


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 <p>CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER</p>	Number: <b>22-397</b>	Meeting: <b>September 12, 2022</b>
	Agenda Item: <b>56</b>	Roll Call: <b>22-1436</b>
	Submitted by: <b>Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director</b>	

### AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution approving Fee-For-Service Work Order agreement with Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa.

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the resolution to enter into a Fee-For-Service Work Order with the Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa for the Gray's Lake Park Woodland Improvement project.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$15,300

Funding Source: \$4,300, Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Adopted Operating Budget, Parks and Recreation Department, Page 169, Volunteer Programs, G001 PK201275; and \$11,000, 2022-2023 CIP, Page 73, Gray's Lake Park Improvements, PK140, G.O. Bonds Issued

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and AmeriCorps grantee, engages hundreds of youth and young adults each year in programs and initiatives that improve access to outdoor recreation, restore natural habitat, protect waterways, and respond to community needs and natural disasters. As an AmeriCorps grantee, AmeriCorps members serve directly with Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa to give back to their communities while gaining a foundation of marketable skills for their future. Young adults, ages 18-25, who join this program are enrolled as AmeriCorps members, volunteering to serve their community through environmental stewardship.
- Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa will serve the Parks and Recreation Department with work directed towards the Gray's Lake Park Woodland Improvement project. The area of work is focused within the recently acquired properties on the east side of Gray's Lake Park, primarily north of the Meredith Trail to the Raccoon River.
- The Conservation Corps' work will consist primarily of vegetation management and debris removal. Materials left in this area by former property owners, including a brick supplier, currently inhibit the use of forestry machines making hand-work the primary option for management. This

work will be a significant contribution to returning the properties to healthy conditions fit for parkland purposes.

- Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa will provide four (4) to five (5) crew members to perform vegetation management work for three (3) 40-hour work weeks, September 26 through October 14, 2022. Their primary function will be hand cutting and removing invasive material around the perimeter of this site to provide access for the City to perform further restoration improvements in the future. City staff will assist the Conservation Corps by removing and properly disposing of the vegetation debris.
- This is the first time the Parks and Recreation Department will work with Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa, but it is a similar arrangement providing high value and anticipated successful outcomes to past work with AmeriCorps crews.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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