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MSA developed an excellent GIS-based tool to help municipalities with a wide variety of capital improvement planning (CIP)-related tasks: the [Capital Improvement Planning App](#).

COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT – PROJECT #08884014

We have not heard of any further correspondence regarding this grant.

FY2024 FMA FUNDING – PROJECT #08884015

MSA assisted the City with submitting an application for the FMA grant. The application was submitted to FEMA 8/6/2026. Conversations with HSEM indicated that grant awards *may* be announced prior to the 2026 FMA grant opening.

2026 BRIC FUNDING – PROJECT #08884018

City and MSA submitted the application to Iowa HSEM, which was then submitted to FEMA on 7/22/2026. Conversations with HSEM indicated that grant awards *may* be announced prior to the 2026 BRIC grant opening.

RAIL YARD BROWNFIELD

Eocene has provided options for next steps with cost estimates for each of those options. Please let us know, if you would like to move forward with any of those options.

In addition, Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission has begun work on an EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant application that could support this project.

PROJECT UPDATE

**IDALS WQI URBAN CONSERVATION PROJECTS PROGRAM –
PROJECT #08884017**

MSA provided support with the Water Quality Institute (WQI) funding application with water quality calculations and application narrative assistance. Additionally, MSA attended a meeting with the IDALS Urban Conservationist. The City did not receive funds at this time, solely due to a lack of secure funding from FEMA. IDALS is excited for the project and wants to work together when the project is ready to move forward.

Amy Bouska reached out on 8/31/2026 to let the City know that the WQI Funding Pre-Proposal has been released. Applications are due November 6th. This should be a re-submittal from the 2025/2026 submittal.