

College Gardens Civic Association

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm here on behalf of the College Gardens neighborhood and Civic Association to express our full support for the SWM pond and redesigned College Gardens Park.

- The community has seen the proposed SWM pond and park redesign and it is clear that the Task Force has succeeded in putting together a great plan that improves our park and contributes to the control of stormwater.
- Input and opinion were sought in many ways and the proposal takes into account the major community concerns such as safety, preserving trees, improving the environment, as well as the aesthetics and function of the park.
- If the plans as we have seen them come to fruition, the SWM pond and the new College Gardens park will be showcases for years to come.

I would like to make clear the following community understandings.

- We view the SWM pond and park redesign as one package.
- It is our understanding that if, in the planning and permitting processes, there is a major deviation from what was presented to the community, the City will come back to the community for consultations and approval.
- Community members can provide input as the final design progresses and details are ironed out.

In closing, I would like to thank the Task Force members for their participation and efforts. We did a lot of work in a short period of time.

I urge Mayor and Council to approve the Task Force plan and City Staff recommendation and to fully fund it as outlined in the presentation tonight.

Yours Sincerely,

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