



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of January 21, 2012**

DATE: December 15, 2011

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Grant to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources (PRCR) from the Run for Wetlands, sponsored by volunteers of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Appropriation of that Grant to PRCR.

C. M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the County Manager to accept grant funds from the Run for Wetlands for invasive plant removal and habitat restoration at Barcroft Park.
2. Appropriate \$14,217 in grant funds (101.374900) to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources (101.83024) for invasive plant removal and habitat restoration at Barcroft Park.

ISSUES: County Board approval is required to accept grant funds and to appropriate them to PRCR. No local match is required and no issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The Run for Wetlands, sponsored by volunteers of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is providing grant funds to remove invasive plants from Barcroft Park, which will be a vital tool for the stabilization and preservation of the Barcroft Magnolia Bog.

BACKGROUND: Over a 10-year period, the Run for Wetlands funded numerous projects, including construction of the overlook and water-control structures at the Ballston Beaver Pond Park, a stream restoration project near Falls Church, and a clean-out of the Ballston Beaver Pond. The Run for Wetlands requested proposals for a wetland-related project that would benefit Arlington County. The Barcroft Magnolia Bog has been identified in the County Board-approved Natural Resources Management Plan as the “most ecologically significant natural site” owned by Arlington County. The proposed invasive plant removal project at Barcroft Park includes contracted selective application of broadleaf herbicides to treat the thirteen acres bordering the Magnolia Bog and meadow for one year. These thirteen acres are highly impacted, but due to the sensitivity of the bog, the area must be treated by highly-specialized professionals. The project will also include an outreach component focused on educating Arlington residents about invasive plants and the restoration of Barcroft Magnolia Bog.

County Manager:

BMD/mjs

County Attorney:

BRC

[Signature]

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Staff: Sarah Archer, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

FISCAL IMPACT: The Run for Wetlands will provide grant funds of \$14,217 to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources for this project. No local match is required to accept this grant. The grant fully funds the activities described.

10 Years!



Run for Wetlands



Ms. Sarah Archer
Invasive Plant Coordinator
Arlington County, Parks and Natural Resources
2700 S. Taylor Street
Arlington, VA 22206

December 2, 2011

Dear Sarah,

Congratulations, again, on your successful grant application! Please find enclosed a bank check for \$1,665.84. This represents the last remnant of money from Run for Wetlands. This amount added to the \$12,551.51 will total \$14,217.35 – a bit more than we thought we had available. That's lucky, since the market downturn back in September would have resulted in significantly less money.

My colleagues and I who have worked with the Run for Wetlands for so many years wish you all the best with the restoration and enhancement of the Barcroft Magnolia Bog. Please keep us posted on your progress. Also let us know when you schedule any volunteer work days. Perhaps we could round up a cadre of Run for Wetlands volunteers to help out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca S Halbe" with a small floral flourish at the end.

Rebecca S. Halbe
Treasurer, Run for Wetlands



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December 1, 2011

Mr. Dinesh Tiwari
Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 414
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Mr. Tiwari:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Arlington Community Foundation (ACF), I am pleased to inform you that a grant to your organization has been approved for funding for the **Magnolia Bog Restoration Project**. Please acknowledge the **Run for Wetlands at the Arlington Community Foundation** as a funder of your organization. When writing a thank you note or acknowledgement letter, please be sure to address the letter to **the Friends of the Run for Wetlands**, the persons advising this grant award.

Please sign and return the enclosed Memorandum to Organizations Receiving Grant Assistance outlining the conditions of your grant award by **January 1, 2012**. If you are unable to meet the conditions of the grant, you must return the check. Also enclosed is the **Report Form**, which must be submitted by **November 9, 2012** or at the conclusion of the project.

Grant Award

Recipient: Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources

Grant Number: 2012027

Grant Date: November 9, 2011

Total Amount Awarded: \$12,551.51

Check Number: 0109769

Fund: Run for Wetlands

Congratulations on your award and thank you for all you do on behalf of the community.

Sincerely,

Wanda Pierce
Executive Director

Enclosures: Memorandum to Organizations, Report Form, Check



Grant #: 2012027
Date of Grant: November 9, 2011
Recipient: Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Resources
Grant Amount: \$12,551.51
Fund: Run for Wetlands

Memorandum to Organizations Receiving Grant Assistance

In order to comply with applicable tax laws, regulations and Foundation policies, the Arlington Community Foundation provides grant support to your organization with the understanding that:

- 1) Grant funds distributed will be used only for the purposes designated in our award letter or as proposed in the grant application;
- 2) No funds will be used for any political campaign or to support attempts to influence legislation of any government body;
- 3) Adequate accounting records of the expenditure of funds will be maintained by the grantee organization.

As an acknowledgement of receipt of grant funds, **please sign and return this memorandum by January 1, 2012** and retain a copy for your records.

Please call (703) 243-4785 if you have questions regarding grant policies.

CONTACT NAME _____

TITLE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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GRANT REPORT FORM

Please complete and return this form and the report to the Arlington Community Foundation within twelve (12) months of the award date or thirty (30) days after completion of the project/program, whichever comes first. If the organization is applying for an Arlington Community Foundation grant prior to submission of the Final Report an Interim Report may be requested as part of that application.

GRANT #: 2012027

RECIPIENT: Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Resources

PURPOSE: For the Magnolia Bog Restoration Project.

GRANT AMOUNT: \$ 12,551.51

DATE OF GRANT: November 9, 2011

REPORT TYPE: _____ FINAL REPORT _____ INTERIM REPORT

Referring to your grant proposal, please attach a brief narrative report (no more than two pages) highlighting. **If the proposal was for general operating support please address item number 4 only:**

1. What issue or opportunity did you address?
2. What is different at the completion of the project/program?
3. Did you do what you intended to do? If not, what changes did you make and were they successful?
4. How your grant funds were spent (budget and actual).

Please feel free to call the Foundation office with any questions or if you need information.

Person completing form: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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