



BOARD MEETING

March 9, 2022

5:30 p.m. - Polk County Administration Bldg., Room 120
111 Court Ave., Des Moines, IA

AGENDA

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Public Comments
- 3) Solar Energy Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Presentation – PCC Sustainability Committee member Adam Fendrick
- 4) New Employee Introduction
 - a. Jessica Lown – Community Outreach Supervisor
- 5) Financial Reports
- 6) Action on the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s)

CONSENT AGENDA

Note: These are routine items and will be enacted by one roll call vote without separate discussion unless a Board Member or member of the public requests an item be removed to be considered separately. Please notify a PCCB Member to have an item removed.

- 7) Approving bill list.
- 8) Approving the 2021 Polk County Conservation Annual Report.
- 9) Recommending to the Polk County Board of Supervisors to approve a Temporary Easement for construction and construction-related activities to the City of Des Moines for the Easton Boulevard reconstruction - E. 33rd Street to Fourmile Creek on land known as the Fourmile Creek Greenway.
- 10) Authorizing transfer of additional properties from the City of Des Moines to Polk County Conservation ownership within the Fourmile Creek Greenway following guidelines and restrictions set forth in the previously approved Fourmile Creek Greenway Management and Maintenance Agreement and 44 CFR part 80.19.

ACTION ITEMS

N/A

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director Remarks

Board Chair & Members Remarks

CLOSED SESSION

- 11) Land Acquisition

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Events

- March 9-11, 2022: IA State Association of Counties Conference (Kami/Rich)
- March 15-17, 2022: Equestrian Center Spring Break Camps
- March 14-20, 2022: Environmental Education Spring Break Programming @ Various Parks
- March 29, 2022: Spring Youth Corps Begins
- April 13, 2022: PCC Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, Polk Co Admin Bldg, Rm 120

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2021- 2022 Revenue Budget
- as of 2/28/22 (66.67% of budget year expired)

UNIT #	UNIT	Revenue Budget	Total Revenues Received	Balance Due	% Received
General - Fund 1					
0212	Conservation Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
0213	Equipment	\$ 5,000	\$ 35,671	\$ (30,671)	713.4%
6006	Environmental Ed	\$ 100,000	\$ 44,442	\$ 55,558	44.4%
6009	Natural Resources	\$ 72,000	\$ 122,725	\$ (50,725)	170.5%
6101	Administration	\$ 402,000	\$ 80,393	\$ 321,607	20.0%
6103	Community Outreach	\$ -		\$ -	0.0%
6104	Conservation Grants	\$ 254,000	\$ 58,774	\$ 195,226	0.0%
6110	Parks Advocacy Unit	\$ 672,500	\$ 463,062	\$ 209,438	68.9%
6118	Fleet Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,166	\$ 6,834	
6119	Construction/Maint.	\$ -	\$ 10,262	\$ (10,262)	0.0%
6124	Equestrian Center	\$ 225,000	\$ 117,163	\$ 107,837	52.1%
Sub-Total - General Fund 1		\$ 1,740,500	\$ 935,658	\$ 804,842	53.8%
Conservation Special Projects- Fund 6					
6125	JP Lodge	\$ 100,000	\$ 68,147	\$ 31,853	0.0%
6126	Mitigation Banking	\$ -	\$ 418,424	\$ (418,424)	0.0%
6127	Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000	\$ 6,655	\$ (5,655)	665.5%
6128	Cabins	\$ 110,000	\$ 97,532	\$ 12,468	88.7%
6129	Laurisden Skatepark	\$ 2,000	\$ 30,959	\$ (28,959)	0.0%
Sub-Total - General Fund 6		\$ 213,000	\$ 621,717	\$ (408,717)	291.9%
REAP - Fund 26					
0211	Resource Enhancement	\$ 111,000	\$ 115,679	\$ (4,679)	104.2%
Reserve - Fund 50					
0210-0214	Special Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Bond - Fund 51					
0210	Water & Land Dev & Trails	\$ 320,000	\$ 272,453	\$ 47,547	85.1%
Conservation Enterprises - Fund 286			\$ -		
6121	Golf Course	\$ 304,000	\$ 372,631	\$ (68,631)	122.6%
Sub-Total - Enterprises Fund 286		\$ 304,000	\$ 372,631	\$ (68,631)	122.6%
Grand Total - Conservation		\$ 2,688,500	\$ 2,318,138	\$ 370,362	86.2%

2021 - 2022 Expense Budget
- as of 2/28/22 (66.67% of budget year expired)

UNIT #	UNIT	Expense Budget	Total Expended	Balance Remaining	% Expended
General - Fund 1					
0212	Conservation Infrastructure	\$ 400,000	\$ 42,190	\$ 357,810	10.5%
0213	Equipment	\$ 280,000	\$ 195,176	\$ 84,824	69.7%
6006	Environmental Ed	\$ 708,752	\$ 369,954	\$ 338,798	52.2%
6009	Natural Resources	\$ 1,104,160	\$ 723,736	\$ 380,424	65.5%
6101	Administration	\$ 1,052,171	\$ 886,330	\$ 165,841	84.2%
6103	Community Outreach	\$ 212,372	\$ 117,121	\$ 95,251	55.1%
6104	Conservation Grants-2018 Flood	\$ 193,000	\$ 50,562	\$ 142,438	0.0%
6110	Parks Advocacy Unit	\$ 1,370,883	\$ 851,198	\$ 519,685	62.1%
6118	Fleet Services	\$ 538,046	\$ 394,452	\$ 143,594	73.3%
6119	Construction/Maint.	\$ 691,364	\$ 445,997	\$ 245,367	64.5%
6124	Equestrian Center	\$ 610,594	\$ 432,665	\$ 177,929	70.9%
Sub-Total - General Fund 1		\$ 7,161,342	\$ 4,509,381	\$ 2,651,961	63.0%
6125	JP Lodge	\$75,000	\$3,823	\$71,177	5.1%
6126	Mitigation Banking	\$0	\$6,625	(\$6,625)	0.0%
6127	Miscellaneous	\$25,000	\$6,552	\$18,448	26.2%
6128	JP Cabins	\$61,028	\$42,521	\$18,507	69.7%
6129	Laurisden Skatepark	\$100,000	\$108,703	(\$8,703)	0.0%
Sub-Total - General Fund 6		\$261,028	\$168,224	\$92,804	64.4%
General Supplemental - Fund 2					
All Units	Benefits (IPERS/FICA/Ins, Etc.)	\$ 1,524,848	\$ 971,313	\$ 553,535	63.7%
Risk Management - Fund 3					
6100	Insurance, Med., Work. Comp.	\$ 35,000	\$ 68,504	\$ (33,504)	195.7%
REAP - Fund 26					
0211	Resource Enhancement	\$ 107,069	\$ 5,850	\$ 101,219	5.5%
Reserve - Fund 50					
0210-0214	Trails, Special Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Bond - Fund 51					
0210	Water & Land Dev & Trails	\$ 2,524,641	\$ 2,092,739	\$ 431,902	82.9%
Conservation Enterprises - Fund 286					
6121	Golf Course	\$335,000	\$103,086	\$231,914	30.8%
Sub-Total - Enterprises Fund 286		\$ 335,000	\$ 103,086	\$ 231,914	30.8%
Grand Total - Conservation		\$ 11,948,928	\$ 7,919,097	\$ 4,029,831	66.3%

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C05-R003	GAY LEA WILSON TRAIL CONNECTION (DSM-ANKEN)	\$ 49,851	\$ 99,643	\$ -	\$ 865,150	\$ 94,142	\$ 175	\$ (809,974)	\$ 149,494	\$ (0)	DONE
C06-6134	CBG SHAW ACQUISITION	\$ 432,776	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 691,636	\$ (258,860)	\$ 432,776	\$ 0	DONE
C08-6142	JESTER PARK CABINS	\$ 687,625	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 687,625	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 687,625	\$ 0	DONE
C11-6205	CVT CONN-BONDURANT TO NE 29TH	\$ 1,265,051	\$ 30,683	\$ -	\$ 1,954,413	\$ 131,607	\$ 7,262	\$ (797,548)	\$ 1,295,734	\$ (0)	DONE
C12-6213	CBG WELL REPLACEMENT	\$ 73,859	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,746	\$ 150	\$ 1,963	\$ -	\$ 73,859	\$ 0	DONE
C12-6214	CBG OBSERVATION DECK	\$ 89,040	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,840	\$ 11,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89,040	\$ (0)	DONE
C12-6218	JP EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE BLDG RELOCATION	\$ 406,291	\$ 13,762	\$ -	\$ 420,053	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 420,053	\$ (0)	DONE
C12-6219	EC IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 10,671	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,253	\$ 3,418	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,671	\$ 0	DONE
C12-6220	4-MILE CREEK WATERSHED	\$ 20,309	\$ -	\$ 1,077,061	\$ -	\$ 20,309	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,309	\$ 0	DONE
C12-6221	JP NATURE CENTER	\$ 363,349	\$ 3,636,651	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 8,077,560	\$ 2,073,148	\$ 510,936	\$ (4,242,785)	\$ 6,418,858	\$ (918,858)	\$ -
C12-6222	CBG MASTER PLAN	\$ 87,000	\$ 484,185	\$ 303,709	\$ 201,148	\$ 369,249	\$ 1,560	\$ -	\$ 571,956	\$ (0)	
C12-6223	ACKELSON TRAIL PHASE I (fkn EL Trail Phase I)	\$ 1,083,651	\$ -	\$ 189	\$ 903,781	\$ 176,108	\$ 3,951	\$ -	\$ 1,083,840	\$ 0	DONE
C12-6224	ACKELSON TRAIL PHASE II (fka EL Trail Phase II)	\$ 644,718	\$ 93,918	\$ -	\$ 1,066,959	\$ 216,221	\$ 15,457	\$ (560,000)	\$ 738,636	\$ (0)	DONE
C12-6225	ACKELSON TRAIL PHASE III (fka EL Trail Phase III)	\$ 52,661	\$ 941,136	\$ 475,000	\$ 3,906,577	\$ 580,827	\$ 9,891	\$ (1,940,951)	\$ 2,556,344	\$ (0)	\$ -
C12-6226	FDM POND IMPROVEMENTS & SEDIMENT BASIN	\$ 679,065	\$ 49,386	\$ -	\$ 769,399	\$ 136,036	\$ 23,016	\$ (200,000)	\$ 728,451	\$ 0	DONE
C12-6227	FDM PARK IMPR-SHELTER/TRAILS/PENINSULA	\$ 121,175	\$ 1,364,205	\$ -	\$ 1,044,826	\$ 203,713	\$ 340,277	\$ (103,437)	\$ 1,485,380	\$ 0	DONE
C12-6228	JP PARK IMPROVEMENTS-CAMP AREA #2 ELECTRIC	\$ 382,911	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 336,945	\$ 30,450	\$ 15,516	\$ -	\$ 382,911	\$ (0)	DONE
C12-6229	HTT CONNECTOR TO GLW (fka Neal Smith)	\$ 9,800	\$ 1,404	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 11,554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,554	\$ (0)	DONE
C12-6230	TM CAMP CREEK STABILIZATION	\$ 1,027,125	\$ 38,682	\$ -	\$ 867,694	\$ 198,000	\$ 113	\$ -	\$ 1,065,807	\$ (0)	DONE
C12-6231	TM PARK IMPROVEMENTS& SHOWER HOUSE	\$ 56,574	\$ 57,371	\$ 160,055	\$ 43,175	\$ 57,553	\$ 24,712	\$ (1,205)	\$ 124,236	\$ (0)	
C12-6232	YB PARK IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 55,797	\$ 626,772	\$ 504,608	\$ 1,066,422	\$ 204,745	\$ 175,407	\$ (209,981)	\$ 1,236,593	\$ 85,337	
C19-6323	YB SHOP BUILDING				\$ 79,758		\$ 5,490		\$ 85,247	\$ (70,113)	
C19-6338	YB CABINS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,109	\$ 1,280	\$ -	\$ 18,389	\$ (18,389)	
C12-6233	TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS ALL AREAS	\$ 33,720	\$ 126,863	\$ 488,280	\$ 121,539	\$ 20,500	\$ 8,052	\$ (3,002)	\$ 147,089	\$ (0)	DONE
C12-6234	JP ENTRANCE RELOCATION	\$ 352,768	\$ 743,313	\$ -	\$ 946,670	\$ 122,707	\$ 37,197	\$ -	\$ 1,106,573	\$ 0	DONE
C12-6235	CBG WOOSLEY PROPERTY	\$ 2,200	\$ 516,683	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 518,883	\$ -	\$ 518,883	\$ (0)	DONE
C12-6236	CBG MENDENHALL ACQUISITION	\$ 681,167	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 681,167	\$ -	\$ 681,167	\$ 0	DONE
C12-6237	CXT VAULT TOILETS	\$ 64,133	\$ 106,807	\$ 97,987	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 268,927	\$ -	\$ 268,927	\$ 0	
C12-6238	CBG WETLANDS/DRAINAGE RESTORATION	\$ 67,221	\$ 303,836	\$ 277,474	\$ 521,244	\$ 147,214	\$ 10,421	\$ (100,000)	\$ 578,878	\$ (0)	DONE
C12-6239	YB DAM REPAIRS	\$ 898,097	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 775,964	\$ 112,507	\$ 9,626	\$ -	\$ 898,097	\$ 0	DONE
C12-6240	BEAVER CREEK LAND ACQUISITION	\$ 93,469	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 457	\$ 93,012	\$ -	\$ 93,469	\$ 0	DONE
C12-6242	ROAD & PARKING LOT RESURFACING ALL AREAS	\$ 200,237	\$ 615,221	\$ 706,624	\$ 1,303,352	\$ 8,219	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,311,571	\$ 200,019	
C12-6243	CAMP CREEK-MILLER/RIST LAND ACQUISITION	\$ 342,197	\$ 3,408	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 345,605	\$ -	\$ 345,605	\$ -	DONE
C12-6244	CBG AIRPORT 16 ACQUISITION	\$ 75,588	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,588	\$ -	\$ 75,588	\$ -	DONE
C12-6245	YB ALITZ PROPERTY ACQUISITION	\$ 298,950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 298,950	\$ -	\$ 298,950	\$ 0	DONE
C12-6246	CBG FREELAND LAND ACQUISITION	\$ 204,437	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 204,437	\$ -	\$ 204,437	\$ -	DONE
C12-6247	CBG AIRPORT 60 LAND ACQUISITION	\$ 242,087	\$ (60,638)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 246,099	\$ (64,650)	\$ 181,449	\$ 0	DONE
C12-6248	CBG EVERLY PROPERTY-NO SALE APPRAISAL ONLY	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	DONE

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C12-6249	BROWN'S WOODS TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 49,882	\$ 77,804	\$ -	\$ 89,387	\$ 5,225	\$ 33,075	\$ -	\$ 127,686	\$ (0)	DONE
C12-6250	YB PRIEST PROPERTY ACQUISITION	\$ 321,640	\$ 11,775	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 333,415	\$ -	\$ 333,415	\$ -	DONE
C12-9999	MISC MINOR IMPR, EQUIP & INTEREST	\$ 339,492	\$ 330,508	\$ 267,385	\$ 245,256	\$ 78,383	\$ 797,187	\$ (173,200)	\$ 947,626	\$ (25,988)	
C13-6251	OVERALL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	\$ 43,095	\$ (3,095)	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 43,095	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,095	\$ 0	DONE
C13-6252	EL LODGE CONSTRUCTION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
C13-6253	TM ACCESSIBLE TRAIL AROUND POND	\$ 165,338	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,351	\$ -	\$ 70,987	\$ -	\$ 165,338	\$ (0)	DONE
C13-6254	TM OVERLIN PROPERTY ACQUISITION	\$ 74,257	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,257	\$ -	\$ 74,257	\$ -	DONE
C13-6255	MALLY'S STREAMBANK STABILIZATION	\$ 400	\$ (400)	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 311	\$ -	\$ 711	\$ (0)	DONE
C13-6256	PCWLL PUBLIC AWARENESS	\$ 2,723	\$ (2,723)	\$ 11,797	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,797	\$ -	\$ 36,797	\$ (0)	
C13-6258	NATURAL AREA RESTORATIONS	\$ 8,481	\$ 289,156	\$ 1,378,389	\$ -	\$ 26,950	\$ 904,223	\$ (59,416)	\$ 871,757	\$ 586,389	
C13-6259	JP ORWC	\$ 4,200	\$ (4,200)	\$ 4,200	\$ -	\$ 4,200	\$ 23,983	\$ -	\$ 28,183	\$ 0	DONE
C13-6261	ANKENY HTT EXTENSION TO DSM	\$ 908,585	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,073,585	\$ (2,165,000)	\$ 908,585	\$ 0	DONE
C13-6262	EL J.C. WHITE PROPERTY	\$ 187,685	\$ 8,913	\$ 1,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 289,857	\$ (92,209)	\$ 197,648	\$ (0)	DONE
C13-6263	CVT SPUR TO MALLY'S	\$ 1,100	\$ 150,837	\$ -	\$ 87,283	\$ 49,957	\$ 14,697	\$ -	\$ 151,937	\$ 0	DONE
C13-6265	YB BANE PROPERTY	\$ 238,750	\$ 24,374	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 263,124	\$ -	\$ 263,124	\$ (0)	DONE
C14-6268	EL DIKES/DREDGING/WATER QUALITY	\$ 230,289	\$ 2,364,456	\$ 255	\$ 6,530,936	\$ 1,136,944	\$ 486,867	\$ (4,478,758)	\$ 3,675,988	\$ (0)	
C14-6269	FDSM CLASSROOM	\$ 12,873	\$ (12,873)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	DONE
C14-6270	EL COVERED BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 62,714	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,920	\$ -	\$ 5,794	\$ -	\$ 62,714	\$ 0	DONE
C14-6271	CBG KAL-DEN FARMS PROPERTY (SWAN LAKE)	\$ 100,090	\$ (20,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143,590	\$ (63,500)	\$ 80,090	\$ 0	DONE
C14-6272	EL RAIN GARDENS	\$ 15,379	\$ (8,983)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,874	\$ (22,478)	\$ 6,396	\$ (0)	DONE
C14-6274	CONSERVATION CORPS	\$ 48,898	\$ 152,702	\$ 483,238	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 816,004	\$ -	\$ 816,004	\$ 0	
C14-6275	GWT-BILL RILEY TRAIL	\$ 22,672	\$ 160,641	\$ -	\$ 138,984	\$ 44,285	\$ 44	\$ -	\$ 183,313	\$ 0	DONE
C14-6276	CBG SMITH PROPERTY	\$ 34,687	\$ 124,738	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 159,425	\$ -	\$ 159,425	\$ -	DONE
C15-6277	WATER QUALITY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,133,815	\$ -	\$ 163,108	\$ 1,707,599	\$ (120,000)	\$ 1,750,706	\$ (46,203)	DONE
C15-6278	CBG HALE POND REPAIR	\$ -	\$ 37,051	\$ -	\$ 36,825	\$ 226	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,051	\$ -	DONE
C15-6279	DNR WATER REC ACCESS GRANT-FDM	\$ -	\$ 7,105	\$ 45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,600	\$ (21,450)	\$ 7,150	\$ -	DONE
C15-6281	TM STROSAHL	\$ -	\$ 360,475	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360,475	\$ -	\$ 360,475	\$ -	DONE
C16-6282	4-MILE CREEK MASTER PLAN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,000	\$ -	\$ 62,000	\$ 1,407	\$ -	\$ 63,407	\$ 0	DONE
C16-6283	TM MURRAY PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ 211,045	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 246,045	\$ (35,000)	\$ 211,045	\$ -	DONE
C16-6284	YB MILLER PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ 2,655	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,355	\$ -	\$ 3,355	\$ -	DONE
C16-6285	CBG KIMBERLY FARMS PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,078	\$ (2,964)	\$ (64,000)	\$ (59,886)	\$ 60,386	DONE
C16-6286	EL DELANEY PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ 5,122	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,122	\$ -	\$ 5,122	\$ -	DONE
C16-6287	EC MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 17,866	\$ 468,119	\$ 2,526	\$ 47,221	\$ -	\$ 517,866	\$ 0	DONE
C16-6288	EL CHURCH PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ 35,615	\$ 92,019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127,634	\$ -	\$ 127,634	\$ -	DONE
C17-6289	4-MILE WILSON PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ 52,792	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,792	\$ -	\$ 52,792	\$ -	DONE
C17-6290	CG CLUBHOUSE RENOVATIONS	\$ -	\$ 8,829	\$ 391,171	\$ 325,288	\$ 68,279	\$ 6,433	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	
C17-6291	4-MILE BAIN PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ 336,054	\$ 210,989	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 547,043	\$ -	\$ 547,043	\$ 0	DONE
C17-6292	CBG MORGAN PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ 372,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 372,200	\$ -	\$ 372,200	\$ -	DONE

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C17-6293	4-MILE TRAILS END PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,311,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,315,050	\$ -	\$ 1,315,050	\$ (0)	DONE
C17-6295	CVT CONN-NE 29TH TO BROADWAY	\$ -	\$ 83,885	\$ 429,000	\$ 302,302	\$ 131,525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 433,827	\$ 0	
C17-6296	BEAVER CREEK WATERSHED IMPOVEMENTS	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	DONE
C17-6297	CBG-DYKSTRA PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 335,368	\$ -	\$ 21,297	\$ 590,416	\$ (268,033)	\$ 343,680	\$ 0	DONE
C17-6298	CBG-VEASMAN PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	DONE
C17-6299	CBG-K KIMBERLY PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 592,623	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 594,851	\$ (232,102)	\$ 362,749	\$ 232,102	DONE
C18-6302	WETLAND BANKING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,573	\$ -	\$ 140,341	\$ 158,720	\$ -	\$ 299,061	\$ 0	
C18-6303	CBG-PROPERTY 18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 950	\$ -	\$ 950	\$ -	DONE
C18-6304	4-MILE O'MARA PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,400	\$ -	\$ 4,400	\$ -	DONE
C18-6305	YB PORTER PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 151,181	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 151,519	\$ -	\$ 151,519	\$ 0	DONE
C18-6306	YB JACK MILLER PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	DONE
C18-6307	EL HAGER PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ 512,416	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 512,416	\$ -	\$ 512,416	\$ -	DONE
C18-6309	EAGLE ROOST GOODHUE	\$ -	\$ 2,421	\$ 79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	DONE
C18-6310	EAGLE ROOST JOHNSON	\$ -	\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ 1,250	\$ -	
C18-6312	MISCELLANEOUS LAND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,945	\$ -	\$ 6,162	\$ 62,447	\$ -	\$ 68,609	\$ 11,303	
C18-6313	EASTER LAKE CAMPGROUND	\$ -	\$ 4,336	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
C18-6314	JESTER PARK LODGE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (851)	\$ -	\$ (851)	\$ (0)	
C19-6318	NR SHOP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,840,778	\$ 11,293	\$ 233,811	\$ -	\$ 2,085,883	\$ 0	
C19-6319	CBG - RANGER HOUSE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 287,149	\$ -	\$ 32,265	\$ -	\$ 319,414	\$ 0	
C19-6320	T2T BRIDGE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
C19-6324	4-MILE GREENWAY RESTORATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,634	\$ 6,048	\$ 19,204	\$ 1,460	\$ -	\$ 26,712	\$ 0	
C19-6325	CBG-SPRAGUE PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116,099	\$ -	\$ 338	\$ 115,761	\$ -	\$ 116,099	\$ (0)	
C19-6327	EL - NORTH SHORE IMPROVEMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,738	\$ 138,367	\$ (71,070)	\$ 125,035	\$ 262,532	
C19-6328	MALLY'S WILLIAMSON	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,913	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,913	\$ -	\$ 120,913	\$ -	
C19-6330	YB - DEBOEF PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,836	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,836	\$ -	\$ 57,836	\$ 0	
C19-6331	YB- DEATON	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,804	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,181	\$ -	\$ 60,181	\$ (5)	
C19-6334	CBG LANE PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 568,705	\$ -	\$ 862	\$ 592,966	\$ (53,381)	\$ 540,447	\$ 28,258	
C19-6337	JP BIOCELLS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,129	\$ -	\$ 19,020	\$ -	\$ 43,149	\$ (0)	
C20-6341	CBG/DAN MILLER PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 206,998	\$ -	\$ 2,100	\$ 204,898	\$ -	\$ 206,998	\$ 0	
C20-6342	YB/PUJA PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,224	\$ -	\$ 10,224	\$ -	
C20-6343	4-MILE/SLEEP HOLLOW	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259,203	\$ -	\$ 10,800	\$ 248,403	\$ -	\$ 259,203	\$ -	
C20-6344	MALLY'S/RANKIN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,652	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,652	\$ -	\$ 2,652	\$ -	
C20-6346	JESTER PARK CAMPGROUND #1 IMPROVEMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
C20-6349	COPPER CREEK	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 301,972	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 301,972	\$ (6,691)	\$ 295,281	\$ 6,691	
C20-6351	EASTERN MOUNDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,200	\$ -	\$ 35,200	\$ -	
C20-6352	HTT TO POLK CITY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ (6,000)	

PCWLL EXPENDITURES AS OF :

February 28, 2022

SUB- LEDGER	PROJECT	DECEMBER 2013 BOND ISSUANCE	JUNE 2015 BOND ISSUANCE	JUNE 2019 BOND ISSUANCE	ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL ENGINEERING EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES	GRANT REVENUES AND DONATIONS	ACTUAL COSTS TO DATE	ACTUAL BALANCE REMAINING	TO BE RECEIVED
LAND ACQ.	LAND ACQUISITIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,107,636	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,231,913	
C18-6312	MISCELLANEOUS LAND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
C19-6332	4-MILE GREINER PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,200		\$ 2,200	\$ -	
C19-6333	ADELPHI	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
C19-6335	BEAVER CREEK - SWAICH	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800		\$ 1,800	\$ -	
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Polk County Conservation Board
5:30 p.m. - Polk County Administration Bldg., Room 120
111 Court Ave., Des Moines, IA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The Polk County Conservation Board met in person for regular session Wednesday, February 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

- #22-0201 Roll Call
Members Present: Crane, Lewis, Mollenhauer, Altringer, Cataldo
Members Absent:
- #22-0202 Public Comments
- #22-0203 Great Outdoors Foundation Presentation
- #22-0204 New Employee Introduction
a. Jessica Lown – Community Outreach Supervisor
- #22-0205 Financial Reports
- #22-0206 MOVED BY Cataldo, Altringer (2nd) to approve the January 12, 2022 meeting minutes.

Vote Yea: Crane, Mollenhauer, Cataldo, Lewis, Altringer
Members Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA

- #22-0207 Approving bill list.
- #22-0208 Approving amendment to agreement for the shared use and fees for golf badges at City of Des Moines Municipal Golf Courses, Jester Park Golf Course, and Terrace Hills Golf Course between City of Des Moines, Polk County Conservation Board, City of Altoona, C Corporation, and CS Corporation for the 2022 golf season.
- #22-0209 Approving update to the Polk County Conservation Public Art Policy and continuation of annual funding for the program at \$20,000 per year from 2022-2032.
- #22-0210 Approving an application for the Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance (CIRPTA) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant and intent to provide 20% matching funding for 2026 TAP funding for the repair and reconstruction of the Skunk River Bridge on the Chichaqua Valley Trail.

- #22-0211 Approving amendment to JEO's agreement to include Construction Testing & Inspection Services for the Fourmile Road Removals in an amount not to exceed \$30,200.
- #22-0212 Authorizing the Polk County Conservation Director, Richard Leopold, to sign the legal instrument for the Sycamore Access Trailhead application on behalf of Polk County Conservation.
- #22-0213 Approving "Lupine", the Polk County Conservation Public Art Committee's choice for the 2022 Rotating Sculpture Program at Jester Park.
- #22-0214 Approving the creation of a Parks Internship position within the Parks Division, following the Polk County Board of Supervisors resolution at their upcoming 2/15/22 meeting.
- #22-0215 Approving revised job classification/description for the Stable Laborer(s) and Stable Laborer Lead(s) and establishing the miscellaneous pay rate at \$15.00 and \$17.00 per hour respectively and eliminating the Assistant Riding Instructor position(s) following the Polk County Board of Supervisors resolution at their upcoming 2/15/22 meeting.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Mollenhauer to approve the consent agenda.

Vote Yea: Mollenhauer, Cataldo, Lewis, Crane, Altringer

Members Absent:

ACTION ITEMS

- #22-0216 Approving the Professional Services Agreement with Shive-Hattery to complete feasibility studies and master planning for Sleepy Hollow Sports Park in the amount of \$97,300.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Lewis to approve Action Item 22-0216.

Vote Yea: Mollenhauer, Cataldo, Lewis, Crane, Altringer

Members Absent:

- #22-0217 Approving the purchase of a CAT 299D3XE Land Mgt. skid steer and CAT HM418 forestry mower head in the amount of \$163,842 with a 5% contingency for the natural resources division.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Altringer to approve Action Item 22-0217.

Vote Yea: Lewis, Mollenhauer, Altringer, Cataldo, Crane

Members Absent:

- #22-0218 Awarding lowest contractor bid for Hazard Tree Removals in Polk County Conservation parks to RW Excavating in a contract amount of \$85,500, plus a 10% contingency.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Altringer to approve Action Item 22-0218.

Vote Yea: Lewis, Altringer, Mollenhauer, Cataldo, Crane

Members Absent:

#22-0219 Approving a no-cost land transfer of two parcels near Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt from the Iowa Department of Transportation to Polk County Conservation Board.

LET THE RECORD SHOW it was moved by Mollenhauer to approve Action Item 22-0219.

Vote Yea: Lewis, Altringer, Mollenhauer, Cataldo, Crane

Members Absent:

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director's Remarks

Continuing to work on RFQ Process for 2022 – Shive Hattery Sleepy Hollow Agreement on this month's agenda is last one from RFQ process/2012 Bond. Then we move on to 2022 Bond "Bid for Bidders in March/April" – a short list of pre-qualified companies approved to provide services for 2022 Bond work.

At last month's meeting a 5% match was approved for an Iowa Finance Authority Water Infrastructure Fund Grant which PCC was awarded. \$32,000 needs to be spent for this grant.

Easter Lake North Shore costs have increased from \$4.2 Million to \$6.8 Million due to supply and labor shortages driven by COVID. \$2.7 Million has already been raised and there are multiple grant opportunities, state funding, and targeted prospects that are being pursued. The question was asked as to why these cost increases weren't anticipated at the beginning of the project. Due to COVID, creating more detailed schematic plans and fundraising were stalled for a year. Once operations started up again and more detailed design schematics were created, the more detailed price list from Hansen Construction combined with the COVID supply chain issues and the addition of Universal Design elements resulted in an increased price tag for the project. Value engineering the project is important and additional 2022 Bond \$ could be allocated if needed. The goal is to get the bid package out by July 2022, and break ground in Oct/Nov 2022. The Board requested that a breakdown of everything expended at ELNS be sent to them (to date) digitally for their reference.

PCC submitted a robust decision packaged to the Polk County Board of Supervisors. Elements asked for include:

- FT Operations Manager at Sleepy Hollow
- FT Construction Maintenance Technician at Sleepy Hollow
- FT Water Quality Coordinator
- \$25,000 for Paid Interns
- Permanent Part Time employee for Lauridsen Skatepark
- 5% increase across the board for operational expenses
- \$290,000 to finish the Trestle to Trestle Bridge

- \$40,000 increase to Fleet Budget
- \$500,000 to finish Lauridsen Skatepark

A FT Naturalist position and the funding for the Ape Initiative fence were denied.

Total Increase: \$2,251,415 to PCC once the public hearing is conducted 3-1-22 and the budget is certified 3-22-22.

Board & Chair Remarks

Cataldo mentioned that several years ago, \$400,000 was earmarked by John Mauro to go towards the ELNS project. If \$1,000,000 was allocated with this Decision Package, does that include the \$400,000 or is that in addition to the \$400,000?

Rich – the \$400,000 has been replaced by the \$1,000,000

Altringer – is PCC following the tax bill?

Rich – yes – the Senate version contains iWill, which is still in play. We think the Governor's Office is supportive, but no one is clear where the House stands.

Altringer – our focus is on iWill and I'm not sure how other tax legislation impacts things...

Rich – while there will be offsets once taxes are more solidified, there was enough flexibility written into iWill to accommodate for those. I have been in contact with legislators to keep their focus on passing legislation that will trigger iWill.

It was mentioned that ICCS sends out a monthly e-newsletter tracking legislation that affects County Conservation and that all Board members are encouraged to get on the distro list.

Lewis – mentioned that Rich Leopold did a great job presenting to the BOS and wondered if PCC will still be deeded the land from the Ape Trust. It is in disrepair and contains piles of asphalt shingles and tires that keep growing. There is currently a nesting pair of bald eagles also on the land in question and it is close to other land that PCC manages.

Rich – there will be future conversations about the land because the lack of funding for the fence changes the plans for managing the land. Rich will be reaching out to the director at the Ape Trust to continue the conversation regarding this area.

Lewis – mentioned that the remaining family members of the initial benefactor of the Ape Trust are not as heavily invested in its continuity.

CLOSED SESSION

#22-0220 Moved by Cataldo to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property.
Vote Yea: Crane, Mollenhauer, Cataldo, Altringer, Lewis
Members Absent:

Closed Session Attendees: Katie Stoklasa, Rich Leopold, Kami Rankin, Ryan Crane, Cassie Cook, Doug Sheeley, Greg Lewis, Jill Altringer, Natalie McFarlane, Pam Mollenhauer (Zoom), Jim Cataldo, Adam Fendrick, Kate Clark

Action on closed session:

Moved by Altringer to return to open session.

Vote Yea: Crane, Lewis, Mollenhauer, Cataldo, Altringer

Members Absent:

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

	Date	March 9, 2022
	Item No. Roll Call No. Submitted by:	CONSENT 22-0308 Jessica Lown Comm. Relations Sup.

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the 2021 Polk County Conservation Annual Report.

INFORMATION:

Attached is the 2021 Polk County Conservation Annual Report. The report includes organizational highlights, financials, and pertinent facts and figures from January 1 – December 31, 2021. With board approval, the report will be printed and distributed. Distribution destinations include the Polk County Board of Supervisors, PCC website, and by request from the general public.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,000 (design/layout fees & printing)

Funding Source: PCC Operational Budget (Outreach)

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION(S):

Date: 03-10-21

Roll Call Number: #21-0307 (Yea 5)

Action: Approved the 2020 Polk County Conservation Annual Report.

Date: 3-11-20

Roll Call Number: #20-0306 (Yea-4; Vacant 1)

Action: Approved the 2019 Polk County Conservation Annual Report.

Date: 03-13-19

Roll Call Number: #19-0308 (Yea-4; Absent 1)

Action: Approved the 2018 Polk County Conservation Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approving the 2021 Polk County Conservation Annual Report.

NATURE

BRINGING US TOGETHER



POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION / 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



The year 2021 brought a reinvigorated sense of hope and purpose. As the worldwide pandemic continued to impact society, we at Polk County Conservation adapted and adjusted to the new world. Our parks, trails, and natural areas continued to experience extensive use. All of our outdoor amenities and areas remained open throughout the pandemic, with our indoor spaces reopening cautiously.

Public environmental education programs resumed, as well as limited school programs. Work of natural resources restoration and water quality continued its progressive course. Yellow Banks Park in the southeast portion of the county received some much needed campground expansions. We made exciting acquisitions, including Sleepy Hollow Winter Sports Park. Trail work continued, including designing a new singletrack mountain bike park between Des Moines and Pleasant Hill.

And then, on November 2, Polk County voters approved an additional \$65 million for our collective work! These funds will be used over the next ten years for the purposes of water quality, park infrastructure, land acquisition, trails, and natural resources restoration. We are humbled and excited to continue providing our community with a plethora of outdoor recreation opportunities, quality environmental education, and protecting Polk County's natural heritage for current and future generations.

See you on the trail!



Richard Leopold
Director
Polk County Conservation



YEAR AT A GLANCE

The Lauridsen Skatepark has features that welcome people of all ages to skate.
(photo by: Jami Milne)

Sledding down the slopes at Sleepy Hollow has never been more fun!



TOGETHER AGAIN

Polk County Conservation was excited to get back in touch with our community, safely, in-person. The Jester Park Nature Center's doors opened back up to the public in the spring, hosting art galleries and programs that were missed during 2020. Our annual event, Glow Wild, returned for a 5th year to the Jester Park Nature Center. The 3rd Annual Makers Market was held once again in-person at the Jester Park Nature Center, attracting over 2,000 people to shop locally crafted goods for the holiday season. An entirely different kind of event was held at the newly opened Lauridsen Skatepark. For four days, 300 of the world's top skateboarders from 38 countries came to Des Moines to compete to qualify for the 2021 Summer Olympics as part of the Dew Tour. 2021 was truly a year to bring us all back together again.

POLK COUNTY WATER & LAND LEGACY BOND HIGH APPROVAL RATE

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, voters supported the Polk County Water and Land Legacy Bond (PCWLL) in historic fashion passing the measure by 81.3%. This large margin of victory clearly shows that there is bipartisan support for critical water quality, wildlife, trails, and recreation projects. With the new bond, Polk County Conservation has pledged to spend \$25 million on water quality projects, \$20 million on parks, \$10 million on land acquisition and \$10 million on trails. Improved water quality, connected communities by means of trails and greenways, revitalized parks, outdoor recreation and education opportunities, and adequate green space for our future generations are important to the health of our community.

SLEEPY HOLLOW SPORTS PARK TO JOIN PCC'S FAMILY OF PARKS & TRAILS

Polk County purchased Sleepy Hollow Sports Park in fall 2021 with plans to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities for the public. A 76-acre sports and family recreation complex located on the east side of Des Moines, Sleepy Hollow Sports Park will further Polk County Conservation's mission to provide quality outdoor recreation. Sleepy Hollow is an excellent location to combine conservation education and the long-term protection of Polk County's natural heritage.

Over the next three years Polk County Conservation will be working closely with the current owners to ensure a smooth transition. Teams of county employees will learn critical operating and maintenance information about Sleepy Hollow, as well as investigate future opportunities to expand and promote the incredible events hosted annually at the east-side park. Thanks to this great partnership between transitioning owners, Sleepy Hollow's future is wide open with possibility.



Any projects that have been funded fully or in part by Polk County Water & Land Legacy throughout this document are denoted by the PCWLL logo water droplet.

PARK & TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS

Chichaqua Valley Trail

Bridge repairs along the Chichaqua Valley Trail were executed on both the Mud Creek Bridge, completed in January, and the Skunk River Bridge, completed in August.

Easter Lake Park

Construction to renovate an old church shelter at Easter Lake Park began this summer. This shelter will primarily serve as an operations base for Polk County Conservation staff, volunteers, and youth corps crews.

Fort Des Moines Park

Signs to identify the trees in the Fort Des Moines Park Arboretum were redesigned and are anticipated to be installed in spring of 2022.

Jester Park

Construction on a new RV dump station located near Skull Pond was completed in November and is ready for spring 2022 campers. Renovations to the shower house near Camp Area #1 were also completed during the spring. Updates included new partitions, sink counters, tile flooring, and walls.

Thomas Mitchell Park

The parking lot at the Thomas Mitchell Park pond was renovated to accommodate more visitors.

Park Signage

Effective sign placement in the Polk County parks system is vital to ensure visitors can navigating trails and parks with ease, as well as deepen their knowledge about the natural world. Sign repair, replacement and design is an ongoing, but always important task. This year the following new signs were installed:

- **Interpretive**
 - 4 located around Easter Lake Park's pollinator garden
 - 8 throughout the Fort Des Moines Park Arboretum
 - 2 located at Thomas Mitchell Park, including one at the Devoite grave
- **Wayfinding**
 - New trail signage throughout the Jester Park trail system

Jester Park Equestrian Center

A dedication and flag-raising ceremony was held on Sunday, November 6 at the Jester Park Equestrian Center in honor of the military veterans who have participated in the Horses Helping Heroes program. A fireside gathering area alongside the flagpole was inspired and built by Nicholas Stalzer from Boy Scout Troop 888 – West Des Moines, for his Eagle Scout project.

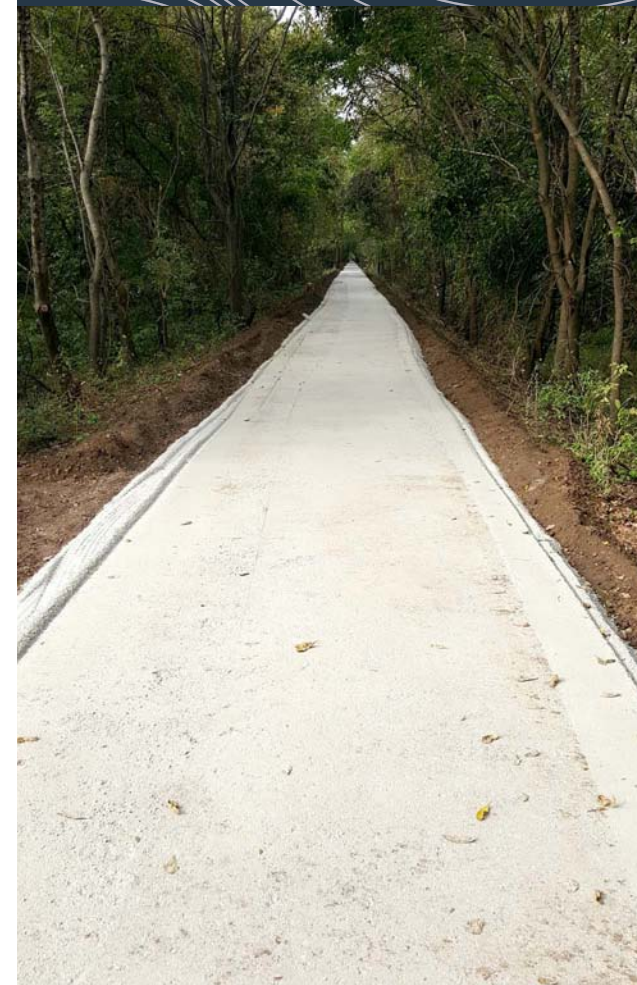


The new veterans memorial gathering area at the equestrian center.



Yellow Banks has 11 new full hook-up campsites ready for campers in spring of 2022.

The newly laid trail along the Great Western Trail allows for a smoother surface and better experience for trail users.



Yellow Banks Park

Construction of a new full service RV campground at Yellow Banks Park was completed in November and is ready for campers in the spring of 2022. Tent camping sites were relocated to the east side of the park to make room for 11 new full hook-up sites and a new restroom and showerhouse.



The new showerhouse near the Yellow Banks Park ballfields is ready to greet campers and park visitors for the 2022 season.

Trestle to Trestle Trail Bridge

Roughly two years ago, ice jams collapsed the Trestle to Trestle Bridge that spans over Beaver Creek in Johnston. This bridge is the connector between the cities of Johnston and Des Moines and a key element of the very popular urban Trestle to Trestle Trail. Trail partners have secured funding for this \$2 million dollar project. Invitations to bid the project were solicited in July, with anticipated construction being completed in the fall of 2022.

Trail Repairs (hard surface)

Trail resurfacing and crack sealing repair projects took place on the following hard surface trails:

- Gay Lea Wilson Trail between NE 56th and NE 27th
- Chichaqua Valley Trail section between NE Morgan Dr. and NE 82nd
- Great Western Trail between Water Works Park and County Line Rd.
- Gay Lea Wilson Trail between NE 27th Ave to 17th Ave.
- Trestle-to-Trestle Trail between Lower Beaver Rd and I-80

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Polk County Conservation welcomed:

- Toni Christiansen, *Equine Mental Health Specialist* (Sept 2021)
- Jenna Gatzke, *Naturalist* (July 2021)
- Julie Perreault, *Volunteer Coordinator* (June 2021)
- Shelly Nesheim, *Human Resources Specialist* (Dec 2021)
- Kami Rankin, *Deputy Director* (Nov 2021)
- Reed Russell, *Maintenance Park Ranger* (May 2021)
- Pat Spain, *Construction Maintenance Technician* (April 2021)
- Allison Wisgerhof, *Youth Corps Coordinator* (Dec 2021)

New Deputy Director

Deputy Director Doug Romig left his position after six years of service to the agency. Community Outreach Supervisor Kami Rankin was offered and accepted the Deputy Director role in November of 2021.

Brown's Woods Management Plan

Historical records were compiled for Brown's Woods to provide a baseline inventory of the park, set management goals, and prioritize objectives to create a task timeline. The overall goal for this park is to maintain a healthy forest ecosystem to serve as a refuge for wildlife and provide ecosystems services to the greater Des Moines area, as well as provide recreational opportunities for the community.

Conservation Corps

A six-member team from the Conservation Corps of Iowa began their 10-month term in Polk County Conservation's family of parks and trails in March, with an additional crew joining in October. Devoting their time primarily to bond-specific projects, the crews assisted with timber stand improvement, prescribed fire, native seed collection, invasive species control and other projects.

Iowa Confluence (ICON) Water Trails

In 2021, Polk County Conservation worked closely with the governance and water quality sub-committees associated with ICON Water Trails. Once completed, ICON Water Trails will include 80+ amenities, providing easy access for kayakers, anglers, campers, bikers, and hikers. ICON is one large classroom for learning about conservation initiatives, natural heritage and water safety.

Law Enforcement Policy

A Polk County Conservation Law Enforcement Policy was adopted by the Board in May. This policy provides guidelines and standard operating procedures for many duties, situations and logistics pertaining to law enforcement staff. It is especially useful to train new full-time and part-time staff and to ensure that uniform operations remain consistent throughout the park system.

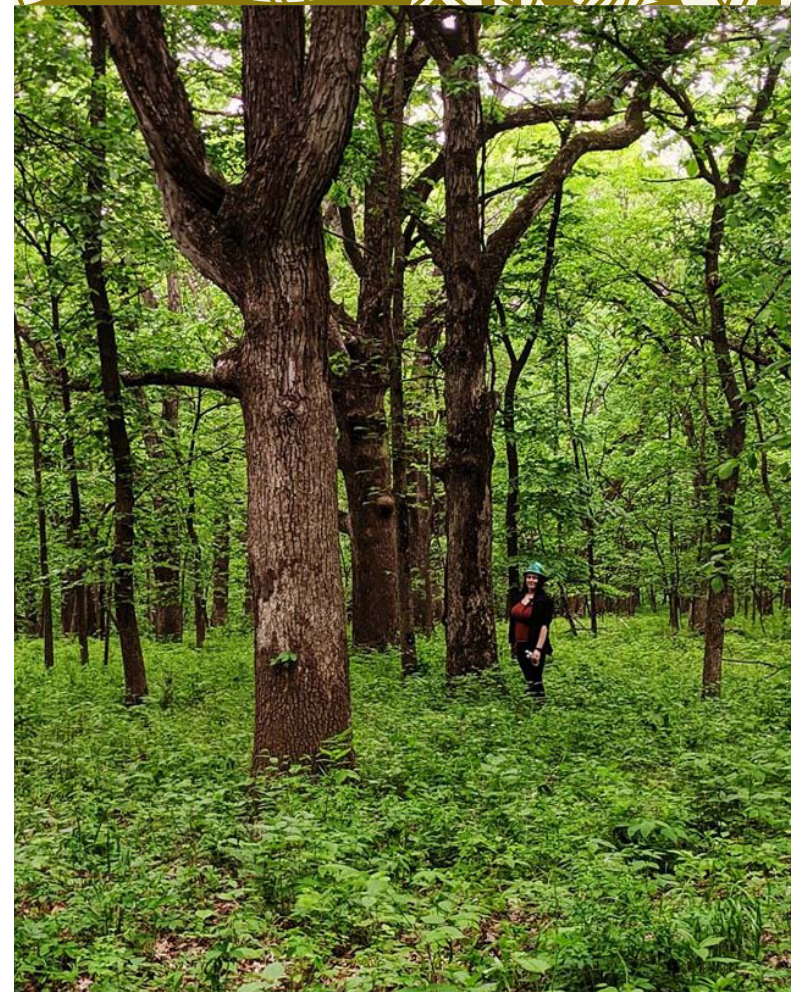
Polk County Water Quality Monitoring Program

Through Polk County Conservation's Water Quality Monitoring Program, 70 sites were monitored biweekly resulting in 26,231 data points. Along with the regular monitoring, snapshot events were held in the spring and fall where field monitors and volunteers sampled over 100 sites throughout the county on the same day.

Thanks to a partnership with Des Moines Waterworks, samples at many sites were sent to the lab for further analysis. This data is being used to assess the overall health of the streams within Polk County to create a better understanding of the needs and issues within the watersheds. The program added 25 newly trained monitors to a team of 100 trained staff, city partners, and dedicated volunteers. Staff also worked with local college students to analyze the data collected. This information will be used to determine current water quality trends and develop strategies to address issues. More information on data collected this year and the program in general can be found at www.LeadingYouOutdoors.org under Water Quality.



Youth Corps crew members take a break during a water quality monitoring program.



Strategic Planning

A five-year strategic plan was adopted by the Conservation Board in March. This plan will guide staff and the Board and give a clear vision for the future. The following five key goals were established:

- 1) Top Quality Regional Parks and Facilities for All
- 2) Protection of our Natural Heritage
- 3) Expanded Outdoor Experiences and Opportunities for All
- 4) Expanded Environmental Education
- 5) High-Performing Conservation Team

Youth Corps

Polk County Conservation Youth Corps was excited to welcome back six paid youth crews (ages 15 - 18) and four crew leaders (aged 19+) in 2021. Crews spent the spring, summer, and fall seasons learning the importance of stewardship in several Polk County parks through guided service projects and education.

A total of 52 Youth Corps crew members served in the 2021 program, completing a variety of projects including invasive species removal, trail maintenance, prairie seed collection, and planting native seedlings. Through Youth Corps, teens gain building blocks to be outdoor stewards, environmental advocates, and confident leaders.

This valuable work experience is not only an opportunity to create young advocates for Iowa's natural places, but also accumulates over 8,000 hours of work in Polk County Conservation areas. This unique program would not be possible without the generous support it has received, including a substantial grant from Microsoft of \$15,000 in 2021.

RECREATION ENHANCEMENT

Largest Skatepark in the U.S. Opens in Des Moines

Des Moines is now home to the largest skate park in the U.S. after more than a decade of planning, fundraising, and building. The Lauridsen Skatepark hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 7, 2021, celebrating its grand opening. Skaters of all ages took over the Olympic-grade park, with several young pro skaters in attendance. The 88,000 square foot skatepark is owned and managed by Polk County Conservation.

Dew Tour Comes to Des Moines

With help from Polk County, Catch Des Moines, Greater Des Moines Partnership, Skate DSM, and Subsect Skateshop, the Adventure Sports Network Group held its annual summer Dew Tour skateboard competition and festival at the new Lauridsen Skatepark from May 20-23. For four days, 300 of the world's top skateboarders from 38 countries came to Des Moines to compete. To help ensure safety, organizers offered spectator tickets in a free, limited distribution. Tickets to the

event sold out each session, drawing more than 2,000 fans per day. The Dew Tour brought over \$4 million to the Des Moines Metro, in the midst of a pandemic.

Skatepark Brings Local Artists Together

In partnership with the Middle of the Map Tattoo Convention, Polk County Conservation brought roughly 25 local, Des Moines artists together to create murals along the retaining wall at the Lauridsen Skatepark. Each section, ranging from 800 square feet to 1,100 square feet, was painted by a different artist or group of artists, creating a collage of different styles that are now on display for the public to enjoy year-round.

These murals can be seen from the river or when driving west over I-35. Food trucks, live music, and skating were all a part of the Live Mural Painting Event held on September 12th.



Pro skater, Sky Brown, landing a trick during the Dew Tour in Des Moines.

The Lauridsen Skatepark at night under the glowing lights of Des Moines. (photo by: Brian Abeling. Courtesy of Catch Des Moines.)



Copper Creek Mountain Bike Park Project

The Copper Creek Mountain Bike Park project site is undeveloped and located on 50.25 acres in east Des Moines and Pleasant Hill, along the Gay Lea Wilson Trail. Once complete the park will provide a soft surface trail system oriented towards recreational mountain biking, hiking, trail running, and groomed trails for winter fat biking. The project includes the development of 4.5 miles of singletrack flow trails and separate hiking trails. Polk County Conservation began working with the *International Mountain Bicycling Association - Trails Solution Team* in December to design integrated trails and green spaces that will serve as recreation and conservation areas for the entire community.



The Copper Creek Mountain Bike Park will have an element for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Leading the Public Outdoors

The environmental education unit found creative ways to educate the public in 2021. While classroom programs were still limited, families and youth groups began returning to the outdoors and summer youth programs saw a 1,000% increase from 2020. Along with active education, many passive education opportunities like Guide by Cell and new interpretive signs found throughout multiple parks and trails, as well as the Chill Out Challenge on social media inspired the public to explore the outdoors using technology and learn more about their natural environment.

An Equine Experience for the Public

The Jester Park Equestrian Center introduced multiple new programs, inviting all ages to get hands-on experience with resident horses. These programs included Horse Whispers in the Woods, Horse Powered Leadership, and Pony Tales. Along with new public programming, the equestrian center began a new outreach effort called Pony Visits, where a pony is

transported along to senior residential homes, bringing smiles to family and friends during a time when it was needed the most.

Fall Makers Market In-Person Once Again

Polk County Conservation hosted the 3rd Annual Fall Makers Market on November 21. The market was hosted at the Jester Park Nature Center and extended into the Outdoor Recreation & Wellness Center. A diverse representation of 42 local makers, artisans, or handcrafters were setup throughout the two buildings. The event reached 54,978 people on social media and more than 2,000 people attended the Makers Market in-person.

While Covid-19 was still prevalent in our community, precautions such as masking were implemented and we were able to bring our community back together again in a safe and responsible way.



HONORS

Polk County Conservation Youth Corps Awarded Chris Holt Youth Environmental Education Award

Polk County Conservation Youth Corps received the Chris Holt Youth Environmental Education Award. This program celebrates and furthers the potential of Iowa's diverse teenagers in the outdoors.

The Chris Holt Youth Environmental Education Award commends an outstanding Environmental Education program for or by youth.

LAND PROTECTION & RESTORATION

Additional Acreage Added to Park System

Polk County Conservation works with landowners, communities, cooperatives, and businesses to identify and protect land and other areas. The goal is to provide the citizens of Polk County with quality outdoor recreation, conservation education, and long term protection of Polk County's natural heritage.

• Fourmile Creek Greenway – 74.02 Additional Acres

Several lots located in the Fourmile Creek Greenway, recently acquired by the City of Des Moines, were deeded to Polk County Conservation as additions to its substantial land base in the Lower Fourmile Creek flood plain.

- A 42-acre parcel of land north of Copper Creek Lake in Pleasant Hill was added to the Fourmile Creek Greenway land holdings. This parcel will soon become Polk County Conservation's second location for mountain biking. Fundraising and design work for this project are moving forward in earnest.
- 5.7 acres of upland, along the Fourmile Creek Greenway, were purchased from Kading Properties, LLC. This area contains some quality timber, adding necessary wildlife habitat to the Greenway. PCC also traded a small parcel of land to obtain 1.21 acres containing Muchikinock Creek, which will provide the opportunity for additional protection of the watershed.
- A 26.82-acre parcel along Fourmile Creek, adjacent to Sleepy Hollow Sports Park, was acquired to aid in water quality and flood prevention efforts.

Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt Drainage Study

A drainage study was completed in November for a portion of the drainage ditches running through Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt. This study determined where restrictions to water flow is occurring and has identified water quality improvement practices that may be installed. A meeting with local landowners and Polk County staff to review results was held in July.

Crane Meadows

Staff completed a number of projects at the Crane Meadows property within Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt. Invasive shrubs were removed from the savanna site and timber stand improvement practices were implemented as edge feathering to provide wildlife habitat. Prescribed burns were also conducted in the woodland to further enhance the timber and prepare the area for dormant native grass and wildlife seeding. Several

hundred oak, walnut, and other hardwood trees are expected to be planted in the woodland area in 2022. In November, a contractor completed the excavation of seven wetlands at Crane Meadows. Afterward, land around the wetlands was seeded to a cover crop to achieve bank stabilization, along with the installation of wood duck boxes in select areas.

Easter Lake Park North Shore

Invasive trees were removed on 3+ acres along the northern boundary of Easter Lake Park, as part of the Easter Lake North Shore Management Plan. This area was prepped and seeded to native prairie during the first part of November. An estimated 51 oak trees (swamp white, bur, and white) were also planted after seeding to facilitate the conversion of this area to oak savanna. Once established, it will provide essential habitat for our native wildlife and infiltrate stormwater runoff, improving water quality.

Fourmile Creek Greenway

Design on the 35th Street storm water wetland has been completed and construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2022. Once completed, this wetland will reduce pollutants from 25 acres of residential stormwater before the water enters Fourmile Creek. As part of this project, roads no longer needed in the Fourmile Creek buyout area will be removed or converted to walking trails.

In early July, 25 acres of the buyout area between Copper Creek Lake and the Fourmile Community Center was seeded to native prairie.

Jester Park

Renovations to Skull Pond, located across from Shelter #2, were completed, including installation of a fish habitat structure at the bottom of the pond that was donated by Forterra Concrete Products.

The Iowa DNR restocked the pond. Along with the Skull Pond renovations, golf cart bridges were reworked, shoreline improvements were made, native seeding occurred around the pond, and a new outlet structure was also completed.



The view overlooking the Des Moines River from Yellow Banks Park is especially beautiful in the fall.

Polk County Conservation has been protecting and restoring natural areas since 1956.

Jester Park Nature Center Native Seeding

Grade work and herbicide application to remove existing weedy growth was completed around the Jester Park Nature Center and the Outdoor Recreation and Wellness Center. An additional chemical application was also conducted, followed by seeding of 4 acres in these areas to diverse native prairie.

Trails End Wildlife Area Mitigation Bank

Stream mitigation design plans for the Trails End Wildlife Area Mitigation Bank were reworked to better allow the restored creeks to function normally during high flows and reconnect with their floodplains. Restoration work in this area is anticipated to begin in early 2022.

Yellow Banks Park

Survey and design work has been completed to remediate a ravine draining Oak View Pond. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2022. This ravine will be restored to improve bank stability and reduce sediment that is entering Yellow Banks Pond, improving water quality and habitat.

Work also began on savanna restoration at Yellow Banks Park. This 16-acre area has been degraded over time by woody plant and invasive species encroachment. Staff will perform a prescribed burn on the area, as well as thin out the thick understory with a forestry mower. Timber stand improvement practices aimed at opening up the tree canopy for healthy oak and walnut growth will begin in 2022.



RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT



Polk County Water & Land Legacy Bond

Polk County Board of Supervisors placed a \$65 million Polk County Water and Land Legacy general obligation bond on the November 2, 2021 regular ballot. Voters in Polk County, with an 81.3% approval, passed the \$65 million Polk County Water and Land Legacy Bond. Bond funding will be used for water quality, trails, land acquisition, and park improvements for the next 10 years.

Easter Lake North Shore Development Plan

In July, a \$4 million fundraising campaign began for the Easter Lake North Shore with a goal of becoming the most universally-designed, diverse, and equitable outdoor

recreation space in the country. A campaign leadership team was formed to spearhead the campaign.

Jester Park Lithic & Historic Artifact Exhibit

Many generous donors and grantors, along with other grant sources and private financial donors, enabled the design for the Jester Park Lithic and Historic Artifact Exhibit that will be installed in the Jester Park Nature Center in 2022. More than 600 artifacts have been collected in SE Polk County and donated to PCC for display.



Birdseye view of the Easter Lake Park North Shore draft plan.





GRANTS (awarded July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

The following are grants and reimbursements awarded for Fiscal Year 20/21. The annual amounts listed are the award totals. Depending upon the grant specifics the award may be received in one year or over a multi-year period.

- **Adaptive Sports Program for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces** **\$120,617**
- **US Fish & Wildlife-South Skunk & Des Moines River Migratory Corridor Project** **\$100,000**
- **NAWCA, Prairie Lakes IX Wetland Project** **\$25,000**
- **REAP, Iowa DNR Lane Wildlife Area Land Acquisition** **\$43,381**
- **REAP, CEP Education Grant** **\$8,381**
- **National Association for Interpretation - Artifacts Collection** **\$500**

BUDGET SUMMARY

The General Basic funds expended for the various departments covered salaries, supplies, and services. The General Supplemental funds covered employee benefits. The Insurance expenditures were for Unemployment Insurance, Workers’ Comp Disability, Workers’ Comp Medical Expense, and Liability Insurance premiums.

Projects continued with REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection) funds were wayfinding signs, various grant matches, and various supplies and equipment.

Projects completed or continued with the Polk County Water and Land Legacy (PCWLL) dollars have been highlighted throughout the annual report by the blue water drop designation.

Polk County Conservation continually monitors revenues and expenses to assure budget compliance. In addition, a user fee committee annually reviews the various direct user charges for camping, shelter rentals, educational programs, special events, and other fee based activities to assure that a fair mix of user fee charges and general Polk County taxpayer support is maintained in the annual budget.

FINANCIALS

POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
FINANCIAL STATEMENT • JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021 CASH BASIS

REVENUES	General Basic	General Supp.	Insurance	REAP	PCWLLBond	Enterprise Fund	TOTALS
Property Taxes	\$5,333,339	\$1,405,043	\$182,235	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$6,920,617
Recreational Fees	774,583	0	0	0	0	0	744,583
Concessions	.92	0	0	0	0	0	92
Miscellaneous State Grants & Reimbursements	8,709	0	0	0	487,983	0	496,692
Land Rent	81,468	0	0	0	0	0	81,468
Building & Shelter Rentals	102,892	0	0	0	0	0	102,892
Misc Business Permits & Licenses	1,175	0	0	0	0	0	1,175
Firewood Sales	28,857	0	0	0	0	0	28,857
Miscellaneous Sale of Commodities	135	0	0	0	0	0	135
FEMA	197,216	0	0	0	0	0	197,216
Miscellaneous Contributions & Reimb. Other Govts	.0	0	0	0	20,000	0	20,000
Easements	42,700	0	0	0	0	0	42,700
General Administration Fees	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fee Based Program Revenues	37,310	0	0	0	0	0	37,310
Commissions	15,329	0	0	0	0	0	15,329
Motor Vehicle Fuel Refunds	10,558	0	0	0	0	0	10,558
Miscellaneous Contributions & Donations	52,153	0	0	0	132,164	0	184,317
Miscellaneous Reciepts	92,350	0	0	0	0	0	92,350
Fixed Assets Sold	49,382	0	0	0	0	0	49,382
REAP Annual Per Capita Payment	.0	0	0	109,026	0	0	109,026
Bond Revenues	.0	0	0	0	2,168,557	0	2,168,557
Golf Course Revenues	.0	0	0	0	0	350,819	350,819
Jester Park Lodge Revenues	.0	0	0	0	0	65,688	65,688
Jester Park Cabin Revenues	.0	0	0	0	0	169,082	169,082
Miscellaneous Revenues	.0	0	0	0	0	12,875	12,875
Lauridsen Skatepark	.0	0	0	0	0	229	229
Fund Interest	.0	0	0	951	2,461	1,583	4,959

TOTAL REVENUES	\$6,828,248	\$1,405,043	\$182,235	\$109,941	\$2,811,165	\$600,276	\$11,936,908
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EXPENDITURES	General Basic	General Supp.	Insurance	REAP	PCWLLBond	Enterprise Fund	TOTALS
Conservation Infrastructure/Equip.	\$390,273	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$390,273
Environmental Education	597,752	155,971	0	0	0	0	753,723
Natural Resources	1,135,959	321,286	0	0	0	0	1,457,245
Administration	1,098,330	199,737	0	0	0	0	1,298,067
Community Outreach	186,595	43,625	0	0	0	0	230,220
Conservation Grants	373,701	0	0	0	0	0	373,701
Parks Advocacy	1,258,718	273,442	0	0	0	0	1,532,160
Fleet Services	537,418	94,743	0	0	0	0	632,161
Construction, Maintenance, Operations	625,900	157,434	0	0	0	0	783,334
Equestrian Center	623,602	158,805	0	0	0	0	782,407
Insurance, Unemployment, & Workers Comp. Medical	.0	0	182,235	0	0	0	182,235
Resource Enhancement & Protection	.0	0	0	2,671	0	0	2,671
PCWLL Bond Expenditures	.0	0	0	0	2,811,165	0	2,811,165
Enterprise Transfer to Operations & Reserve	.0	0	0	0	0	102,538	102,538
Golf Course Minor Repairs & Maintenance	.0	0	0	0	0	110,314	110,314
Golf Course Project Note Repayment	.0	0	0	0	0	275,000	275,000
Jester Park Cabins Minor Repairs & Maintenance	.0	0	0	0	0	64,123	64,123
Jester Park Lodge Minor Repairs & Maintenance	.0	0	0	0	0	112,027	112,027
Miscellaneous Enterprise Minor Repairs & Maintenance	.0	0	0	0	0	14,067	14,067
Lauridsen Skatepark	.0	0	0	0	0	105,703	105,703
Gain in Fund Balances	.0	0	0	107,270	0	(183,496)	(76,226)

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$6,828,248	\$1,405,043	\$182,235	\$109,941	\$2,811,165	\$600,276	\$11,936,908
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2021 FACTS AND FIGURES



PARK VISITATION (where recorded)

Brown's Woods	178,445
Carney Marsh	52,134
Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt	131,250
Chichaqua Valley Trail	60,259
Easter Lake Park	1,141,324
Fort Des Moines Park	316,353
Four Mile Creek Greenbelt	20,776
Gay Lea Wilson Trail	46,888
Great Western Trail	52,622
High Trestle Trail (near PCC gazebo area)	51,324
Jester Park (includes Mile Long Boat Ramp, Golf Course, Equestrian Center, Nature Center, and Lodge)	1,081,540
Lauridsen Skatepark (opened May 2020. Number is an estimate - traffic counters were installed in January 2022)	74,700
Mally's Park	39,294
Thomas Mitchell Park	205,338
Trestle to Trestle Trail (closed due to construction)	0
Yellow Banks Park	368,504

Total Park Visitation 3,820,751 +

**PCC is unable to accurately calculate total park visitation from traffic counters. The estimated visitation total of 3,820,751+ people reflects only those parks and trails equipped with counters or alternative ways for tracking visitation.*

RENTAL FACILITY RESERVATIONS

Chichaqua Longhouse	95
Easter Lake Park Shelters	304
Fort Des Moines Park Shelters	181
Jester Park Nature Center	29
Jester Park Shelters (including amphitheater)	236
Jester Park Lodge	34
Jester Park Cabins	1,116
Mally's Park Shelter	18
Thomas Mitchell Park Cabin	149
Thomas Mitchell Park Shelters	113
Yellow Banks Park Shelters (including ballfields)	254

TOTAL Facility Reservations 2,529

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION 2021

- 441 school programs involving 6,047 students
- 239 youth programs involving 4,941 youth
- 62 adult programs involving 779 adults
- 124 family programs involving 2,301 participants
- 11 camps involving 128 youth
- No bus trips were conducted
- 84 virtual programs (participants unknown)

The Environmental Education staff connected with various audiences for a total of 20,610 hours.



Polk County Conservation partnered with Queer Hikers for a hike at Brown's Woods, inviting the LGBTQ community and their friends and family, to enjoy nature and share their love of the outdoors.

VOLUNTEER 2021

Hundreds of volunteers contribute thousands of hours to conservation efforts throughout the family of parks and trails. These dedicated individuals make up the various corporate groups, scout troops, park stewards, trail ambassadors, collegiate classes/ clubs, and others. Polk County Conservation volunteers managed to put in over 14,572.32+ hours of service within our parks and trails. In Iowa, volunteer hours are valued at \$25.16/hour, totaling over \$366,639.57 worth of work accomplished by volunteers.



Even the kids are joining in on volunteer events like the Annual Moonlight Seed Harvest at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt.

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Shelly Nesheim, *Human Resource Specialist*
Ginny Malcomson, *Administration Specialist*
Missy Smith, *Nature Center Coordinator*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Jessica Lown, *Community Outreach Supervisor*
Shae Rossetti, *Community Outreach Coordinator*

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

- Patrice Petersen-Keys, *Environmental Education Coordinator*
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- Doug Sheeley, *Natural Resources Manager*
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Cassie Cook, *Conservation Ecologist*
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David Weidt, *Conservation Park Ranger*
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Chance Patrick, *Maintenance Technician*

CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATIONS

- Ron VanDenBroeke, *Construction Maintenance Manager*
Adam Fendrick, *Park Planner*
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Brent Hansen, *Construction Technician*
Pat Spain, *Construction Technician*
Shawn Warren, *Construction Technician*
Luke Harshbarger, *Mechanic*
William Deaton, *Mechanic*

JESTER PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER

- Claudia Starr, *Equestrian Center Manager*
Liz Peitzman, *Barn Supervisor*
Toni Christiansen, *Equine Mental Health Specialist*
Curtis Kentner, *Operations Coordinator*
Donna Carter, *Equestrian Center Clerk*
Delaney O'Donnell, *Program Coordinator*
Kelly Blair, *Riding Instructor*

(*current as of February 2022)



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	Date	March 9, 2022
	Item No. CONSENT Roll Call No. 22-0309 Submitted by: Adam Fendrick Park Planner	

AGENDA HEADING:

Recommending to the Polk County Board of Supervisors to approve a Temporary Easement for construction and construction-related activities to the City of Des Moines for the Easton Boulevard reconstruction - E. 33rd Street to Fourmile Creek on land known as the Fourmile Creek Greenway.

INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines will be reconstructing Easton Boulevard from E. 33rd Street to Fourmile Creek that requires a temporary construction easement on land managed by Polk County Conservation. The temporary easement will grant construction crews access to the project site, and once completed, they will restore the land back to the original condition.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION(S): N/A

Date:

Roll Call Number:

Action:

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommending to the Polk County Board of Supervisors to approve a Temporary Easement for construction and construction-related activities to the City of Des Moines for the Easton Boulevard Reconstruction - E. 33rd Street to Fourmile Creek on land known as the Fourmile Creek Greenway and directing staff to proceed with the approval process.

Prepared by: Paige Moeckly, City of Des Moines, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, IA 50309-1891 (515) 283-4838
Return to: City of Des Moines, Real Estate Division, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, IA 50309-1891

Project: Easton Boulevard Reconstruction – E. 33rd Street to Fourmile Creek
Property Address: 3305 Easton Boulevard, Des Moines, Iowa 50317

Activity ID: 062017010
Parcel No.: 027

TEMPORARY EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Polk County Conservation Board, (hereinafter referred to as the "Grantor"), in consideration of One and No/100 Dollars (\$1.00) to be paid by the City of Des Moines, Iowa, upon final approval and acceptance of this Easement by the City, does/do hereby convey unto the City of Des Moines, Iowa, a municipal corporation, (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), a Temporary Easement for Construction and Construction-Related Activities under, over, through and across the following described property.

A PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 79 NORTH, RANGE 23 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA
AND

A PART OF LOT 2 OF THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 79 NORTH, RANGE 23 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA

MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT "A", DOUGLAS MANOR PLAT NO. 1, AN OFFICIAL PLAT, NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA AND ALSO BEING A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF EASTON BOULEVARD, AS PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED; THENCE NORTH 72°(DEGREES) 37'(MINUTES) 08"(SECONDS) EAST, 102.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 72°37'08" EAST, 324.49 FEET; THENCE NORTH 73°49'36" EAST, 65.88 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 16°10'24" EAST, 5.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 73°49'36" WEST, 65.83 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 72°37'08" WEST, 136.97 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 17°22'52" EAST, 15.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 72°37'08" WEST, 192.49 FEET; THENCE ALONG AN ARC 20.62 FEET TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 845.48 FEET, THE CHORD OF WHICH IS NORTH 3°16'26" WEST, 20.62 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 4815 SQUARE FEET.

Which property is also described and depicted on the plat attached hereto as Exhibit "TE-27"

(hereinafter referred to as the "Easement Area") Said Easement allows the City, its agents, contractors and employees, and other permitted parties including but not limited to electric, cable and telecommunications utilities and their respective agents, contractors and employees, a right of entry in, upon and onto the above described Easement Area for the Easton Boulevard Reconstruction – E. 33rd Street to Fourmile Creek Project, which purpose includes any and all construction-related activities, and includes but is not limited to the following: (1) grading and excavation; (2) hauling, transporting and storage of materials and equipment; (3) trimming and/or removal of trees and landscaping within or encroaching upon the Easement Area; (4) utility work including but not limited to relocation, placement and removal of various utility facilities such as electric poles and wires, water lines, sewer lines and natural gas facilities that are within or encroaching upon the Easement Area; (5) laying, constructing, maintaining, operating, repairing and removing underground conduit, wires, cables, poles, guys, guy stubs, anchors and other necessary equipment incident thereto (including but not limited to transformers, switchgears, capacitors and other associated surface mounted equipment); and (6) soil and groundwater analysis and related requirements.

It is understood that, upon completion of this project, the City shall restore the Easement Area to its original condition as reasonably possible, including but not limited to restoration of lawns by sodding or seeding, replacement of concrete or asphalt driveways removed for grading or access purposes, and replacement of fences or other structures that may be removed or damaged by the City and/or permitted parties during the course of construction, except that the following items shall not be restored by the City or permitted parties but are instead compensated for the consideration paid for in this Easement by the City as set forth above. (List items below or state "none").

NONE

It is further understood that the consideration set forth in this Easement shall constitute full and adequate compensation for damages to the above listed items.

It is further understood that the foregoing Easement and release shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever unless accepted by the City of Des Moines and shall be subject to the following terms and conditions to which the City, upon acceptance of this instrument by the City, shall be deemed and to have stipulated and agreed:

1. **DURATION.** It is understood and agreed that this Easement allowing entry in, upon and onto the Easement Area described shall be in effect beginning on the date that the Grantor signs this document until completion of construction of this improvement above described and the City's performance of its obligation hereunder. This Easement shall be binding on Grantor and on Grantor's successors and assigns during construction of this improvement.

- Furthermore, Grantor shall convey the Property free and clear of leasehold interests and leasehold claims and shall indemnify City against any such claims as a result of this project, unless the claim is due to City's gross negligence.

- Signed this _____ day of _____, 2022.

By: _____
Title: _____

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____, 2022, by _____ as _____ of Polk County Conservation Board.

Notary Public in and for the State of _____

DONATION (OPTIONAL)

It is the understanding of the Grantor that, although the City will provide compensation for the granting of this easement, it is the Grantor's wish to **donate** this temporary easement and **not** receive said compensation, and Grantor waives any and all rights to compensation.

POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION
BOARD

By: _____
Title: _____

ACCEPTANCE BY CITY:

The conveyance of the foregoing easement is hereby accepted by the City of Des Moines, Iowa. This Acceptance is made by the City Manager under authority delegated to the City Manager by §2-201(e) of the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

OR I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing Easement was duly approved and accepted by the City Council of said City of Des Moines by Resolution and **Roll Call No. 22-0026**, passed on the 10th day of January, 2022, and this certificate is made pursuant to authority contained in said Resolution.

Scott E. Sanders
City Manager of the City of Des Moines

P. Kay Cmelik
City Clerk of the City of Des Moines,
Iowa

Approved as to Form:

Lisa A. Wieland, Assistant City Attorney

INDEX LEGEND

SERVICE PROVIDED FOR:
CITY OF DES MOINES
400 ROBERT D. RAY DRIVE
DES MOINES, IOWA 50309

REQUESTED BY:
CITY OF DES MOINES

RETURN TO:
CITY OF DES MOINES
1551 E. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PKWY
DES MOINES, IOWA 50309
PHONE: 515-283-4050

BASIS OF BEARING:
IOWA SOUTH COORDINATE SYSTEM (NAD83)
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATIONS-
IOWA REAL TIME NETWORK

LOCATED:

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OFFICIAL PLAT OF THE N 1/2
OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4
SECTION 32
TOWNSHIP 79 NORTH
RANGE 23 WEST

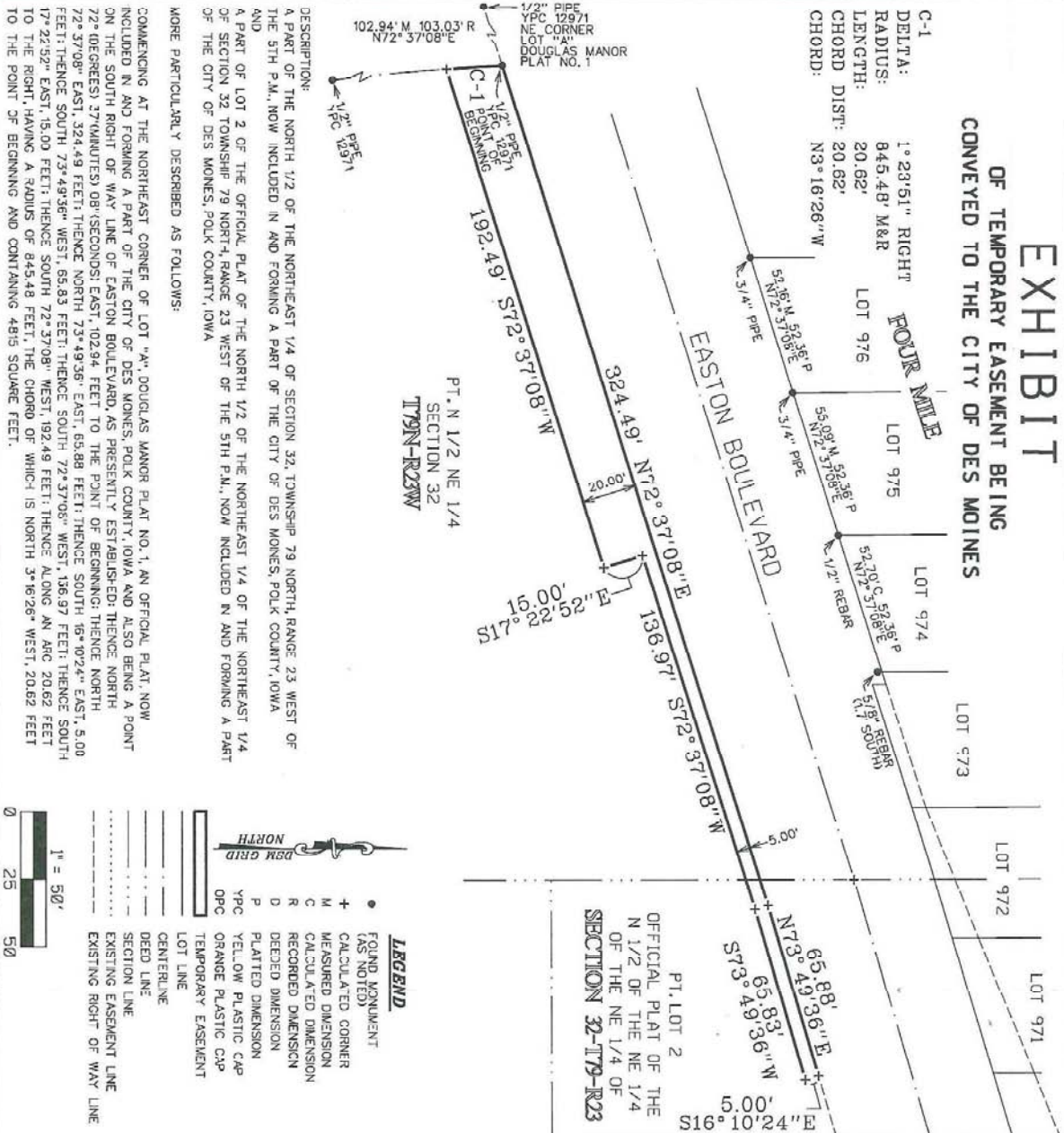
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SECTION 32
TOWNSHIP 79 NORTH
RANGE 23 WEST

TITLE HOLDER:
POLK COUNTY

ADDRESS:
3305 EASTON BOULEVARD
DES MOINES, IOWA 50317

RECORDER'S AREA

EXHIBIT OF TEMPORARY EASEMENT BEING CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF DES MOINES



Rev/Date	SHEET	1 OF 1
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	Date	March 9, 2022
	Item No. Roll Call No. Submitted by:	CONSENT 22-0310 Amanda Brown Conservation Ecologist

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing transfer of additional properties from the City of Des Moines to Polk County Conservation ownership within the Fourmile Creek Greenway following guidelines and restrictions set forth in the previously approved Fourmile Creek Greenway Management and Maintenance Agreement and 44 CFR part 80.19.

INFORMATION:

Over the past several years, Polk County Conservation, in cooperation with the City of Des Moines and other entities, embarked on an acquisition and restoration strategy along Fourmile Creek due to extensive residential damage from area flooding. On August 8, 2018, by Roll Call No. 18-0808, the Board authorized staff to negotiate an agreement with the City of Des Moines regarding the buyout properties within the 500-year floodplain of the Fourmile Creek Greenway in an amount not to exceed \$1.0 million.

Acquisition of the initial targeted parcels was completed in 2019 and properties were deeded to Polk County Conservation. Since then, additional targeted properties have been acquired by the City (map and legal descriptions attached). The Des Moines City Council has approved the transfer of these additional parcels to Polk County Conservation. As a part of this transfer the Polk County Conservation Board must agree to be bound by 44 CFR part 80.19 (attached) as a condition of acquiring said parcels.

In general, section 80.19 requires that the acquired property be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity as open space for conservation of natural floodplain functions and limits the ability of constructing vertical infrastructure. Polk County Conservation staff do not see any negative impacts of agreeing to the provisions outlined in 44 CFR part 80.19 as our intention is to restore these areas to their natural state without vertical infrastructure components.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION(S):

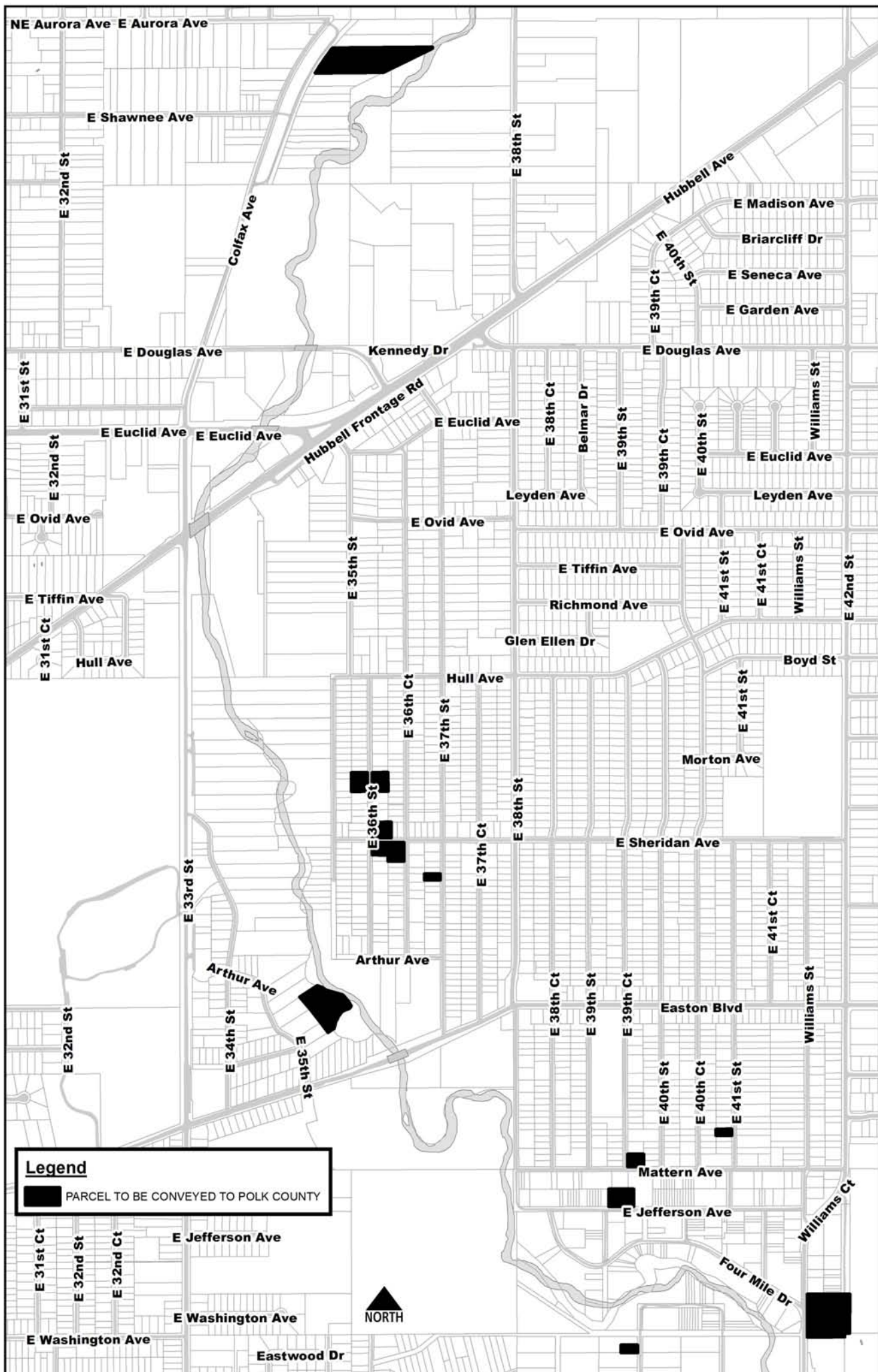
Date: May 8, 2019
Roll Call: 19-0515 (Yea 4, Absent 1)
Action: Authorizing Board Chair to sign Fourmile Creek Greenway Management and Maintenance Agreement and statement that Polk County Conservation shall be bound by 44 CFR part 80.19 for deeded land from the City of Des Moines along Fourmile Creek.

Date: August 8, 2018
Roll Call: 18-0808 (Yea 4, Absent 1)
Action: Authorizing staff to negotiate an agreement with the City of Des Moines regarding the buyout of properties within the 500-year floodplain of the Fourmile Creek Greenbelt in an amount not to exceed \$1.0 million subject to the following conditions and

authorizing the Board Chair or his designee to sign said agreement(s): 1) Priority shall be given to parcels that will positively affect water quality, natural resource conservation and flood mitigation; 2) Priority shall be given to parcels within the 100-year floodplain; 3) Vacant parcels (attached) shall be included in the City's acquisition efforts as these are desirous to Polk County Conservation whereas, the City is more interested in removal of structures and infrastructure; 4) Priority shall be given to contiguous land parcels and defensible boundaries; 5) The City shall assume the acquisition of all properties and deed over all non-park parcels to Polk County Conservation as identified in the Fourmile Greenbelt Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorizing transfer of additional properties from the City of Des Moines to Polk County Conservation ownership within the Fourmile Creek Greenway following guidelines and restrictions set forth in the previously approved Fourmile Creek Greenway Management and Maintenance Agreement and 44 CFR part 80.19 and directing staff to proceed with the transfer process.



Legal Descriptions

- **EXCEPT** THE WEST 10 FEET, LOTS 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 AND 71, ELMWOOD PARK, AN OFFICIAL PLAT, NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA.

AND

ALL OF LOT 980, FOUR MILE, AN OFFICIAL PLAT, LYING NORTHEASTERLY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 980, SAID POINT BEING 290 FEET NORTHEAST ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY LINE FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 980; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A STRAIGHT LINE TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 979 OF SAID FOUR MILE, SAID POINT BEING 220 FEET NORTHEAST ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY LINE FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 979,

ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA, AND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 42,046 SQUARE FEET.

AND

ALL OF LOT 981, FOUR MILE, AN OFFICIAL PLAT, LYING NORTHEASTERLY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 981, SAID POINT BEING 260 FEET NORTHEAST ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY LINE FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 981; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A STRAIGHT LINE TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 981, SAID POINT BEING 290 FEET NORTHEAST ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 981,

ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA, AND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 24,735 SQUARE FEET.

AND

ALL OF THE NORTH HALF (1/2) OF LOT 979, FOUR MILE, AN OFFICIAL PLAT, LYING NORTHEASTERLY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID NORTH HALF (1/2) OF SAID LOT 979, SAID POINT BEING 220 FEET NORTHEAST ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY LINE FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTH HALF (1/2) OF SAID LOT 979; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG A STRAIGHT LINE TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID NORTH HALF (1/2) OF SAID LOT 979,

SAID POINT BEING 220 FEET NORTHEAST ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTH HALF (1/2) OF SAID LOT 979,

ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA, AND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 10,282 SQUARE FEET.

AND

LOTS 354 AND 355, DOUGLAS ACRES, PLAT 3, AN OFFICIAL PLAT, NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA.

AND

THE EAST 299 FEET OF THE NORTH 5 FEET OF LOT 1, BROADACRE, AN OFFICIAL PLAT; AND

THE EAST 299 FEET OF LOT A OF SAID BROADACRE; AND

- **EXCEPT** THE WEST 10 FEET, ALL THAT PART OF THE VACATED EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY LYING SOUTH OF AND ADJOINING LOTS 58 AND 59, ELMWOOD PARK, AN OFFICIAL PLAT; AND

ALL THAT PART OF THE VACATED EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY LYING BETWEEN THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 58 AND THE EAST LINE OF SAID ELMWOOD PARK; AND

ALL THAT PART OF THE VACATED EAST 42ND STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY LYING EAST OF AND ADJOINING LOTS 46 THROUGH 58, ALL IN SAID ELMWOOD PARK; AND

ALL OF THE WEST 40 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼) OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 79 NORTH, RANGE 23 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., LYING BETWEEN THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 46 OF ELMWOOD PARK AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼);

ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA.

Code of Federal Regulations

§ 80.19 - Land use and oversight.

This section applies to acquisitions for open space projects to address flood hazards. If the Administrator determines to mitigate in other circumstances, he/she will adapt the provisions of this section as appropriate.

(a) *Open space requirements.* The property shall be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity as open space for the conservation of natural floodplain functions.

(1) These uses may include: Parks for outdoor recreational activities; wetlands management; nature reserves; cultivation; grazing; camping (except where adequate warning time is not available to allow evacuation); unimproved, unpaved parking lots; buffer zones; and other uses FEMA determines compatible with this part.

(i) Allowable uses generally do not include: Walled buildings, levees, dikes, or floodwalls, paved roads, highways, bridges, cemeteries, landfills, storage of any hazardous or toxic materials, above or below ground pumping and switching stations, above or below ground storage tanks, paved parking, off-site fill or other uses that obstruct the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain.

(ii) In the rare circumstances where the Administrator has determined competing Federal interests were unavoidable and has analyzed floodplain impacts for compliance with § 60.3 of this subchapter or higher standards, the Administrator may find only USACE projects recognized by FEMA in 2000 and improvements to pre-existing Federal-aid transportation systems to be allowable uses.

(2) No new structures or improvements will be built on the property except as indicated below:

(i) A public facility that is open on all sides and functionally related to a designated open space or recreational use;

(ii) A public restroom; or

(iii) A structure that is compatible with open space and conserves the natural function of the floodplain, which the Administrator approves in writing before the construction of the structure begins.

(3) Any improvements on the property shall be in accordance with proper floodplain management policies and practices. Structures built on the property according to paragraph (a)(2) of this section shall be floodproofed or elevated to at least the base flood level plus 1 foot of freeboard, or greater, if required by FEMA, or if required by any State or local ordinance, and in accordance with criteria established by the Administrator.

(4) After the date of property settlement, no Federal entity or source may provide disaster assistance for any purpose with respect to the property, nor may any application for such assistance be made to any Federal entity or source.

(5) The property is not eligible for coverage under the NFIP for damage to structures on the property occurring after the date of the property settlement, except for pre-existing structures being relocated off the property as a result of the project.

(b) *Subsequent transfer.* After acquiring the property interest, the subgrantee, including successors in interest, shall convey any interest in the property only if the Regional Administrator, through the State, gives prior written approval of the transferee in accordance with this paragraph.

(1) The request by the subgrantee, through the State, to the Regional Administrator must include a signed statement from the proposed transferee that it acknowledges and agrees to be bound by the terms of this section, and documentation of its status as a qualified conservation organization if applicable.

(2) The subgrantee may convey a property interest only to a public entity or to a qualified conservation organization. However, the subgrantee may convey an easement or lease to a private individual or entity for purposes compatible with the uses described in paragraph (a), of this section, with the prior approval of the Regional Administrator, and so long as the conveyance does not include authority to control and enforce the terms and conditions of this section.

(3) If title to the property is transferred to a public entity other than one with a conservation mission, it must be conveyed subject to a conservation easement that shall be recorded with the deed and shall incorporate all terms and conditions set forth in this section, including the easement holder's responsibility to enforce the easement. This shall be accomplished by one of the following means:

(i) The subgrantee shall convey, in accordance with this paragraph, a conservation easement to an entity other than the title holder, which shall be recorded with the deed, or

(ii) At the time of title transfer, the subgrantee shall retain such conservation easement, and record it with the deed.

(4) Conveyance of any property interest must reference and incorporate the original deed restrictions providing notice of the conditions in this section and must incorporate a provision for the property interest to revert to the subgrantee or grantee in the event that the transferee ceases to exist or loses its eligible status under this section.

(c) *Inspection.* FEMA, its representatives and assigns, including the grantee shall have the right to enter upon the property, at reasonable times and with reasonable notice, for the purpose

of inspecting the property to ensure compliance with the terms of this part, the property conveyance and of the grant award.

(d) *Monitoring and reporting.* Every 3 years the subgrantee (in coordination with any current successor in interest) through the grantee, shall submit to the FEMA Regional Administrator a report certifying that the subgrantee has inspected the property within the month preceding the report, and that the property continues to be maintained consistent with the provisions of this part, the property conveyance and the grant award.

(e) *Enforcement.* The subgrantee, grantee, FEMA, and their respective representatives, successors and assigns, are responsible for taking measures to bring the property back into compliance if the property is not maintained according to the terms of this part, the conveyance, and the grant award. The relative rights and responsibilities of FEMA, the grantee, the subgrantee, and subsequent holders of the property interest at the time of enforcement, shall include the following:

(1) The grantee will notify the subgrantee and any current holder of the property interest in writing and advise them that they have 60 days to correct the violation.

(i) If the subgrantee or any current holder of the property interest fails to demonstrate a good faith effort to come into compliance with the terms of the grant within the 60-day period, the grantee shall enforce the terms of the grant by taking any measures it deems appropriate, including but not limited to bringing an action at law or in equity in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(ii) FEMA, its representatives, and assignees may enforce the terms of the grant by taking any measures it deems appropriate, including but not limited to 1 or more of the following:

(A) Withholding FEMA mitigation awards or assistance from the State and subgrantee; and current holder of the property interest.

(B) Requiring transfer of title. The subgrantee or the current holder of the property interest shall bear the costs of bringing the property back into compliance with the terms of the grant; or

(C) Bringing an action at law or in equity in a court of competent jurisdiction against any or all of the following parties: the grantee, the subgrantee, and their respective successors.

	Date	March 9, 2022
	Item No.	CLOSED SESSION
	Roll Call No.	22-0311
	Submitted by:	

AGENDA HEADING:

Action from Closed Session discussion of land acquisition opportunities.

INFORMATION:

Polk County Conservation has the opportunity to acquire land with excellent conservation potential at several locations within Polk County. Cost-share opportunities may be available to assist with acquisition and restoration expenses. Nearby PCC landholdings add additional interest to these properties.

FISCAL IMPACT: TBD

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION(S):

Date:

Roll Call:

Action:

RECOMMEDATION:

Direct staff to proceed on these land acquisition opportunities based on information presented and pursuant to Board discussion.