

Wilmington, Delaware  
October 3, 2024

**#0480**

**Sponsor:**

**Council  
Member  
B. Fields**

**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 been awarded \$500,000.00 in grant funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant funding will be used to construct a nature-based park on the site of the former Rodney Street Reservoir, which has been demolished; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a local matching requirement of one hundred percent (100%) of the grant amount, which the City will be able to satisfy with funds appropriated to it by the State of Delaware; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the Department of Public Works to accept the grant funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the aforesaid purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to accept grant funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the amount of \$500,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant and to fulfill the grant requirements.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works to accept grant funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The grant funds will be used to finance the construction of a nature-based park on the site of the former Rodney Street Reservoir.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no negative fiscal impact to the City because the City has received an appropriation from the State of Delaware that is sufficient to satisfy the local matching funds requirement.

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