


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-463	Meeting:	December 22, 2025
	Agenda Item:	43	Roll Call:	<input type="text"/>
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Jackson Basin Water Quality Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Elder Corporation, Jared R. Elder II, President, \$1,782,306.10.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Jackson Basin Water Quality Improvements and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. The Jackson Basin Water Quality Improvements between SE 14th Street and SE 9th Street generally includes:

- Removing existing subdrain and concrete cunettes (i.e., a U-shaped channel or trough).
- Grading and shaping the current stormwater control basin to transform it into a stormwater wetland complex.
- Stabilization of approximately 18 acres of surface area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,782,306.10 Construction Contract (\$2,971,525 City Engineer's Estimate)

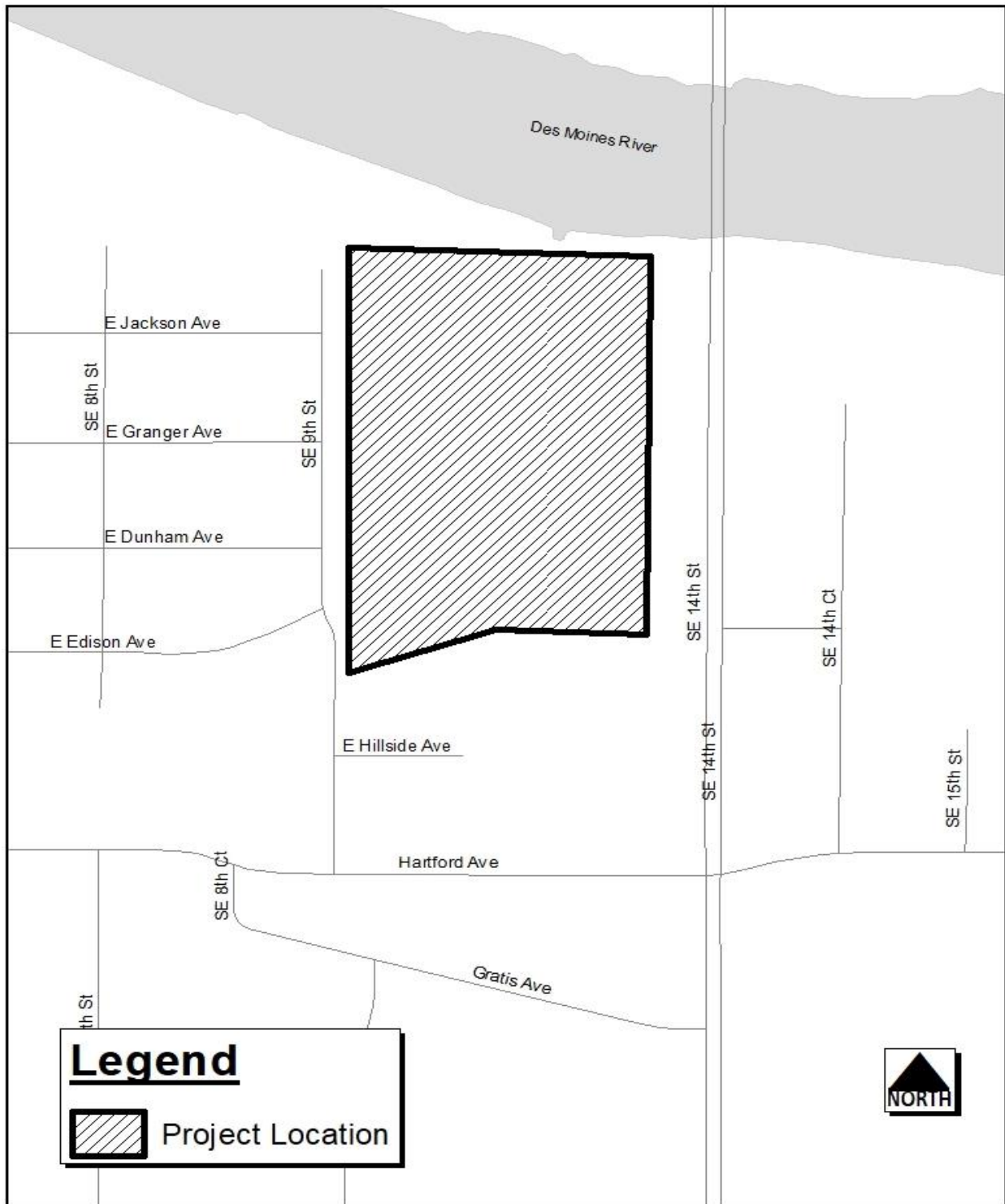
Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 106, Jackson Basin Stormwater Wetland Improvements, SM139, Being: \$1,200,000 State Revolving Loan Sponsored Project Funds (CWSRF No. CS1920944-01); \$500,000 Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Urban Water Quality Initiative Funds (Contract No. URBAN23WQUI-006); and the remaining \$82,306.10 from the Storm Water Utility Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On November 3, 2025, under Roll Call No. 25-1465, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Jackson Basin Water Quality Improvements. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it

must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Jackson Basin Water Quality Improvements, Activity ID 08-2024-005. The improvement includes grading, on-site earthwork, earthwork export, Portland Concrete Cement (PCC) pavement removal, storm sewer, intakes, traffic control, restoration, seeding, and other miscellaneous associated work, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 676-001/022, located along the south side of the Des Moines River between SE 14th Street and SE 9th Street.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Elder Corporation, Des Moines, IA – Low Bid
 - Reilly Construction Co., Inc., Ossian, IA
 - RW Excavating Solutions, LC, Prairie City, IA
 - Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, IA
 - C. J. Moyna & Sons, LLC, Elkader, IA (Bid not read - Multiple corrections to bid prices were not initialed, as required by SUDAS)
- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, IA at 11:00 a.m. on November 25, 2025.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Elder Corporation (Jared R. Elder II, President; 5088 E. University Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50327) in the amount of \$1,782,306.10 and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- The City intends to implement a water quality retrofit of an existing stormwater dry detention basin known as Jackson Basin which is located along the south side of the Des Moines River near E. Jackson Avenue between SE 9th Street and SE 14th Street. The dry basin will be converted to a wetland facility. The Jackson Basin is positioned where the 1,379-acre Crawford Creek urban watershed outflows into the Des Moines River.
- This project's construction is anticipated to begin in the early spring of 2026 and be completed in the fall of 2026.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 3, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-1465](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (C) [Jackson](#) Basin Water Quality Improvements: Receiving of bids, (11-25-25) and Setting date of hearing, (12-22-25), Engineer's estimate, \$3,000,000. ([Council Communication No. 25-405](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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