

Engineering Division of the Public Works Department

To: Mayor McFarland & Finance Committee Members

From: **Andrew Beyer, P.E., Director of Public Works/City Engineer**

Date: 9/4/2024

Subject: Riverside Park Creek Cost Share Agreement

Background

Review and take possible action: Cost-share agreement with Dodge County for Riverside Park Creek Improvement project for up to \$10,000

Background:

Engineering Division staff have been working with Dodge County Land & Water Conservation Department on a plan to improve the streambanks and water flow of Riverside Park Creek, a tributary to the Rock River since 2022. Approximately 1,200 feet of the creek have been studied, modeled, designed and permitted, resulting in a creek improvement project that the City is ready to complete this fall. This project will remove blockages within the creek that impeded stormwater flows from residential and institutional areas upstream, causing frequent flooding of the creek and overflow into the park areas. This project will also fortify the streambanks that are eroding and contributing to excess sedimentation and water quality impairments downstream and in the Rock River. Completion of this project will be included in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit 2024 Annual Report and listed as progress toward required Rock River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) sediment and phosphorus reduction goals.

Dodge County LWCD administers a cost-share program, offering 50% reimbursement of project costs up to \$10,000 for creek improvement projects. Cost share agreements are required to be signed before the project begins to be eligible for reimbursement. The Riverside Park Creek Improvement Project is eligible for \$9,129.87 dollars from Dodge County for implementation of this project.

Budget Goal

1. Proactively maintains and improves our parks and infrastructure in an effort to ensure quality, safety and compliance

Financial Impact

The Riverside Park Creek Improvement Project was included in the 2024 stormwater utility budget, Capital Outlay, account #16-58-16-60. Reimbursement of \$9,129.87 would stretch the capital outlay budget further.

Recommendation

Engineering Division staff request approval to enter into a cost-share agreement with Dodge County LWCD for reimbursement of \$9,129.87 for this construction project.

2024 Operational Goals

2. Proactively maintains and improves our parks and infrastructure in an effort to ensure quality, safety and compliance
3. Supports employee retention and growth, and also works to address critical staffing areas
4. Invests in the assessment, strategic planning and maintenance of our city buildings
5. Promotes and fosters innovative approaches for community development and growth
6. Maintains a safe and healthy community, and expands community education on safety and health