

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-214	Meeting:	June 29, 2026
	Agenda Item:	12	Roll Call:	26-0723
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Amendment No. 2 to Water Quality Initiative Urban Conservation Demonstration Projects cost-share grant contract with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) in the amount of \$500,000 for the Des Moines Stormwater Detention Basin Water Quality Retrofit Project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Water Quality Initiative (WQI) Urban Conservation Demonstration Projects cost-share grant contract. IDALS has agreed to amend the completion date to June 30, 2027, to allow for an updated project schedule. No other provision of the original agreement will change.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The previously amended grant agreement anticipated construction to be complete by June 30, 2026; however, the design and permitting process took longer than previously assumed resulting in the Jackson Basin WQI project being awarded by City Council on December 22, 2025 with a contract completion date of September 4, 2026 including temporary seeding.
- The WQI grant requires the project area to have final seeding complete before the grant agreement can be closed out. A separate contract is being prepared to bid for the final seeding during the recommended seeding dates of late fall or early spring as well as a three (3)-year maintenance period to ensure full establishment of the native vegetation. City staff have discussed an updated project timeline with IDALS grant staff who have agreed to extend the estimated project completion date in the grant contract to June 30, 2027.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 22, 2025

Roll Call Number: [25-1718](#)

Action: [On](#) Jackson Basin WQI: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating the lowest responsive, responsible bidder as Elder Corporation (Jared R. Elder II, President), \$1,782,306.10. ([Council Communication No. 25-463](#)) Moved by Voss to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 6-0. Council Member Gatto declares a conflict of interest and abstains from voting.

Date: December 23, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1735](#)

Action: [Amendment](#) No. 1 to WQI Urban Conservation Demonstration Projects cost-share grant contract with the IDALS in the amount of \$500,000 for the Des Moines Stormwater Detention Basin Water Quality Retrofit Project. ([Council Communication No. 24-509](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 6-0. Absent: Voss.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- Normal actions related to bidding native seeding and establishment contract through Procurement Division.

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