

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET: Nottingham Estates Homeowner's Association – Neighborhood Park Beautification

Background:

The Nottingham Estates Neighborhood is 25 years old and is represented by a voluntary neighborhood association. The Nottingham Estates Homeowner's Association was deeded a plot of land by the developer which was subsequently made into a neighborhood park. Though the park was once a gathering place for the community members and their families, the last few years have given rise to neighborhood concerns of the liability and safety/security aspects of the park. The Nottingham Estates Homeowner's Association proposal is intended to alleviate several liability issues and deal with current safety and security issues associated with the park.

Proposal:

The Nottingham Estates Homeowner's Association is proposing to re-design and improve the neighborhood park to meet the current needs of the community by removing old playground equipment, increasing the park's safety and visibility, and providing the current population with an improved gathering place. Nottingham has safety and liability concerns such as deteriorating playground equipment and backstops that are rarely used by persons in the area, and a diseased tree that could fall. Security issues include "blind spots" in the park where vagrant youth congregate and persons driving erratically in the alleyways adjacent to the park. The proposal is intended to address these issues by removing the old equipment, backstops and diseased tree, as well as allow greater use of the park by its current population. In addition, the project addresses the "blind spot" and erratic alleyway driving issues through the landscaping design and layout. The park is located along Wiltshire Drive. The project contacts are Ms. Lynnette Blough, 2808 Staffordshire Drive, and Mr. Jim Haggerty, 2806 Staffordshire Drive.

Budget/Materials/Labor:

The total budget for the Nottingham project is \$18,082. Of this sum, the grant request from the city for Fall 1999 is \$5,000, which equals 28% of the total project cost. The funding resources committed by the Nottingham Estates Homeowner's Association amount to \$5,902. The sweat equity for this project is calculated at \$4,480, and donated services/materials at \$2,700.

Neighborhood Advisory Commission Recommendations (NAC):

On June 24, 1999, the NAC heard presentations from the neighborhood associations regarding the Fall 1999 matching grant proposals. On July 8, 1999, the NAC discussed the proposals and voted on a recommendation. The Nottingham proposal was voted on by the NAC and ***approved for recommendation unanimously (7-0) with stipulations stating that there will be no "no trespassing" or "private property" signs on the park property.***

