



# City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 2024-276

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### **Woolsey farmstead asset transfer**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE WOOLSEY FARMSTEAD PROPERTY FROM THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT TO THE PARKS, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, AND TO APPROVE A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, the City purchased 316 acres on the west side of Fayetteville that now contains the Westside Water Resource Recovery Facility and the Woolsey Farmstead, as well as other facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff recommends transferring approximately 27 acres, which contains the Woolsey farmhouse and farmstead from the Utilities Department to the Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs Department so the property can be used for recreational programs and public use; and

**WHEREAS**, a budget adjustment in the amount of \$271,909.71 will transfer funds from the General Fund to the Water & Sewer Fund as compensation for the property transfer.

**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 approves the transfer of the Woolsey Farmstead property totaling approximately 27 acres from the Utilities Department to the Parks, Natural Resource, and Cultural Affairs Department.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby approves a budget adjustment in the amount of \$271,909.71, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution, transferring funds from the General Fund to the Water & Sewer Fund as compensation for the property transfer.



**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

**TO:** Mayor Jordan and City Council  
**THRU:** Paul Becker, Chief Financial Officer  
**FROM:** Quin Thompson, Facilities & Bldg Maint Manager  
**DATE:**  
**SUBJECT:** **Woolsey farmstead asset transfer**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the transfer of funds from General Fund to Water & Sewer Fund to transfer the Woolsey homestead of 27 acres (at \$10,070.73 per acre) for a total of \$271,909.71 and approval of a budget adjustment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 1999, the City of Fayetteville purchased 316 acres on the West side of Fayetteville for the amount of \$3,182,350.

That property now includes the Wastewater Treatment Facility, Woolsey Wet Prairie, Wetlands Bank, Two Solar Arrays, The Woolsey farmstead, Woolsey cemetery, and an Urban Farm.

**DISCUSSION:**

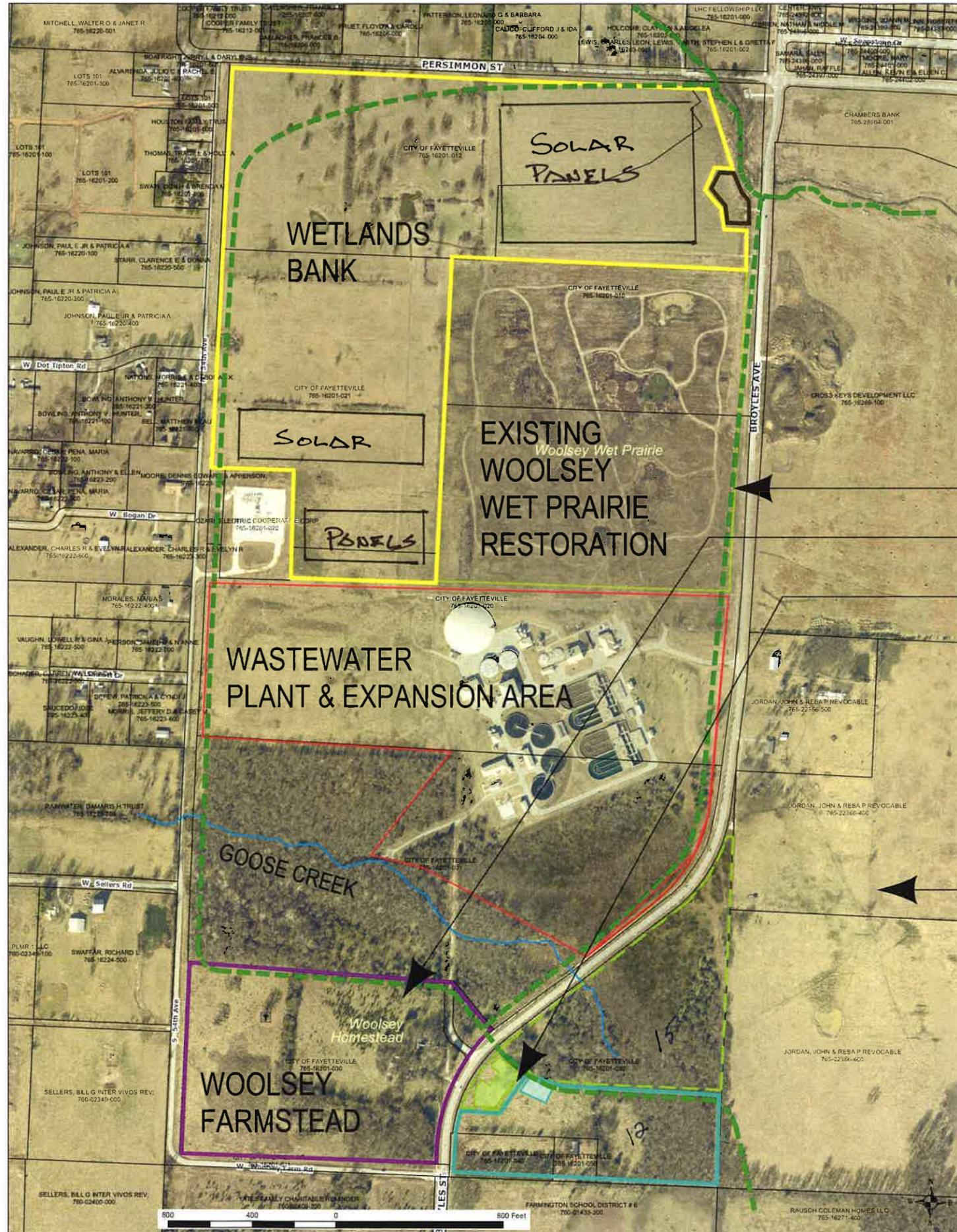
A land transfer from Water and Sewer in the amount of \$271,909.71 to the Parks division is requested.

This transaction will transfer approximately 27 acres to the Parks division for the Woolsey farmhouse and farmstead. The reconstruction of the 1850's farmhouse is complete. This project continues with the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the outbuildings and surrounding grounds to a period accurate farmstead. Soon, Parks will be able to utilize this area for recreational programs and public use.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

Transfer funds from General Fund to Water & Sewer fund to purchase the Woolsey homestead of 27 acres (at \$10,070.73 per acre) for a total of \$271,909.71 as proposed.

**ATTACHMENTS:** SRF (#3), BA (#4), Water and Sewer Property Land Use Map (#5)



### SITE PLAN LEGEND

AREAS INDICATED IN ACREAGE HIGHLY APPROXIMATED

USER SCALE: 6,960.00

- BOUNDARY OF HISTORIC WOOLSEY FARMSTEAD SITE (27 ACRES)
- SHARED-USE PAVED TRAIL
- BOUNDARY OF EXISTING WETLANDS BANK (82 ACRES)
- BOUNDARY OF WASTEWATER PLAN & EXPANSION AREA (67 ACRES)
- GOOSE CREEK
- RECYCLING DROP OFF & EDUCATION SITE
- PROPOSED EDUCATION CENTER (15 ACRES)
- PROPOSED URBAN AGRICULTURE PLATS (12.5 ACRES). PERIMETER REQUIRES 10'-0" HIGH FENCE TO KEEP OUT DEERS

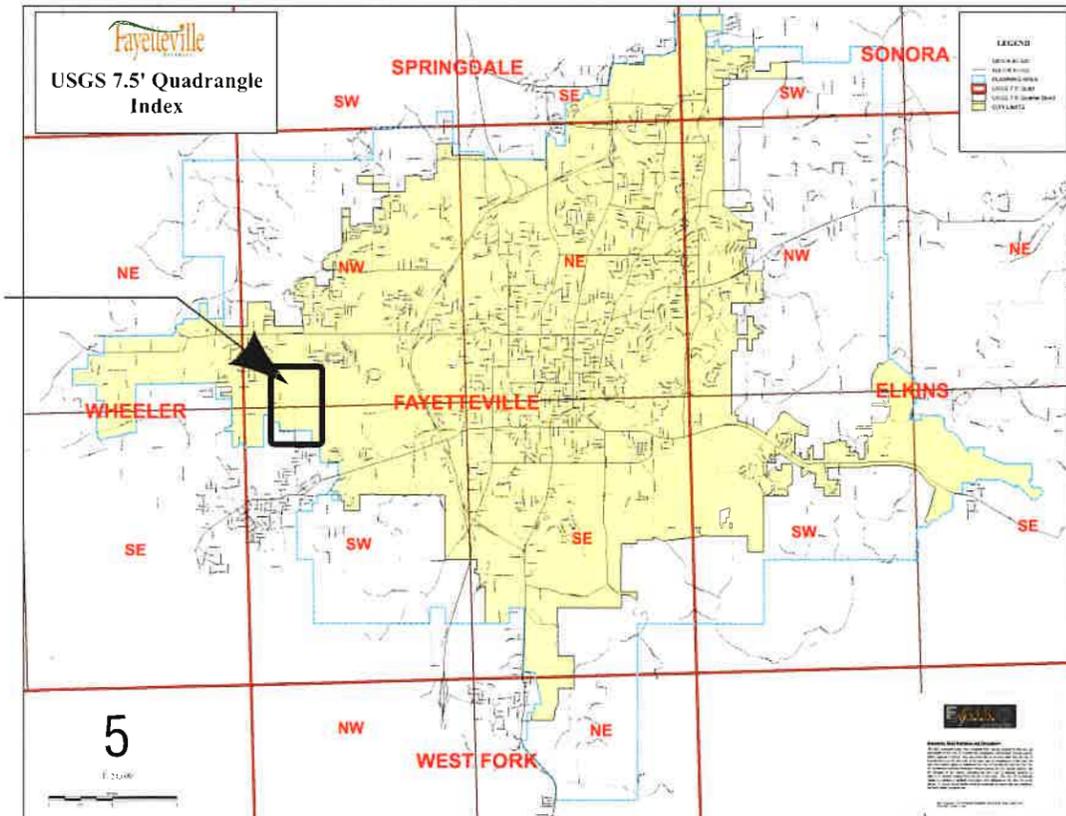
- Information on this plan provided by several sources including:
1. "Wedington Corridor Masterplan", City of Fayetteville website
  2. Woolsey Wetland prairie, ECO website
  3. Waste water treatment plant... email
  4. "west side WWTF Site conceptual master plan, Nov 17, 2009
  5. City of Fayetteville trails master plan, Woolsey site

SHARED-USE PAVED TRAIL LOOP

HISTORIC WOOLSEY FARMSTEAD RESTORATION. REFER TO ENLARGED SITE PLAN SHEET A-0.1

POSSIBLE EDUCATION CENTER & OPEN PAVILION PROVIDING RESTROOMS, MEETING ROOMS & ADMIN. SPACE TO SUPPORT HISTORIC WOOLSEY, URBAN AGRI, WETLAND PRAIRIE EDUCATION & EXHIBITS

SITE PLAN



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A RESTORATION OF THE  
WOOLSEY FARMSTEAD

FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

SHEET TITLE:  
SITE PLAN

DATE: 2015.11.17

SCALE:

DRAWN BY: ACR

PROJECT NO: 340

SHEET NO.:

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