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City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** JAMES F. PARAJON, CITY MANAGER /s/

**DOCKET TITLE:**

Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Bequest from the Winkler Botanical Preserve Organization to the City of Alexandria. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

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**ISSUE:** Consideration of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to accept a bequest from the Winkler Botanical Preserve Organization to the City of Alexandria.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement and other documents, if necessary, to finalize a bequest from the Winkler Botanical Preserve Organization to the City of Alexandria.

**DISCUSSION:** The Winkler Botanical Preserve (The Preserve) and NOVA Parks (Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority) have announced the transfer of ownership of the 44.6 acre Preserve to the regional park agency. As part of the transfer, the Winkler Organization will provide NOVA Parks with \$1 million for capital needs and over \$3 million as an operating endowment to support the Preserve's highly rated educational programs and new improvements. In addition, the Winkler Organization is gifting the City of Alexandria with \$1 million in funding to advance community engagement and learning resources for City residents and visitors of the Preserve.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The City will receive a bequest in the amount of \$1 million. The funds are to be used to advance community engagement and learning resources for City residents and visitors of the Preserve.

**ATTACHMENT:** Resolution

**STAFF:**  
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