

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-579

AGENDA:

DECEMBER 8, 2003

SUBJECT:

DES MOINES
RECREATIONAL
RIVER AND
GREENBELT MASTER
LIST OF PROJECTS

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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**REVISED
ITEM 52**

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

SYNOPSIS —

To approve the removal of outdated City of Des Moines river projects from the Des Moines Recreational River and Greenbelt Master List of Projects and approve those projects to remain in the list. This list is used as a guideline for the solicitation of federal funds to support Des Moines Greenbelt projects between Fort Dodge and Red Rock Reservoir.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The City has committed \$375,000 for the Riverpoint Trail and approximately \$880,000 for utility enhancements as part of Phase I-Principal Riverwalk. Other projects in the Master List are anticipated to be funded with a combination of federal and private dollars.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

Background —

The Des Moines Recreational River and Greenbelt was created in 1986 for the purpose of federal cost sharing of projects occurring along a stretch of the Des Moines River that includes the City of Des Moines. Previously, the City of Des Moines had submitted 28 projects that are currently listed in the Des Moines Recreational River and Greenbelt Master List of Projects (see attached list for brief description). With the lack of federal dollars, the program had been inactive for many years until the advent of The Principal Riverwalk in 2002. The Army Corps of Engineers has asked the sponsoring agents, including the City of Des Moines, to review their projects for inclusion in the updated Greenbelt Master List of Projects.

Numerous river-related projects originally submitted by the City of Des Moines are now encompassed by the new Des Moines Riverfront Master Plan project and are therefore proposed to be removed from the Master List. These are:

301.1 River's Edge Pedestrian Walkway, 1987
301.5 Recreational Rowing Marina, 1987

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301.7 Visitors Center at Riverside Park, 1987
301.4 Crivaro Park Improvements, 1987
308.1 Botanical Center Riverfront Park, 1987
802.1 Multi-purpose Trail, Raccoon River Segment, 1987
301.6 Bridge Restoration Walnut, Locust, and Grand, 1987

As the Des Moines Riverfront Master Plan has set the City's priority for riverfront development, the following projects are proposed to be removed from the Greenbelt Master List because they are not Des Moines Riverfront Master Plan projects, nor are they sought as was previously proposed.

307.1 West River Drive Riverfront Park Extension, 1987
309.1 Hubbell Naturalist Park Improvements, 1987
314.2 Downtown Marina, 1987
301.3 Walnut Street Transit Mall, 1987
314.1 Des Moines River Boat Traffic, 1987
806.1 Eight Scenic Views, 1987

The following projects are proposed to be removed from the Greenbelt Master List as they have been completed outside of the Des Moines Recreational River and Greenbelt Program.

311.1 Lighted Outdoors Sports and Athletic Complex, 1987
312.1 Birdland Marina Improvements, 1987
803.4 Prospect Park Fishing Piers, 1987
314.3 Des Moines and Raccoon River Levee Protection, 1987
314.4 Reconstruction of West River Wall, 1987

The following are the projects proposed to be included in the Greenbelt Master List of Projects. Project 315.1 is the recently added Des Moines Riverfront Master Plan. The other three are viable/active projects that are considered important to the recreational use of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers.

305.1 Prospect Park Bank Stabilization, 1987
306.1 Riverview Park Development, 1992
315.1 Des Moines Riverwalk, 2003
803.3 Handicapped Fishing Piers, 1987

Attachment



Attachment to City Council Agenda Item: DES MOINES RECREATIONAL RIVER AND GREENBELT MASTER LIST OF PROJECTS, DECEMBER 8, 2003

Projects currently listed in the Des Moines Recreational River and Greenbelt Master List of Projects/City Recommendation for removal of projects:

Category A: Projects proposed to remain in the Greenbelt Master List of Projects

1. **305.1 Prospect Park Riverbank Stabilization** – The installation of permanent stabilizing riprap along a 3/4 mile stretch of the west bank of the Des Moines River at Prospect Park.
2. **306.1 Riverview Park Development** – The redevelopment and renovation of the former 30-acre Riverview Amusement Park as a city park. Construction of day use facilities, landscaping, dredging the lagoon, and installation of a trail bridge. Although a portion of this work has been completed, there are adopted master plan elements that remain.
3. **315.1 Des Moines Riverwalk**–The Des Moines Riverfront Master Plan.
4. **803.3 Handicapped Fishing Piers** – The construction of handicapped fishing piers extending over the riverbank at various sites throughout the City.

Category B: Projects proposed to be removed from the Greenbelt Master List of Projects

5. **301.1 River's Edge Pedestrian Walkway** – The construction of a paved walkway adjacent to the balustrade extending along the west side of the river from Sec Taylor Stadium to the proposed marina site, and along the east side from the Court Avenue Bridge to the Armory Building. Includes lighting and restoration of pedestrian underpasses on Walnut, Locust, and Grand Avenue Bridges (east side).
6. **301.3 Walnut Street Transit Mall** – A connection between the Walnut Street Transit Mall and the Des Moines River to include light fixtures, benches and street trees.
7. **301.4 Crivaro Park Improvements** – The redesign and rehabilitation of an existing park. Improvements would include paved walkways, landscaping, benches, and picnic tables, drinking fountain, bike rack, and trash receptacles.
8. **301.5 Recreational Rowing Marina** – A facility for recreational boating on the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers. Boat ramp, lights, tables, shelters, and a flush toilet.
9. **301.6 Bridge Restoration Walnut, Locust, and Grand**–The rehabilitation of the early 20th Century decorative features of the Walnut, Locust, and Grand Bridges. This includes installing period light fixtures and restoring or replacing decorative items on the sides of the bridges.
10. **301.7 Visitor Center at Riverside Park**– This project, located at the confluence of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers, highlights the history of the City's growth to include archaeological information, environmental education, and recreational information. It includes construction of a visitor's center, bank stabilization, extensive landscaping to create a park setting, road and parking improvements, picnic facilities, and access.

11. **307.1 West River Drive Riverfront Park Extension** – The upgrading and beautification of the levee and riverfront areas on the west side of the river from University Avenue north to 2nd Avenue. A paved access road would be constructed on top of the widened levee, and limited day use facilities and fishing piers would be located between the levee and the river.
12. **308.1 Botanical Center Riverfront Park** – The construction of a picnic park and the installation of a courtesy dock along the Des Moines River at the Botanical Center.
13. **309.1 Hubbell Naturalist Park Improvements** – The redevelopment of the 107-acre Hubbell Park adjacent to the Des Moines River at SE Brooks Drive. A day use facility, boat ramp, fishing piers, and native plantings.
14. **311.1 Lighted Outdoors Sports and Athletic Complex** – A day and night use outdoors sports complex north of Euclid Avenue and east of Harding Road. Multipurpose courts, softball fields, multipurpose fields, roads, parking areas, and a flush toilet building.
15. **312.1 Birdland Marina Improvements** – The complete renovation of Birdland Marina. Dredging the harbor, day use facilities, boat ramp, and bank stabilization.
16. **314.1 Des Moines River Boat Traffic** – Opening the Des Moines River from Saylorville to Red Rock to boaters. Selective channel dredging, wing dams and a lock and dam, removal of existing dams on the Des Moines River.
17. **314.2 Downtown Marina, Des Moines** – The construction of a marina to provide dock space for 250 boats in front of the YMCA. Also included excavation of a harbor, boat ramp, fishing pier, and parking lot.
18. **314.3 Des Moines and Raccoon River Levee Protection** – The removal of trees and placement of riprap on the north bank of the Des Moines River from SE 6th - SE 9th and on the south bank of the Raccoon River between SW 7th to Jackson Street.
19. **314.4 Reconstruction of the West River Wall** – The reconstruction of a damaged portion of the sloped concrete river wall on the west bank of the Des Moines River between Mac Vicar Freeway and University Avenue.
20. **802.1 Multi-purpose Trail, Raccoon River Segment**– 8 miles of trail from the confluence of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers west along the Raccoon River and then south.
21. **803.4 Prospect Park Fishing Piers** – The construction of 5 fishing piers.
22. **806.1 Scenic Views #1** – The development of a scenic overlook and improvements will include brush clearing and landscaping.

23. **806.2 Scenic Views #2** – The development of a scenic overlook and improvements will include brush clearing and landscaping.
24. **806.3 Scenic Views #3** – The development of a scenic overlook and improvements will include brush clearing and landscaping.
25. **806.4 Scenic Views #4** – The development of a scenic overlook and improvements will include brush clearing and landscaping.

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26. **806.5 Scenic Views #5** – The development of a scenic overlook and improvements will include brush clearing and landscaping.
27. **806.6 Scenic Views #6** – The development of a scenic overlook and improvements will include brush clearing and landscaping.
28. **806.7 Scenic Views #7** – The development of a scenic overlook and improvements will include brush clearing and landscaping.
29. **806.8 Scenic Views #8** – The development of a scenic overlook and improvements will include brush clearing and landscaping.

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