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To: Ande Banks, City Manager  
From: Thomas Hartman, PE, PMP, LEED AP, Director of Public Works  
Date: October 22, 2024  
Re: Northend Greenway Open Space Easement

**Summary:**

Consider authorizing City Manager Ande Banks to execute a Deed of Open Space Easement for the Northend Greenway.

**Background:**

In August of 2023 the City received grant funding through the Virginia Outdoor Foundation (VOF) to study the final segment of the Northend Greenway from its current termini at Monroe Street to Downtown Harrisonburg. A requirement of this grant was to protect in perpetuity as Open Space areas identified in the attached sketch. These areas are located on City property and the Northend Greenway is currently located on these parcels. The attached deed and plats are to dedicate in perpetuity these areas as Open Space.

**Key Issues:**

N/A

**Environmental Impact:**

Preserves the Northend Greenway as Open Space.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The grant provided \$114,228, which completely funds the current Northend Greenway Study.

**Prior Actions:**

N/A

**Alternatives:**

N/A

**Community Engagement:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends City Council authorize City Manager Ande Banks to execute the attached Deed of Open Space Easement.

**Attachments:**

1. Presentation
2. Open Space Easement Deed
3. Plats
4. Sketch

**Review:**