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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right of Entry Permit and any other documents necessary with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach, a non-profit 501(c)(3), for the use of a 1.1-acre site in Willow Springs Park for a Conservation Corps satellite site for an Urban Wood Recovery & Utilization Program, for a term of five years from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2024, with one, five-year option to renew at the discretion of the Director. (District 7)

DISCUSSION

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (Department) was approached by the Conservation Corps of Long Beach to establish a partnership to utilize a 1.1-acre site at Willow Springs Park to operate an Urban Wood Recovery & Utilization Program that processes wood from dead and dying trees along streets, in parks and along the Los Angeles River in Long Beach by milling and repurposing the wood into wood products and byproducts that can be used in parks and other industries.

Established in 1987, the Conservation Corps of Long Beach is one of 13 State Certified Community Conservation Corps programs in California that train and educate youth by coupling state accredited alternative high school curriculum with various conservation projects such as graffiti removal, habitat restoration, recycling, urban forestry, fire fuel reduction, invasive vegetation treatment, community garden development, and construction to provide marketable work skills while at the same time help preserve and restore our local environment.

Willow Springs Park (Park) is a 48-acre passive park designed to feature sustainable features located at 2750 Orange Avenue between Orange and California Avenues south of Springs Street. 15 acres of the Park are developed as natural habitat, open space, and trails open to the public, including the highest public vista point in Long Beach, and is the home of the City's Mulch Program and the Office of Sustainability Work Yard.

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The Conservation Corps proposed partnership demonstrates that the Urban Wood Recovery & Utilization Program would employ sustainability principles synergistic with the Park's Master Plan, would reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions, would provide job training for at-risk youth and would allow for supplemental grant funding available to the Conservation Corps be available to improve the Park. The partnership's benefits include:

- Harvest 1,000 dead and dying trees along streets, public right-of-way, in parks and along the Los Angeles River in Long Beach, processed into approximately 96,000 board feet of wood products.
- Logs found to be unsuitable for milling may be distributed for use as landscape logs for park projects, or mulched to be added to the City's Mulch Program or spread in Willow Springs Park for weed abatement.
- Train 40 young adults to transition into permanent employment, internship, or post-secondary education with a career pathway in urban forestry.
- Establish an "on site" presence to help activate the undeveloped northwest section of the Park until funding is identified for Park development.
- Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions through the diversion of urban wood waste from landfills and by significantly increasing the planting of climate appropriate large stature trees that will significantly increase the long-term storage of carbon.
- Competitively solicit and infuse outside funding from regional, State, and Federal agencies as well as private foundations to expand vocational education and job training related to urban forestry.
- Provide future opportunities for Corpsmembers to perform stewardship in the adjacent Park, with local Corpsmembers serving their community while supporting park maintenance and operations.

Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) approval is requested to authorize the Department Director to issue a Right of Entry Permit (ROE) to the Conservation Corps of Long Beach. The proposed ROE shall include the following significant terms:

- Permittee: Conservation Corps of Long Beach (Permittee)
- Location: 1.1-acre site in the northwest section of Willow Springs Park, 2750 Orange Avenue. (Attachment 1).
- Use/Program: CCLB Satellite Site for the Urban Wood Recovery & Utilization Program to include the following listed on the Site Plan (Attachment 2).
 - Lay down area for harvested trees that are delivered to the site;
 - Work area to mill and process harvested trees;
 - Mulch storage area for the City's Mulch Program;
 - Office trailer and equipment storage area;
 - Perimeter fencing and security elements necessary for protection of equipment;
 - Parking for staff, visitors and agency vehicles;
 - Portable restroom structures needed for the expected site occupancy; and
 - Public area for education programs and signage.

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- Term: Five years, October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2024
- Options to Renew: One, five-year option to renew for at the discretion of the Department Director.
- Termination: Either party may terminate the permit upon 30 days written notice to the other party.
- Funding: All site preparation, site amenities, equipment, utilities, programming and maintenance of the site shall be provided by Permittee. The Department shall not provide any funding, supplies or staff support, other than review of proposed site work and a liaison for communication purposes, unless approved in advance and in writing by the Department Director.
- Utilities: CCLB shall pay for electricity or water connections and utility use within the 1.1 acre site.
- Site Preparation: Permittee shall demolish deteriorating concrete and asphalt surfaces, perform clearing & grubbing, and grading needed to use the site as referenced above. Additional improvements will include securing the perimeter of the site with chain link fence, providing at least one driveway for ingress and egress of CCLB trucks and equipment, providing potable water and electricity to the site, and providing an office trailer that can be used for administrative/meeting and youth training functions. Permittee is responsible for securing and paying for all permits and associated land use approvals.
- Ongoing Maintenance and Rights: As the sponsoring, hiring and funding entity, Permittee affirms that it will cover or cause to be covered, all ongoing costs for maintenance of the 1.1-acre site. The site shall not be used for discarding lumber and must remain a consistently activated site consistent with the use listed above. Notification of blight/graffiti or environmental damage by any cause must be repaired or cause to be repaired with 72 hours of damage report or provide written notice to the Department as to when repairs will be fully completed.
- Insurance: Permittee and its agents shall maintain all applicable insurance and endorsements, as required and approved by the City Risk Manager.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

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Respectfully Submitted,

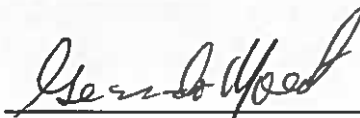


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Attachment A: CCLB - Willow Springs Site Use Proposal

Attachment B: Willow Springs Park Location Map

Attachment C: Urban Wood Recovery & Utilization Site Plan

Attachment A



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7/15/19

Re: Conservation Corps of Long Beach (CCLB) on-going support and maintenance of Willow Springs Park

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

Thank you for showing interest in partnering with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach to perform on-going maintenance and support for Willow Springs Park. As a community youth development agency the Conservation Corps of Long Beach (CCLB) is continually searching for meaningful projects where young people have an opportunity to learn and grow and at the same time help enhance their community and environment. Working with the City of Long Beach to help maintain and care for Willow Springs Park is a perfect example of a venture where both the community and the young people working on the project benefit. We are also extremely thrilled and eager to continue working with the City of Long Beach Parks, Recreation, & Marine Department. With this in mind, we are pleased to submit the attached proposal for the project.

Established in 1987, the Conservation Corps of Long Beach is one of 13 State Certified Community Conservation Corps programs in California. In order to fulfill our mission, we train and educate our young people by coupling our state accredited alternative high school with various conservation work projects. We utilize projects such as, but not limited to, graffiti removal, habitat restoration, recycling, urban forestry, fire fuel reduction, invasive vegetation treatment, community garden development, and construction to assist in the training our young people and provide them with marketable work skills while at the same time help preserve and restore our local environment. A list of past and current related projects as well as sponsor references is available upon request.

The Conservation Corps of Long Beach is proposing the following:

In an effort to establish a site in Long Beach for our Urban Wood Recovery & Utilization Program and assist Parks, Recreation, and Marine (PRM) with the maintenance and operations of the Willow Springs Park, we are proposing to establish a satellite facility at the location shown in the attached map along the California Ave. boundary of Willow Springs Park property. By operating a CCLB satellite facility at this location local CCLB participants will be able to serve their community and region while at the same time help PRM care for park and Public Works maintain the City's urban forest. Not only will the park public streets benefit from the CCLB's "on site" presence, but young people from the neighboring communities will be able to serve their community as environmental stewards and caretakers.

The Urban Wood Recovery & Utilization Program will specifically provide for the removal of and re-purposing/processing wood from a total of 1,000 dead and dying trees along streets, in parks and along the

Los Angeles River in Long Beach – this includes such trees in Willow Springs Park. The wood from these trees will be milled and processed into approximately 96,000 board feet of wood products, thereby reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions that would have otherwise been released through the removal of such trees. Logs that may be unsuitable for milling will be distributed for use as landscape logs for park projects, including within Willow Springs Park, e.g., benches, wildlife habitat, etc. Any mulch generated from the Urban Wood Utilization Program will be used within the “1.5 Acre Partner Restoration Area”.

Finally, all of this work will provide job training for at-risk young adults the CCLB that will prepare them for jobs within the Urban Forestry/Arboriculture Industry. The goal is to have 40 young adults enrolled and trained in this Program, and 16 of those young adults transitioned into permanent employment, internship, or post-secondary education with a career pathway in urban forestry.

In addition, local CCLB participants will be able to serve their community and region while at the same time help PRM and Public Works care for park and public facilities. Not only will the park public streets benefit from the CCLB's “on site” presence, but young people from the neighboring communities will be able to serve their community as environmental stewards and caretakers.

CCLB only requests support via use of existing City facility space. CCLB specifically requests: Secure operations storage facility - an existing approximately 1.1 acre site identified as a “Partner Operations Area” along California Ave. (See Attached Map). CCLB will be providing improvements to this site that will facilitate it's use as a staging area for its Willow Springs Park Maintenance Team (SEE Exhibit A), as well as the operations of CCLB's Urban Wood Utilization Program. This will include demolition of deteriorating concrete and asphalt surfaces, clearing & grubbing, and grading needed to use the site as referenced above. Additional improvements will include securing the perimeter of the site with chain link fence, providing at least one driveway for ingress and egress of CCLB trucks and equipment, providing potable water and electricity to the site, and providing an office trailer that can be used for administrative/meeting and youth training functions. Other improvements and infrastructure will be provided as needed for CCLB's Urban Wood Utilization Program and community service operations related to Willow Springs Park operations and maintenance.

Said infrastructure will include secured parking for staff, visitors and agency vehicles, as well as storage areas for CCLB equipment needed for and used in the Urban Wood Utilization Program and Willow Springs Park operations & maintenance. Approximately 10 vehicles plus the aforementioned equipment. CCLB will also pay for the necessary water and electrical service connections from existing nearby City of Long Beach water main and power distribution system, as well as the necessary portable restroom structures needed for the expected site occupancy.

By way of reference, CCLB has operated and maintained its administrative operations site at the Long Beach PRM Nieto site, including the infusion of over \$250,000 in building repairs and upgrades and over \$20 million in community benefit services over the past 2 decades. CCLB maintains the building and outdoor facilities as well as the oversight of community access and use of the building facilities and amenities. By operating a satellite operation at Willow Springs Park the CCLB will contribute an estimated \$900,000 in community benefits to the park and adjacent community via on site programing and local community projects. The programing and projects will be funded via existing CCLB grants, contracts as well as anticipated future funding.

The Conservation Corps of Long Beach helps at-risk young adults develop themselves. To date, more than 10,000 young people have participated in the CCLB classes and service projects, learning new skills while contributing to the quality of life for residents of the greater Long Beach. Since our founding 30 years ago the CCLB has infused over \$100 million in youth and workforce development as well as environmental and conservation programing and services in the Greater Long Beach region. By opening satellite site at

Willow Springs Park CCLB will better serve the Long Beach community by hiring and training more youth as well as help maintain existing and new/proposed parkland and green space. CCLB will also have the opportunity to solicit and infuse outside funding from regional, State, and Federal agencies as well as private foundations. The funding will help develop expanded vocational education and job training related to urban forestry, parkland maintenance and operations and in turn, help the City of Long Beach maintain and care for local parkland today and well into the future while contributing to the reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The latter will be accomplished through the diversion of urban wood waste from landfills and by significantly increasing the planting of climate appropriate large stature trees that will significantly increase the long term storage of carbon.

CCLB has existing sites in East Long Beach, Bixby Knolls, Signal Hill. All sites offer employment services, supportive services, career advice, and an opportunity to achieve a High School Diploma to all participants. Proposed tenancy would occupy underutilized space that has been vacant and will add valuable onsite maintenance, management, and community safety.

Community Benefits & Additional Resources and Services:

As a California State Certified Community Conservation Corps, the Conservation Corps of Long Beach is integrated into various State, local, and Federal legislation. CCLB is included in the State Natural Resources Code, Labor Code, Transportation Code, and Education Code. As such the CCLB is eligible for specific State funding and may also garner special attention for other State sponsored funding sources. As a private nonprofit the CCLB also applies for traditional grant funding for community and environmental benefit projects.

As new or additional funds become available the Conservation Corps of Long Beach intends on directing the funding and focus projects to further benefit the Long Beach Community and specifically bring additional resources to Willow Springs Park. CCLB envisions incorporating future funding to assist with park development, additional maintenance and operations programming such as habitat restoration, landscaping, smart irrigation systems, trails, and hardscape.

The Conservation Corps of Long Beach is a non-profit 501(c)(3) with 30 years of experience performing a wide variety of maintenance activity projects with various cities and agencies within the County of Los Angeles and beyond. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (714) 783-6080 or dknapp@cclb-corps.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Knapp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan Knapp
Executive Director/CEO



DRAFT SITE PLAN FOR CONSERVATION CORPS OF LONG BEACH URBAN WOOD
RECOVERY & UTILIZATION PROGRAM OPERATIONS CENTER AT WILLOW SPRINGS PARK

Log Staging Area, Milling Area, Milled Lumber Air Dry Areas,
and Kiln Drying Shed & Finish Wood Display Will Be Open to
the Public Under Supervision for Safety Considerations

Log Staging Area

Milling Area

Milled Lumber
Air Dry Area

Milled Lumber
Air Dry Area

Kiln Drying Shed & Finish
Milled Wood Display & Public
Education/ Interpretive Center

Office Space/
Parking

California Ave.

Red Arrows Depict
Vehicular Flow
Thru Site – 2 New
Driveways to be
Constructed