



**City of Grass Valley  
City Council  
Agenda Action Sheet**

**Council Meeting Date:** July 6, 2016

**Date Prepared:** July 12, 2016

**Prepared by:** Robert Richardson, City Manager

**Title:** Funding Request from the Bear Yuba Land Trust


**Recommended Motion:** That Council receives the presentation and provides direction to staff.

**Agenda:** Administrative

**Background Information:** The Bear Yuba Land Trust is considering the purchase of land within the City for the purpose of creating a trail hub. Prior to making an offer on the property they need to have it appraised at a cost of \$2,500. The BYLT is requesting that City provide \$1,000 towards the cost of the appraisal (see attached letter). Representatives from the BYLT will provide a brief presentation on the project.

**Funds Available:** \$1,000

**Reviewed by:**

 City Manager



July 5, 2016

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Bob Richardson  
City Manager  
City of Grass Valley  
125 East Main St.  
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Dear Mr. Richardson,

Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT) is committed to working with the City of Grass Valley on a trail program for the benefit of residents and visitors. BYLT has been creating urban, public nature preserves and trails, within its charter for 26 years. The Litton Trail is a prime example of the collaboration between the Land Trust and the City, which resulted in a popular and cherished, multi-use trail. We look forward to continuing this collaboration with Grass Valley in the future.

One project we are considering is the creation of a trail "hub" in a potential 5-acre "pocket" park, from which would radiate a number of future trails – into downtown, to the Brunswick area and upland to Banner Mountain. It would bring public recreation to an underserved area along Sutton Way. It would provide a central gathering location at a very special confluence of Wolf and Olympia Creeks, where the public can enjoy a plethora of birds and other animals that visit the creek. It would restore and overgrown area to a pristine condition and bring the public eyes on a parcel that has attracted transient encampments.

This 5-acre parcel is currently for sale. We believe there are State grant program for urban trails along creeks that would make such an acquisition fundable. One of the first steps is to get an appraisal to determine the market value of the property. The appraisal cost is \$2,500. BYLT is willing to put up \$1,500 toward the cost and Wolf Creek Community Alliance will contribute \$350. We are asking for approval for the City of Grass Valley to contribute \$1,000 toward the appraisal cost.

BYLT's goal is to create trails that contribute to the quality of life for Grass Valley in connecting neighborhoods to neighborhoods, to shopping and schools, and to nature. We hope the City of Grass Valley will join us in this important work.

Sincerely,

Marty Coleman-Hunt  
Executive Director



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