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Kristi Onstot
Executive Council
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Subject: Damages at Bellevue State Park Due to Fallen Tree Branch on
September 2, 2025
Department of Natural Resources
Claim dated September 22, 2025
AOS Claim ID: 4165

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the claim for 29C.20 funds for the above-mentioned damage. It is our conclusion that the above damage incurred by the Department of Natural Resources is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. Therefore, we recommend an Executive Council allocation in the amount of \$11,614.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian R. Brustkern".

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources
Sherry Arntzen, Bureau Chief, Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau, Department
of Natural Resources
Kara Bryant, Budget and Finance, Department of Natural Resources
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

9/22/2025

Victoria Newton
Executive Council
State Capitol
LOCAL

Tammy Hollingsworth
Auditor's Office
Lucas Building
LOCAL

RE: Storm Damage at Bellevue State Park

Dear Victoria and Tammy:

On Tuesday, September 2, 2025, it was discovered that a large tree branch had fallen on one of the state-owned houses at Bellevue State Park. Following an assessment of the house, demolition has been recommended due to the extent of the damage and its current condition. Seth Moore sent an initial e-mail notification of the damages on September 2, 2025. A cost estimate of \$11,614.00 is attached.

The supporting documents include:

- Estimated cost

This information is being submitted to the Executive Council as a request for allocation of \$11,614.00 for AOS ID #4165.

I thank you and the Executive Council members for your time and consideration in reviewing this material. Please inform me if it would be advantageous to participate in the Executive Council meeting in order to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Sherry L. Arntzen, Bureau Chief
Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau

Cc: Kara Bryant, DNR Budget and Finance

Attachments: 1

ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS					
DNR Project #					
Project Location		Bellevue State Park			
Project Description		State-owned House Demolition Project			
		Full Project			
Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Cost
1	House Demolition	1		\$8,700.00	\$8,700.00
4	Archeological Survey	1		\$2,914.00	\$2,914.00
				Total	\$11,614.00