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TO: City Council

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DATE: August 29, 2025

SUBJECT: DNR Grant for Washington Park Shoreline Restoration

Introduction: A resolution authorizing submission of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grant application to support the Washington Park Shoreline Restoration Project. This grant is an 80%/20% match with the City expected to match with in-kind labor. While the budget is not finalized for this project, Staff anticipates requesting \$16,000 in DNR funding.

Strategic Plan: This agenda item advances the City strategic goal of improved recreational spaces.

Analysis: Washington Park is one of our community's most heavily used parks, providing riverfront access, playgrounds, walking trails, and gathering spaces. However, sections of the park's shoreline have experienced erosion and degradation, threatening both recreational amenities and the ecological health of the East Twin River.

The Shoreline Restoration Project will:

- Stabilize and protect eroding shoreline areas.
- Re-establish native vegetation to improve water quality and habitat. Tall native grasses have the potential for deterring Canadian geese. The river walkway is frequently covered in goose poop.
- Enhance resilience against flooding and storm events.
- Preserve and improve safe public access to the riverfront.

This initiative directly supports the City's long-term goal of resilient shoreline management and aligns with state and regional priorities for water quality and habitat protection.

Recommended Action: A motion to approve the proposed Resolution.



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