



Memphis City Council Summary Sheet

Resolution approving the conveyance of two bottomland tracts of land owned by the City of Memphis and County of Shelby, for the use and benefit of the Chickasaw Basin Authority, to the State of Tennessee, for the use and benefit of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

- This item is a resolution in support of the conveyance of two tracts of land totaling 366.83 acres in size, located in Fayette County along the Wolf River between Rossville and Moscow, to the State of Tennessee, for the use and benefit of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.
- The City of Memphis and Shelby County Governments are the initiating parties.
- Real Estate recommends Council approve and authorize the City of Memphis to transfer all rights and interest of aforementioned land to the State of Tennessee.
- No contracts are affected by this conveyance.
- This does not require increased funding or a budget amendment.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Chickasaw Basin Authority, with a 20% financial contribution from the Wolf River Conservancy, purchased two bottomland tracts of land, totaling 366.83 acres in size, in the name of City of Memphis and County of Shelby, for the use and benefit of the Chickasaw Basin Authority, for the total purchase price of \$ 293,089.27, which tracts of land being located in Fayette County along the Wolf River between Rossville and Moscow, and more particularly described in Warranty Deeds of Record in Deed Book 630, Page 596 and Deed Book 630, Page 592 in the Register's Office of Fayette County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in February, 2006, the Wolf River Conservancy tendered a request to the Chickasaw Basin Authority asking for these two bottomland tracts of land to be transferred as a donation to the State of Tennessee, for the use and benefit of The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, for use as a match for a \$1,000,000.00 grant through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's North American Waterfowl Conservation Act fund (NAWCA) to fund additional purchases of wetland and bottomland properties along the Wolf River in Fayette County toward Rossville and Moscow to further expand upstream conservation areas and protection of the Memphis aquifer from the effects of illegal dumping of harmful pollutants entering the Wolf River that ultimately flow into Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Basin Authority at its regularly scheduled board meeting on February 14, 2006 approved a motion to transfer by donation these two bottomland tracts of land, totaling 366.83 acres in size, to the State of Tennessee, for the use and benefit of The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, for use as a match for said \$ 1,000,000.00 grant through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's North American Waterfowl Conservation Act fund (NAWCA) contingent upon the Wolf River Conservancy receiving the grant; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the Wolf River Conservancy was awarded this NAWCA grant; and

WHEREAS, upon award of this NAWCA grant, the proposed donation of these two bottomland tracts of land, totaling 366.83 acres in size, was submitted to and approved by the Tennessee State Building Commission on February 25, 2008, authorizing the Chickasaw Basin Authority to transfer by donation said two tracts of land to the State of Tennessee, for the use and benefit of The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, this project is now nearing completion and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency needs for these two bottomland tracts of land, totaling 366.83 acres in size, to be transferred to comply with the grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Memphis to transfer by donation said two bottomland tracts of land, totaling 366.83 acres in size, being more particularly described in the attached Quit Claim Deed, which is hereby incorporated by reference, to the Tennessee, for the use and benefit of The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, for use as a match for a \$ 1,000,000.00 grant through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's North American Waterfowl Conservation Act fund (NAWCA) to fund additional purchases of wetland and bottomland properties along the Wolf River in Fayette County toward Rossville and Moscow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Memphis City Council that the conveyance of the aforementioned two tracts of bottomland of land, totaling 366.83 acres in size, to the State of Tennessee, for the use and benefit of The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, for nominal monetary consideration, for said public purpose is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Memphis is authorized to execute a Quit Claim Deed conveying the same, along with any other documents necessary for the transfer of the two tracts of land described herein.

Property Map

Protecting a river

The Wolf River Conservancy and the Chickasaw Basin Authority recently acquired two Fayette County properties covering a total of 379 acres. The tracts are among a growing inventory of lands that have been protected as part of a greenway designed to preserve the Wolf, provide recreation, reduce flood damage and safeguard groundwater resources.



