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**Date** August 23, 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.



**Roll Call Number**

**Agenda Item Number**

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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. 10-528 )

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

Approved As To Form:

Ann DiDonato

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Assistant City Attorney

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COWNIE				
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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.

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City Clerk



**DES MOINES WATER WORKS**  
Board of Water Works Trustees  
L.D. McMullen, Ph.D., P.E., CEO and General Manager

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January 23, 2009

Mr. Richard Brown  
City of Des Moines Parks & Recreation  
405 SE 20<sup>th</sup> St  
Des Moines, IA 50317

Subject: Raccoon River Water Trail

Dear Mr. Brown:

Des Moines Water Works fully supports the Raccoon River Water Trail project in Polk County. This project dovetails nicely with the dam safety project we are currently working on. Adequate signage and a portage at Fleur Drive and Scott Avenue will offer safe passage of the Raccoon River through the Des Moines Metropolitan Area—a section of river heretofore off limits because of the dams.

In addition to making the river a safer place to recreate, this water trail project will add to one's appreciation of the area through the use of interpretive kiosks and a brochure. These added amenities will surely encourage greater use of this natural resource and help to enhance trail users' experience.

As a partner in this project, we commit to maintaining all posts, signage, and the portage trail on Des Moines Water Works property. In addition, we will commit \$7,000—half the cost of the portage trail at Fleur Drive (the original material cost for the overall dam safety project was underestimated in a previous grant request).

Sincerely,

Raymond K. McCleary, P.E.  
Engineer  
(515) 323-6210

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## **Addendum to IDNR Grant Agreement Water Trails Development Program WTDP Grant #10-06**

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines Water Works, and City of Des Moines will be responsible for implementation and maintenance of the following elements, which are all within their respective boundaries, of the Raccoon River Water Trail:

### **IDNR: Walnut Woods State Park**

- Commerce Ledges access/parking
- water-based landing for canoe-in campers
- road way-finding signage
- access number/signage
- 1 interpretive kiosk

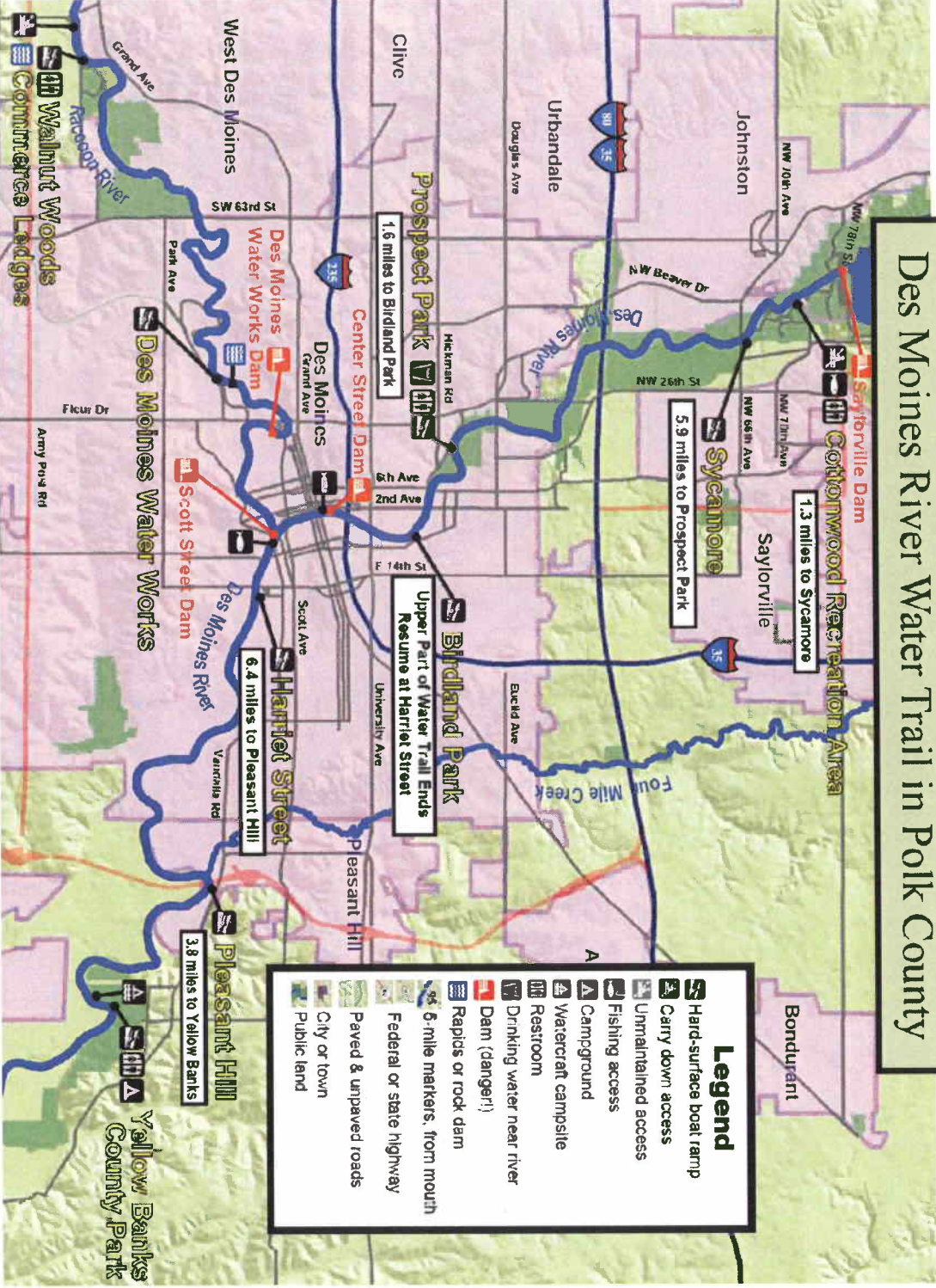
### **Des Moines Water Works**

- dam portage
- portage signage adapted for a state-designated water trail route
- signage indication that the route ahead is designated as a "Challenge" route
- road way-finding signage
- access number/signage
- 1 interpretive kiosk

### **City of Des Moines**

- landing & portage route around Scott Street Dam
- portage signage adapted for a state-designated water trail route
- 4 interpretive kiosks
- water trail brochure including the entirety of the Raccoon River Water Trail within Polk County

# Des Moines River Water Trail in Polk County



**Legend**

- Hard-surface boat ramp
- Carry down access
- Unmaintained access
- Fishing access
- Campground
- Watercraft campsite
- Restroom
- Drinking water near river
- Dam (danger!)
- Rapids or rock dam
- Federal or state highway
- Paved & unpaved roads
- City or town
- Public land

6.4 miles to Pleasant Hill

3.8 miles to Yellow Banks

5.9 miles to Prospect Park

1.3 miles to Sycamore

1.6 miles to Birdland Park