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Wild Spaces and Public Places Agreement for Drainage Improvements on School Grounds (B)

This item requests approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gainesville and the School Board of Alachua County (SBAC) to reimburse the School Board for drainage improvements on Abraham Lincoln Middle School and Joseph Williams Elementary School grounds.

The School Board of Alachua County desires to offer its active recreational facilities at Abraham Lincoln Middle School and Joseph Williams Elementary School, located at 1001 Southeast 12th St., Gainesville, Florida 32641, for use and benefit of the general public, while retaining control of the facilities. The City is willing to reimburse the School Board using Wild Spaces and Public Places (WSPP) funding for immediate drainage improvements to school grounds in order for the facilities to be used. The cost is approximately \$100,000. Improvement to Lincoln Middle School is an approved project on the WSPP list of projects approved by the City Commission in February, 2016. Additional improvements to the school facilities will be scheduled at a later date. At that time, a joint use agreement will be developed. During the interim, requests to use the school facilities will be coordinated with the school principals.

Staff from the City and the School Board have met to discuss the drainage improvements and the City Attorney and the School Board Attorney have reviewed the draft agreement.

Wild Spaces and Public Places funding has been approved for specific 2018 to 2020 projects with a contingency fund established to be used for project contingency and small park improvement projects. The Lincoln Middle School Field Improvement is a project on the approved WSPP 2018-2020 project list with a budget of \$75,000. WSPP Contingency Funds will be utilized for any project costs above \$75,000.

The City Commission approve the agreement for drainage improvements on Abraham Lincoln Middle School and Joseph Williams Elementary School grounds.