



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20190619 007a**

**Date:** June 19, 2019

**Subject:** Austin Youth River Watch

**Motion by:** Linda Guerrero

**Seconded by:** Mary Ann Neely

**RATIONALE:**

**WHEREAS**, the Austin Youth River Watch program has provided information, education, and hands on experiences regarding health and environmental goals, including various watersheds, parks, trails, the Barton Springs, Edwards Aquifer, and a variety of other environmental restoration projects for the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of students reached by the Austin Youth River Watch has increased greatly over the past year, especially by reaching a majority of economically disadvantaged “at risk” students that pursue careers in science and environmental fields.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Commission commends the staff of Austin Youth River Watch program for the excellent work and impact they have made the past year and recommends approval to renew Watershed Protection Department funding at \$124,500 and encourages support of City departments in order to accomplish the goals for their Strategic 2023 alignment plans.

**VOTE 7-0**

For: C. Smith, Thompson, Neely, Guerrero, Gordon, Coyne, and Ramberg

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Creel, B. Smith, and Maceo

Approved By:

Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair