

Wilmington, Delaware
July 3, 2024

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Harlee**

Co-Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Oliver**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council’s approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has submitted a grant application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the amount of \$333,558; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding would support the City’s planning project to produce designs for the restoration and enhancement of 12.7 acres of degraded wetland habitat along the Christina River in the Southbridge community. The implementation of these designs will help the community reduce flooding, enhance resiliency, accomplish ecological restoration, improve water quality in the Christina River, and create recreational opportunities for the City’s residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, no local matching funds are required by this grant; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Department of Public Works’ grant application to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the amount of \$333,558 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Public Works, or her designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works' grant application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the amount of \$333,558. The proposed grant funds would be used to support the City's planning project to produce designs for the restoration and enhancement of 12.7 acres of degraded wetland habitat along the Christina River in the Southbridge community. The implementation of these designs will help the community reduce flooding, enhance resiliency, accomplish ecological restoration, improve water quality in the Christina River, and create recreational opportunities for the City's residents and visitors. No local matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City because no local matching funds are required by this grant.

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