

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 88

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-007
JANUARY 6, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
FOUR MILE TRAIL GRANT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD M. TRIPP PARK & RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

City Council action is requested to approve a contract with the State of Iowa Department of Natural Resources for a \$250,000 Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Grant.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The City of Des Moines is required to match funds in the amount of \$59,000 as part of the contractual obligations. Matching funds are proposed in the 1997-98 Capital Improvement Project program for this project.

RECOMMENDATION —

Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with the State of Iowa Department of Natural Resources which awards the City of Des Moines a \$250,000 grant for further development of the Four Mile Trail Project.

BACKGROUND —

The Four Mile Trail project is one of the top trail development projects in the City of Des Moines. In December 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-4641, City Council authorized staff to apply for a grant from the Department of Transportation for Phase I of the Four Mile Creek Trail. In November 1994, by Roll Call No. 94-4306, the City Council approved an agreement between the Department of Transportation and Pleasant Hill for development and construction of Phase I of the Four Mile Creek Trail. Phase I was completed in November 1996 and extends from Copper Creek in Pleasant Hill, north to Easton Boulevard near Four Mile Community Center.

Based on its priority, staff submitted another application for the Four Mile Creek Trail. A REAP Grant with the Department of Natural Resources was submitted in summer 1996, which extends the Four Mile Creek Trail approximately one mile north of Easton Boulevard to Hubbell Avenue. The grant identifies acquisition of land and construction to be completed by December 1998. The City of Des Moines was awarded a \$250,000 REAP Grant in the fall of 1996. A contract has been drafted for signature and reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.