

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Ordinance to authorize the abandonment of a portion of the existing trail easement with the Locust Meadows Owners Association and allow recording of an updated easement and plat
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Date of Proposed Action:	November 3, 2025

Issue

The City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), holds a trail easement along lower Meadow Creek on property owned by the Locust Meadows Owners Association. City Staff, or its agent, has completed the engineering to construct the stone dust trail along the easement. Said engineering work determined that the alignment of the trail at the northern end, including a bridge across a wetland outfall, will need to shift ten (10) to fifteen (15) feet from where City Staff first anticipated the alignment. To re-align the easement to the better trail and bridge location, an update to the easement is required. Since that will require abandonment of a section of existing easement, City Council action is necessary.

Background / Rule

Analysis

This is a basic trail easement and is only coming to City Council to abandon the existing alignment, as evidenced in the attached updated easement and plat.

Financial Impact

none

Recommendation

City Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Ordinance abandoning the existing easement and allow City Staff to complete and record the new adjusted easement deed and plat (as attached).

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I move adoption of the attached Ordinance authorizing the abandonment of a portion of the existing trail easement with the Locust Meadows Owners Association and allow City Staff to complete recording of updated easement and plat."

Attachments

1. LMOA EasementUpdatePlat-signed-Oct2024
2. Ordinance - Amendment of Deed of Easement
3. Amendment to Locust Meadows Deed January 2025