

# Policy Briefing Summary

## City Council



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<b>Regarding:</b>	<b>Resolution to appropriate Stormwater Local Assistance Grant Fund for the Rivanna Restoration at Riverview Park in the amount of \$607,610.00 (1 of 2 readings)</b>
<b>Staff Contact(s):</b>	Taylor Harvey-Ryan, Grants Program Manager
<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Dan Frisbee, Water Resource Specialist</b>
<b>Date of Proposed Action:</b>	January 5, 2026

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### Issue

Appropriate grant funds from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and execute the grant agreement to support the Rivanna Restoration at Riverview Park.

### Background / Rule

The Department of Public Utilities was notified of a grant award from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to support the Rivanna Restoration at Riverview Park.

### Analysis

The City of Charlottesville was awarded \$607,610.00 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to support the Rivanna Restoration at Riverview Park. This project aims to restore an 880-foot section of the Rivanna riverbank around the existing public access stairs and a 200-foot section of a dangerously eroding stormwater outfall channel nearby. Using appropriate natural stream restoration approaches, the project will:

- Protect the land, tree, and trails from erosion
- Reduce water pollution
- Improve opportunities for boating, wading, and observing wildlife
- Enhance habitat for birds, fish, and other wildlife
- Protect public safety and existing infrastructure.

The primary design goal for the main stem of the Rivanna is to halt excessive streambank erosion, a major source of water quality impairment. The primary design goal for the outfall is to reverse the impacts of stream bed and bank degradation and prevent further erosion while treating stormwater runoff before it enters the Rivanna.

### Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the City.

### Recommendation

Staff recommends the appropriation of the grant funds in the amount of \$607,610 from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to support the Rivanna Restoration at Riverview Park. Staff recommends the City Manager execute the grant agreement between DEQ and the City of Charlottesville to support the Rivanna Restoration at Riverview Park project.

### Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

I move to approve the resolution appropriating \$607,610 to support the Rivanna Restoration at Riverview Park project and to authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the City of Charlottesville and any subsequent amendment for the Rivanna Restoration at Riverview Park.

**Attachments**

1. S.L.A.F. Resolution Rivanna Restoration at Riverview Park
2. SLAF #25-14 Grant Agreement\_DEQ