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From: Dan Glynn, Director of Parks & Recreation

To: Parks & Recreation Committee, City Council

Subject: Magnolia Springs Wetland & Woodland Restoration Plan

Background

The land dedicated for a park in the Magnolia Springs Development includes a pond and established woodlands. The ponds and the woodlands were the main reason for the site being selected for the park. After visiting the site during the site selection process, much of the area did not look like it was maintained with buckthorn present. A Woodland and Wetland Restoration Plan would:

- Assess existing plant communities (existing site conditions)
- Recommendations for enhancing existing plant communities
- Recommendations for restoring newly graded park and corridor areas (linking the habitats between the Lowell Park natural area and Magnolia Springs Park natural area utilizing the trail corridor)
- Provide a cost estimate for implementation of the Restoration Plan and three years of implementation

Completing a Wetland and Woodland Restoration Plan was recommended by the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) when the development was presented to them.

Restoration Timeline

2023: Restoration Plan Development

2024 – 2026: Implementation of the Restoration Plan and Development of a Long-Term Management Plan

2027+: City starts to maintain the natural area

Cost

The cost for Heartland Ecological to complete the restoration plan is $3,500. The Magnolia Springs Development is estimated to bring in $407,920 in impact fees for park development which can be used to fund the restoration plan.