



Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO **Department:** Board of Commissioners - District 6

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): Commission District 6/District 2

Approve a \$4,900 District 6 ARP Appropriation to Assist with Funding for Needed Supplies for the DeKalb Naturalist Program at Mason Mill Park under the Supervision of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Department

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PURPOSE:

A District 6 appropriation of \$4,900 from America Rescue Plan (ARP) grant funds will supplement District 6 community green space improvements designed to build stronger neighborhoods and communities to address health disparities and the social determinants of health. This request is in conjunction with a District 2 ARP request.

- 3 trail cameras + accessories = \$750 To set up motion-triggered cameras in strategic areas around the park to learn more about what animals are active and when, and to create wildlife videos for the public.
- Laser rangefinder = \$500 For use in tree education programming, to teach participants how to measure the height and crown spread of trees.
- Spotting scope + tripod = \$1,500 This will be utilized during formal birding walks and informally with park visitors along the boardwalk and in the wetland area. The scope is set up in one place to view wading birds, nests, and other natural wonders.
- 10 Rechargeable lanterns = \$750 For use on night walks and campfire programs.
- 10 water quality testing kits = \$1,400 These kits are the standard for Georgia Adopt-a-Stream testing - pH, O₂, conductivity, and temperature - and will be used with citizens to test water quality monitoring and with Adopt-a-Stream teams.
- TOTAL = \$4,900

NEED/IMPACT:

This appropriation will support community green space improvements by enhancing our Mason Mill Naturalist programming and be a keen investment that the public will benefit and learn from. This request is compliant with both ARP and DeKalb County Policy.

FISCAL IMPACT:

To transfer \$4,900 D6 ARP POETA 105744.63258.521209.01.06.602479 to the assigned Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Department budget earmarked to the Park Ranger/Naturalist program for community green space improvements.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve and transfer District 6 ARP appropriation of \$4,900 to the appropriate Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Department account as outlined above.