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Date: April 23, 2024
To: Joseph Mooney
Board of Finance
From: Richard Shanahan. Open Space
Re: Budget Transfer Request

Open Space Fund

From:		
20545050-566900	Other Supplies	\$2,800.00
To:		
20545050-544300	Purchase Service Repair & Maint.	\$2,000.00
20545050-579400	Capital Outlay Improvements	\$ 800.00

During this past year there has been a noticeable increase not only in the amount of overall precipitation, but also in the frequency and intensity of severe rain events. These rain events have impacted the integrity of the trail systems on all the properties managed by Parks & Open Space. Many trails had become severely overgrown which required having tractors equipped with brush mowers cut back the vegetation in accessible areas. In addition, the intense rain events have resulted in severe trail erosion in numerous areas.

The transfer of \$2,000 into subaccount #544300 is to replenish the funds previously used for mowing and emergency repair of sections of washed-out trails. The \$800 transfer into subaccount #579400 is to allow for the continued construction and placement of boardwalks over heavily used sections of trails that become almost impassable after a few days of rainfall.