



Staff Report

Department: Administration

Presenter: Linda Giltz, Linda Giltz Consulting Services

Staff contact: Eric Hardy, Town Administrator

Agenda title: Water Resources Development Grant

Requested actions: Approve WRDG resolution
Approve Conflict of Interest policy
Authorize staff/consultant to proceed with WRDG application

SUMMARY

The NC Department of Environmental Quality, Water Resources division, offers cost-share grants to local governments. Included in the seven types of eligible projects are those providing stream restoration and water-based recreation. The Fall 2020 application cycle concludes on December 31st and is the basis for these agenda items.

Town staff and the consultant believe that the Riverside Park Expansion project offers the best opportunity for award of the \$200,000 request due to its alignment with the objectives of the program.

Resolution: the resolution affirms commitment by the Woodfin Board of Commissioners to secure full funding, oversee construction, and responsibly operate the future park.

Conflict of Interest policy: an adopted policy covering all town officials is required as a condition of any award under this grant program. While conflict of interest for employees is addressed in the Personnel Policy, there is no explicit policy that encompasses elected and appointed officials. This policy closes that gap.

Authorization to proceed: by this action, the governing body delegates to staff/consultant its authority to apply for the grant on behalf of the town.

BUDGET IMPACT

If approved, there are no additional financial requirements of the town above what has been previously appropriated for the Woodfin Greenway & Blueway, Riverside Park Expansion project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the WRDG resolution.

Staff recommends approval of the Conflict of Interest policy.

December 15, 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting

Staff recommends authorization of staff/consultant to proceed with WRDG application