



Downtown Park/Davidson Farmer's Market Site Improvement Options

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To: Davidson Board of Commissioners

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1. OVERVIEW

The Town Board reviewed potential projects to utilize G.O. Bond money in January 2018. This project was one of the top priorities for the Board as the area is used by so many citizens of Davidson. It is also an area that attracts visitors and adds to the vibrancy of the downtown. It helps our thriving business/restaurant community by functioning as overflow outdoor seating and is also home to our Farmers' Market. The Town Board worked to secure a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Agriculture that can be used for this project.

2. RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic Plan Item: Economic Development, Social Community Engagement

List core value(s): The physical, social and intellectual well-being of Davidson citizens is fundamental to our community so town government will provide and encourage enjoyable, safe, and affordable recreational and cultural lifelong learning opportunities.

Davidson's economic health is essential to its remaining a sustainable community so town government with judiciously encourage and guide the location of new businesses.

3. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

Option 1:

Accept the \$100,000 NC Department of Agriculture grant, amend the budget for the grant, and authorize the Manager to enter into a contract for the construction drawings phase (up to \$45,000) for the project.

PROS:

- Utilize \$100,000 of grant money
- Enhance one of the most used community spaces in town
- Benefit to local businesses
- Accelerates the schedule as much as possible to fit the project within the farmer's market off-season

CONS:

- Have to spend town money to complete the project

Option 2:

Delay action until further information is provided.

PROS:

- Allows the board to have more information on the hardscape materials before deciding on the scope/cost of the project.

CONS:

- Time delay could affect the ability for the project to fit within the farmer's market off-season this year.
- The lack of construction drawings does not help provide the board with the additional information requested in order to make a decision on the project scope/cost.

4. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends option 1.

5. NEXT STEPS

Staff will work with Stantec to provide the information needed to the board regarding the hardscape materials. After completion of the construction drawings, Stantec will bring back to the board more specifics on the scope, cost estimates, phasing options, and possible project schedule.