



MEMORANDUM

TO Toby Futrell City Manager

FROM Greg Canally, Budget Officer

DATE March 8 2007

SUBJECT Habitat Team and Team Leader

Item # 28 on the March 8 2007 Council Agenda is to approve a resolution directing the City Manager to appoint a Habitat Team and Team Leader to pursue certification for the City of Austin as a National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat site.

This item may have a fiscal and staffing impact. Costs for pursuing and achieving certification as a National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat site will depend on factors such as the timeframe for program implementation, amount of program advertising and / or community outreach, and amount of resources and supplies for appointment of the Habitat Team and Team Leader. The expenses and sources of funding will be determined when the scope of the Certification Plan is finalized by Council.

To work on this effort, staff from the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department will be available. Additional staff from the Park and Recreation Department's Preserve program may also be included along with other City department staff as needed. The direct impact on staff costs and time will be determined when the details of the Certification Plan are developed.

Upon completion of a draft proposal for the Certification Plan, the City Manager will report back to Council within sixty days on the details.