

Council Budget Questions and Requests for Information
2022-23 Manager's Recommended Budget
Question #10

QUESTION: Likewise, looking back four years, I'd like a breakdown of all the town-only financial and in-kind support we have given to our parks, recreation and trail efforts. I am interested in town support and not any federal or state funding. I'd like to include things like the amount we have raised from our bond issues, any other direct financial support from any town funding, an estimate of in-kind public land values we have used for our efforts, and any other town financial support.

RESPONDENT: Phil Fleischmann, Parks & Recreation Director

RESPONSE: Within the past four years, Parks & Recreation has utilized previously authorized bond funding, Payment-in-Lieu, and Pay-Go (small CIP project) funds in order to complete improvement and development projects at the Town's parks, recreation facilities, and trails. The approximate totals of expenditures within these funds from fiscal years 2019-2022 are included below.

Bond expenditures – charged against balances within prior general obligation bonds and Two-Thirds bonds: \$6.4 million

- Includes Bolin Creek Trail improvements and extension beneath Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. - \$5 million in total expenditures over the lifespan of the project; Town expense for Homestead artificial turf field project - \$700,000; and smaller improvements at other sites - approximately \$700,000

Payment-in-Lieu – charged against amounts received for Payments in Lieu of Recreation & Open Space - \$580,000

- Includes a portion of construction of Booker Creek Basin Park - \$430,000 and various repairs and enhancements at Meadowmont, Ephesus, and Southern Community Parks – approximately \$150,000

Pay-Go – small project funding included within the annual Town budget funding allocations in the CIP fund - \$402,000

- Parks & Recreation received a \$100,000 allocation each year in 2019 and 2020, \$0 in 2021, and \$170,000 in 2022.
- An additional \$32,000 in small project funding has been allocated from Public Works for parks & recreation extraordinary maintenance during this period.
- This funding is crucial in order to complete small repair and construction projects within parks, playgrounds, trails, and cemeteries.

