



Ryan Graham
Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: St. Charles County Council

FROM: Ryan Graham, Director of Parks

RE: Ordinance Accepting Trail License Agreement and ingress/egress Parking Easement with MDC

DATE: 2/28/22

For your consideration is an ordinance to accept a Trail license agreement and ingress/egress parking easement with the Missouri Department of Conservation. In 2020, St. Charles County acquired approximately 296 acres of property, now known as Missouri Bluffs Park. This Park is currently under a Phase 1 development which will improve access and add a group camping area and skills course. Additionally, an 18-hole disc golf course is being scouted and considered for development. One of our developmental goals in this initial phase is to provide additional parking and access to the KATY trail along with development of natural surface trails. This was difficult to achieve as Missouri Bluffs park is not contiguous to the KATY trail and is separated by approximately 46 acres of property owned and managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation. The St. Charles County Parks Department and the County Counselors office have worked with the Conservation Department to develop a license and ingress/egress parking easement. This agreement will allow the parks department to develop additional parking for KATY access as well as provide additional acreage to construct natural surface hiking and biking trails. Additionally, it will enable us to improve access to the proposed parking area by allowing us to pave and expand an existing gravel roadway which is currently difficult to drive up.

The acceptance of this license and easement will add approximately 46 acres of managed acres and increase the total number acres at Missouri Bluffs to 342 acres.

Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or would like to discuss further.

Thank you,

Ryan Graham
Director of Parks