



Date July 12, 2010

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WATER TRAILS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RACCOON RIVER WATER TRAIL IN POLK COUNTY AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR SAME

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department is responsible for the development and maintenance of trails, including water trails; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department applied for an Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Water Trails Development Program grant on behalf of Central Iowa Paddlers; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Water Trails Development Program is to enable the DNR, acting for the State of Iowa, to assist in the development of a statewide water trail system; and

WHEREAS, the DNR Water Trails Development Program awarded funds of \$11,362, which can be used for the following purposes: "Expansion of parking at Commerce Ledges, development of new access at the campgrounds in Walnut Woods, safe portage around the Water Works and Scott Street Dams, and safety signage and kiosk development for the water trail, all located in Polk County, Iowa;" and

WHEREAS, the DNR requires that the City execute a grant agreement, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the City will be responsible for implementing water trail signage along with a portage south of the Scott Street Dam; and

WHEREAS, the City's contribution is estimated at \$19,000 for development of the Scott Street Portage, which is provided for in the City's Capital Improvement Budget, and \$7,500 of in-kind City staff and volunteer labor; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires that the portage built all or in part with grant funds shall be maintained in good condition and remain open to the public for a minimum of 20 years from the date the Grant Agreement is signed; and

WHEREAS, all work specified in the project proposal must be completed by December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to accept this grant award from the DNR.



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, that the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa hereby approves the acceptance of the DNR Water Trails Development Program grant award and the grant agreement, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office, and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign said agreement for the development of the Raccoon River Water Trail in Polk County on behalf of the City and the City Clerk is directed to attest to his signature if required by the DNR.

(Council Communication No. 10- 443)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Approved As To Form:

Ann DiDonato
Assistant City Attorney

Table with columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include COWNIE, COLEMAN, GRIESS, HENSLEY, MAHAFFEY, MEYER, MOORE, TOTAL, MOTION CARRIED, APPROVED, Mayor.

CERTIFICATE
I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.
City Clerk

Des Moines River Water Trail in Polk County

