

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

**98-292**

**SYNOPSIS —**

**AGENDA:**  
JULY 13, 1998

To adopt a Resolution which authorizes staff to submit a grant application to the State of Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Recreation Enhancement and Protection Fund for the Four Mile Creek Trail project. The project is an extension from the existing Four Mile Creek Trail located at the intersection of Four Mile Creek and Easton Blvd., north approximately two miles to the city limits at Aurora Avenue.

**SUBJECT:**  
FOUR MILE CREEK  
TRAIL GRANT  
SUBMITTAL

**TYPE:**  
**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**FISCAL IMPACT –**

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
DONALD TRIPP  
PARK AND  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

Total cost of the trail project is estimated at \$1,400,000. The City has received a \$250,000 grant from the DNR for a portion of this project. The City is currently requesting \$500,000 from the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) and seeking an additional \$300,000 from the DNR for this project. The remaining \$350,000 will come from the Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program, Trails Development account.

**RECOMMENDATION –**

**Adopt and proceed with submitting a grant application to the DNR.**

**BACKGROUND –**

On June 22, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-2087, City Council adopted a Resolution to submit a grant application to IDOT to help with funding the development of the Four Mile Creek Trail between Easton Blvd. and the city limits at Aurora Ave. On January 6, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-121, City Council adopted a Resolution to enter into an agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to begin development of part of the Four Mile Creek Trail between Easton Blvd. and

Hubbell Avenue. The agreement included a financial grant from the DNR for \$250,000 to construct 3/4 mile of trail. If the City is successful with both pending grant requests, more than \$1 million would be available from the State of Iowa for development of the Four Mile Creek Trail.

A third public meeting is scheduled on July 21 to continue with developing a preferred trail alignment alternative. It is staff' s goal to complete the public input process by August and return to City Council for authorization of right-of-way acquisition in September. This trail construction priority has been recommended by the Park and Recreation Board and its Citizens Recreation Trail Committee.