

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION Item No. 7

**Subject:** Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Fort Branch Watershed Management Area Reach 6 & 7 Channel Rehabilitation – Truelight Area and Eleanor Drive Area Project to acquire a 11,456 square foot drainage easement out of and a part of a 5.004-acre tract or parcel of land out of the Jesse C. Tannehill League Survey No. 29 in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$10,826. The owner of the needed property interest is EDDIE WOULDGO INVESTMENTS, L.P. The property is located off of Lott Avenue, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Watershed Protection Department's Fort Branch Creek Reach 6 & 7 Channel Rehabilitation Project will stabilize the creek banks to provide erosion protection and reduce the frequency and depth of flooding for the adjoining properties. This project requires the acquisition of 11,456 square feet of land for a drainage easement, out of and a part of a 5.004-acre tract or parcel of land out of the Jesse C. Tannehill League Survey No. 29 in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed easement but has been unable to come to an agreement with the property owner. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.