

# METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF TACOMA

## RESOLUTION NO. R51-12

### THE 'MISSING LINK TRAIL' AT POINT DEFIANCE PARK, AND THE PENINSULA AT POINT DEFIANCE PARK

#### THIS IS A RESOLUTION THAT AUTHORIZES SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROJECTS TO THE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE AS PROVIDED IN TITLE 16, USC, CHAPTER 4601-4 AS AMENDED; WAC 286 AND SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATIVE ACTION

WHEREAS, our organization has approved a comprehensive plan that includes this project area; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program, state grant assistance is requested to aid in financing the cost of facility development; and

WHEREAS, our organization considers it in the best public interest to complete the project described in the application(s); now therefore be it

#### RESOLVED that:

1. The Executive Director be authorized to make formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for funding assistance;
2. Any grant assistance received will be used for direct costs associated with implementation of the project referenced above;
3. Metro Parks Tacoma hereby certifies that its share of project funding will be derived from 2005 UTGO Bond Funds and Capital Fund 307 and that we are responsible for supporting all non-cash commitments to this project should they not materialize.
4. We acknowledge that the grant assistance, if approved, will be paid on a reimbursement basis, meaning we will only request payment from the Recreation and Conservation Office after eligible and allowable costs have been incurred and payment remitted to our vendors, and that the Recreation and Conservation Office will hold retainage until the project is deemed complete.
5. We acknowledge that any facility developed through grant assistance from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board must be reasonably maintained and made available to the general public at reasonable hours and times of the year according to the type of area or facility unless other restrictions have been agreed to by the Recreation and Conservation Office Director or the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board and the National Park Service.
6. We acknowledge that any facility developed with grant assistance from the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board must be dedicated for public outdoor recreation purposes, and be retained and maintained for such use for perpetuity unless otherwise provided and agreed to by our organization and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board and the National Park Service.
7. We have read both the federal guidelines and state policies for the LWCF program and agree to abide by those guidelines and policies, and as LWCF grants are federal funds, our organization must comply with all applicable federal laws.
8. This resolution becomes part of a formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for grant assistance.
9. We provided appropriate opportunity for public comment on this application.

This resolution was adopted by our organization during the meeting held:  
Location: 4702 South 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma, Washington 98405 Date: April 23, 2012

Signed and approved by the following authorized representative:

ATTEST:

Jennifer Bowman

Lawrence E Dahl  
President

T. Reed  
Clerk



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Park Commissioners

THROUGH: Jack C. Wilson, Executive Director 

FROM: Wayne Williams, Director of Business and Operational Support Services

SUBJECT: **2012 Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Applications Authorizing Resolution –LWCF: The Peninsula at Point Defiance Park, and the ‘Missing Link Trail’ at Point Defiance Park**

DATE: April 16, 2012

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** The Recreation & Conservation Office has announced that they are accepting grant applications for the 2012 funding cycle. Staff has prepared a Land and Water Conservation Fund, (LWCF), grant application for Point Defiance that is consistent with the criteria as established by the RCO and supports the District’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP). As part of the application process RCO requires that the submitting agency pass an Authorizing Resolution as a commitment to the funding request.

**BACKGROUND:**

The RCO was established to coordinate and administer outdoor recreation and conservation grant programs, including the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund program, as a single clearing house for application, review, and contract award. There is no limit to the number of applications that can be submitted, however, the process is involved and requires an extensive application procedure including presentations to review committees. RCO requires that local agencies approve a resolution authorizing application for funding assistance. This resolution needs to be submitted to RCO by May 1, 2012 along with all other final application materials.

Applications are due May 1, 2012 with final awards being approved by the State Legislature in mid-2013. Funds are not available until late 2013 upon finalizing of funding agreement contracts. The following is an overview of the grant process schedule:

- o May 1, 2012 Application Deadline
- o June/August 2012 Presentations to Review Committees
- o October 2012 Announcement of Project Rankings
- o June 2013 Legislative Approval
- o December 2013 Contract Approval/ Funds Available
- o December 2016 Project Completion Deadline

Staff developed an internal review process to look at a wide range of project alternatives. Review criteria included consistency with the District’s Capital Improvement Program; availability of local match; schedule; project merits weighed against grant program criteria; and past application experience. Preliminary selections were also reviewed with the RCO Staff to evaluate the merits of the project relative to the various grant program<sup>25</sup> requirements. Based upon this process Staff is proposing to submit applications to the LWCF Program as follows:

**The Peninsula at Point Defiance Park**

Total Project Cost \$4,000,000      Grant Request \$500,000      Matching Funds \$3,500,000

Continuing the priority of implementing the Point Defiance Development Plan this project combines with additional grant requests to undertake the construction of the new 11 acre park on the Peninsula. This project includes parking, trails, restrooms, utilities, and landscaping. Matching funds will be provided from a grant through the RCO- WWRP Water Access Program and 2005 UTGO Park Improvement Bond.

**'Missing Link Trail' at Point Defiance Park**

Total Project Cost: \$5,000,000      Grant Request: \$500,000      Matching Funds: \$4,500,000

Continuing the priority of implementing the Point Defiance Development Plan this project combines with additional grant requests to undertake the construction of the 'Missing Link' trail connecting Point Ruston to Point Defiance. The project specifically includes significant regrading of the bluff overlooking the marina and constructing a pathway and bridge over the Ferry Road to connect to the Bowl area and Pagoda. In addition, new parking areas will be developed to support the boat ramps and other activities within the park. Matching funds will be provided from a grant through the RCO- WWRP Trails Program and 2005 UTGO Park Improvement Bond.

**LONG RANGE PLAN DISCUSSION:** The 2012 adopted Green Vision 2030 Plan enumerates a number of goals that will be supported through the successful award of these grant dollars. These include;

- Goal 1: *Foster active lifestyles to support a healthy community.*
- Goal 2: *Foster appreciation and stewardship of wildlife and natural resources.*
- Goal 3: *Foster appreciation of culture and heritage.*
- Goal 4: *Be an accountable and responsive agency that contributes to a sustainable and livable city.*

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The LWCF Grant Program operates on a 50% matching funds basis. Project selection was based on the availability of providing the required financial match through allocated Bond funds, currently identified in the CIP; partnership participation, and/or underway private fund raising initiatives. Metro Parks will be required to certify that matching funds are available to support selected projects prior to submission to the legislature for final approval.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For additional information, please contact Doug Fraser, Chief Planning Manager at 253-305-1019.