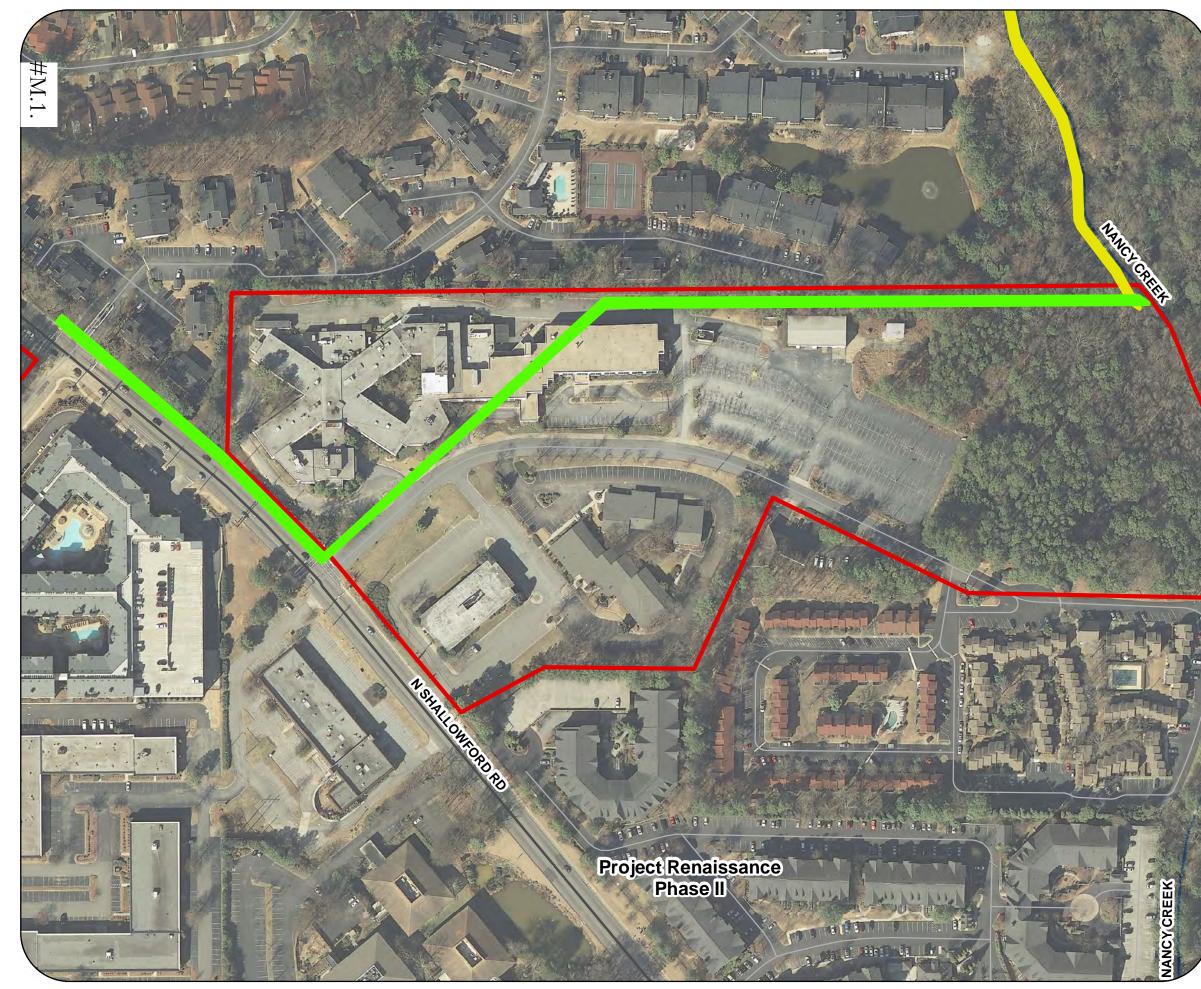
Approved:

Michael G. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

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Phase II

Project Renaissance

Multi-Use Trail

Project Renaissance

Proposed Multi-Use Trail

Proposed Grant Funded Multi-Use Trail

Future Multi-Use Connector to Brook Run СЛ Project Renaissance

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