Fund For Greater Lexington Kelley’s Landing Master Planning Project

In May 2022, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) purchased 30 acres of undeveloped land along the Kentucky River off Old Richmond Road from the Kelley family.

The site, which has been named Kelley’s Landing, includes significant green space, wooded areas, Kentucky River frontage, and direct access to the Kentucky River.

Development and Planning
LFUCG’s Division of Parks and Recreation has allocated funding to secure the site, including removing debris and clearing invasive plants. The next step in bringing this park to life is to create a master plan. Once the master site plan is complete, sustained funding would ideally continue to be served by both the public and private sectors.

Funding and Use of Funds
An investment of $175,000 has been allocated by the Fund for Greater Lexington (FGL) to catalyze the development of Kelley’s Landing. This allocation supports the hiring of a project manager, as well as a strategic partner to develop the master plan, facilitate inclusive and equitable community engagement, and manage public relations on the project.

The master plan will help cultivate the development of Kelley’s Landing as a unique river-based outdoor natural area park. The project seeks to have a transformative impact on Lexington by promoting:

- Outdoor recreation
- Education
- Engagement through the development of a universally-accessible park landscape
- Much-needed direct access to the Kentucky River in Fayette County
- Through intentional community engagement efforts, the public will develop amenities and features to include sustainable trails, educational programs and more.

Community Trust, Inclusivity and Impact
The cornerstone of a successful master plan is quality, inclusive and equitable community engagement, inviting a diverse and broad range of stakeholders to share thoughts and ideas that ultimately will drive the vision for the park.

The development of the park is viewed as a vital addition to Lexington’s quality of life and will drive public support for the protection and preservation of our community’s natural resources.