

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Parks Department and Solicitor's Office

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The request is for City Council's approval for the City to acquire land for the construction of a 10-foot wide paved multi-use path for walking and bicycling known as the Jordan Creek Greenways Trail between Turner Street and MacArthur Road. The bikeway will connect Jordan Park West, Jordan Park and Jordan Meadows Park to Center City Allentown by amicable purchase or by the exercise of eminent domain, as necessary.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The Bill, if approved, will give the City the ability to negotiate an amicable acquisition or the authority to exercise its power of eminent domain to construct the Jordan Creek Greenways Trail.

The benefit is the pedestrian path and bikeway will connect Jordan Park West, Jordan Park and Jordan Meadows Park to Center City Allentown, a goal and priority of the Parks Department.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

Please see below.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

\$1,000,00- PennDOT grant
 \$700,000- PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)
 \$610,000- City of Allentown General Fund
 \$173,000- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 \$229,000- Harry C. Trexler Trust (2020) (Council Ordinances 15624 & 15625)
 \$61,965- (2019) (Council Ordinance 15626)
 \$48,775- Harry C. Trexler Trust (Council Ordinance 15565)

Total: \$2,822,840

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

Funding sources require that the acquisition of portions of the five (5) properties needed for the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail be as close to being completed by March 1, 2021. Construction bid advertising is currently scheduled for April 8, 2021 with construction anticipated to begin in July 2021.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

City Council should unanimously support this Bill because the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail will make available yet another place for the community to exercise for the betterment of their health and wellness and enhance the already exemplary City Park system.

- **Committee Action**

- **Public Comments**

- **Body/Text of the Bill**

- **Exhibits**

- **Vote**