


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-111	Meeting:	March 24, 2025
	Agenda Item:	8b	Roll Call:	25-0414
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Gray's Lake Park Sprayground - Receiving bids (4-22-25), and Setting date of hearing (5-19-25). (Construction Estimate - \$2,400,000).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council order construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. The project provides for the construction of a new sprayground, playground area and equipment, sidewalks, site furnishings, landscaping and plantings, and associated improvements in Gray's Lake Park to provide improved play opportunities and to better serve the area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,400,000 City Engineer's Estimate

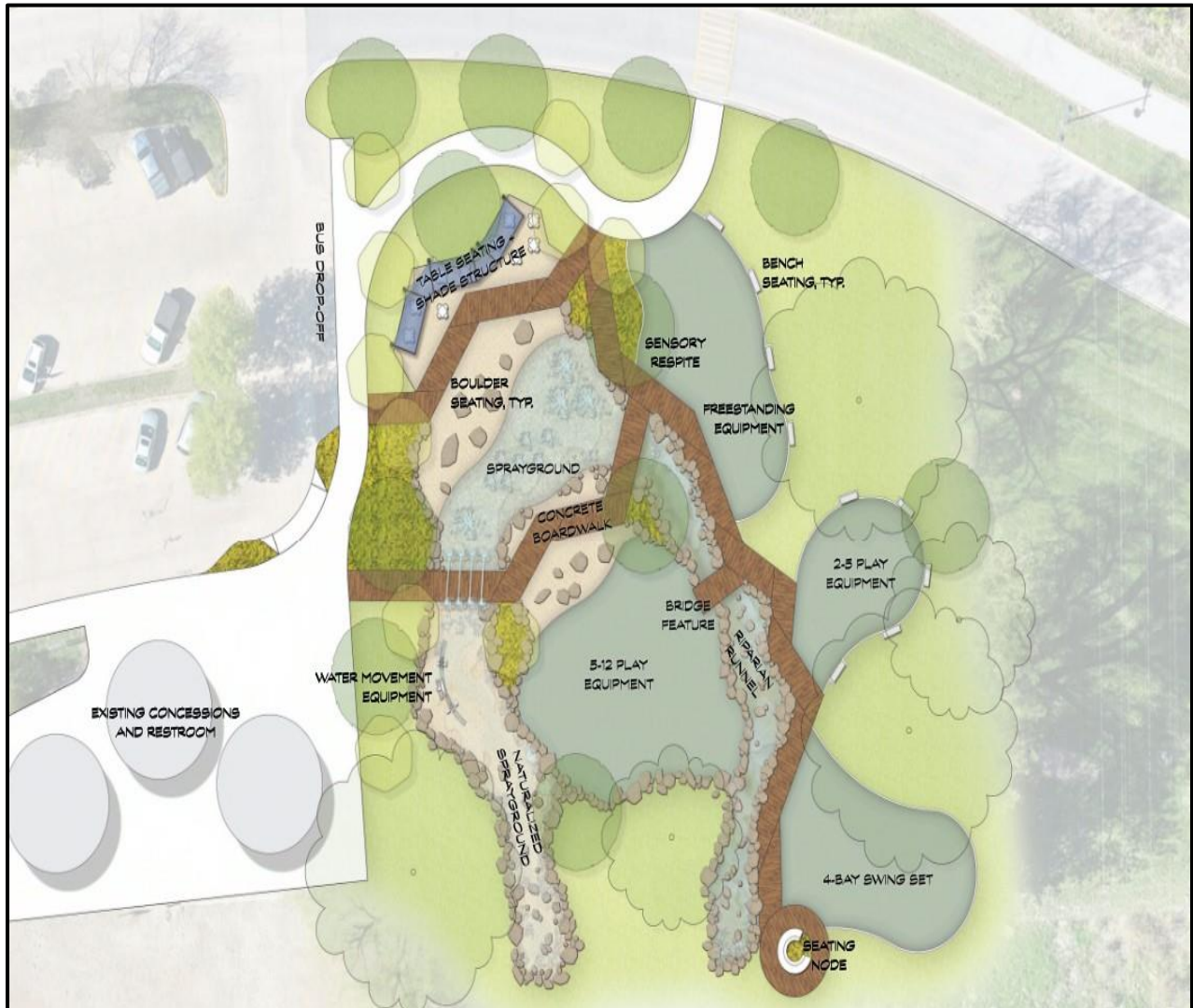
Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 66, Gray's Lake Park Improvements, PK140, Entirely from Private Donations and Grants

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Gray's Lake Park Sprayground, Activity ID 11-2024-019. The improvement includes the construction of new Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sprayground with an applied rubber coating, PCC sidewalks, playground equipment, site furnishings, landscaping, soil improvements, water service line, water spray features, electrical work, drainage piping, storm sewer, subdrain, earthwork, and surface restoration, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 671- 001/031, located in Gray's Lake Park, 2101 Fleur Drive.
- The estimated construction cost is \$2,400,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.
- The project is fully funded by grants and donations. No City funding has been or will be utilized for design or construction of improvements.

- The improvements are designed to be resilient to impacts of site and use conditions. Materials are durable and their design will support ease of maintenance and clean-up related to both day-to-day use and high-water events.
- The project provides fully accessible and inclusive opportunities for all ages such as adaptive play equipment, mobility-friendly surfaces, sensory-friendly elements, accessible seating areas and pathways, plus a balance of water play and playground elements that support both active engagement and respite for opportunities to offer an enjoyable space for all.
- Multiple community engagement opportunities were conducted to support the new playground and sprayground reflecting local needs and priorities. Public involvement included on-site input meetings, interactive workshops, surveys, and design charrettes that allowed residents, parents, and children to help shape the project's features. This process resulted in a space that is inclusive, functional, and aligned with this important feedback.
- This project is anticipated to be completed before summer of 2026.

Gray's Lake Playground and Sprayground Concept Plan - Layout



Gray's Lake Playground and Sprayground Concept Plan - Perspective



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 15, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0932](#) & [24-0933](#)

Action: Items regarding the proposed Gray's Lake Playground and Sprayground Project: ([Council Communication No. 24-290](#))

- (A) [Approval](#) of Conceptual Design Plan for the Gray's Lake Playground and Sprayground Project. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Coleman. Motion Carried 7-0.
- (B) [Approving](#) exception to Request for Proposal (RFP) process for good cause and approving Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Confluence, Inc. for the Gray's Lake Playground and Sprayground Project, not to exceed \$197,700. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Coleman. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 24, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0597](#)

Action: [Donation](#) Agreement with Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines for Design and Funding of the Gray's Lake Playground and Sprayground Project. ([Council Communication No. 23-212](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: June 25, 2024

Resolution Number: 24-047

Action: Receive and File

Motion by Ogle to receive and file the Gray's Lake Spray & Play Presentation. Second by Bollard.
Motion carried.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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