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**Date** September 13, 2021

RATIFICATION OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (IDNR)  
RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION (REAP) FUNDING GRANT  
APPLICATION SEEKING \$300,000 FOR BEAVERDALE PARK WOODLAND  
RESTORATION.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department desires to restore the approximately twenty acres of existing oak and hickory woodland located in Beaverdale Park by restoration efforts and storm water management strategies and to seek grant funding to aid in such efforts from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the grant application deadline, the Parks and Recreation Department submitted an application to the IDNR for a Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant in the amount of \$300,000 as reimbursement to the City to be applied towards the cost of restoring such twenty acres of woodland (Beaverdale Park Woodland Restoration Project or Project); and

WHEREAS, the Beaverdale Park Woodland Restoration Project includes removal of invasive plant species, prescribed fire management, native seeding, removal of undesirable tree species, preservation of native key species, storm water management efforts such as constructed weir walls and stream bank armoring; and

WHEREAS, the Project will include restoration of Beaverdale Park's primary oak and hickory woodland to a desirable state which will promote future granular paths and outdoor education spaces for the Park; and

WHEREAS, the REAP grant application requires that the City Council provide certain authorizations and certification when making application for such grant, as described below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. The City Council hereby certifies that it has reviewed the proposed Beaverdale Woodland Restoration Project and approved its submittal for Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant consideration.
2. The grant application submitted by the Parks and Recreation Department to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to seek Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant financial assistance in the amount of \$300,000 for the Project is hereby approved and ratified and the Parks and Recreation Department is authorized to have made such application on behalf of the City of Des Moines, including assurances regarding City compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975, Title II of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Iowa Civil Rights



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Act of 1965 and all associated regulations, guidance documents, and other related requirements imposed by federal or state law or the IDNR related to the Project and to immediately take any and all measures necessary to effectuate such laws and shall not allow any person to be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subject to discrimination under the Project.

- 3. The Director of Parks and Recreation is hereby authorized to execute any necessary certification on behalf of the City for such REAP grant application.
- 4. The City hereby affirms its intention to complete said Project outlined in the Project proposal in the grant application.

(Council Communication No. 21- **389** )

Moved by Boesen to adopt.

Attachment: Resource Enhancement and Protection grant application.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Ann DiDonato  
Ann DiDonato  
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD				✓
TOTAL	6			1

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

J. M. Franklin Cownie  
Mayor

**CERTIFICATE**

I, P. Kay Cmelik, 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.

P. Kay Cmelik  
City Clerk