

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-390

AGENDA

AUGUST 11, 2003

SUBJECT:

APPLICATION FOR
A RECREATION
ENHANCEMENT
AND PROTECTION
(REAP) GRANT TO
CONSTRUCT
RIVERPOINT
SEGMENT OF THE
AMERICAN
DISCOVERY TRAIL

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR

ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

Approval of a Recreation Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Grant application from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in the amount of \$300,000 for construction in Des Moines, Iowa, of the Riverpoint segment of the American Discovery Trail (ADT).

FISCAL IMPACT —

Total project cost estimated at \$1,170,000. Approximately \$870,000 is required for construction of the basic trail (10' wide asphalt trail, 5th Street bridge improvements, landscaping, land acquisition, and planning and design fees). An additional \$300,000 is desired to provide trail enhancements (increase trail width to 12', trail lighting, overlooks, signage, emergency phones, and trail furniture). Funds obtained to date total \$870,000, including \$345,000 from the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Statewide Transportation Enhancement Grant; \$150,000 from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) grant; and \$375,000 from the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), CP040/PKS990000/PKS045.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The proposed 1.5 mile Riverpoint segment of the ADT will connect the Kruidenier Trail at Gray's Lake with the Principal Riverwalk in downtown Des Moines. The ADT, a national trail project, runs from coast to coast across America (see map of the proposed trail attached to the roll call).

On February 21, 2002, the City was notified that a grant from the local MPO in the amount of \$150,000 was awarded toward the improvement of the 5th Street Historical Bridge as a link in the proposed Riverpoint Trail from Gray's Lake to downtown Des Moines.

On January 14, 2003, the City was notified that a grant from IDOT in the amount of \$345,000 was awarded toward development of the Riverpoint Trail segment of the ADT.

Although these grants, combined with \$375,000 of City monies, provide the funds required to construct a basic 10' wide asphalt trail, they do not provide for additional amenities such as a 12' wide trail, lighting, signage

	<p>(both way-finding and interpretive), emergency phones, overlooks, and trail furniture that allow for the development of a premiere bicycle/pedestrian connection between the highly successful Gray's Lake Park and the proposed world class Principal Riverwalk. The successful application of this grant request would go far in obtaining these desired improvements.</p>
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