


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-075	Meeting:	February 22, 2021
	Agenda Item:	32	Roll Call:	21-0280
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Agreement for the MacRae Park Improvements Phase 3 project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the IDNR Agreement Number 21-R4-HY for \$96,643 in Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) funding for the MacRae Park Improvements Phase 3 project. Major components of the project include road and trail improvements, a nature playscape, pond boardwalk, and an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible fishing pier.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$96,643 REAP grant revenue toward an overall project estimate of \$2,700,000, the remainder of which will be paid through G.O. Bonds and additional donations and grants.

Funding Source: Awarded \$96,643 IDNR, REAP funding with remaining funding from:

- \$550,000 Private - 2021-2022 Recommended CIP, PK179 MacRae Park Improvements, Page 75
- \$620,731 GO Bonds Issued - 2021-2022 Recommended CIP, PK179 MacRae Park Improvements, Page 75
- \$350,000 GO Bonds to be Issued - 2021-2022 Recommended CIP, PK179 MacRae Park Improvements, Page 75
- \$100,000 GO Bonds Issued - 2021-2022 Recommended CIP, PK175 Park Infrastructure, Page 73
- \$982,626 GO Bonds to be Issued - 2021-2022 Recommended CIP, PK175 Park Infrastructure, Page 73

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The MacRae Park Phase 3 Improvements include 0.25-miles of roadway reconstruction with storm sewer and parking improvements, 0.4-miles of trail construction, a pedestrian bridge, a boardwalk over the pond, fishing improvements, open-air shelter, and a signature nature playscape. The project is planned to begin construction the summer of 2021.

- MacRae Park is one (1) of Des Moines' signature parks located just south of downtown Des Moines. The park has been in a state of renovation since 2017. The overall park renovation has already seen multiple previous phases completed. Past phases of work included enclosing the Works Progress Administration (WPA) era Walker Shelter, construction of phases 1 and 2 of the park road with additional parking and park loop trail, the EMC Overlook, the Julia Brenton Shelter and the dredging and improvements to MacRae Pond. Investments to date total roughly \$2.7 million in construction, which was funded in part by many generous donors.

MacRae Park Improvements Phase 3 - Plan Rendering



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 3, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1196](#)

Action: Approving Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with the following

- (B) [Bolton & Menk, Inc.](#) for design services for MacRae Park Roadway (Phase 3) Park and Trail Improvements, not to exceed \$151,084. ([Council Communication No. 20-340](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include additional grant and donation agreements, ordering construction, public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, contract and bond approval, partial payments to the contractor, and final acceptance of work.

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