


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	42C	Roll Call:	21-0802
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AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing notification regarding City participation in the Central Iowa Water Trails (CIWT) System, subject to agreement terms being finalized.

SYNOPSIS:

The Central Iowa Water Trails, LLC requested that jurisdictions provide confirmation of their intent to participate in the CIWT System as the final terms of the 28E Agreement are being further discussed and resolved.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$141,876 – calculated annual contribution based on weighted access points

Funding Source: To be included in FY2022 Amended Operating Budget, Park and Recreation Department, Water Trails, PK200239

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The jurisdictional funding formula is based on three (3) weighted factors:
 - Population (50%)
 - Drainage area (25%)
 - Access points (25%) - Access points are further considered, as follows:
 - Navigable waters: Des Moines & Raccoon Rivers = 1
 - Not as large, but still navigable: Beaver Creek, North, Middle and Skunk Rivers = .75
 - Non-navigable waters: Four Mile, Mud & Walnut Creeks = .5
- Due to the potential impacts to the formula based on participation, CIWT has set the calculated amounts as the guaranteed commitment for the first year.
- The water trail locations in Des Moines include:
 - Des Moines River Improvements - river access improvements at River Place, Prospect Park, Birdland Marina, and Harriet Street.
 - Raccoon River Improvements - river access improvements at 63rd Street.
 - Fourmile Creek - river access improvements at Sargent Park and Fourmile Community Recreation Center.

- Three (3) dam mitigation sites - located in Des Moines including Center Street, Fleur Drive and Scott Avenue, as presented in 2018 Downtown Des Moines Water Trails Engineering Study.
- The River Place and Fourmile Community Recreation Center access sites are owned and to be operated and maintained by Polk County and Polk County Conservation.
- The annual funding is to support the operating budget of the non-profit. This includes costs for the insurance, legal, staff, marketing, development services, government affairs and water safety and maintenance. The contributions do not support the downtown projects or maintenance. The downtown costs will ultimately be supported by the revenues, as estimated in the pro forma. Until revenues are in place, the endowment and reserves will be used to support the downtown costs.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Council consideration of 28E with Central Iowa Water Trails, LLC for the operation and maintenance of the CIWT System.

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