



Baldwin County Commission

Legislation Text

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Item Status: New
From: Matthew Brown, Planning Director
Submitted by: Ashley Campbell, Natural Resource Planner

ITEM TITLE

Letter of Support for City of Orange Beach Wind and Water Learning Center for ADEM 319 Grant

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a letter of support to the City of Orange Beach's Wind and Water Learning Center in the City's pursuit of an ADEM 319 Grant for Implementing Nature Based Stormwater Solutions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Previous Commission action/date: N/A

Background: The Baldwin County Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) works with groups and local communities to assist them in grant opportunities. Ms. Jackie McGonigal, Wind and Water Learning Center Coordinator, requested that the EAC assist her with the City of Orange Beach's first ADEM 319 grant proposal. The EAC agreed to serve as the stakeholder involvement group and help with community outreach.

The City's proposed ADEM 319 project involves the implementation of nonpoint source Best Management Practices (BMPs) at the Wind and Water Learning Center. The BMPs will be technically sound, environmentally protective, and economically sensible to protect and improve water quality using a watershed or ecosystem-based conservation and restoration approach. The project will mitigate CWA Section 319 (h) NPS program priority pollutants. This exciting work will involve the installation of permeable pavers, rain gardens, bioswales, etc. which will be beneficial for protecting and improving the water quality of Wolf Bay. The County's EAC will serve as stakeholder involvement and provide technical review. The proposal does not commit the County to any financial obligations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total cost of recommendation: N/A

Budget line item(s) to be used: N/A

If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding?
N/A

LEGAL IMPACT

Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?
N/A

Reviewed/approved by: N/A

Additional comments: N/A

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

Is advertising required for this recommendation? N/A

If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason: N/A

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION

For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up: May 20, 2023

Individual(s) responsible for follow up: N/A

Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed):
Provide copy of the Commission's letter of support to: ashley.campbell@baldwincountyal.gov

Additional instructions/notes: N/A