



February 25, 2016

The Board of Commissioners acting as the Governing Body
of the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District

Members of the Board:

Board Order Authorizing North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District to Apply for Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant Program for Hidden Falls

Purpose/Outcomes	NCPRD requests approval to apply for Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) funding to acquire and develop Hidden Falls – Phase 1.
Fiscal Impact	The grant application seeks approximately \$400,000 in funding to match NCPRD funds. The total project is currently estimated at \$800,000.
Funding Source	NCPRD Proposed Capital Projects Fund, 2015/2016 FY
Duration	If awarded, grant funds are available for two years
Previous Action	Not applicable.
Strategic Plan Alliance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Honor, Utilize, Promote and Invest in our Natural Resources 2. Ensure Safe, Healthy, and Secure Communities
Contact Person	Katie Dunham, Senior Planner, 503-742-4358

BACKGROUND:

NCPRD partnered with Clackamas County, Metro, and the cities of Happy Valley and Portland to complete the Mount Scott – Scouters Mountain Trail Loop Master Plan in 2014. The plan identifies a 37.5-mile north-south oriented loop multi-use trail project that will link the Springwater Corridor to the Clackamas River, and connect Mt. Talbert Nature Park, Scouters Mountain Nature Park, and Hood View Park to homes, schools, and businesses. The Trail is identified as a priority in the 2004 NCPRD Master Plan and 2007 NCPRD System Development Charges (SDC) Capital Improvements Plan.

NCPRD is partnering with the City of Happy Valley to acquire a property within the proposed trail system currently referred to as “Hidden Falls”. NCPRD would own and operate the future park. NCPRD is seeking approximately \$400,000 in OPRD LGGP grant funding to begin construction of Phase 1 of Hidden Falls, including a multi-use trail and bridge that will connect Hood View Park and two local schools to nearby homes and businesses. Matching funds are budgeted in the NCPRD 2015/2016 Fiscal Year Capital Projects Fund and will be provided through SDCs. NCPRD has dedicated adequate funding for ongoing operations and maintenance of the new park. The NCPRD Advisory Board recommended approval of this grant project in their February 10 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that The Board of Commissioners, acting as the Governing Body of the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, approve the Board Order authorizing staff to proceed with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant Program application.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Barth, Director

In the Matter of authorizing the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District to apply for Local Government Grant assistance from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for Acquisition and Development of Hidden Falls Park

Order No. _____

Whereas, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is accepting applications for the Local Government Grant Program; and

Whereas, the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed park and recreation improvements and enhancements; and

Whereas, the NCPRD Advisory Board and Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Board of Directors of the NCPRD, have identified acquisition and development of a trail and natural resources improvements at Hidden Falls Park, within the Mount Scott – Scouters Mountain Loop Trail as a high priority need; and NCPRD is currently working to acquire the Hidden Falls property, and phase one development of Hidden Falls Park will include improvements to the existing trails and construction of a bridge over Rock Creek; and

Whereas, NCPRD hereby certifies that the matching share for this application is readily available at this time; and

Whereas, NCPRD has estimated that annual trail and natural areas maintenance costs will be approximately \$25,000 at completion of phase one of the park and NCPRD has dedicated adequate funding for on-going operations and maintenance of this park and recreation facility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Board of Directors of NCPRD, demonstrates its support for the submittal of a grant application to the OPRD for acquisition and development of the Hidden Falls Park and does hereby authorize the District to apply for approximately \$400,000 for acquisition and site improvements, as specified above.

DATED this _____ day of February, 2016

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary