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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Amy Bledsoe, City Arborist

Date: October 24, 2022

Subject: Approval of the Application for the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities Grant Program.

ITEM DESCRIPTION

The Office of the Governor of Georgia has created a \$250 million grant program for projects that improve neighborhood features such as parks, recreation facilities, sidewalks, and healthy food access to combat increased levels of mortality and illness related to Covid-19 and other physical and mental ailments. Individual awards are up to \$2 million per project in Qualified Census Tracts only.

The proposed project is a multi-use trail that creates a more formal bike and pedestrian connection between Cherry Hill Lane and Eidson Road on existing City right-of-way. Currently, that segment is unimproved and contains a dirt foot path indicating demand for better connections. The project cost is approximately \$100 thousand. There is no local match, the grant, should it be awarded, will cover the project cost on a reimbursement model.

DISCUSSION

The City of Dunwoody only contains one qualifying census tract, bordered by Peeler Road to the north, Winters Chapel Road to the east, Peachtree Industrial Boulevard on the south, and Tilly Mill Road to the west. Qualifying tracts either need to have a poverty rate of 25% or more or have 50% or more of its households have incomes below 60% of the area gross median income.

The proposed project will provide a 10-foot multi-use path connecting Eidson Road, which currently dead ends at the project location and Cherry Hill lane, which forms a loop south of Peeler Road. The project location is currently owned by the City. It contains a foot path, showing a desired location between its two ends, and overgrown vegetation. The project would also create a landscape buffer of 12 feet on either side of the trail and plant new trees in that location. There is interest by a private party in providing public sewer access through the project area. Should both projects move forward, the staff will work with the private party on coordinating timelines.

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ATTACHMENTS

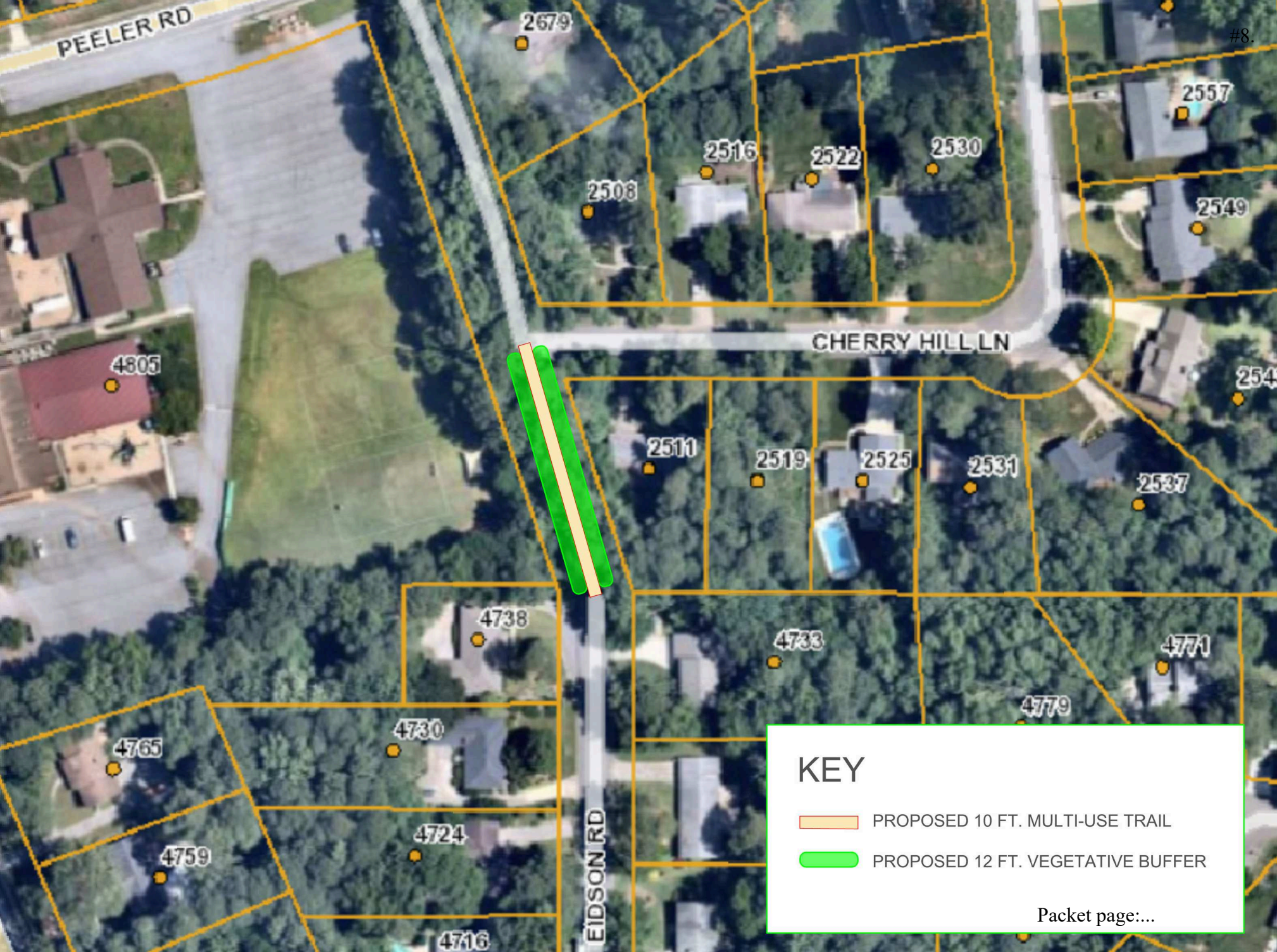
Project Plan
Presentation Slides

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KEY

- PROPOSED 10 FT. MULTI-USE TRAIL
- PROPOSED 12 FT. VEGETATIVE BUFFER



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Improving Neighborhood Outcomes Grant

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Grant Opportunity

- The “Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionately Impacted Communities Grant” presents an opportunity to use leftover COVID-19 state fiscal recovery funds
- To Qualify:
 1. Project must be located within a Qualified Census Tract
(*Area must have a poverty rate of 25% or more, or 50% or more of its households must have incomes below 60% of the area gross median income)
 2. Proposed improvement should be related to public parks or recreational facilities that experienced greater use during the pandemic

Project Description

- Multi-use trail connecting Cherry Hill Lane and Eidson Road on existing City right-of-way
- The trail is proposed to be 10 ft. wide with 12 ft. of clearance on both sides to provide room for the installation of new trees
- Estimated cost is \$100,000
(*Grant to cover the cost on a reimbursement basis)



Explanation of Need

- Existing conditions signify that the route is already used by residents
- A concrete trail would result in a safer and more inclusive means of travel for neighbors, regardless of ability level
- Should the grant be awarded, there is an opportunity to work with a private party interested in providing public sewer access through the project area

