

# Policy Briefing Summary

## City Council



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<b>Regarding:</b>	<b>Ordinance for Temporary Easement to Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority at Heyward Community Forest for use during Reservoir Pool Raise Project</b>
<b>Staff Contact(s):</b>	Chris Gensic, Park and Trail Planner
<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Chris Gensic, Park and Trail Planner</b>
<b>Date of Proposed Action:</b>	October 6, 2025

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### Issue

The Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority ("RWSA") will begin work to elevate the Ragged Mountain Reservoir level ("Project") in October 2025. As part of this Project, RWSA has requested use of the area located just above the lower Heyward Community Forest parking lot to serve as a borrow area and for equipment storage.

City Staff have prepared a temporary easement to accommodate this request. In exchange for the use of this area, RWSA has agreed that, upon completion of the Project, that its contractor will grade the site to create additional public parking to benefit both Ragged Mountain and Heyward Community Forest visitors.

### Background / Rule

### Analysis

The Project is a component of the approved Community Water Supply Plan. The identified need for additional parking is also included in the Heyward Community Forest Plan, specifically within the field area requested for temporary use by RWSA. Approval of this item would provide a mutual benefit, supporting the Project, while also advancing planned improvements to public access and parking.

### Financial Impact

None.

### Recommendation

City Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Ordinance approving a temporary easement to RWSA for the Project.

### Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I make a Motion to adopt the attached Ordinance approving the temporary easement to RWSA for the Project."

### Attachments

1. 2025.08.15 RWSA-Easement-Council Version Sept 2025
2. Proposed ordinance - Granting easement to RWSA - 09-17-25