

Riverside Park Revitalization

WI DNR Knowles Nelson Stewardship Grant Program - Application Summary

- 1. The City of Two Rivers, Parks and Recreation Department completed a master plan for Riverside Park in spring 2024. The plan was adopted by the council on 6/12/24.
- 2. The master plan describes an ambitious vision for Riverside Park. The estimated cost for fulfilling this plan is \$1.2 million. Leveraging city funding and outside funding in a phased approach will be needed to make this project a financial reality.
- 3. The first step to funding the project is applying for a WI DNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant and having approval from City Council to do so. This opportunity supports large projects with a cost share of 50/50. An application for the 2026 funding cycle will be submitted by May 1st, 2025. In an ideal situation, the grant application will complete the following project components with the budget as outlined.

Riverside Park Revitalization - Basic Infrastructure

Source	Contribution	Percent
City Contribution	\$ 224,500	35%
Other Grants/Donations	\$ 100,000	15%
WI DNR Stewardship	\$ 324,500	50%
Total	\$ 649,000	

Projects components included in this budget: new restroom building, removal of old parking lots, installation of cul-de-sac, installation of parking near 14th St., creation of engineering and construction plans, landscaping restoration. Pathway improvements, lighting and security improvements.

- 4. The budget and various match contributions can be modified after submission depending on the availability of city funding and other outside grant and donation opportunities. The projected budget is an ideal situation for funding all the desired infrastructure components. At a minimum, the park would benefit from a new restroom building with an estimated cost of \$200,000.
- 5. A new skatepark or improvements to the current skatepark are not included in the fundraising for phase one of the project. A second phase will be needed to secure the necessary funds. A skatepark is estimated to cost between \$250,000 \$500,000.