


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	21-389	Meeting:	September 13, 2021
	Agenda Item:	32	Roll Call:	21-1423
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ratification of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Program funding application by the Parks and Recreation Department seeking \$300,000 toward the Beaverdale Park Woodland Restoration.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend ratification of IDNR's REAP Program funding application being submitted by the Parks and Recreation Department seeking \$300,000 toward the Beaverdale Park Woodland Restoration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$300,000 Resource Enhancement and Protection Program funding revenue if awarded toward an overall restoration and storm water management plan estimate of \$325,000.

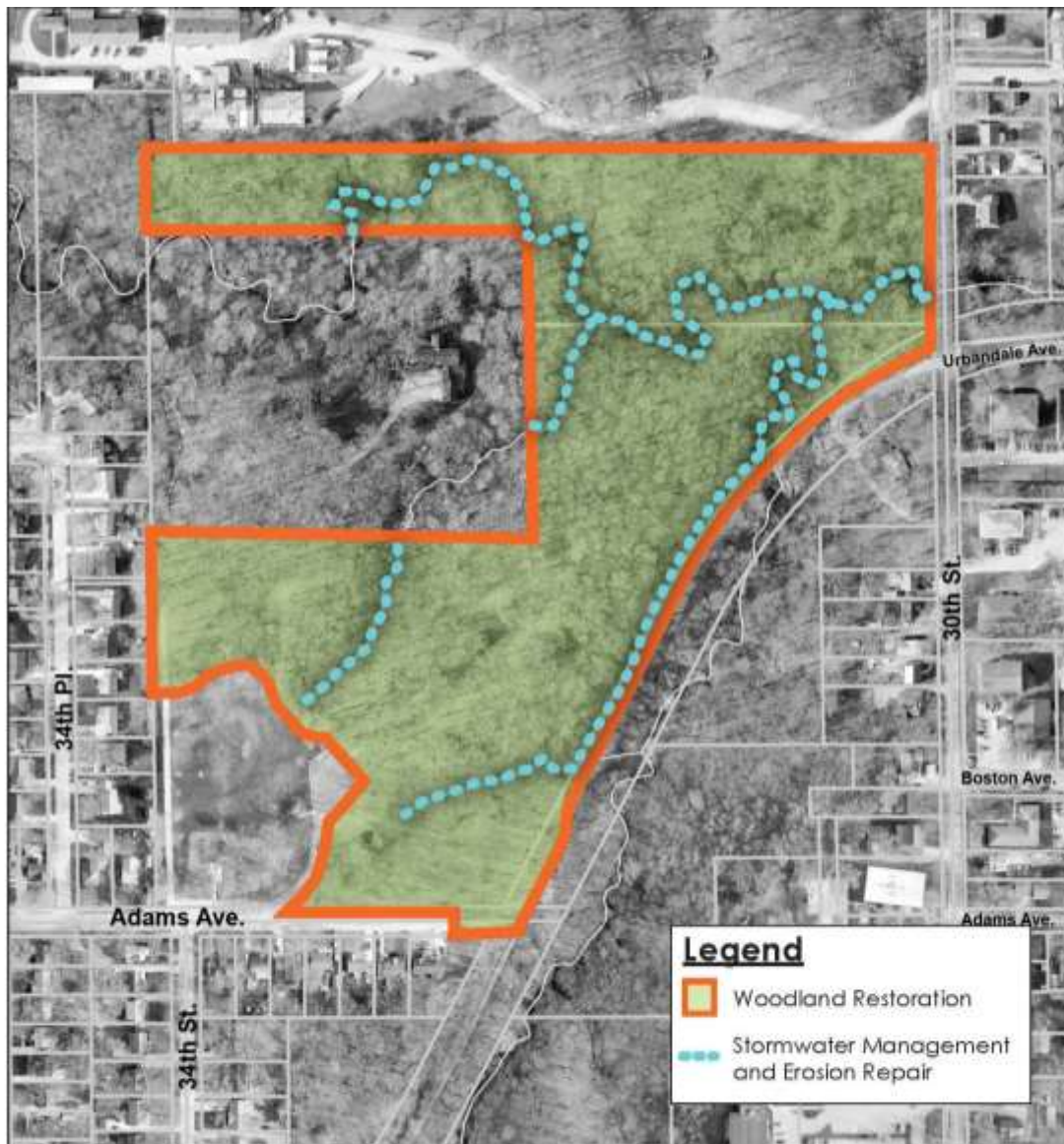
Funding Source: Anticipated \$300,000 in IDNR Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Program, and \$25,000 from 2021-2022 CIP, Page 72, Urban Conservation Programs, PK167, G.O. Bonds issued.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Beaverdale Neighborhood Association and Council Member Bill Gray requested planning processes and improvements for Beaverdale Park.
- The Parks and Recreation Department is applying for a \$300,000 IDNR REAP award for the Beaverdale Woodland Restoration. This application requires that the City Council provide certain authorizations and certifications when making the application. This includes the responsibility for project completion as outlined in the project grant proposal.
- The City will make a concerted effort to procure goods and services from Targeted Small Businesses during the performance of the grant agreement in compliance with all state, federal and City of Des Moines procurement requirements, laws and ordinances.
- Beaverdale Park is located in the northwest area of the City in the Beaverdale Neighborhood. The park's 20-acres of natural woodland is in need of preservation and restoration efforts in preparation for future planning and implementation of park improvement efforts.
- This project intends to enhance and protect the natural woodland area with minimal impacts to the existing canopy and protection of native key species.

- The project scope for the Beaverdale Woodland Restoration Project will include woodland invasive species removal, stormwater management improvements, prescribed fire management, native seeding and post invasive species treatments.
- This project would be the start of site preparations for future enhancements for low-impact recreation use, such as outdoor educational spaces and granular soft surface pathways. These uses will accommodate some of the environmental education programs run by the Parks and Recreation Department and provide access for the public to the natural woodland and creeks of Beaverdale Park. Low-impact recreation use helps promote the protection of the woodland area and provides opportunities for stewardship of this natural resource.

Beaverdale Park REAP Grant Woodland and Streambank Restoration



Beaverdale Park - REAP Grant Project Area



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Grant award acceptance, ordering construction, public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, approve contract and bond, partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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