

Commission ACTION:

Authorize expenditure (contract) for up to \$100,000 in services provided by the Center for Watershed Protection to support NFWF grant components

BACKGROUND

The Commission authorized at its July 2009 meeting expenditures for contracts with the counties of Albemarle, Greene, and Fluvanna, City of Charlottesville, StreamWatch, and Rivanna Conservation Society for NFWF project components.

However, due to an oversight, the Commission did not authorize any expenditure of funds for the Center for Watershed Protection for NFWF grant activities.

As outlined in the NFWF grant proposal, RRBC also plans a contractual relationship with the Center for Watershed Protection to (1) conduct an inventory of stormwater retrofit opportunities on public lands (Fluvanna and Greene counties) and (2) provide technical support for Greene County to implement stormwater management at Greene County Park.

The Center is bringing \$4,000 to the Greene County Park project through their NFWF-funded Extreme BMP Make-over Project. Staff is working with the Center and Virginia DCR's Project NEMO (Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials) to bring additional funding to this overall project.

These services are presently estimated at \$100,000, though acquisition of additional funding (as described above) may lower this amount. The contract is presently being scoped with meetings underway with the Center for watershed Protection, and staff of Fluvanna and Greene counties.

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