

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-183

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

APRIL 8, 2002

Approve the lease of a mountain bike and recreational trail along the extension of Lower Beaver Road from the intersection of Lower Beaver Road and Beaver Drive to the railroad trestle crossing Beaver Creek in Johnston.

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

LEASE OF
MOUNTAIN BIKE
AND
RECREATIONAL
TRAIL TO POLK
COUNTY

\$1 revenue to be received by the City of Des Moines from the Polk County Conservation Board.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approve the lease as presented.

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

In 1994, a mountain bike and recreational trail was discontinued by the Polk County Conservation Board in Brown's Woods and re-established in 1996 along the northwest side of the Des Moines River. To cross Beaver Creek in Johnston and continue north, the mountain bike trail veered further west away from the Des Moines River proceeding through lowlands along Lower Beaver Road in Polk County. The trail followed an abandoned railroad right-of-way. Sometime after the trail was relocated, it was discovered that the City of Des Moines owned the abandoned right-of-way in the county.

In return for obtaining a lease on the abandoned railroad right-of-way, Polk County has agreed to take responsibility for the maintenance of the trail and the security of the trail users. Staff recommends the City Council approve this lease.


