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AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Real Estate)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	17287	Agenda Number	80.

Meeting Date:	August 23, 2012
Department:	Office of Real Estate Services

Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Williamson Creek Tributary 2 Spring Meadow Road - Lark Creek Drive Stream Rehabilitation Creek Project for 4,843 square feet of land for a temporary working space easement, 8,560 square feet of land for a drainage and access easement, and 1,855 square feet of land for a drainage easement, all out of the Santiago Del Valle Grant, Abstract No. 24, in Travis County, Texas, being out of and a part of that certain 0.5609-acre parcel of land known as "Tract 5;" and for 1,425 square feet of land for a drainage easement out of the Santiago Del Valle Grant, Abstract No. 24, in Travis County, Texas, being out of and a part of that certain 0.063-acre parcel of land known as "Tract 1," in the amount of $834. The owners of the needed property interests are MICHAEL R. ELEDGE, THOMAS M. MAYS, MARK N. HARDEMAN AKA MARK HARDEMAN, AND FRANCINE FIELDS HARDEMAN. The property is located on the east side of Stassney Lane at Williamson Creek in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas. The general route covered by this project will include Williamson Creek Tributary 2 from Nuckols Crossing to east Stassney Lane, traversing along the stream bank between Spring Meadow Road and Lark Creek Drive.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Kristin Pipkin 974-3315; Christina Calvery 974-7094; Lauraine Rizer 974-7078; Amanda Glasscock 974-7173.
Boards and Commission Action:	

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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Watershed Protection Department identified Williamson Creek Tributary 2 as a high priority reach for stream stabilization through the Master Plan Problem Scoring and Prioritization System. Williamson Creek Tributary 2 currently has several structures threatened by erosion, localized flood deficiencies and the physical integrity of the stream is marginal. Structures currently threatened by erosion include homes, fences, yards and the east Stassney Lane culvert crossing.

The Williamson Creek Tributary 2 Spring Meadow Road-Lark Creek Drive Channel Rehabilitation Project will address erosion and localized flood deficiencies while improving the water quality and physical integrity of the stream. The project will stabilize and restore 3,000 linear feet of Williamson Creek Tributary 2 between Nuckols Crossing and east Stassney Lane to protect nearby property and improve the stream integrity. The project will also include end-of-pipe treatments to protect storm drain outfalls and a bio-filtration pond to improve water quality.

The Williamson Creek Tributary 2 Spring Meadow Road-Lark Creek Drive Channel Rehabilitation Project requires the acquisition of a drainage and access easement, a temporary working space easement, and two additional drainage easements across the property located on the west side of east Stassney Lane at Williamson Creek Tributary 2 in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed easements. The City and the property owner were unable to agree on the value of the needed acquisition. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.