

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 98-100  
MARCH 23, 1998 AGENDA**

**SUBJECT:**

**28E AGREEMENT WITH WEST DES MOINES  
REGARDING WALNUT CREEK TRAIL**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**DONALD TRIPP  
PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR**

**SYNOPSIS –**

To authorize a 28E Agreement between Windsor Heights, West Des Moines, and Des Moines to hire a consulting firm for engineering and planning services of a multi-use trail along the Raccoon River and Walnut Creek.

**FISCAL IMPACT –**

Consulting services are estimated at \$45,000. Des Moines' share of the cost will not exceed \$22,500, or 49 percent of the contract expenses. Additional costs will be incurred in the future for trail construction.

**RECOMMENDATION –**

**Approve a 28E Agreement between West Des Moines, Windsor Heights, and Des Moines for design, planning, and engineering services for trail development along the Raccoon River and Walnut Creek.**

**BACKGROUND –**

In 1992, City Council adopted the Capital Improvements Program budget which identified funding for bike trail development projects. Since that time, the neighborhoods and City identified five primary trail corridors to focus resources, planning, design, and construction efforts. Four Mile Creek Trail and Inter Urban Trail are recognized as the top two trail development priorities and these projects are underway and nearing completion. There are three other trail projects, including the Walnut Creek Trail project, which are in the process to begin planning and design issues.

Three years ago, the Waterbury Neighborhood Association requested staff to consider a trail connection from the western part of the city into downtown Des Moines. The trail project included a connection to the Clive Greenbelt trail system along the Walnut Creek corridor. Staff has been working closely with the trail committee in the Waterbury Neighborhood Association for the past 17 months toward assisting to move the project forward. The timing is right to enter into the 28E Agreement to refine and complete trail alignment details and begin to research many opportunities for the trail project to continue. The agreement will also make sensible connections to West Des Moines, Windsor Heights, and Des Moines for the betterment of all metropolitan citizens.

The planning impacts a future trail of which approximately 53 percent will be in Des Moines, while Des Moines is agreeing to fund 49 percent of the planning services. By Resolution No. 98-132, the Park and Recreation Board approved this 28E Agreement at the March 17, 1998 meeting.