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TO: Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: John R. Byrd, Director,
Department of Recreation and Parks

DATE: February 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation

A supplemental appropriation is requested to cover the costs associated with the Department's Hazardous Tree Removal Program. Through January 2012, the Department has spent \$107,000 from an approved budget of \$41,000. It is anticipated that a supplemental appropriation of \$110,000 will be needed to cover the existing over expenditure and projected future expenditures through the end of this fiscal year. The trees removed in this program are only those that are designated as hazardous and have the potential to cause damage to personal or private property or cause injury to park patrons. Additional information regarding this request is provided below:

- More trees have died or become hazardous due to drought, disease, insects, storms, natural mortality, forest age, development and increased public awareness of hazardous trees. The tree damage associated with Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee created many hazardous situations. We're averaging \$10,000-\$15,000/month for three removal.
- Tree expenditures have increased over the past five years and were as follows: FY08-\$74,925, FY09-\$142,022, FY10-\$66,722, FY11-\$73,197 and is estimated for FY12-150,000.
- Tree removals will continue to increase for many reasons including all reasons stated in bullet one above and from the new invasive insects being introduced including the Emerald Ash Borer, Sirex wood wasp which affects pines, thousand canker disease which is spread by bark beetles, this will attack our black walnuts, Asian longhorn beetle that attack various hardwood species, Cedar Asian longhorn beetle that attacks cedar, juniper and cypress.

Our park system and open space totals over 9,000 acres with 950 open space lots and 352 miles of property borders with private homes. These costs will likely continue to rise.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

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March 14, 2012

To: Lonnie R. Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Stanley J. Milesky
Director of Finance

Re: SAO No. 6 Certification

I hereby certify that funds are unencumbered and available for transfer as follows:

FROM:

1999999999-8888000000-999500
General Fund, Contingency Reserve

\$110,000

TO:

1000000000-5034000000-515900
Department of Recreation and Parks – Natural Resources – Other
Contractual Services

\$110,000

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