


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>21-163</b>	Meeting:	<b>April 5, 2021</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>13</b>	Roll Call:	<b>21-0535</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with voluntary property acquisition and relocation assistance for the 2021 State Revolving Fund (SRF) Water Resources Restoration Sponsored Project for implementation of the Lower Fourmile Creek Greenway Master Plan.

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend authorization to proceed with voluntary property acquisition and relocation assistance for the 2021 State Revolving Fund Water Resources Restoration Sponsored Project for implementation of the Lower Fourmile Creek Greenway Master Plan. Funding is available for this project utilizing the SRF loan program.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

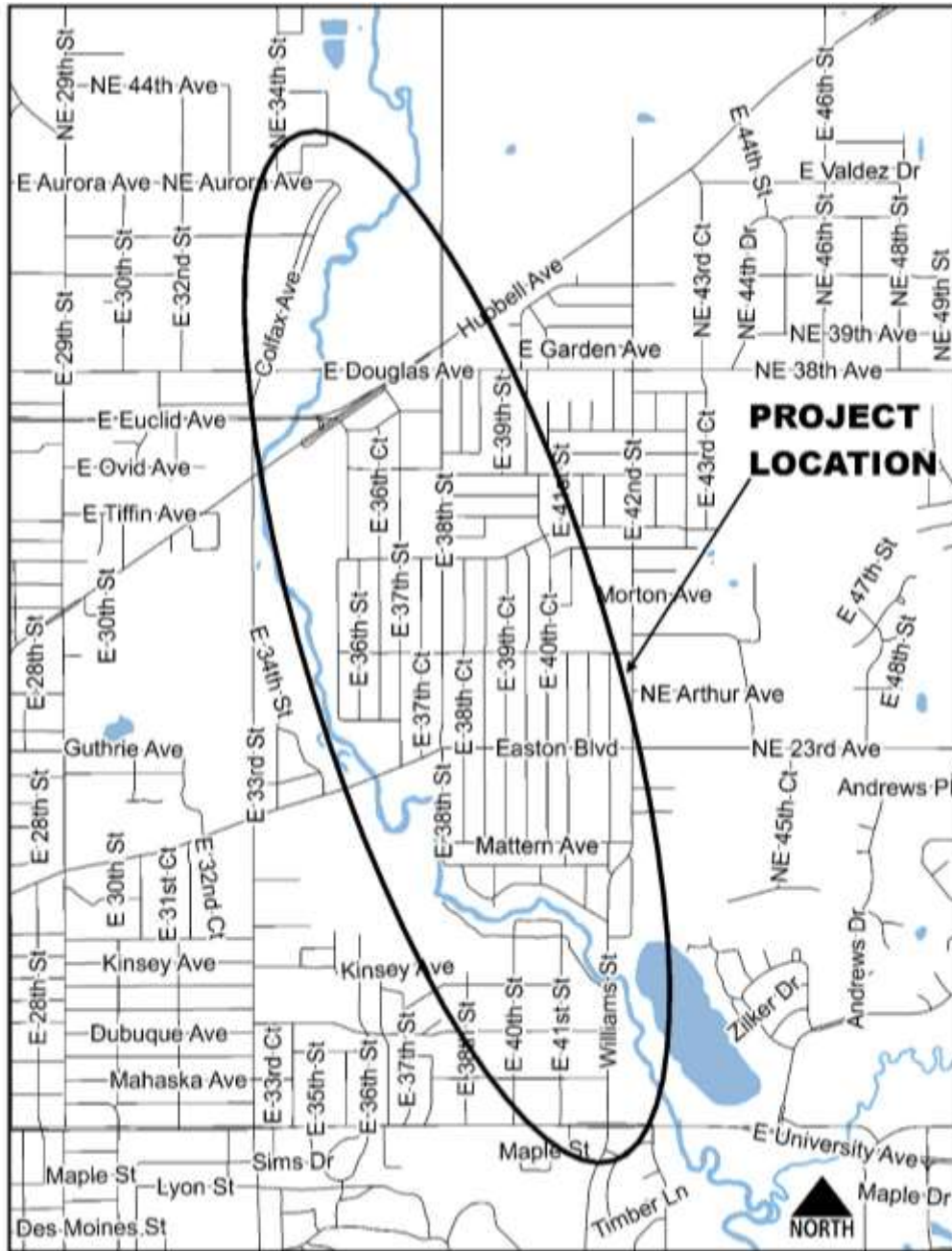
Amount: Not to exceed \$1,000,000 (\$760,000 initial funding with possibility of additional funding up to a maximum of \$1,000,000) for acquisition, relocation assistance, demolition, closing and labor.

Funding Source: SRF Sponsored Projects Program (no local match is required).

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Lower Fourmile Creek Greenway Master Plan was approved by Council on November 6, 2017, by Roll Call No. 17-1901. The Master Plan was developed as a joint effort between the City of Des Moines, City of Pleasant Hill, Polk County, Polk County Conservation, Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Fourmile Creek Watershed Management Authority.
- On August 27, 2018, by Roll Call No. 18-1462, Council approved an application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for a Water Resources Restoration Project to help fund the implementation of the Lower Fourmile Creek Greenway Master Plan.
- The funding for this project will allow the City to acquire an additional three (3) to five (5) residential properties located within the 100-year floodplain.

- Acquired properties will be cleared of all structures and include a covenant limiting their use to green space only. This will allow the land to return to its natural state and restore its floodplain functions.
- After the project is complete, the City will transfer the properties to Polk County, Iowa, for the use and benefit of the Polk County Conservation Board, for implementation of the Lower Fourmile Creek Greenway Master Plan.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: August 27, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-1462](#)

Action: [Approving](#) application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for a water resources restoration sponsored project to fund implementation of the Lower Fourmile Creek Greenway Master Plan. ([Council Communication No. 18-437](#)) Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Future public hearing for conveyance of acquired properties to Polk County, Iowa.

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