
TO: Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator
FROM: Paul Carpenter, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Dellwood River Park Habitat Enhancement
DATE: December 1, 2025

OVERVIEW:

Staff continue to improve the Dellwood Park trail area including the installation of dog waste stations, benches, and mulch trails. One of the concerns brought to staff by residents is the vast poison ivy patches by the trail and if there was some way staff could eradicate it and create another mulch trail like the one in Community Park.

Working with the Anoka Conservation District, the thought of a nature prairie was suggested and would be an excellent solution to eliminate the poison ivy on the trail. Restoring the area back to prairie would also give the city the ability to have controlled burns in the park with an opportunity to educate the public on how important burns can be.

Grant funding, in the amount of \$86,090.00 with a match in the amount of \$4,215.00 is available to restore the native prairie in the area and eliminate all the poison ivy as well as the invasive buckthorn. Stormwater funds can be used for this project as it will improve the quality of water infiltration in the park area.

The Dellwood River Park Habitat Enhancement was discussed at the November 13th Park Commission Meeting, and the project was recommended to be brought forward to Council.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

Council to authorize the mayor to sign the Natural Resource Grant Agreement for Project Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of Dellwood River Park Habitat Enhancement.

BUDGET IMPLICATION:

The 11.1% match, in the amount of \$8,430.50, will come out of the stormwater fund.

Attachments:

- Natural Resource Improvement Grant Agreement for Project Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of Dellwood River Park Habitat Enhancement.