

City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 11/28/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-1016

**LOG NAME:** 20TRWDMOUGREENSPACE

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Memorandum of Understanding with the Tarrant Regional Water District to Establish the Good Nured Greenspace Initiative

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tarrant Regional Water District to Establish the Good Nured Greenspace Initiative.

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**DISCUSSION:**

During the State of the City Address on October 6, 2023, Mayor Mattie Parker announced the Good Nured Greenspace Initiative. This initiative is aimed at not only preserving a minimum of 10,000 additional acres of open space and parkland over the next five years, but also at improving the City's existing park system through additional City and community investment led by three partners—the City of Fort Worth (City), the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), and a new non-profit conservancy. The overall, larger goals of this Good Nured Greenspace Initiative will be to protect water quality, enhance flood protection, and promote physical and mental health through recreation and opportunities to connect with the natural environment.

As one of the first steps in developing this three-way partnership, City Manager David Cooke and TRWD's General Manager Dan Buhman have been working on a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would outline the purpose and framework for this new working relationship. This Mayor and Council Communication authorizes execution of the attached MOU, which was authorized for execution by the TRWD Board on November 14, 2023.

This partnership will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: TRWD

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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