

Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 43

Roll Call No. <u>17-1674</u> Communication No. <u>17-678</u>

Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park

and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approve a contract between the City of Des Moines and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for acceptance of a \$300,000 Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant award for Des Moines River Trail Phase 2 Improvements.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approving a contract with the IDNR for the acceptance of a \$300,000 REAP grant award for construction of Des Moines River Trail Phase 2.

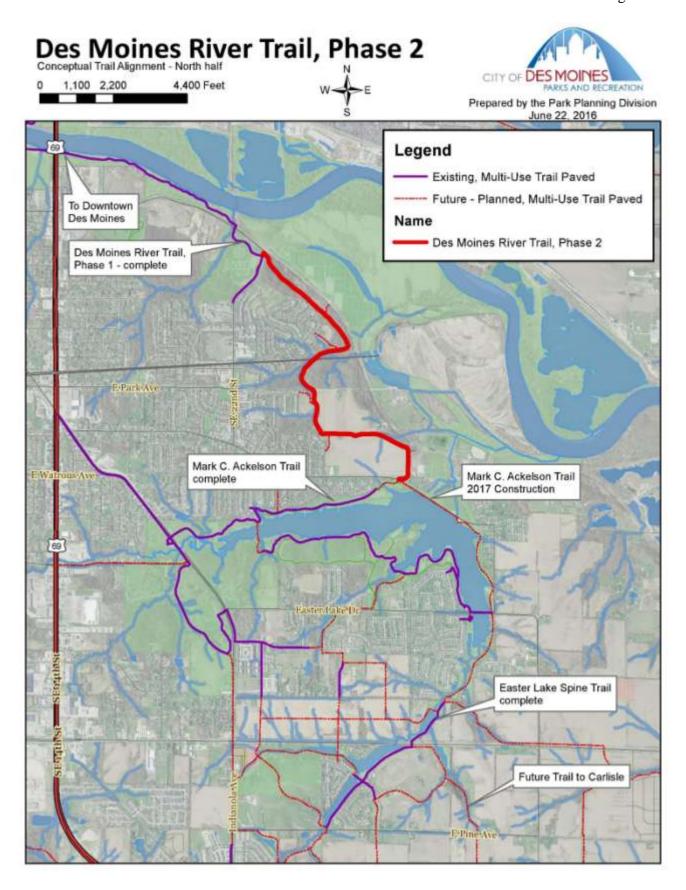
FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$300,000 REAP grant revenue toward an overall pre-design estimated \$3,000,000 project.

<u>Funding Source</u>: (Full Project Cost) Fiscal year (FY) 2018-2019, Park Improvements –Page 8, Multi-Use Trails, PK 045, Being \$300,000 REAP Grant, \$1.1 million FY19 TAP funding through the DMAMPO, and \$1.6 million in General Obligation Bonds issued/to be issued. Additional grant funding is still being sought.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

• The Des Moines River Trail Phase 2 is centrally located in southern Polk County and in the southeast quadrant of the City of Des Moines. Phase 2 begins at the intersection of Harford Avenue and SE 22nd Street, connecting to the completed first phase of the Des Moines River Trail and the James W. Cownie Baseball Complex. The route continues through timber, then follows an existing sewer easement as it progressed towards Easter Lake Park, providing a direct line to the Mark C. Ackelson Loop Trail.



• The Des Moines River Trail Phase 2 will provide a multi-use route that is needed to fill a critical gap in the trail connection between downtown Des Moines and Easter Lake Park and to facilitate regional access. Not only is this connection key to linking people with local resources, it is a major component in the trail route south to the City of Carlisle and the City of Indianola via the Summerset National Recreation Trail. Trail construction is anticipated to commence in 2019.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

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