



AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/09/2026

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Joe Kerlin, Parks Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution 162-25-26 – Authorizing the appropriate City officials to apply for a Federal Recreational Trails Program Grant.

ISSUE

Should the Public Works Committee recommend authorizing the appropriate City Officials to apply for a Federal Recreational Trails Program Grant.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval for applying for the grant.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Lakefront Trail is a 9-10' wide multi-purpose pathway that follows Broughton Drive from Pennsylvania Avenue north along the lakefront to North Point Overlook and then follows Park Avenue west, ending at North 3rd Street. The total length of the trail is approximately 8,818 feet or 1.67 miles. The Lakefront portion was built in 1993. The trail needs crack filling, major crack repair, sealcoating and new ADA curb ramp construction.

On pages 58-60 of the City's 2024-2028 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, it states under "Implementation of Goals & Objectives" that the city should continue to maintain high-quality, well-maintained, safe park spaces by focusing on maintenance of current facilities and work towards compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act within current park facilities. Another goal is to explore all available funding resources to further enhance the quality of the City's park system. One of the ways this can be done is by pursuing state and federal funding programs, which can aid in the purchase and or development of desire park systems improvements.

FUNDING IMPACT

The Federal Recreational Trails Program Grant offered through the Wisconsin DNR is an 80% matching grant but cannot exceed \$100,000. The estimated project cost is \$194,129.78. Staff suggest using budgeted ADA Infrastructure improvements funds for the citywide Parks Programs, for the remainder of the project. The budgeted ADA funds for 2026 are \$250,000.

IF APPROVED, NEXT STEPS:

Grant application is due March 1, 2026. This resolution is needed as part of the grant application for the city to be considered as a recipient of the grant.

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