



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
September 27, 2005

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Grant: Support an Application for a Habitat Conservation Program Grant for the Development of North Natomas Regional Park

Location/Council District: North Natomas Regional Park, Council District 1

Recommendation:

Adopt two Resolutions: 1) Supporting an application for Habitat Conservation Program grant funds for the development of North Natomas Regional Park up to \$200,000 and 2) Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements, establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award.

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Presenters: N/A

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Administration

Organization No: 4511

Summary:

The Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) provides funds to local agencies for the acquisition, enhancement, restoration and/or interpretation of riparian habitat, wetlands and other wildlife areas. With City Council support, staff will prepare a grant proposal under the Trails/Programs category of HCP for the development of a multi-use trail with landscaping in North Natomas Regional Park. The grant proposal is due on October 3, 2005.

Committee/Commission Action:

The Parks and Recreation Commission supported staff's recommendation to prepare a HCP grant for North Natomas Regional Park at its September 8, 2005 meeting.

Background Information:

The Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) is funded through the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990. The HCP is administered by the State of California- Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation and provides \$2 million annually through 2020 for competitive grants, \$800,000 of which is available for Northern California projects. The Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) provides funds to local agencies for the acquisition, enhancement, restoration and/or interpretation of riparian habitat, wetlands and other wildlife areas.

The City is competitive in one of the four available categories under this year's HCP, specifically the Trails & Urban Access category.

After reviewing a number of projects in the City Council adopted *Amended 2004 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG)*, staff recommends that a proposal be prepared for development of North Natomas Regional Park. The proposed project would fund the development of a multi-use trail through an undeveloped portion of the regional park and add landscaping. Development of North Natomas Regional Park is an "opportunity" project in the 2004 PRPG, and is recommended for this grant program in that it fits the criteria for the grant program well. The proposed project is competitive in that the project:

- Has a specific site plan and landscape planting plan,
- Has a high degree of project readiness and has an identified completion date,
- Addresses a deficiency or need,
- Is consistent with local plans (i.e. General Plan, Community Plan, Master Plan),
- Connects and complements other parks and recreation facilities,
- Has no barriers to public access, and
- Has matching funds readily available.

Financial Considerations:

No additional funds are requested. The Habitat Conservation Program has a 50% match or dollar-for-dollar match requirement. Staff will be requesting up to \$200,000 in grant funds, thus a \$200,000 grant request requires a match of \$200,000 for a total project budget of \$400,000. As part of the Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Improvement Budget process, the City Council approved the establishment of a capital improvement project for North Natomas Regional Park (PN: LX66), which has sufficient funding for the required match.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award. Staff will return to Council if there is any significant change in requested dollar amounts, either grant or match.

Environmental Considerations:

The grant program requires that at the time of application the grant comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Staff will work with the Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Section to comply with CEQA by the grant deadline.

Policy Considerations:

Providing Parks and Recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability and to expand economic development throughout the City.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

The selection of consultants and contractors for this project will follow City established guidelines for inclusion of ESBD firms.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
ROBERT G. OVERSTREET II
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

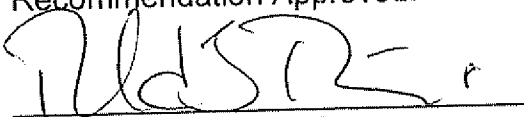
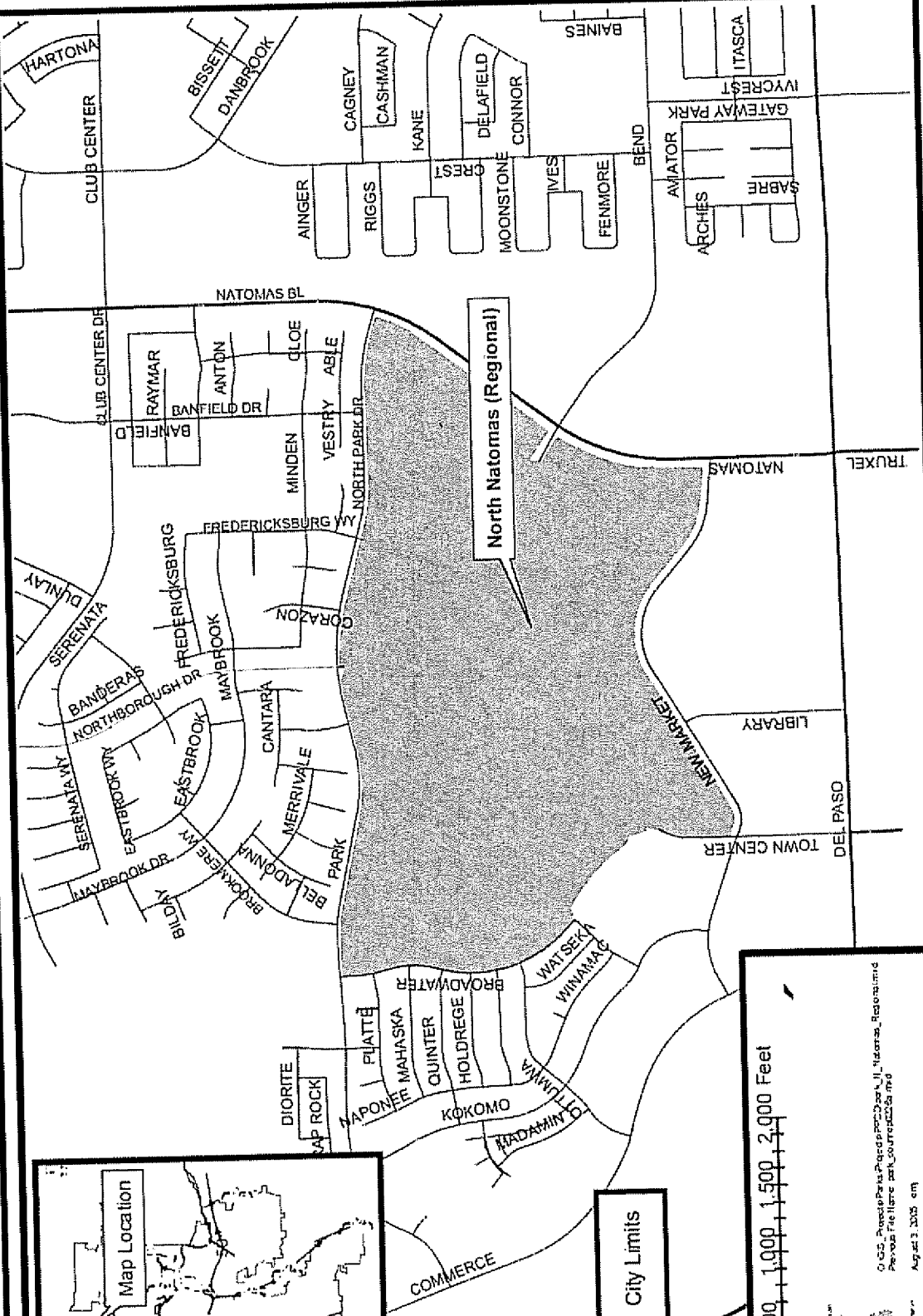
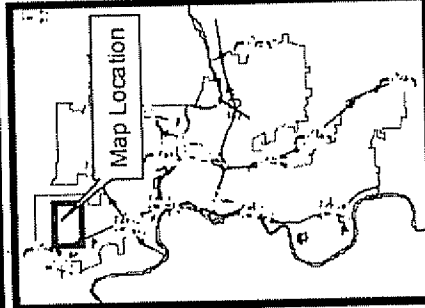

ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation

Park Site: North Natomas (Regional)



City Limits

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 August 3, 2005 am

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE LOCAL AGENCY GRANT PROGRAM - FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 UNDER THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM OF THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT OF 1990 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT – NORTH NATOMAS REGIONAL PARK MULTI-USE TRAIL PROJECT

BACKGROUND

- A. The people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire and/or develop facilities for public recreational and fish and wildlife habitat protection purposes.
- B. The State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies under the program.
- C. Said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State.
- D. Said application(s) contain assurances that the applicant must comply with.
- E. The applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California for acquisition or development of the project.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Approves the filing of an application for the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program under the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 State grant assistance for the above project.
- Section 2. Certifies that said applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application form.
- Section 3. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the required match; and will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project.
- Section 4. Appoints the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation or Support Services Manager as agent of the City of Sacramento to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but

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not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

RESOLUTION NO.

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AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS, ESTABLISH RELATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR THE GRANT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE THE GRANT FUNDS CONTINGENT ON RECEIPT OF AWARD ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2005 HABITAT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR NORTH NATOMAS REGIONAL PARK

BACKGROUND

- A. The Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) is funded through the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990. The HCP is administered by the State of California- Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation and provides \$2 million annually through 2020 for competitive grants.
- B. The Habitat Conservation Program has a 50% match or dollar-for-dollar match requirement. The City of Sacramento in 2005 will request up to \$200,000 in grant funds, thus a \$200,000 grant request requires a match of \$200,000 for a total project budget of \$400,000.
- C. The City of Sacramento in 2005 will request up to \$200,000 in grant funds, thus a \$200,000 grant request requires a match of \$200,000 for a total project budget of \$400,000.
- D. As part of the Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Improvement Budget process, the City Council approved the establishment of a capital improvement project for North Natomas Regional Park (PN: LX66), which has sufficient funding for the required match.

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- Section 2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements, establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award.
- Section 3. Staff will return to Council if there is any significant change in requested dollar amounts, either grant or match.