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Thanks Chris, with this clarification the Land Stewardship Fund can purchase 100% of the vessel since, as you note, the boat would be directly involved with water quality and water supply best management practices designed to protect, enhance, or expand the Reservoirs, which is in accordance with City Code.

**Jon Lee**  
Deputy Director

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Hi Jon – Thanks for the your time to discuss. As a clarification to ‘will the work boat be used for any

other functions at Watershed (i.e. non Land Stewardship program functions)' question, all other work performed with the boat would be directly involved with water quality and water supply best management practices designed to protect, enhance, or expand the Reservoirs. Please confirm if this clarification revises the position that the Land Stewardship Fund can purchase 100% of the vessel.

Thank you,

**Christopher Harper**

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Approved; however split fund b/w Land Stewardship Fund and Water Operating fund based on the estimated % of use.

Expenditures from the Land Stewardship Fund can be used only for the administration, implementation, or enforcement of the Land Stewardship Program, or water quality and water supply best management practices designed to protect, enhance, or expand the Reservoirs and Land Stewardship Property. Expenditures shall be made only upon a warrant approved by the City Auditor.

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Hi Jon – Please see below in red. If you need anything else, please let me know.

- 1) You are putting this boat out to bid correct? Yes
- 2) Please outline how the work boat will be used day to day in the implementation of the Land Stewardship Program.
  - a. Perform inspections of city property to ensure compliance with the program
  - b. Access city property for meetings with contiguous landowners or their representatives related to the program
  - c. Perform restoration activities including, but not limited to:
    - i. Planting of trees, live stakes, or understory vegetation
    - ii. Installation of erosion control or other measures to establish a riparian restoration area
    - iii. Invasive species treatment
    - iv. Hazardous tree removal
    - v. Encroachment removal
  - d. Regular monitoring of city property for compliance with CCC 1117 on Hoover, Griggs, and O’Shaughnessy Reservoirs. This boat will operate on Hoover the majority of the time.
- 3) Will the work boat be used for any other functions at Watershed (i.e. non Land Stewardship program functions)? Yes, the boat will primarily be used by the entire Water Protection Specialist group, and will serve to access and perform work on other portions of city property that are not eligible for the land stewardship program. In addition, the new boat will be used to identify, address, and educate reservoir park visitors on water quality and Columbus City Code violations.

In addition, I forgot to include that replacement of BT #05562 was initially brought up and discussed during the Director’s Watershed Site Visit/Ice Cream Social. Watershed was then asked to develop specifications to replace the aging fleet equipment.

Thank you,

## Christopher Harper

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Chris:

- 1) You are putting this boat out to bid correct?
- 2) Please outline how the work boat will be used day to day in the implementation of the Land Stewardship Program.
- 3) Will the work boat be used for any other functions at Watershed (i.e. non Land Stewardship program functions)?

### Jon Lee

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Hi Jon – Watershed Management is requesting approval to purchase a new work boat using the Land Stewardship Fund. The expected cost is \$230,000. The new boat will replace an existing brass tag boat (#05562). There is a need to replace the aging vessel in order to be able to safely and effectively complete work. The use of the Land Stewardship Fund has previously been discussed with Dan Redmond, the specifications have been developed in conjunction with Ryan Conley, and the overall purchase plan have been discussed/approved through John Newsome and Matt Steele.

Please let me know if you have any questions, need additional information, or whether we are approved to proceed with bidding.

Thank you,

Christopher Harper

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