



City of Conway, Arkansas
Resolution No. R-19-32

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SECTION 319 (h) FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR THE MARKHAM SQUARE WATER QUALITY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

Whereas, the City of Conway resides in two major watersheds that discharge to Lake Conway and Point Remove on the Arkansas River, and

Whereas, the Lake Conway-Point Remove Watershed is a designated 2018-2023 Priority Watershed by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) Nonpoint Source Management Program, and

Whereas, the Markham Street Water Quality Demonstration Project is a component of the larger Conway Urban Watershed Framework Plan, the goal of which is to mitigate water quality problems in the Little Creek-Palarm Creek sub-watershed (111102030403 HUC), which includes the urbanized area of Conway, and

Whereas, the Lake Conway-Point Remove Watershed Alliance has been working since 2012 to complete a 9-element watershed management plan, and

Whereas, polluted water from the Markham Square project area flows into Stone Dam Creek and ultimately into the Lake Conway-Point Remove Watershed,

Whereas, the Conway Urban Watershed Framework Plan proposed a variety of infrastructure retrofits such as green streets, water treatment art parks, urban eco-farms, conservation neighborhoods, parking gardens, riparian corridor improvements, lake aerators, vegetative harvesters and floating bio-mats, and a city greenway as a means of protecting the Lake Conway-Point Remove Watershed, and

Whereas, the Low Impact Development and Green Infrastructure measures proposed in the Markham Square project area will help improve water quality of runoff entering Stone Dam Creek that is listed as an impaired stream, and help reduce peak storm water flows that contribute to localized flooding in the downtown area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section I: The City of Conway will provide match \$880,553 (funding will come from Transportation Department) as match for \$599,995 in funds from the Arkansas Natural Resource Commission in support of this project.

Section II: Mayor Bart Castleberry is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to fulfill conditions of the grant.

Section III: The Conway City Council pledges its full support for the Markham Square Water Quality Demonstration Project.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 13th day of August, 2019.

Approved



Bart Castleberry, Mayor

Attest:



Michael O. Garrett
City Clerk/Treasurer