



# City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 2024-129

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**Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Watershed Conservation Resource Center (WCRC) outlining a general framework for cooperation for continued maintenance of stream restoration projects and other nonpoint source pollution related issues**

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION RESOURCE CENTER FOR CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF STREAM RESTORATION PROJECTS AND OTHER NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION RELATED ISSUES

**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 Memorandum of Agreement with the Watershed Conservation Resource Center for continued maintenance of stream restoration projects and other nonpoint source pollution related issues.



**MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2024**

**TO:** Mayor Jordan and City Council  
**THRU:** Chris Brown, Public Works Director  
**FROM:** Alan Pugh, Staff Engineer  
**SUBJECT:** **Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Watershed Conservation Resource Center (WCRC) outlining a general framework for cooperation for continued maintenance of stream restoration projects and other nonpoint source pollution related issues**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Watershed Conservation Resource Center (WCRC) outlining a general framework for cooperation for continued maintenance of stream restoration projects and other nonpoint source pollution related issues.

**BACKGROUND:**

This partnership with the Watershed Conservation Resource Center (WCRC) dates back many years but officially began January of 2014 with approval of the first MOA. This partnership has proven successful for many years as described further below.

**DISCUSSION:**

The WCRC is a nonprofit organization that strives to protect, conserve, and restore natural resources by utilizing the watershed approach, environmental outreach, and providing planning, technical assistance and maintenance to landowners, communities, and government entities. The WCRC principals are regional experts and local leaders in implementing natural channel design-based stream restorations that meet multiple local and regional objectives relating to river channel instability, water quality, ecological services, and green infrastructure.

The WCRC and the CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE partnered and have been awarded multiple federal grant awards for restoring streams within the City and for assessing streams and natural resource conditions for stability and pollution potential. These projects have brought over \$5,800,000 in Federal funding to the City for water quality and other environmental improvements and have helped to create local partnerships and outreach opportunities in the areas of river restoration, riparian enhancement, and watershed planning. Ten stream and streambank restoration projects have been implemented that have resulted in over 19,900 tons of sediment and 12,000 lbs of total phosphorus reductions, annually from streambank erosion, restored both aquatic and terrestrial habitat, protected City infrastructure, and improved aesthetics of City Parks and other properties. These projects generally require ongoing maintenance to ensure their success and WCRC is in a unique position to provide these services given their history with the projects.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

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The proposed agreement has no budgetary impact. As tasks are identified, the “task order” with associated fee will be approved through the appropriate channels up to and including approval by the Mayor and City Council.

**ATTACHMENTS:** SRF (#3), MOU (#4)