



City of Charles Town

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHARLES TOWN APPLICATION FOR LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND RESOURCES FOR THE "JEFFERSON MEMORIAL POOL UPGRADE" PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Charles Town, WV seeks to create enhanced opportunities for citizens and families to utilize and enjoy outdoor park and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charles Town owns the 11.6-acre "Jefferson Memorial Park" including a one-acre outdoor public swimming pool facility known as "Jefferson Memorial Pool"; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Memorial Pool is an outdated and deteriorating facility that has severe equipment deterioration, inadequate capacity to handle public use and demand, insufficient poolhouse facilities to meet modern needs, inadequate public parking facilities with no accessible parking, inadequate ADA and accessibility facilities and features, and other poor conditions which have led to recent closures, significant repair costs, and other challenges; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Memorial Pool is the only public pool facility of any kind in Charles Town and the only public pool facility in Jefferson County (a locality with nearly 58,000 in population); and

WHEREAS, the City of Charles Town and its Charles Town Commission of Parks & Recreation have conducted extensive public outreach, public input sessions, public surveys, consideration of various pool upgrade options, and other public engagement approaches which have led to very strong consensus and support in the community for a pool facility upgrade project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charles Town has worked with expert contracting firms to develop preliminary designs and plans, and cost estimations, for expansion of the swimming pool and pool deck, creation of a children's splash pad, upgrades to the existing Poolhouse, creation of an accessible picnicking area, upgrades to parking facilities including new accessible parking spaces, and associated hardscaping and walkway facilities, fencing, lighting, landscaping, and equipment; and

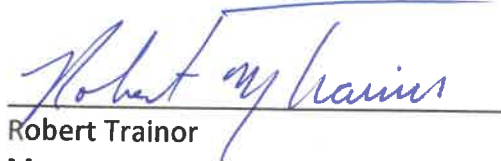
WHEREAS, the City of Charles Town is enthusiastic about and ready to proceed in conducting a pool upgrade project, and has budgeted substantial resources to support this project;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the City of Charles Town with the backing and recommendation of the Charles Town Board of Parks & Recreation, authorize an application by the City for a Land & Water Conservation Fund matching grant from the National Park Service through the WV Community Advancement & Development Division of the WV Department of Economic Development, in the amount of \$500,000.00; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Charles Town authorizes a match in the amount of \$500,000.00 to provide a dollar for dollar match for this LWCF grant. The source of this funding will be City of Charles Town general revenues and reserves.

Adopted the 7th day of November, 2022.

Attest:


Robert Trainor
Mayor


John Barkley
City Manager/Clerk