



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: March 5, 2024

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Community Development Committee
LIAISON: Mary Kate Berens, Deputy City Manager

FROM: David Marquardt, Director of Parks and Recreation
Community Development

SUBJECT: **Resolution approving the submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application in the amount of \$300,000 for improvements at Bike Park**

Attached is a resolution approving the submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and committing to the required match for improvements at Bike Park. The MNRTF grant requires a minimum 25% match of total project costs.

Bike Park, located at 580 Kirkland Street, SW, is one of Grand Rapids' most unique public spaces. This 16-acre community park has multiple biking opportunities for the community including a pump track, skills loop and an intermediate trail through the woods. The 2022 Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan (Strategic Plan) calls for improved outdoor fitness opportunities incorporated through park infrastructure improvements at Bike Park and new mountain bike trails (pgs. 121 and 200). In addition, the Strategic Plan contains the Bike Park Master Plan (Appendix, pg 317) which details improvements to the existing parking lot, a new shelter/patio space and additions of other mountain bike trail components.

The estimated total project cost is \$605,000. The grant request is for \$300,000. Parks Millage funds will support the remaining project cost with a match of \$305,000, representing 50% of total project cost. This project has been scheduled as part of the Parks Department's ongoing work using Parks Millage funds and was approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their meeting on February 7, 2024.

A public hearing was held February 20, 2024. Letters of support have been provided by West Michigan Mountain Bike Association, Rebel Bike Shop, Disability Advocates of Kent County and Friends of Grand Rapids Parks.

Your COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution approving the submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application in the amount of \$300,000 for improvements at Bike Park

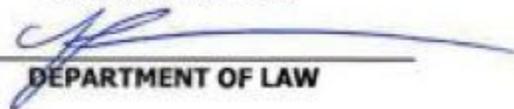
RESOLVED:

1. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to submit a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requesting \$300,000 for improvements to Bike Park, and to provide any additional information that may be required with respect to the project; and

2. That, contingent upon execution of a grant agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the City will provide matching funds of \$305,000 (50%) toward the actual eligible total project cost not to exceed \$605,000, with source of said funds to be Parks Millage; and

3. That the City will make these matching funds available during City fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

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