



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Meeting date:

Department:

Public Works

Title

Request for approval of resolution to apply for North Fork Park grant through Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.

Agenda Planning Date: October 12 Management Update/Work Session Date: October 10 Audio/Visual aids

Time Required 10 minutes Contact: Brian May Phone: 503.365.3147

Requested Action:

Approve request for resolution to apply for North Fork Park grant through Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.

Issue, Description & Background:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund requires a resolution to apply from the applicant's delegating authority. Six of Marion County's parks were heavily damaged during the Beachie Creek fire event in September 2020. North Fork Park, Bear Creek Campground, and Salmon Falls Park on North Fork Road experienced severe winds and fire conditions that culminated in 80-100% tree loss and major damage to facilities and amenities. North Fork Park is within the greater Santiam River valley and is widely popular with the local and regional public who depend on these facilities for recreation and waterway access opportunities.

Financial Impacts:

The funds required for development of North Fork Park will come from the Marion County Parks fund and the awarded funds from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Impacts to Department & External Agencies:

None.

List of attachments:

Resolution to apply

Presenter:

Brian May

Department Head Signature:

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON**

In the matter of authorizing Marion County Parks )  
to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund from the )  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for development )  
of North Fork Park. )

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Parks desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed park and recreation acquisitions, improvements and enhancements; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Parks staff have identified improvements at North Fork Park as a high priority need in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, currently at North Fork Park there are no working amenities provided for park visitors due to damage caused by the 2020 Beachie Creek wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the identified development needs at North Fork Park will focus on the amenities in the park. Proposed replacement amenities include a picnic shelter, trails and wood fencing. Proposed future amenities include establishing a host site, an additional restroom and other recreational features; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Parks has available local matching funds to fulfill its share of obligation related to this grant application should the grant funds be awarded; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Parks will budget for on-going operations and maintenance of this park and recreation facility should the grant funds be awarded;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Marion County Board of Commissioners authorizes Marion County Parks to submit a grant application under the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Land and Water Conservation Fund for development at North fork Park.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of October 2023.

**MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner