


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-314	Meeting:	August 18, 2025
	Agenda Item:	25	Roll Call:	25-1125
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ratification of Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant funding application seeking \$300,000 for Birdland Park Master Plan Phase 1A Improvements.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend ratification of Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant funding application seeking \$300,000 for Birdland Park Master Plan Phase 1A Improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$300,000 Resource Enhancement and Protection grant program funding revenue if awarded toward an overall construction estimate of \$3,255,000.

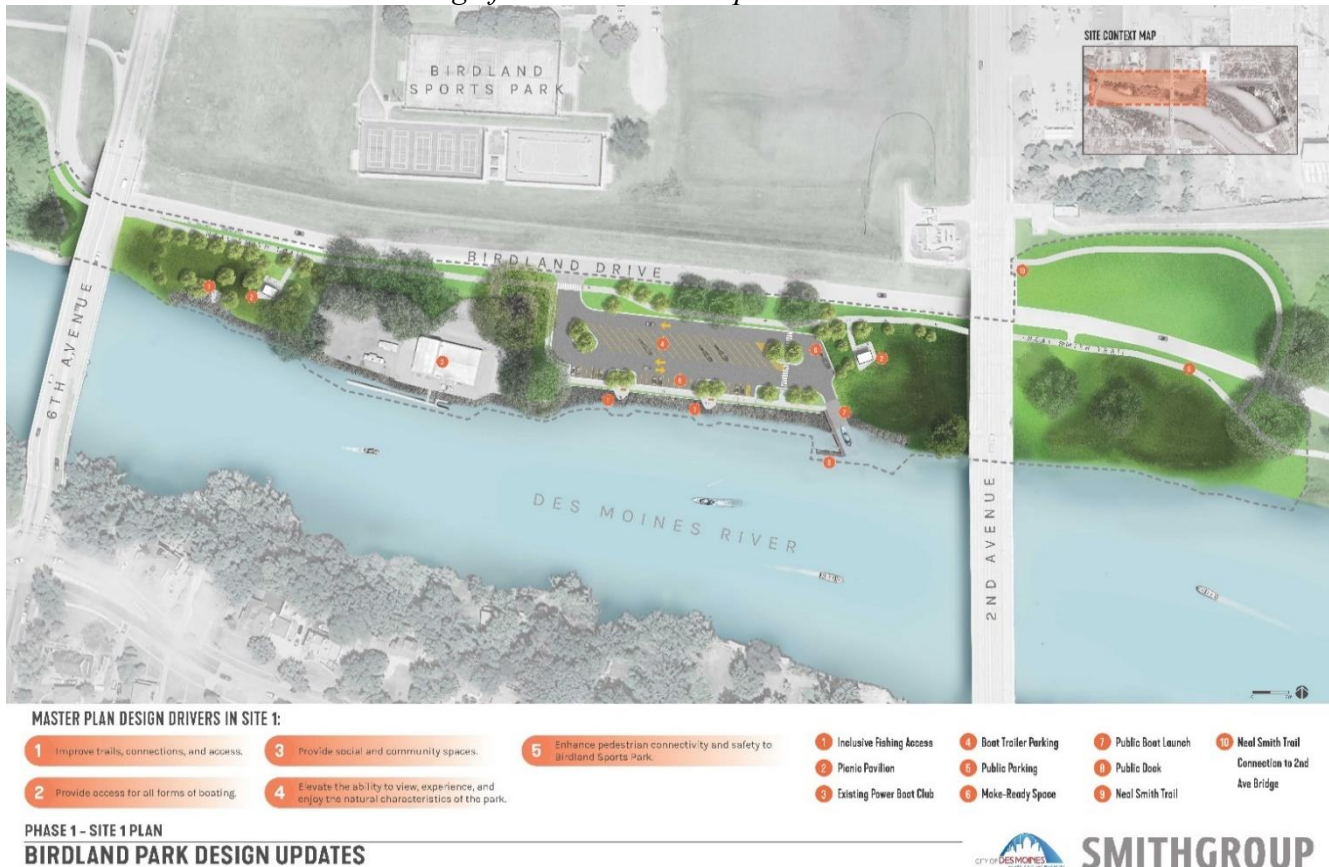
Funding Source: 2025-26 Adopted CIP, Page 89, Birdland Park and Marina, PK189, Being: \$2,000,000 in LOSST, \$235,000 in G.O. Bonds, \$108,000 IDALS WQI cost-share grant funding, \$300,000 ORLP grant funding, \$150,000 in yet to be executed CAT grant funding, \$300,000 in anticipated REAP grant funding, and \$162,000 in additional anticipated external grant funding.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Parks and Recreation Department is applying for a \$300,000 grant for the Birdland Park Master Plan Phase 1A Improvements Project. This application requires that the City Council provide certain authorizations and certifications when submitting the application. This includes the responsibility for project completion as outlined in the project proposal and any additional requirements which may be included in the subsequent grant agreement should a funding award be offered.
- The City is in a position to commit to these requirements. The Parks and Recreation operating budget supports the on-going maintenance and operation of the proposed park and trail facilities by operations staff dedicated to these important tasks. The approved CIP sheet for Birdland Park and Marina (PK189) specifically calls out this project and has funding dedicated to it.

- This project was presented to the Polk County REAP Committee on 7/30/2025. Following this presentation and committee discussion, the REAP application was approved by Polk County REAP Chair, Adam Fendrick.
- Pending City Council approval, the Birdland Park Improvements Phase 1A project is slated to bid the winter of 2025/2026 and be substantially complete by the winter of 2026/2027.

Plan Rendering of Birdland Park Improvements Phase 1A Site



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 30, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-0888](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the execution of agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for Birdland Park Improvements Project, and authorizing City Manager to negotiate subrecipient agreement. ([Council Communication No. 25-254](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: June 30, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-0887](#)

Action: [Approval](#) of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) State Recreational Trails (SRT) Grant Application for the Birdland Park Improvements Phase 1A-Reconstruction of the Neal Smith Trail Project, \$200,000. ([Council Communication No. 25-253](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Zoning Board of Adjustment

Date: November 20, 2024

Resolution Number: ZBOA-2024-000055

Action: Appeal for requested Conditional Use for a “Public Recreation Area” use in an “F” District. Decision and Order conditionally granting the appeal was adopted by a vote of 7-0 with all Board Members present voting in favor thereof.

Board: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: February 23, 2021

Resolution Number: 21-011

Action: Motion by Facto to approve the Birdland Park Master Plan. Second by Woodard. Motion carried.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: [SELECT ONE]

Grant award acceptance agreement(s), ordering construction, public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, approve contract and bond, partial payments to the contractor, and final acceptance of work.

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