



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-365

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA

AUGUST 7, 2000

To approve a Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for trail development in the City's parks system.

SUBJECT:

WALNUT CREEK
PHASE II REAP
GRANT
APPLICATION

FISCAL IMPACT -

The grant request is for \$200,000. The total project cost for Phase II of the Walnut Creek Trail segment is \$400,000. If approved by IDNR, the City will be required to match the grant amount with \$200,000 from the Trails Capital Improvement Program (CIP), page PKS-5 in the 2000/01 CIP.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Authorize staff to submit a REAP grant application to IDNR.

SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

In 1998, the cities of Des Moines, West Des Moines, and Windsor Heights collaborated on a multi-purpose trail connection study. The resulting study has since been adopted by all the cities. The connection in this grant application will link Colby Park and Clive Greenbelt Trail to the Bill Riley Trail in Des Moines and the Jordan Creek Trail in West Des Moines. A majority of the trail developments compose a portion of the American Discovery Trail, a coast to coast multi-use trail across the United States.

In the Fall of 1999, the cities of West Des Moines and Windsor Heights received matching REAP funds to complete segments of the proposed trails in their communities. At the same time, the City of Des Moines received matching funds from an Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) grant to complete a trail segment from Walnut Creek at 63rd Street to Grand Avenue.

Planning and construction of all these trails has begun.

The next phase of development includes the City of Des Moines constructing two trail segments: one from Grand Avenue to the existing North Valley Levee Trail, and a second connecting the south terminus of the North Valley Levee Trail to West Des Moines' trail system at 63rd Street and Railroad Avenue. Total cost for both trail segments is \$400,000. One-half of the cost would be borne by the REAP grant if approved by IDNR. The \$200,000 match is budgeted in the CIP, Project #PKS045. This application has been endorsed by the Recreation Trails Committee of the Park and Recreation Board.