

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 28 - 2023

APRIL 5, 2023

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to support a comprehensive Parks Master Plan.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the 2023 Capital Fund in the amount of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Dollars as follows:

001-7144	State Aide	\$ 100,000.00
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund as follows:

**Parks Department
Parks Master Plan**

001-08-2217-2310-46	Other Contract Services	\$ 100,000.00
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Parks and Recreation

- Summary and facts of the bill.

Purpose of the ordinance is to appropriate the revenue and expenses for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant for a comprehensive Parks Master Plan. City received a \$100,000 grant to support this planning phase.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

The bill appropriates the grant funds, which will support the creation of a parks master plan.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

The City has committed \$100,000 in matching funds from the General Fund.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

The funding comes from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
001-7144 (Increases the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund)
001-08-2217-2310-46 (appropriate to the Parks Master Plan project)

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

This is a normal priority project.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

Approving this allocation of funds will allow the Department to create a plan of our current park and recreation inventory and to provide the community with potential park ideas and provide more programming opportunities to increase the level of engagement.

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

Pennsylvania DCNR

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

No

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The Parks and Recreation Department is finding new and creative projects to better engage with Allentonians. Approving this allocation of funds will allow the Department to increase their engagement with the community and provide more programming opportunities to increase the level of engagement.