



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT

September 5, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
 Members of the City Council

Title: Grant: Support Two Habitat Conservation Program Grant Proposals for North Natomas Regional Park Riparian Improvements and Southside Lake Rehabilitation Phase II

Location/Council District: North Natomas Regional Park, Council District 1; Southside Park Council District 4

Recommendation: Adopt two **Resolutions:** 1) supporting the development of two Habitat Conservation Program Grants for the development of riparian improvements at North Natomas Regional Park and the Phase II rehabilitation of Southside Lake and 2) authorizing the City Manager or designated appointee to execute all necessary agreements, establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award.

Contact: Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172; Jonathan Rewers, Parks and Recreation Analyst, 808-7590

Presenters: Not applicable.

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Administration

Organization No: 4511

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG) identifies and prioritizes unfunded parks and recreation capital project needs. There are insufficient resources to implement all the projects identified through the PRPG process.

Park Development Impact Fees, Quimby-In-Lieu Fees and Landscape and Lighting Assessment Funds are the major sources of park and recreation development, repair and renovation funding. Unfortunately, these sources are limited and in some cases are designated to specific areas or for specific purposes. Thus, there are areas in the City, such as areas that are built-out that have limited revenue sources for new facility development or necessary repairs and renovation.

Capital grants from State or Federal sources allow the City to secure funding for "priority" or "opportunity" PRPG projects, when there are insufficient City funds available to deliver the project as proposed in the PRPG.

Policy Considerations: Applying for capital grant funding is consistent with the policies in City Council adopted the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* including:

Policy 6.6: Actively pursue grants, donations and sponsorships from the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

Policy 6.12: Base budget priorities on timely issues or needs, and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG) as adopted by the City Council.

In addition applying for capital grants is an element in the **Implementation Strategies** section of the City Council adopted the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* which states:

Implementation 6.3: Resource Development: Conduct research, develop strategies and execute fiscal projects for short and long term priority needs, including grants and partnerships, fiscal planning, budget forecasting, problem solving, auditing and reporting.

Providing Parks and Recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability and to expand economic development throughout the City.

Committee/Commission Action: The Parks and Recreation Commission supported staff's recommendation at its August 3, 2006 meeting.

Environmental Considerations: Support for capital grant proposals does not constitute a "project" and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15601(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

Rationale for Recommendation: After reviewing a number of projects in the *2004* and *Draft 2006 Parks and Recreation Programming Guides (PRPG)*, staff is recommending that one proposal be prepared for **North Natomas Regional Park Development** and another proposal for **Southside Lake Rehabilitation Phase II**. The proposed North Natomas Regional Park project would landscape and add riparian plantings to the creek/drainage canal along the northern perimeter of the regional park. The Southside Lake Phase II project would rehabilitate the lake bank on the southwestern corner of the lake, completing the rehabilitation of western bank of the lake. Grant funds would also be used to purchase the "solar-bee" aerators to maintain water quality and control algae blooms.

North Natomas Regional Park Development was identified as a "opportunity" project in the 2004 PRPG, and is now a "priority" project in the 2006 PRPG (pending City Council adoption). Southside Lake Rehabilitation Phase II is identified as a "priority" project is both the 2004 & 2006 PRPG.

Both projects are competitive for funding in that they meet the following criteria of the grant program:

- They have a specific site plan and landscape planting plan,
- They have a high degree of project readiness and completion date,
- They addresses a deficiency or need,
- They are consistent with local plans,
- They connect and complement other parks and recreation facilities,
- They have no barriers to public access, and
- They have matching funds readily available.

Staff is requesting that the City Manager be authorized to accept the grant funds if awarded, allowing staff to respond to granting agencies immediately upon announcement of a grant award.

Financial Considerations: Staff will be requesting up to \$400,000 from the Habitat Conservation Program - \$200,000 per proposal. The Habitat Conservation Program has a 50% match or dollar-for-dollar match requirement. Matching funds for the North Natomas Regional Park Riparian Project will come from the North Natomas Community Facilities District #4 which has sufficient funds for this project. The matching funds for the Southside Lake Rehabilitation Project were set aside as part of the Fiscal Year 2007 Capital Improvement Program Budget, CIP LS49.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award. Staff will return to Council if there is any significant change in requested dollar amounts, either grant or match.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by: *Lori Harden*
for ROBERT G. OVERSTREET II
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

Cassandra H. Jennings
for RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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ATTACHMENT 1

Background:

The Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) is funded through the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990. The HCP is administered by the State of California- Department of Parks and Recreation and provides \$2 million annually through 2020 for competitive grants, \$800,000 of which is available for Northern California projects. The Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) provides funds to local agencies for the acquisition, enhancement, restoration and/or interpretation of riparian habitat, wetlands and other wildlife areas.

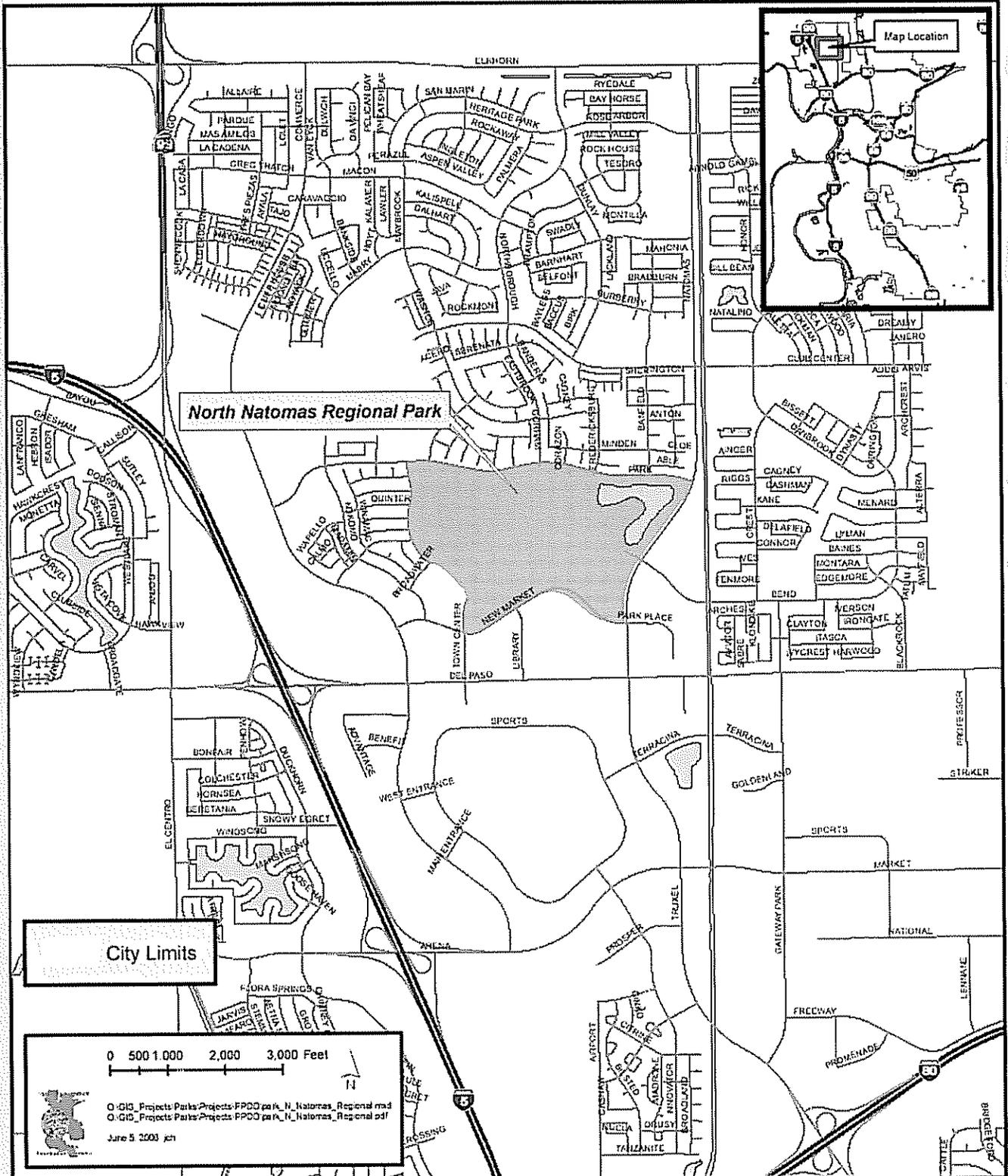
The City is competitive in two of the four available categories under this year's HCP, specifically the Riparian and Wetlands categories. Staff anticipates \$2 million will be available in the 2006 round of the program.

The City's current success rate at securing Habitat Conservation Program grant funds is 75%. Currently the City has six Habitat Conservation Program Grants for the following projects:

Robla Community Park Trail Development	\$63,535
Jacinto Creek Park/Parkway Development	\$89,000
Southside Lake Rehabilitation Phase I	\$83,750
Robla Community Park Wetland Improvement	\$56,000
Orchard Park Riparian Improvements	\$75,000
William Land Park Jogging Trail Phase II	\$122,000



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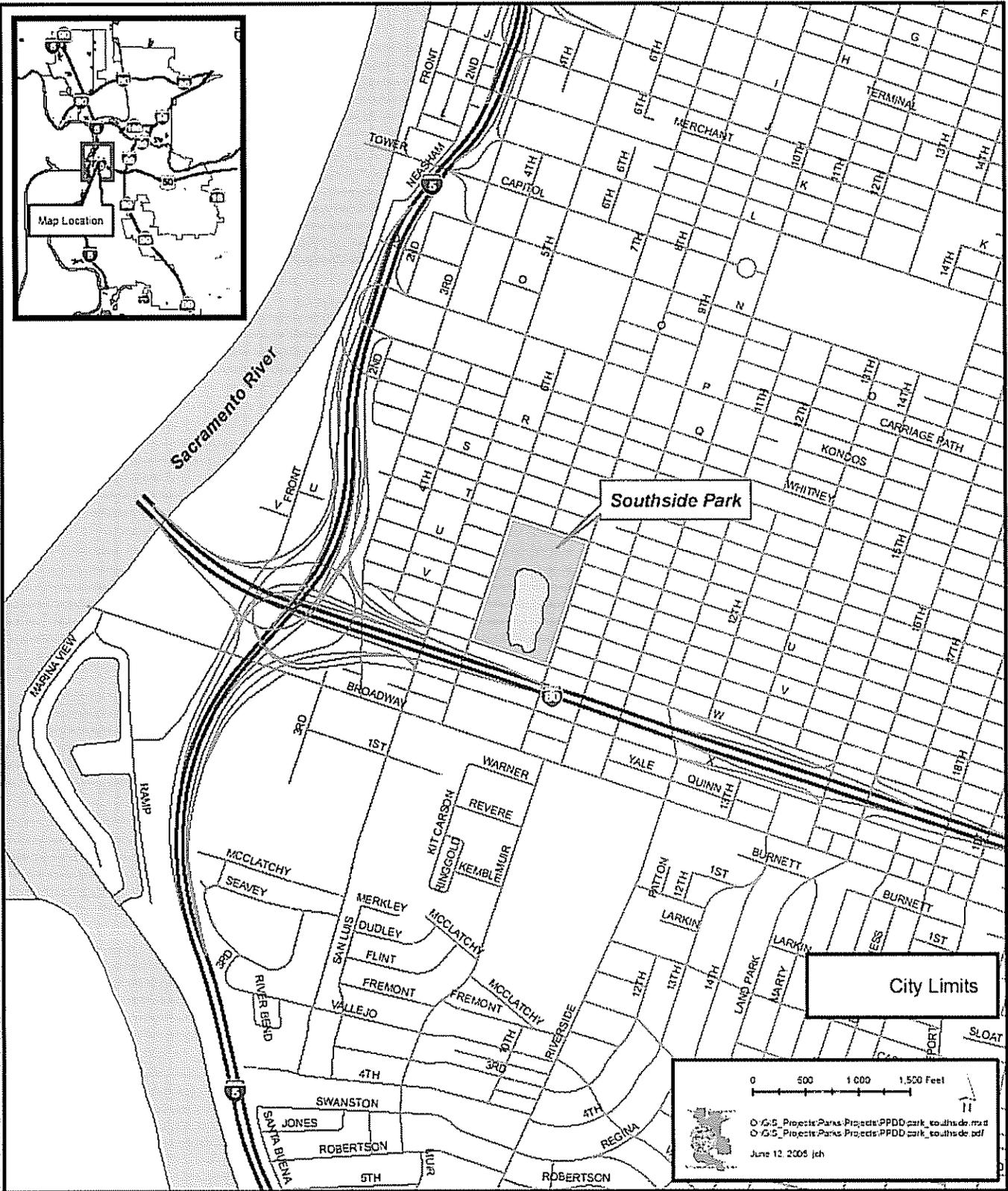
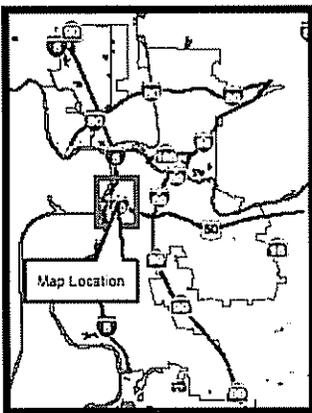
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City of Sacramento
Department of Parks and Recreation
 Southside Park



RESOLUTION NO. 2006-XXX

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September 5, 2006

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE LOCAL AGENCY
GRANT PROGRAM - FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 UNDER THE HABITAT
CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM OF THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE PROTECTION
ACT OF 1990 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:
NORTH NATOMAS REGIONAL PARK RIPARIAN IMPROVEMENTS AND
SOUTHSIDE LAKE REHABILITATION PHASE II**

BACKGROUND:

- A. The people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire and/or develop facilities for public recreational and fish and wildlife habitat protection purposes.
- B. The State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies under the program.
- C. Said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State.
- D. Said application(s) contain assurances that the applicant must comply with.
- E. The applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California for acquisition or development of the project(s).

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. Approves the filing of an application for the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program under the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 State grant assistance for the above project(s).
- Section 2. Certifies that said applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application form.
- Section 3. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available prior to

commencement of any work on the project(s) included in this application, the required match; and will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s).

Section 4. Appoints the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation or Support Services Manager as agent of the City of Sacramento to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

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AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNATED APPOINTEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS, ESTABLISH RELATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR THE GRANT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE THE GRANT FUNDS CONTINGENT ON RECEIPT OF AWARD ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2006 HABITAT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR NORTH NATOMAS REGIONAL PARK RIPARIAN IMPROVEMENTS AND SOUTHSIDE LAKE REHABILITATION PHASE II

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- Section 2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements, establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds and appropriate the grant funds contingent on receipt of award.

Section 3. Staff will return to Council if there is any significant change in requested dollar amounts, either grant or match.