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Iowa Department of Natural Resources

REAP MEDIUM (2000-25,000 pop.) City Parks and Open Spaces Grant - Fall 2024

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General Application Information

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1. Applicant

City of Oelwein

2. Contact Person

Joshua Johnson

3. Email Address

jjohnson@cityofoelwein.org

4. Telephone Number

13192830544

5. Applicant/Organization Address

This is the address for the Applicant/Organization's office that is applying for the funding.

20 2nd Ave SW

6. County

Fayette

7. Project 911 Address

This is the address for the property on which development or acquisition will happen.

403 West Charles Street

8. Latitude/Longitude Coordinates:

(To find Lat/Long Coordinates: Go to Google Map. Right-click on the primary public access point for the project. Select What's here? In the search box at the top of the page, the coordinates will appear.)

42.678388, -91.91963

9. Grant Amount Requested

How much money are you requesting for this grant round?

100000

10. Project Title

Provide the short title for the project.

Oelwein Municipal Urban Trail - Segment 2

11. Project Summary

Maximum of 75 words summarizing the grant request.

This trail segment is an integral part of the Oelwein Municipal Urban Trail System connecting the two sides of town. Trail segment 2 will be a mixture of off-road construction consisting of eight-foot-wide Portland Cement Concrete trails and on road signage. This extension will create a dedicated continuous trail from the west side of town to several parks, downtown, sports complex, Oelwein Family Aquatic Center and the entire school system located on the east side of town.

General Project Timeline

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1. Is the project a portion of a larger, overall project to be implemented over a multi-year period?

management goals. If rare, unique, or high quality blant and enimal species

width of a multi-use or bildho trail is 8 feet, while 10 feet is recommended

Yes

2. If yes, estimated years to completion

3

3. Estimated costs of the overall project

2853929

4. Estimated Project Start Date

04/01/2025

5. Estimated Project End Date

12/01/2025

1. City Population

Provide the population of the city based on the 2020 Census data. Population must be between 2000 and 25,000 2000 to apply in the medium city category.

5920

2. Quality of the site and/or project (30 points)

If acquisition, include the number of acres and describe the resources and existing facilities/improvements on and adjacent to the property. Also describe its prospective use and management goals. If rare, unique, or high quality plant and animal species and communities occur on the site, provide a listing. Upload a map and pictures.

If development, describe the facilities to be constructed, existing facilities in the project area and the natural resources in the area. Upload a map and pictures. If this project is part of a larger project, very clearly detail the portion that this application is covering. If this application is for the continuation of a project that previously received a REAP grant, provide a status report of the project elements that were previously funded. Describe the relationship to any other local, state or federal park areas.

Describe any resources of historical nature on the project site, such as buildings, Native American burial mounds, historic trails, architectural features and archaeological elements. Explain impacts on these resources that will be caused by the project.

If applicant does not possess all fee title interest in property, please explain. Additionally, explain contractual or joint agreements with other parties for operation and maintenance of the site and facilities. Enclose copies of any such agreements and other ownership conditions on the property.

Sports complexes, play grounds and dog parks do not qualify for REAP funds. The minimum width of a multi-use or biking trail is 8 feet, while 10 feet is recommended.

Segment two of the Oelwein Municipal Urban Trail master plan is located entirely within the City of Oelwein in Fayette County. Oelwein is located 45 miles northeast of Waterloo. Oelwein is in the southwest corner of Fayette County in Jefferson Township. Segment two, will be constructed in the NW quadrant of Oelwein starting at the railroad viaduct in the 300 block of West Charles Street. Traversing along the historic railroad area along 3rd Street NW before heading SW through Woodlawn Cemetery and connecting with existing trail segment in Red Gate Park in the 1300 block of West Charles Street.

Trail Detail:

This trail section will consist of 1.41 miles of on and off-road trail construction eight foot in width. Starting from the east end of this segment there is an existing railroad viaduct where the trail will begin. On the west side of the viaduct, there is room on the north side of Charles Street to be off road, this section will extend 547' west to 5th Avenue NW. Turning to the north along 5th Avenue NW on the east side of the road the trail will continue 360' then turn west crossing 5th Avenue NW. The trail will extend 325' west on the north side of 1st Street NW then turn north and continue in a northwest fashion through city owned properties until the trail comes to 6th Avenue NW. At this point the trail will become on-road as 6th Avenue is a great concrete road that angles west and becomes 3rd street NW. In this section the city will utilize street markings and signage as the city is making usage of a great concrete road with a very low traffic count of only 220 vehicles per day that stretches 3,000 feet until it intersects 13th Avenue NW. At the corner of 13th Avenue and 3rd Street NW the trail will turn south on-road approximately 500' then turn west into Woodlawn Cemetery.

The westerly portion of segment 2 will traverse through the City of Oelwein's, Woodlawn Cemetery. The portion through the cemetery will use the existing crushed stone base street, using appropriate signage. The trail will traverse through an unplotted area that includes crossing a small drainage waterway. At this location the city will place a 30' preengineered arching bridge to cross the waterway. This bridge project will spur further development in this area including a gazebo, memorial bricks, benches and flower plantings. The trail will reconnect with the existing roadway and continue for 400' then turn south to West Charles Street. The trail crosses West Charles Street and connects with the existing trail in Red Gate Park that is directly south of Woodlawn Cemetery.

3. Attach maps of project

Please attach a detailed map of the proposed project. Please make sure that the proposed project is clearly indicated on the map. If presenting multiple maps, they must be grouped into one document.



Segment 2 Final.jpg

4. Relationship to local, regional and state plans (40 points)

Describe project justification and need. Make references to the County REAP plan, current lowa Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), lowa Wildlife Action Plan and other local plans that help direct conservation and recreation programs. Do not include entire plans in the application.

This project will be the final link that connects both the existing trail segments on either side of the community. The benefits of walking/biking exercises are wide-ranging in comparison to most types of exercise, particularly those undertaken in a gym. Not only can your workout be different each time, depending on the trail you take, but the landscape will also change, if only from the seasons. Walking outdoors can help you to maintain your motivation for exercise by making it more interesting. Walking can also be as social as you like. Alternatively, walking with a group or a friend can feel more like entertainment than exercise, and are often very friendly places where it is possible to meet new people. This project will not only serve as a physical land trail connection but will also be a vital piece of enhancement for livability and recreational opportunity for the Northeast lowa region. Studies show that the quality of life is enhanced by the existence of alternative transportation opportunities, particularly in rural communities, such as Oelwein. This trail will directly serve children, the elderly and low-income community members by providing safe non-motorized routes with easy accessibility to other trail segments and parks.

In 2018 a Wellmark Walkability assessment was completed for the City of Oelwein. This assessment recommended creating bump-outs, road diets, crossbars at crosswalks. raised crosswalks, pedestrian countdown signals, and developing bike trail connections. This project will connect both of our current sections of trails to all areas of the city to create the Oelwein Municipal Urban Trail. Connect City Park to County Road W14 from 100th street to Otter Boulevard with the very real possibility of connecting a trail to Independence. With an even larger view, Oelwein is poised between two very large statewide trails, the Cedar Valley Nature Trail and the Backbone Regional Trail System. The possibilities are unlimited for future connections to other communities, but we first need to establish the municipal trail system to make our community attractive for other entities to draw their attention to connecting to Oelwein's trail system. Oelwein has several county parks such as Downing Park, Twin Bridges Park, Fairbank Fen, Fontana Park and state parks such as Volga and Backbone State Park for future connections. Volgá State Park will be a great future connection with these regional parks that are all possibilities for future connections for park users to utilize with connections to the Oelwein Municipal Trail System. As stated in the 2022 Fayette County REAP meeting, "this project perfectly fits the vision of the Fayette County REAP Committee." This project is consistent with Iowa SCORP in that this project strives to improve accessibility through embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion by creating accessibility for everyone. This project has utilized planning at all levels through the organization and with community members to make sure the project is utilizing the right opportunities in the right places and done the right way. This project "promotes outdoor recreation as a means to achieve healthier lifestyles, enhancing the quality of life for all lowans." According to the Iowa Wildlife Action Plan, the City of Oelwein lies in the Eastern Iowa Drift Plains area. The Young Drift Plains cover most of northern and central lowa are mostly flat, fertile lands. Clay, sand, gravel, and rocks, called drift, left by glaciers during the ice age, covered this land. This drift became some of the most fertile topsoil in the

world, where the glaciers did not spread the drift evenly; lakes and swamps filled the

hollows in the land. The trails committee intends to plant wildflowers along this trail extension where applicable to assist with erosion control and create pollinator habitat. The City of Oelwein recognizes the importance of pollinators such as bees and some birds, bats, and other insects. Pollinators play a crucial role in flowering plants and in the production of most fruits and vegetables. The city has planted two additional acres of wildflower plantings recently as well as a monarch waystation in red gate park with the help of the local Girl Scout troops. The primary goal of a formal trail system is to enable people to enjoy a natural environment, while simultaneously minimizing the amount of human-induced impact to the area in question.

This project is the next section of many segments to expand the Oelwein Municipal Urban Trail system. By having a safe trail connection, park use will increase by residents and non-residents alike. The master trail plan makes connections through all four quadrants of town, which provides for connectivity between existing trails sections, and creates a route around the city's perimeter. This project is an integral part of the Oelwein Municipal Urban Trail plan, which lays out a continuous trail around the perimeter of the city and downtown. In addition, this trail connects city parks, cemetery, aquatic center, schools, sports complex, and connections to the downtown area.

5. Environmental Benefits (20 points)

Describe the environmental impacts of the proposed project. Identify any features of the project that protect or improve water quality and habitat, reduce energy and water use or are innovative.

This trail project will cleanup areas that are lightly overgrown with vegetation in certain areas of the project. This will create an opportunity for the community to advocate for boosting responsible recreation practices. The use of social media to recruit volunteers to help with trail cleanup as an ongoing practice will take off in participation. The potential for Adopt a Trail opportunities will be available for companies, clubs, churches, school groups and families to participate. Constant help with picking up garbage and cleaning the trails off is an ongoing practice that is recognized and embraced by community members already.

Connecting the current trail system through the northwest quadrant of Oelwein will open doors for many people to access the trail system directly because of their proximity to the new trail segment. Wings Park hosts several recreational programs throughout the year. Completing this trail segment will give all the kids in the NW area of town safe passage to Wings Park Elementary School.

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Without proper trail management efforts, problems can alter natural patterns of water runoff, resulting in irreversible soil loss and subsequent turbidity and deposition in streams and other water bodies (Leung & Marion 2000). Again, while some impacts are inevitable, excessive trail impacts shall be avoided. The urban trail plan has six major goals that are all intimately linked to the trail management effort: protection and management of ecosystems, protection of cultural heritage, providing a visually pleasing landscape, providing recreational uses in harmony with natural communities, providing a useable land base, and providing for human and community development.

The trail committee is committed to including amenities along the trails such as park benches, shade structures, tree and prairie plantings, stretching stations, and bike fixit stations. The city is reverting unused park areas into prairie plantings to reduce the carbon footprint on the environment with additional two acres of prairie flowers planted in recent years.

6. Public Benefit Served (20 points)

Identify benefits to be derived from the project in terms of populations being served and resource management/protection. This discussion should also include expected impacts caused by users, as well as impacts on economic, cultural, aesthetic and quality of life. Proposed projects, must meet the requirements described in the Assurance of Compliance with Americans with Disabilities and Civil Rights. Explain how development projects meet these requirements.

The city believes that access to trails, more than any other single factor helps establish quality of life in communities and creates a growing psychographic of healthy, active people. The growth of trails has been a significant contribution to the growth of the active lifestyle movement and outdoor industry across the country. Trails are one of the most potent tools in maintaining urban viability and appealing to a broad range of demographic groups to which quality of life is paramount when choosing where they live, work and play. The key to creating and sustaining an active, healthy culture and rich set of community amenities are trails and the connectivity and vibrancy they provide.

Trails shall provide access to the widest population possible, 2) be adequately signed to provide easy use, 3) be of a firm, non-slip surface and 4) be free of obstructions such as roots, fallen trees, etcetera. Trail's location shall begin as close to disabled parking spaces as possible/ practical, 2) be designed to utilize the easiest terrain while

maximizing access to the parks and natural areas. Vertical signs shall be at least 12" wide x 18" high, 2) have the center of the sign 60" to 98" off the ground and 3) be connected to the main trail with the same firm, non-slip surface as the trail.

Trail surfaces shall be firm, non-slip concrete, 2) be graded to prevent water from pooling on its surface, 3) be a contrasting color to the surrounding environment and vegetation to assist individual with poor visual acuity and 4) have a defined edge to provide way-finding cues for individuals with visual disabilities.

The trail shall be a minimum of 8' wide, 2) have running slopes no greater then 1:20 (5%) and cross slopes no greater then 1:50 (2%), 3) have transition strips onto and off objects (i.e., bridges) that ensure no lips or vertical elevation changes of no more than .5", 4) have flat, level surfaces on either side of obstacles (i.e.) bridges or at the top and bottom of slopes that are a minimum of 60" x 60" to ensure resting spaces and places for wheelchairs to turn around and 5) not have excessive amounts of twists and turns in its course to make way finding easier for individuals with visual deficits. Trail furniture shall provide park users with places to sit, rest, recreate or satisfy needs such as disposing of trash or drinking water, 2) be accessible to the widest population of park and trail users possible and 3) be accessible off the main trail(s).

The City of Oelwein has prioritized becoming a walkable and connected community, as safe passage for residents is a critical goal of City leaders. The city is committed to creating a trail connection that will encompass the community to make connections to other nearby trail systems. Currently, there is no continuous dedicated walkable access around the Oelwein community, which is not a safe situation, especially for children. By having safe trail connections, park use will increase by residents and non-residents alike. The master trail plan makes connections through all four quadrants of town, which provides for connectivity between existing trails sections, and creates a route around the city's perimeter.

Trails are an invaluable resource for a community. Trails are an expectation of communities that want to bring in new young members to their area.

- Trails increase the value of nearby properties.
- · Trails boost spending at local businesses.
- Trails influence business location and relocation decisions.
- Trails revitalize depressed areas, creating a demand for space in what were once vacant buildings.
- Trails increase tax revenues in the communities in which they are located.

These benefits represent a huge economic return on the money invested in trail projects. The costs of land acquisition for trails, trail construction and trail maintenance, are far outweighed by the economic benefits generated by trails. The Parks Department places all their projects on social media and the local paper to reach as many of our constituents as possible. The Oelwein Parks Department is dedicated to expanding our services and creating as many opportunities as possible for the public to live a healthy lifestyle in this community. Recent additions to this department include a trail extension in Wings Park, apple orchard, safe new drinking fountains, LED lighting in parks, tree plantings, and prairie plantings and Dog Park. The Oelwein Park and Recreation Department also

distributes an annual brochure that lays out all the information about all the programming and facilities that they offer. This is in conjunction with developing a brand-new website that has a great deal of information for the public to interact with and utilize. In 2020, Oelwein City Council passed a nicotine-free policy for all parks and trails, which these outdoor public spaces act as a relaxing refuge for all. It is also quite possible that, for many users, these outdoor spaces will be the only available places to be in touch with nature and enjoy access to clean, fresh air. Public outdoor spaces need to remain open and accessible, and prohibiting smoking in these areas will enhance the user experience while also benefiting the environment.

7. Local Support (20 points)

Explain the extent of public participation in the formulation of this proposed project. Describe the process and mechanisms used and the findings. Do not include actual public participation reports, board meeting minutes and petitions; rather reference their existence and conclusion in this section.

In late July 2023 an open house event was held at the Ampersand Taproom in Oelwein with the assistance of MSA, to present a draft of the Comprehensive Plan. The event garnered a significant turnout and featured several stations where the public could review information related to the planning process, overall comprehensive plan's goals and strategies, the main project priorities, the Five-Year Strategic Plan, land use and growth management, plans for the downtown area.

The open house was designed so that attendees could explore the various stations, engage with MSA staff to gain a better understanding of the comprehensive and strategic planning processes, share their thoughts on the materials, and contribute their suggestions to the city for implementing ideas. Additionally, there were copies of both the draft comprehensive plan and draft strategic plan for attendees to read through and annotate.

Attendees raised significant concern regarding the adequacy of transportation infrastructure, particularly focusing on the state of local streets and sidewalks and the need to improve and maintain existing residential and downtown commercial buildings. Additionally, residents aspire to draw in new, high-quality housing projects and businesses, while also safeguarding that new development and the broader future land use map aligns with the community's character and values.

Oelwein's residents highly appreciate the city's walkable environment and the existing trail network with expressed desire to expand it. Additionally, residents expressed interest in park improvements and city-wide landscaping and beautification efforts.

8. Letters of Support

Optional - Upload letters of support or other documentation of local support.

LOS.pdf

9. Public Communications Plan (10 points)

A description of the public communications plan shall be included in every project. If the grant is approved for funding, this plan must be implemented. The plan must include how the applicant will inform and advise users about the importance of the project and plans to promote the project to expected user groups upon completion of the project and into the future. Be creative!

Who: The Oelwein trail committee developed the trail master plan with public input with open meetings and information derived from the comprehensive plan. The plan was then presented to the park and recreation commission for approval and further presented to the city administration and council for their approval in open meeting.

What: Each segment of the trail master plan is brought through the process once all the easements have been acquired and funding received. The process repeats itself for any future development and changes.

When: Park and recreation commission meetings are posted to meet on the third Monday of each month. City council meetings are posted to meet on the second and fourth Mondays each month.

Where: Meetings are posted on the city website and at city hall for all open meetings.

Why: The city values the input of all citizens so that we can produce a product that the citizens want and can gain a sense of ownership by giving their input.

Audience: Oelwein citizens, guests to the community, Facebook users, online web page users

Strategy: Because of the economically diverse community of Oelwein, the city advertises is programs in as many avenues as possible. Our message will be similar on each, but tailored as follows:

- Facebook's advertising platform will let us target "like" posts and encourage input from citizens.
- Online web page usage is one of our core communication channels for the public. The City of Oelwein utilizes this service to keep the public informed on changes and upcoming projects. The Parks department also utilizes this outlet by posting links to information

about their department. The park department spent a considerable amount of time developing a new website this past year to include all park departments with printable forms.

• The City of Oelwein Park department has a great relationship with the local paper, The Oelwein Daily Register. The ODR is a community paper with over 4,700 subscriptions covering Fayette and Buchanan counties in Iowa.

Content: The importance of hiring local contractors to complete this project and create a safer environment for all visitors.

Future formats: We understand the online world changes and fads must be aggressively when relevant. To that end, we will seek out new forms of communicating with the public as we try to be as transparent as possible with the public.

Projected effectiveness: The city expects our three-pronged approach to online communication to be successful in such a tech-accepting community as Oelwein.

Closing: This serves as a general guide to our online communications and may change depending on the Cities needs and focus.

10. Communication and Outreach Uploads

Optional - Upload samples or documentation of the public communications plan.

Comprehensive Plan Link.pdf

REAP Grant Budget Form

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1. Project Budget

Provide the budget for your project. Include types of construction, dimensions, lengths. This can be an upload of a budget sheet or completed in the table below. Items that must be included in the budget are: project components, component cost, REAP request, other funding and whether those other funds are secured.

Up to 20% can be used for engineering and design. Appraisal costs are eligible. This itemized cost listing will be the basis for determining what items are eligible for REAP funding. Items not listed will not be eligible for funding under the grant agreement.

2. Budget, Funding and Timeline Narrative (optional)

Provide information on budget, funding and timeline of the project. Limit 2000 characters.

3. Upload Budget

Upload the budget for your project.

Segment 2 OPC -Signed 2022-04-28 (1).pdf

General Acquisition Schedule

* indicates a required field

This form only needs to be completed if your project is an acquisition request.

1. Type of Purchase

2. Upload a tract map and aerial photo of the property to be purchased.

The media required to be attached shall include;

- 1) A tract map indicating lands to be acquired. The map must be drawn to scale and must include an orientation arrow. It should be referenced to a section corner or other known point and should indicate existing adjacent roads, highways, railroads, streams, lakes, etc...
- 2) An aerial photo of the subject property. Sufficient area around the subject property should be visible on the photos to adequately judge expansion potential. The photos must be clear enough to readily differentiate between ground cover types.

(Please join multiple pages into 1 pdf to upload if applicable.)

3. Date waiver of retroactivity granted by the Department

Waiver of retroactivity. In case of extreme urgency involving land acquisition, a grant applicant may formally request a written "waiver of retroactivity" which, if granted by the director of the department of natural resources, will permit the applicant to acquire the real property immediately without jeopardizing its chances of receiving a grant. However, the granting of the waiver in no way implies or guarantees that any subsequent grant application covering the acquisition will be selected for funding by the planning committee. The request for the waiver must include justification regarding the urgency of the acquisition, a description of the land to be acquired, and a county map on which the land to be acquired is located. Acceptable justification would include situations in which land is to be sold at auction or by sealed bids or when the landowner requires immediate purchase.

4.	Estimated	date of	acquisit	tion
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- 5. Number of acres to be purchased
- 6. Land Acquisition Values

Provide estimates of value for columns 2 and 3

- 7. Additional Land Acquisition Costs
- 8. Overall Cost Including Incidental

Pursuant to 2008 Iowa Acts, HF 2393, Iowa Code Section 8.11, all grant applications submitted to the State of Iowa shall include a Minority Impact Statement. This is the state's mechanism to require grant applicants to consider the potential impact of the grant project's proposed programs or policies on minority groups.

1. I have reviewed the Iowa Code Section 8.11 defining "Minority Persons"

"Minority Persons", as defined in Iowa Code Section 8.11, mean individuals who are women, persons with a disability, Blacks, Latinos, Asians or Pacific Islanders, American Indians, and Alaskan Native Americans.

"Disability", as defined in Iowa Code Section 15.102, subsection 5, paragraph "b", subparagraph (1): b. As used in this subsection: (1) "Disability" means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, a record of physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, or being regarded as an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual. "Disability" does not include any of the following: (a) Homosexuality or bisexuality. (b) Transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments or other sexual behavior disorders. (c) Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania. (d) Psychoactive substance abuse disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs.

"State Agency", as defined in Iowa Code Section 8.11, means a department, board, bureau, commission, or other agency or authority of the State of Iowa.

Yes

2. Please choose the statement that pertains to this grant application.

Complete all the information requested for the chosen statement.

The proposed grant project programs or policies are NOT EXPECTED to have a disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons.

2.1. Present the rationale for determining no impact.

The proposed project is designed so that there are no disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons.

3.

I hereby certify that the information on this form is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge:

YES

REAP Signatures

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1.

Upon signing in the space provided below, the applicant agrees to conform with the requirements in the following two paragraphs pertaining to ADA/Section 504 accessibility guidelines and civil rights assurance.

I, the undersigned, certify that the applying entity has reviewed 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 Act of 1965, each Act as amended, and agrees to abide by all requirements from the Acts, associated regulations, guidance documents, and to any other related requirement imposed by federal or state law or the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, related to this project. Applicant-Recipient further agrees and gives full assurance that it will immediately take any and all measures necessary to effectuate the referenced laws and shall not, on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, physical or mental ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, or retaliation, allow any person to be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise subject to discrimination under or from any project or activity undertaken by the Applicant-Recipient for which the Applicant-Recipient receives REAP grant dollars or other assistance from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

This assurance is binding on the Applicant-Recipient, its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signature appears below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Applicant-Recipient.

Dylan Mulfinger

2. City or County Approval

I, the undersigned, certify that the city council/county conservation board has reviewed this proposed project and approved its submittal for Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant consideration.

Type name below.

3. City Council/County Conservation Board Resolution

Optional - Upload the approved City Council Resolution or minutes approving of the submittal of this application.

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4. REAP County Committee Approval

I, the undersigned, verify that the County Resource Enhancement Committee reviewed the proposed project for which this application is submitted. If the committee provided comments, a summary of those comments has been signed and dated by me and attached to this application.

Type REAP County Chairperson's name below.

Blake Gamm

5. REAP County Committee Chair Email

Provide the email of the REAP County Committee Chairperson.

fcroadside1@gmail.com

6. Upload REAP County Committee Information

Optional - Upload any relevant information from the REAP County Committee. Minutes from meetings, etc.

Certification

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MEDIA FOR

By checking the box below, I certify that all the information provided in this application is true and correct.

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ATTACHMENTS Edit

Letters of Support & Supporting Info (optional)

Upload letters of support or additional information here.



REAP Letters of Support.pdf

Additional Supporting Information (optional)

Combine documents if submitting multiple items.



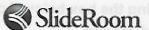
Traffic Counts.pdf

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REAP 2024 Pictures





Park and Recreation

www.oelwein.fun

Letters of Support:



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July 27th, 2021

RE: Support for the REAP grant application of the City of Oelwein, Iowa

Dear members of the REAP Board/Committee.

As Senior Transportation Planner at Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission (UERPC), I would like to express our agency's tremendous support for the REAP grant application of the City of Oelwein, lowa ("City") for their project to complete Segment 2 of Oelwein's citywide trail system. Oelwein is located within UERPC's planning area, and we are extremely pleased with and supportive of the City's efforts to improve quality of life for its citizens while also increasing healthy transportation opportunities for the Oelwein community.

Through the economic development and planning activities we conduct with our region's communities, I am very aware of the broad community need and support for active transportation options in our region, especially for facilities that provide mobility and access for people of all ages and abilities. I can attest that the project identified in the City's grant application will improve citizens' and visitors' access to the city's parks and amenities and to its economic activity centers in a way that fosters social equity and environmental sustainability.

UERPC recently completed our region's long-range, multimodal transportation plan. The City's project will help further the goals of expanding facilities and access for non-motorized transportation through safe facilities for people walking and bicycling, such as multi-use trails. Because this project will serve one of our larger regional population centers, it will improve quality of life for many residents of our region and will help increase equity in access to nature, parks, and outdoor recreation.

I am very grateful for your consideration of the City's application.

Sincerely,

Aaron J. Detter, AICP

Senior Transportation Planner, UERPC

Fayette County Economic Development and Tourism

July 26, 2021

Dear Review Committee:

Fayette County Economic Development and Tourism is pleased to support the City of Oelwein's Resource Enhancement and Protection grant request for segment 2 of their recreational trail project, which will create a connection between two existing trail segments in Oelwein.

Our organization works to foster and implement tourism and business development and expansion in Fayette County. The Board and Director strive to work with stakeholders, business owners, community residents, downtown organizations, and regional and statewide partners to develop and identify projects and initiatives that strengthen the existing businesses and resources within the County and foster new business and resource development within each community.

Oelwein is our largest community in the County and is home to multiple resources and businesses that are integral to the sustainability and expansion of our economy. The community has worked to expand its trail system for many years and works regularly to connect to the natural resource and recreational opportunities surrounding it such as their ten park facilities, Aquatic Center, and the 55-acre Lake Oelwein.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mallory Hanson, Director

Fayette County Economic Development & Tourism

Fayette County Economic Development & Tourism director@visitfayettecountyiowa.com | 563-265-5248 | www.visitfayettecountyiowa.com

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Extension and Outreach

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of support for the proposed Oelwein All-City Trail System. I see the value both as an ISU Extension Educator, Oelwein Tree Board member, plus a 40+ member of the Oelwein community involved with several local clubs and organizations.

This expansion of the current trail will provide much additional trail space and expand it into current portions of the community that have no access to trails....only the dangerous option riding on city streets with traffic. This would increase bike trail usage, which would result in improved citizen health, a greater involvement with natural places and wildlife, plus increase options for improving Oelwein's economic development.

Thank you for your consideration. Ron Lenth, Director Bremer ISU Extension Oelwein Tree Board

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing this letter of support to secure grant funds for the development of another trail segment here in Oelwein. Our Parks and Recreation Department Head has done a wonderful job of upgrading and expanding our trails as well as our many parks in the community.

Numerous members of our community from young to old use the bike trails. They are a safe way for many of our young families who ride together. They are also very peaceful to many adults looking for a quiet, enjoyable ride along with some great physical activity. Personally, our family has used the trails for all of these reasons along as a means to get from one place to another. The idea of including some benches and informational boards about the history of the railroad along the trail will be appealing to not only community members, but also visitors.

We believe the trail development is also a wonderful "selling point" to bring new people and families into our area to settle down and plant roots. New families look for entertainment and activities among other things when considering a town, and what it has to offer before deciding where to make a home. It is also a way for our community to bring avid bike riders and other visitors into town, which will in turn help our local businesses and local economy. The informational boards along the trail will also offer a look into the history of Oelwein for visitors and current community members.

We hope you strongly consider the Oelwein Parks and Recreation program in your grant selection to invest in a growing and expanding beautification program for many generations to enjoy currently and in the future.

Sincerely,

Jim and Veronica Prouty

Oelwein Residents



148th Ave NE Oelwein, IA 50662

Timothy D. Gearhart D.C. David L. Pratt D.C.

To whom it may concern:

My name is Tim Gearhart, D.C. and I own and operate Oelwein Chiropractic Clinic located in Oelwein, IA. I was born and raised in Oelwein and chose to begin my practice here nearly 10 years ago. My wife Carrie and I have 4 children, all of whom attend school in Oelwein. We are a very active family, and take every chance we can get to enjoy our parks and our trail system. As a member of the parks board, I see a need to expand our existing trail system to increase both usage and access.

Working as a Chiropractor, I am continually guiding and educating patients towards a life of health and wellness. Although I treat more than just back pain, many patients seek out our clinic looking for relief from this condition. In fact, according to the *Global Burden of Disease 2010*, low back pain is the single leading cause of disability worldwide. It is estimated that 31 million Americans experience low-back pain at any given time. In many instances, our patients' care plans include the recommendation of walking daily to improve their outcomes when dealing with episodes of lower back pain. Having more trails available allows them to do so in a safe and effective manner.

I feel that expanding on our existing trails system will allow our community members the opportunity to become and stay healthier.

Please consider Oelwein when allocating your grant funding. Trails are a wonderful addition to any park system, and can be enjoyed for many generations to come. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Tim D. Gearhart, D.C.

Oelwein Park and Rec. Commission

As an avid biker on the current trails in Oelwein, I see a need to expand our trails to the NW side of town. Through gaining the Reap Grant, funding Oelwein could service a whole section of town that currently has no trails. It would add outdoor activity and allow this section of town to connect with the current trails in town.

Since we have all been dealing with COVID 19, our current trails have seen much more use. I am biking on the trails and streets daily and it is great to see more people using the current trails but the NW section of town has none and this proposed section will allow those residents to have trails to walk\bike for exercise. It would also allow kids to safely get to the parks and pool on the other side of town.

Sincerely,

Marcia Woodraska Trail Committee Member

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Roxanne Lenz, and I am a Nurse Practitioner at MercyOne Family Medicine in Oelwein. I have been in practice here for nearly 10 years but have been a part of the MercyOne system for 19 years in various positions. My husband graduated from Oelwein. We have five children, and they have all attended Oelwein Community School. We moved from Stanley to Oelwein 3.5 years ago and built a house on the southwest side near one of the bike/walking trails. This was just one of the many drawing factors to the location we looked for when building our house was easy access to the trails. The problem is the trails have limited area they cover and are not connected.

In my practice over the last 10 years, I have seen an increase in the number of patients that have developed Type II diabetes and hypertension just to name a few comorbidities. The key to combating these problems is through improved diet and exercise. This year has been extra challenging due to Covid and closed fitness centers and the ability for people to exercise. The one thing that people have been able to continue to do is walk the trails and continue to get some exercise be socially distance and get fresh air and sunshine in the state of the Covid pandemic.

I am in complete support of expanding our walking/biking trails to connect and expand the area around town to continue to encourage people to get out and be healthier. I know several of my patients that already utilize the trails and would like to see them expand as well. Hopefully the expansion is the projection for the future!!

Should you need any further input or information that I can assist with I would be happy to assist in any way that I can. Don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Lenz, RN,BSN, MSN, FNP-C, ARNP Nurse Practitioner MercyOne Family Medicine 129 8th Ave SE Oelwein, IA 50662 319-283-6153 Roxanne.lenz@mercyhealth.com Cell 563-608-3421

MercyOne

As an auto dealership business owner in Oelwein, (of course, I like people to drive their vehicles, but if they bike, more they will live longer and use their vehicles longer!) I would love to see a more complete bike trail in the city. As a landowner whose land could possibly be used, I hope to be able to see my way clear to help as well.

Mark Birdnow

Birdnow Motor Trade

1101 THIRD STREET SW OELWEIN, IOWA 50662



ARLINGTONPLACELIVING COM PHONE: 319-283-3334

The City of Oelwein's Municipal Urban Trail System has long been a resource used by our senior living community staff and residents, featuring over 4 miles of scenic, accessible trails. When sharing the benefits Arlington Place has to offer potential employees or tenants, the proximity of our property to the trail system is always a highlight. As an organization, we strive to offer opportunities for improving health and wellness, as this keeps residents from declining and needing a higher level of care outside their home at Arlington Place. The trail system is an extension of this belief as we continue to grow our campus with independent living townhomes. Keeping seniors in Oelwein, offering more employment opportunities, and encouraging outdoor recreation on our community trail system all go hand-in-hand. Arlington Place strongly supports the use of grant monies to extend our city's trail system and appreciates the opportunity to be considered for such funding.

Jamie Logan
Director

As a lifetime resident of Oelwein, I would like to express my support for the effort on the part of the Trails Committee to complete segment 2 of the Trail's Master Plan. I believe that a trail system in our community is beneficial for recreational opportunities, promotion of health and wellness, and other benefits. Communities that develop infrastructure for exercising is looking ahead for the benefit of the many who utilize the present trail and look forward to additional opportunities. I express my sincere thanks to all who make the effort to better our community and make it better place to live.

Sincerely, Jean Baldwin Being a senior citizen of Oelwein I enjoy walking for exercise. Being able to walk trails keeps me safe from traffic on the city streets and the danger from dogs when walking on the neighborhoods sidewalks. With the Covid-19, I have spent many hours on the trails getting fresh air and being out in the open to relieve stress. I greatly appreciate the City of Oelwein maintaining the trails in all types of weather and with the snow removal in the winter months. I will enjoy being able to visit all parts of the city when the connecting trails are completed.

Janet Wissler 901 2nd St Se Oelwein Iowa 50662

I wholeheartedly support the grant application for Phase II of the Trails Master Plan for Oelwein. I speak for us very senior citizens (80s) who value the benefits of these good walking opportunities for our age group too. Nothing is more encouraging than seeing people of all ages and levels of mobility using these trails, enjoying the exercise and seeing others along the way. Thank you for giving serious consideration to an excellent proposal.

Suzanne Sharp Johnson Oelwein

As a member of the Tree Board for the city of Oelwein and a longtime resident, I would like to express my support for the effort on the part of the Trails Committee to complete segment 2 of the Trails Master Plan. I believe in all of the reasons to develop a trail system in our community or any other community for that matter. Recreation opportunities, promotion of health and wellness, and many others I am sure. But for me, I see a future where human powered mobility becomes far more dominant. Communities that develop infrastructure for this ahead of time will be exercising good foresight. Thanks to all who work hard to make our communities better places to live.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Milks - Oelwein Tree Board Member Lou Ann Milks

I am chiming in supporting the expansion of the bike trail in Oelwein! Thanks for listening.

Craig Harrison

Craig Harrison | 7 & 8 Social Studies

Oelwein Community School District

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(A): 300 12th Ave. SE, Oelwein, IA 50662

To Whom It May Concern:

I grew up in Oelwein and enjoyed playing tennis and often used other recreational facilities such as the Aquatic Center. Oelwein would greatly benefit from additional safe environments in which to by physically active. This proposed extension that creates a dedicated continuous trail system would help capitalize and expand on existing trails and enable and encourage more people to utilize them, particularly on the west side of town.

These new rec trails would also incentivize citizens to spend time in nature and add to a broader sense of community. My mom taught at Parkside Elementary for ~20 years, and this trail would provide a place for first graders to enjoy nature and walk to and from school.

Please consider funding this project!

Thank you,

KarlaSaur

Karla Saur

As a longtime resident of Oelwein I would like to express my support for the effort on the part of the Oelwein Parks Department and Trails Committee to complete segment 2 of the Trails Master Plan. I believe in all of the reasons to develop a trail system in our community or any other community for that matter. Recreation opportunities, promotion of health and wellness, and many others I am sure. But for me, I see a future where human powered mobility becomes far more dominant. Communities that develop infrastructure for this ahead of time will be exercising good foresight. Thanks to all who work hard to make our communities better places to live.

Sincerely

Ronald Voshell

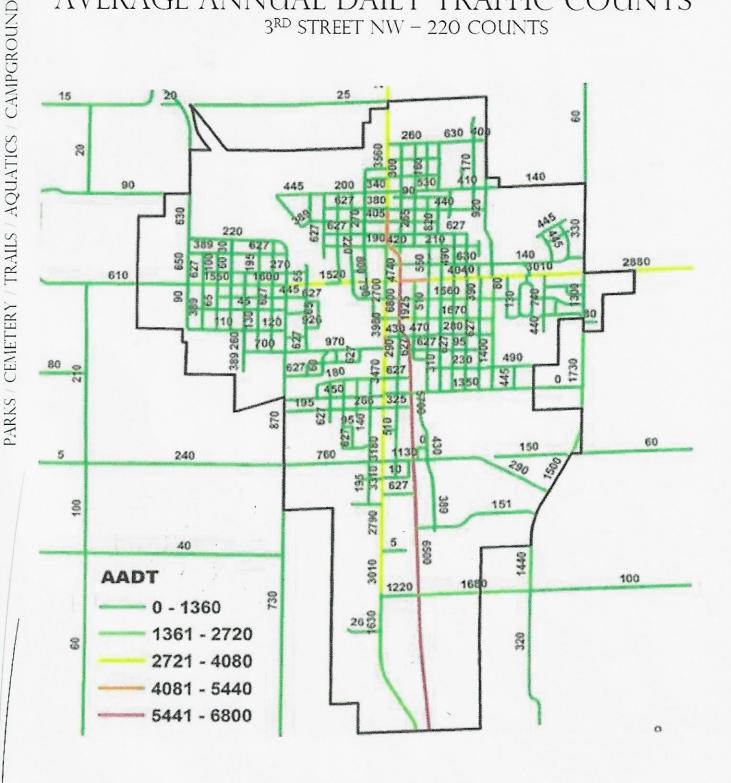
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AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC COUNTS 3RD STREET NW - 220 COUNTS





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Oelwein Major Roads

Oelwein Municipal Boundaries



2018 FEMA Flood Areas Oelwein

Oelwein Area County Zoning





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OELWEIN DRAFT FLOOD HAZARD MAP 2020





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West side of railroad viaduct facing west on West Charles Street - Segment 2 trail construction start



5th Ave NW and West Charles Street looking north





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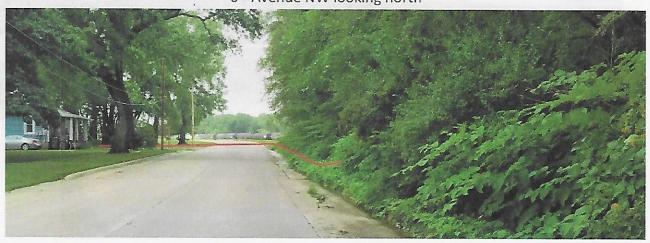
1st Street and 5th Ave. NE looking west



1st Street looking north



6th Avenue NW looking north





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3rd Street NW



3rd Street NW and 13th Avenue NW



13th Avenue NW and 2nd Street NW

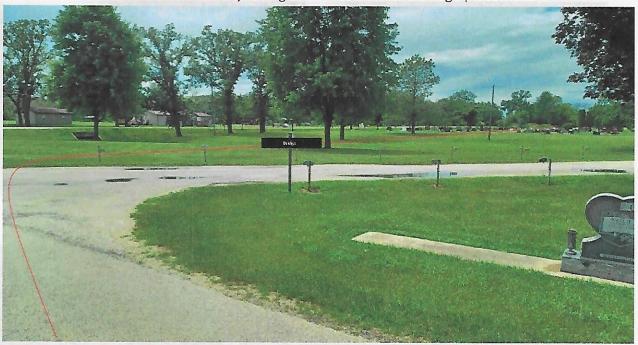




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Woodlawn Cemetery facing southwest – future bridge placement



Southwest entrance of Woodlawn Cemetery looking south in Red Gate Park



(An EF-1 tornado ripped through Redgate Park on March 28, 2020)



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Regional Trail Systems



Trail/Shared-use path (paved)

Trail/Shared-use path (paved)

Paved Shoulder

Segment 2

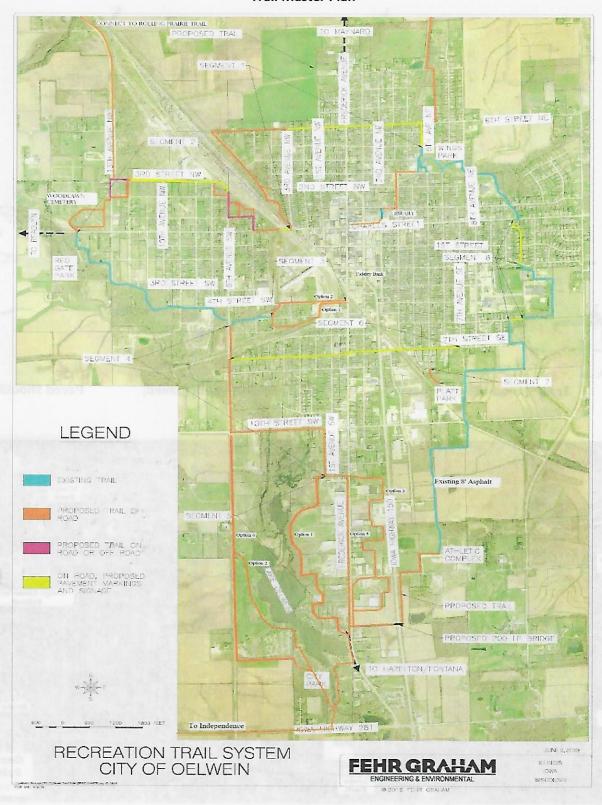




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Trail Master Plan

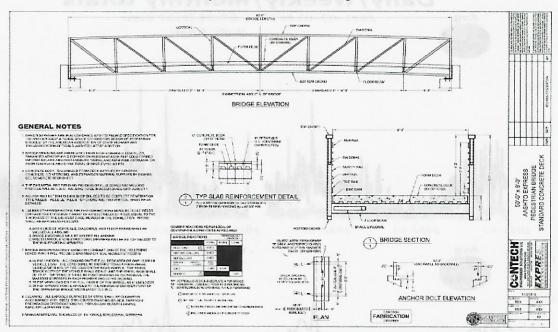




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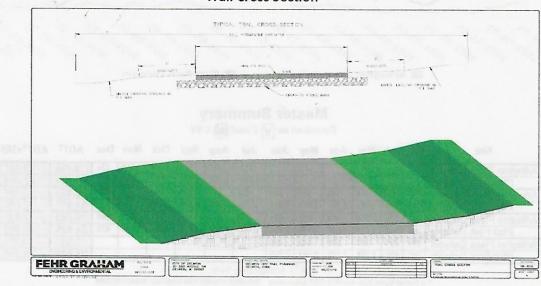
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Proposed Woodlawn Bridge





Trail Cross Section

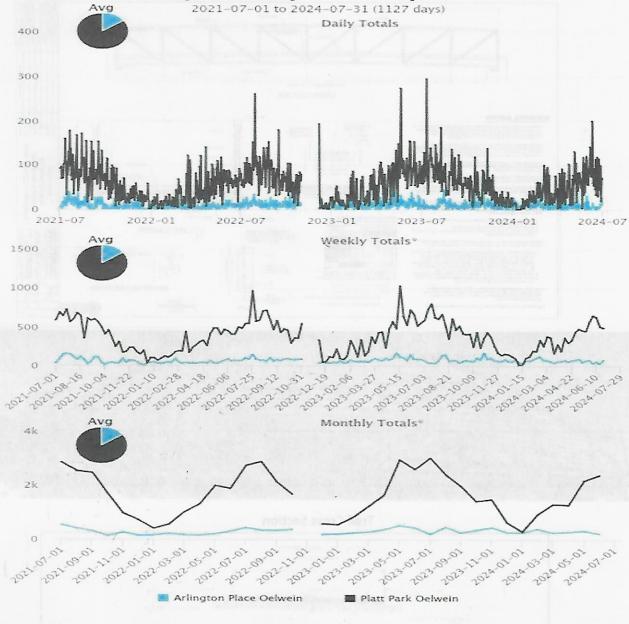




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Master Summary

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Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ADT	ADT [†] x365	Days with data	
2021	Arlington Place Oelwein							512*	388	294	115	242	134	9.115	3.327	183	
	Platt Park Oelwein							2,845*	2,523	2,458	1,675	950	704	60 454	22 066	183	
2022	Arlington Place Oelwein	146	207	158	148	199	290	426	332	327	362		173*	8.303	3 031	330	
	Platt Park Oelwein	394	548	1,002	1,297	1,984	1,877	2,736	2,877	2,127	1,672		572*	51 497	18.796	330	
2023	Arlington Place Oelwein	193	235	274	356	510	421	190	451	241	347	441	266	10.753	3.925	365	
	Platt Park Oelwein	543	816	1,229	1,635	2,948	2,592	3,013	2,399	1,969	1,411	1.485	628	56 625	20.668	365	
2024	Arlington Place Oelwein	254	389	247	279	319	208							9.319	3.411	182	
	Platt Park Oelwein	287	930	1,305	1,276	2,181	2,378							45.918	16.806	182	

ADT = Average Daily Traffic

^{* =} based upon that month's ADT Learn more Indicates months with less than 6 days of data



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FEHR GRAHAM

ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL

Preliminary Opinion of Probable Cost Segment 2 Trail, City of Oelwein, Iowa

Project No. 21-1205

NO.	CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	T	UNIT PRICE	7	OTAL PRICE
1	2010-C	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	1.00	LS	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000
2	2010-D-1	TOPSOIL, ON-SITE	950.00	CY	\$	8.00	\$	7,600
3	2010-D-3	TOPSOIL, OFF-SITE	200.00	CY	\$	20.00	\$	4,000
4	2010-E	EXCAVATION, CLASS 10	1750.00	CY	\$	12.00	\$	21,000
5	2010-F	CORE OUT EXCAVATION	275.00	CY	\$	12.00	\$	3,300
6	2010-H	SUBGRADE TREATMENT, GEOGRID	1100.00	SY	\$	4.00	\$	4,400
7	2010-1	SUBBASE, MODIFIED, 6" THICK	4250.00	SY	\$	6.00	\$	25,500
8	2010-J-1	RETAINING WALL REMOVAL/GRADING	1.00	LS	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000
9	2010-999-M	STABILIZATION MATERIAL	525.00	TON	\$	24.00	\$	12,600
10	2010-999-0	FILL, PROVIDE AND PLACE	200.00	CY	\$	15.00	\$	3,000
11	4030-A-1	PIPE CULVERT, TRENCHED, 12" RCP	120.00	LF	\$	50.00	\$	6,000
12	4030-A-1	PIPE CULVERT, TRENCHED, 36" EQ RCAP	24.00	LF	\$	350.00	\$	8,400
13	4030-В	PIPE APRON, _RCP, 12" DIA	10.00	EA	\$	700.00	\$	7,000
14	4030-В	PIPE APRON, RCAP, 36" RCAP	2.00	EA	\$	1,900.00	\$	3,800
15	4030-C	FOOTING FOR CONCRETE PIPE APRON, 36"	2.00	EA	\$	600.00	\$	1,200
16	5020-C	FIRE HYDRANT ASSEMBLY	1.00	EA	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000
17	5020-1	FIRE HYDRANT ASSEMBLY REMOVAL	1.00	EA	\$	750.00	\$	750
18	7030-A	REMOVAL OF SIDEWALK	540.00	SY	\$	8.00	\$	4,320
19	7030-A	REMOVAL OF DRIVEWAY	100.00	SY	\$	8.00	\$	800
20	7030-C	SHARED USE PATH, PCC, 8' WIDE, 6" THICK	3398.00	SY	\$	48.00	\$	163,104
21	7030-D	SPECIAL SUBGRADE PREPARATION FOR SHARED USE PATH	3398.00	SY	\$	1.00	\$	3,398
22	7030-E	SIDEWALK, PCC, 5" THICK	40.00	SY	Ś	60.00	Ś	2,400
23	7030-G	DETECTABLE WARNING	224.00	SF	\$	50.00	\$	11,200
24	7030-H-1	DRIVEWAY, PAVED, PCC, 6" THICK	100.00	SY	\$	70.00	\$	7,000
25	7030-H-2	DRIVEWAY, GRANULAR	100.00	SY	\$	12.00	\$	1,200
26	8020-В	PAINTED PAVEMENT MARKINGS, SOLVENT/WATERBORNE	1.00	LS	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000
27	8030-A	TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL	1.00	LS	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500
28	8940-E	SIGN, INSTALL	42.00	EA	\$	400.00	\$	16,800
29	9010-A	CONVENTIONAL SEEDING, FERTILIZING, AND MULCHING	1.25	AC	\$	5,000.00	\$	6,250
30	9040-N-1	SILT FENCE OR SILT FENCE DITCH CHECK	800.00	LF	\$	4.00	\$	3,200
31	9040-N-2	SILT FENCE OR SILT FENCE DITCH CHECK, REMOVAL OF SEDIMENT	800.00	LF	\$	1.00	\$	800
32	9040-N-3	SILT FENCE OR SILT FENCE DITCH CHECK, REMOVAL OF DEVICE	800.00	LF	\$	1.00	\$	800
33	9040-O-1	STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE	120.00	SY	\$	15.00	\$	1,800
34	11,010-B	MONUMENT PRESERVATION AND REPLACEMENT	1.00	LS	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500
35	11,020-A	MOBILIZATION	1.00	LS	\$	32,000.00	\$	32,000
36		BRIDGE, PRE-ENGINEERED, 30'X8'	1.00	LS	\$	110,000.00	\$	110,000
37	11,050-A	CONCRETE WASHOUT	1.00	LS	\$	500.00	\$	500

ESTIMATED CONTRACT AMOUNT \$ 535,122

Construction Contingency (7.5%) \$ 40,134

Engineering Design, Construction Services, Project Administration \$ 101,673

Dated: April 28, 2022

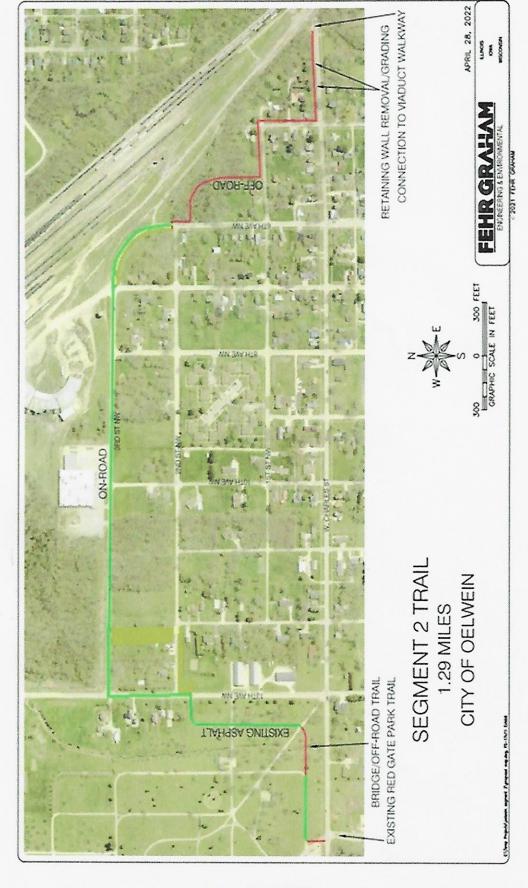
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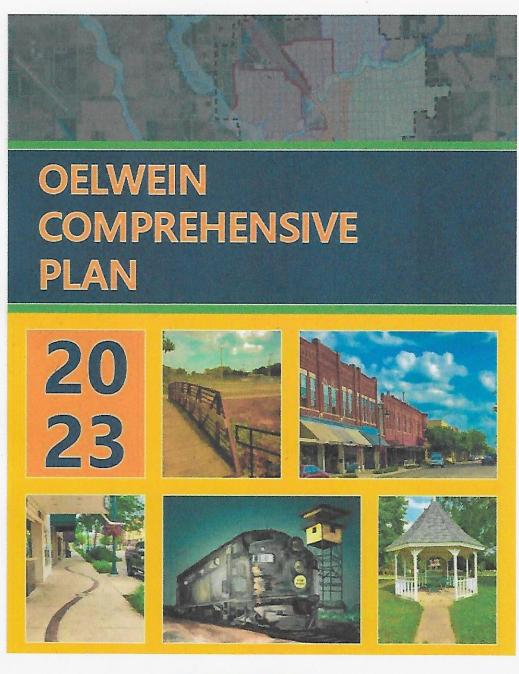






Link to the Oelwein Comprehensive Plan 2023

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