

Legistar ID No.: 2022- 1000

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

FOR: Council Meeting of November 1, 2022

FROM: Council Member Teresa Turk

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR JORDAN TO SIGN A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE PURCHASE OF ABOUT 223 ACRES OF LAND NEAR DEAD HORSE MOUNTAIN ROAD UTILIZING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,445,400.00

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:



City Council Member
Teresa Turk

10/25/22

Date



Asst. City Attorney Blake Pennington
Approved as to form

10/25/22

Date

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WHEREAS, the City of Fayetteville has received funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that can be used to support the protection of water quality and watersheds and invited non-profit organizations to submit proposals for environmental projects to fund with the available ARPA funding; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Resource Center submitted an application requesting \$1,445,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act funds for the purchase of about 223 acres of land near Dead Horse Mountain Road for the purpose of conservation, restoration, and enhancement to provide water quality improvements and protection of the Beaver Lake Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the property can provide significant ecological, green infrastructure, and social value to the citizens of Fayetteville for generations to come and helps to prevent additional water treatment costs, keeping future drinking water costs for citizens of Fayetteville economical; and

WHEREAS, the property treats stormwater runoff and supports water quality protection of our drinking water source for the residents of Fayetteville and Northwest Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Subrecipient Agreement would provide funding in the amount of \$1,445,400.00 in addition to a contribution from the Beaver Water District in the amount of \$800,000.00 for the purchase of the land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby authorizes Mayor Jordan to sign a Subrecipient Agreement with the Watershed Conservation Resource Center to provide the amount of \$1,445,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase approximately 223 acres near Dead Horse Mountain Road, and further authorizes Mayor Jordan to execute all other documents necessary to consummate the purchase of the land as well as any additional agreements related to the ownership, use, and conservation of the land.

PASSED and APPROVED this 1st day of November, 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: _____
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By: _____
KARA PAXTON, City Clerk/Treasurer

Additional Information

Attachment 1: Floodplain Conservation to Protect Water Quality: General Vicinity Map

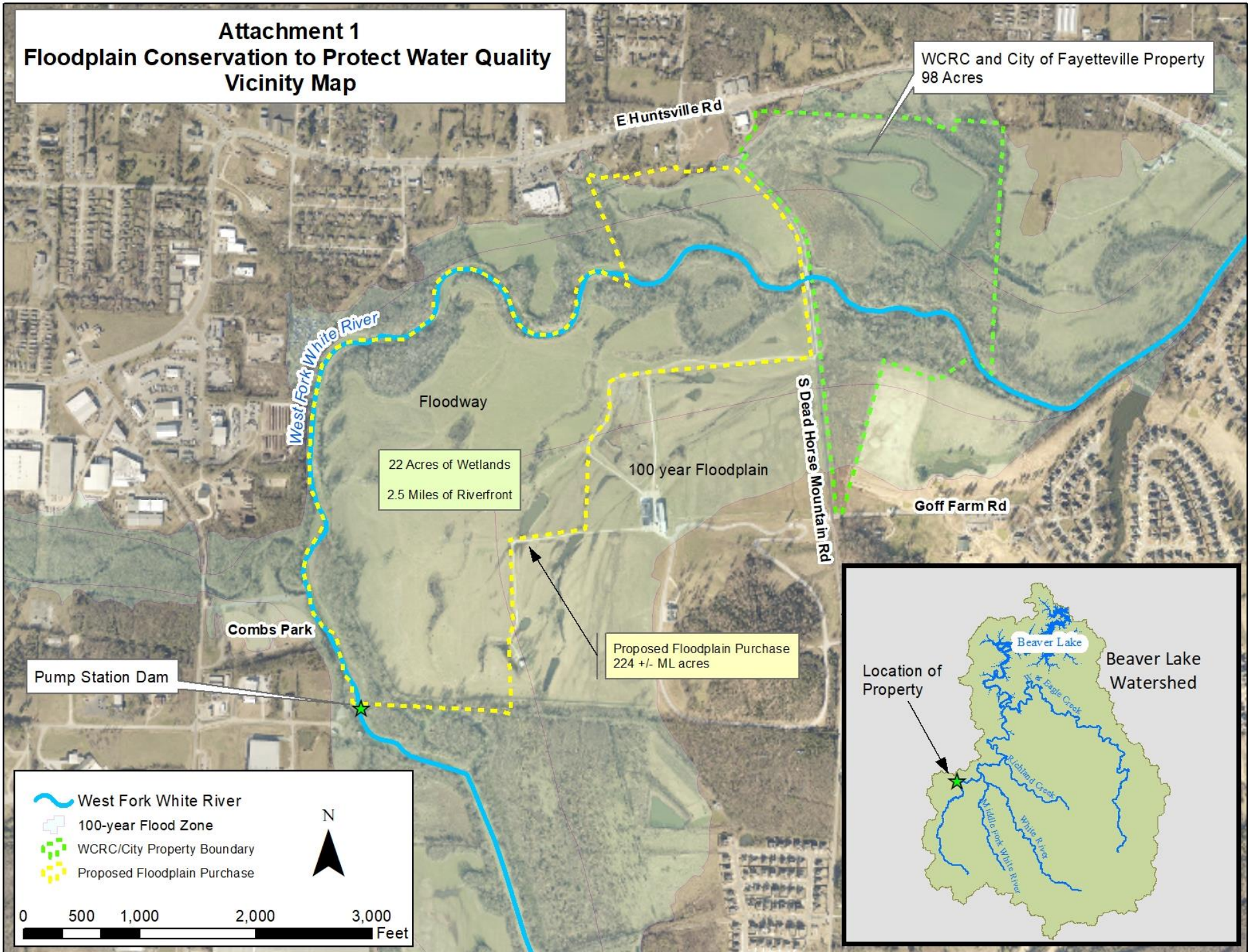
Attachment 2: Beaver Water District Letter of Financial Commitment

Attachment 1

240 acre Conservation Flood Plain on the WFWR

General Vicinity Map

Attachment 1 Floodplain Conservation to Protect Water Quality Vicinity Map



Attachment 2

Beaver Water District Letter of Financial Commitment



April 25, 2022

Sandi Formica, Executive Director
Watershed Conservation Resource Center
380 W. Rock St.
Fayetteville, AR 72701

RE: Floodplain Conservation to Protect Water Quality

Dear Sandi,

Beaver Water District is the drinking water provider for over 350,000 residents of Northwest Arkansas. To continue to provide our customers with clean, safe drinking water, we maintain a multiple barrier approach including consumer education, source water protection, and state of the art treatment and disinfection. Protection of the quality of the water in the reservoir is critical to our overall protection program and we have been active in that effort for more than 30 years.

One of our strategies for protecting the water quality of Beaver Lake is through land conservation, with a focus towards riparian areas and floodplains of the tributaries that flow to our water supply. These are critical areas that function to slow down the water in flooded rivers and remove sediment and nutrients before they reach the lake. With the rapid growth being experienced in Northwest Arkansas, our opportunities to conserve and protect these areas grow smaller every day.

Beaver Water District will supply up to \$800,000 toward the purchase of the Collier property along the West Fork of the White River to conserve it as a functioning floodplain. Matching funds dollar for dollar will be required to complete the purchase of greater than 200 acres as indicated by a completed real estate contract.

Sincerely,

M. Lane Crider, P.E.
Chief Executive Officer
Beaver Water District

Copies via email:

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