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PROJECT UPDATES



NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM/ VACANT & ABANDONED PROPERTIES

Staff assigned to this project has been working to determine where the greatest opportunities for impact are located and are identifying methods to maximize the potential return on investment while adhering to the ARPA guidelines. The team is evaluating locations within Qualified Census Tracts through reviewing various data points including, but not limited to, a concentration of vacant and abandoned properties, ability to leverage nearby assets, and concentration of owner-occupied homes. Strategies are being developed on how to creatively work with existing property owners to help spur rehabilitation. A work session has been scheduled for February 8, 2022.



YOUTH & FAMILY SUPPORT

YOUTH ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The City of Davenport has partnered with United Way Quad Cities as the fiscal agent to implement the Youth Assessment Program (YAPQC). This program provides a coordinated, multi-agency, single-entry site that will contribute to the safety of youth, families, and the community through early intervention, comprehensive assessment, improved access, and navigation to appropriate services. Utilizing community partnerships, Family Resources launched YAPQC on September 20, 2021. Since then there has been 51 youth referred, resulting in 61 assessments completed. Some of those referred received multiple assessments, resulting in referrals to various service agencies through the end of November. Referral needs have included helping families meet basic needs, teaching life and parenting skills, counseling, therapy, and medication management services.

GROUP VIOLENCE INTERVENTION

The City has entered into a two-year contract with the National Network of Safe Communities (NNSC) to serve as a technical consultant to assist in implementing Group Violence Intervention in the City of Davenport. This program reimagines the approach to public safety and has proven to be effective in reducing violence in communities throughout the country by concentrating prevention and enforcement efforts on those most at risk for violent victimization and offenses. The City hosted a kick-off overview session with community and law enforcement partners in early January and will travel to New York City later this spring for GVI University, an executive strategy and planning session with Davenport partners and NNSC staff.





CREATING PLACES

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS | PLAY

Staff has been working to identify parks that fall within a qualified census tract, as set forth by the guidance of allowable spending of ARPA funds in the Department of Treasury's Final Rule. Cork Hill, Emeis, Herington, and Lafayette are some of the parks that are due to receive upgrades under this approved project. Upgrades may include new equipment, inclusive playground features, multi-sport courts, and splash pads. Requests for Proposals (RFP) for each of these respective items have been issued. As part of the RFP process, site visits were conducted with vendors for each component of the upgrades listed above.

Staff plans to take a series of recommendations to the City Council in February and March 2022 for approval. Once approved, City staff will be working to engage students of neighboring schools and coordinating public input opportunities to prioritize design elements.



FAIRMOUNT LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTER

After the ARPA proposed spending plan was approved, staff sought out a qualified firm to perform architectural and engineering services for the Fairmount Library Community Center. Leadership from Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Finance, along with the Davenport Public Library and 1st Ward Alderman Rick Dunn, came together to interview the top two firms selected. Staff recommended OPN Architects at Committee of the Whole on January 5, 2022 and that recommendation was approved by Council in the form of a resolution on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

The Fairmount Library Community Center will have the ability to impact a community that falls within a qualified census tract; specifically providing opportunities for our youth in a safe environment. Afterschool drop-in space, food pantry, computer lab, wellness and exercise space, as well as outdoor programming space, and playground are just a few of the possible components that could occupy this new addition.

The next step includes meeting with OPN to launch a variety of outreach strategies. These strategies will include obtaining input from key user groups and stakeholders to ensure that the wants and needs of the residents are heard and incorporated into the overall scope and design of the project. Scoping exercises are set to begin in March 2022.



CREATING PLACES

MLK PLAZA CONTRIBUTION

Staff is meeting with representatives from the Friends of Martin Luther King, Inc. to formalize a construction timeline needed to transform this highly visible location into a cultural interpretive center and to evaluate funding requirements.





CREATING PLACES

PUBLIC WIFI HOT SPOTS

The City will be seeking a vendor to install and maintain free public Wi-Fi hotspots/zones in five City of Davenport Parks. The parks that were identified are Centennial, Cork Hill, Herington, Emeis, and Fejervary. These parks were selected



based on the number of users and location within a Qualified Census Tract. A RFP to facilitate this project was released on January 12, 2022, with responses due on February 9th. Staff anticipates bringing the vendor recommendation forward for City Council approval at the March 16, 2022 Council meeting.

MSL | ADVENTURE PLAY & EVENT LAWN

This project will be known as the Destination Play Area & Event Lawn to help conceptualize what is being sought: a unique regional riverfront destination that strengthens the core neighborhood located in a Qualified Census Tract, to provide additional play opportunities for a disproportionately impacted community and to mitigate the lasting impacts of the pandemic.



Since having traveled to Smothers Park in Owensboro, KY, a similar riverfront park setting to what is conceptualized, staff has discussed and researched models as they relate to sustainability features, programming ideas and maintenance. These will be key components to the larger-scale effort of developing the area of the riverfront known as Main Street Landing.

As emphasized within the RFQ, it will be paramount to the success of this project to understand the factors at play during a river flood event as well as take into consideration the proximity of the site to the CP rail line. Qualifications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee tasked with evaluating each proposal according to the selection criteria outlined in the RFQ. The firms deemed most qualified and responsive will be asked to attend an interview session to further present their approach to the services requested, which will be conducted on March 7, 2022.

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Staff plans to recommend an architecture and engineering firm for City Council consideration in April 2022.

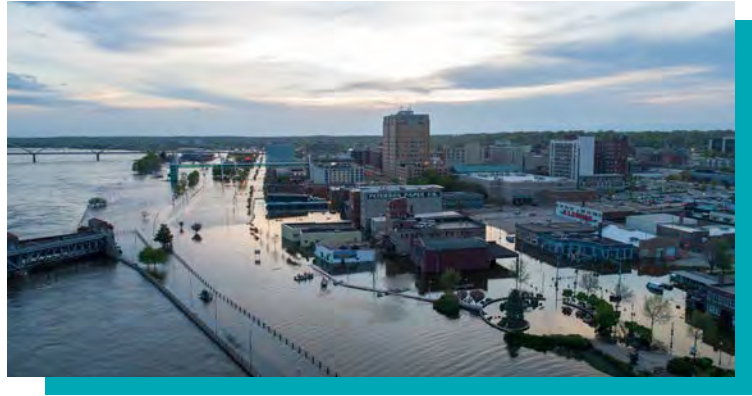


FLOOD MITIGATION

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The City Council initially provided funding for two flood-related projects through ARPA; 1) River Drive – Federal to 3rd and 2) River Drive – Iowa to Main. The final estimates for each project

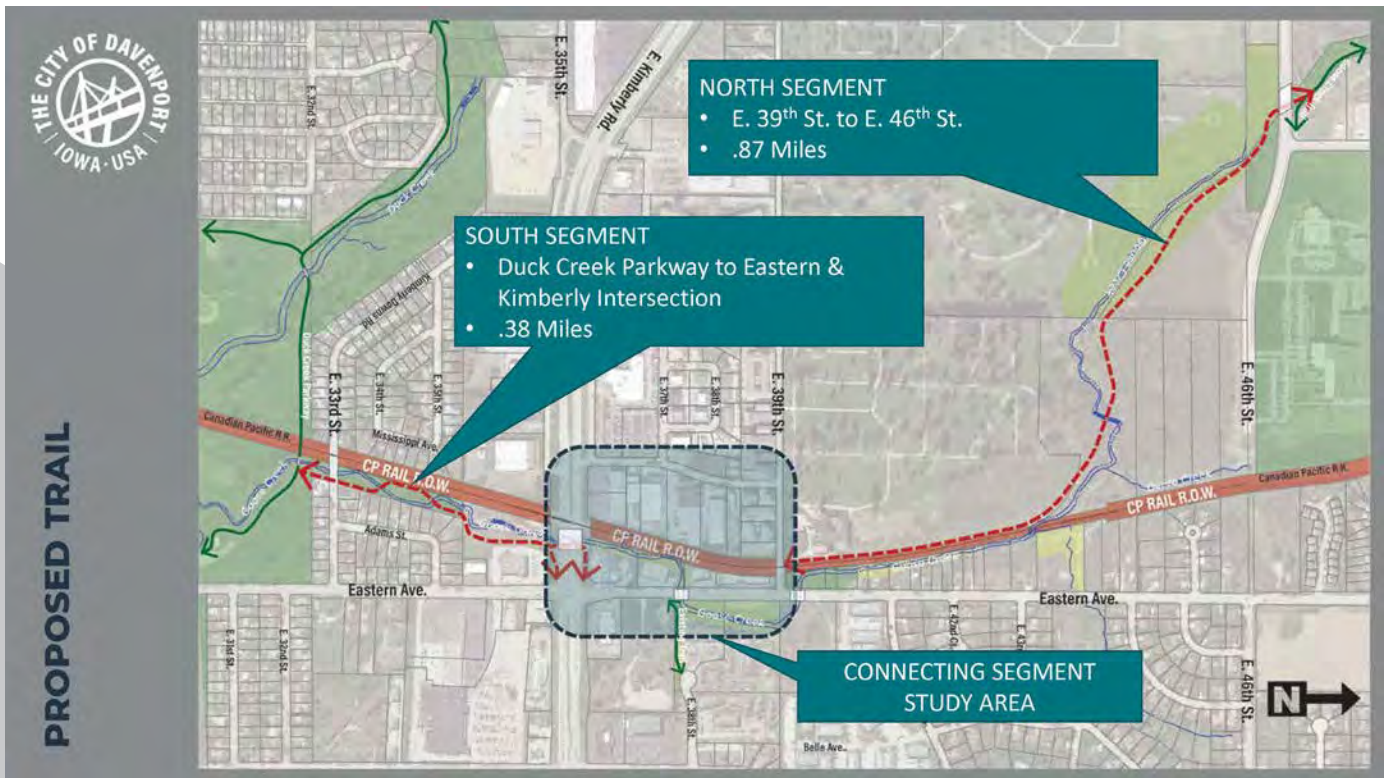
were provided as part of the recently approved Flood Resiliency Plan; however, the cost for both has substantially increased due to necessary changes in size and scope. In addition, the Iowa to Main portion is recommended by HR Green as a Phase 2 structural project while Federal to 3rd is part of Phase 1. Therefore, staff recommends that the initial funds set aside for the Iowa to Main portion be transferred into the Federal to 3rd project. Based on the estimates provided in the Flood Resiliency Plan, this should provide sufficient funding to engineer and construct the project. Public Works staff will release an RFQ for engineering services in the first quarter of 2022.



MULTI MODAL CONNECTIVITY

MULTI-MODAL - N/S PATH

As staff has researched how best to construct a path that will tie the Duck Creek recreation trail system to 46th Street near Goose Creek, several items remain under consideration such as proximity to railroad tracks, topographical challenges, right-of-way access, and the potential need for easements. Currently, staff is analyzing various routes to address these obstacles while staying within the project’s budget. Options are set to be presented to Council in March 2022.



PROJECT UPDATES



LIBRARY ENHANCEMENTS

PRE-K LITERACY INITIATIVE

In the two months that Early Literacy Coordinator, Alison McGaughey, has been managing the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program, they have experienced a 20% increase in participation. Since the inception of the program, nearly 47,000 books have been read. This increase has come about through a focus on relationship building with site leaders and staff at public schools, daycares, community organizations, and other service providers that work directly with children and their families. Some of the partnerships established include Community Action of Eastern Iowa, Davenport Community Schools, Scott Community College/Eastern Iowa Community College Adult Education and English as a Second Language Program, Scott County WIC, Scott County Kids, and United Way Quad Cities. Planned marketing and public awareness initiatives are being developed and include a billboard campaign, QR code posters, social media posts, and family testimonials.

LIBRARY SOCIAL WORKER

Since coming onboard in mid-October, our Library Social Worker, Quinn O'Brian, has served over 80 patrons seeking social service assistance and resources. The majority of these interactions have come from walk-ins at the Main Library location, while additional calls have been received via phone, mail, and scheduled appointments on the website. The services requested and areas of need have varied, and include government benefits, disability resources, housing, shelter, rental and utility assistance, transportation, support, immigration, medical appointments, free phones, case management services, employment, domestic situations, and tax resources. Additional work is being done to forge community partnerships and collaboration with the Quad Cities Open Network to facilitate referrals which will expand the referral capacities of all entities in the Network.



SEWER CONNECTIVITY

DUCK CREEK SEWER EXTENSION

This project, now titled the *Duck Creek Sewer Extension*, will extend the Duck Creek interceptor sewer line from its current terminus to the existing wastewater treatment lagoon located at the northwest corner of Locust Street and Interstate 280. This provides an efficient means of meeting the Iowa Department of Natural Resource's regulations as well as adhering to NPDES discharge requirements. Furthermore, this project falls under the existing Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) aligning with the Department of Treasury's Final Rule eligible use of funds.

McClure Engineering has been retained to provide architectural and engineering services for this project. Work is already underway having collected soil samples and a high-level design is being rendered. During the project kick-off meeting, it was determined that due to the size of the project it will be broken into three phases: Silver Creek to Hickory Grove Road, Hickory Grove Road to I-280, and I-280 to Locust Street. By the end of January, topographic and boundary surveys are scheduled to be completed.

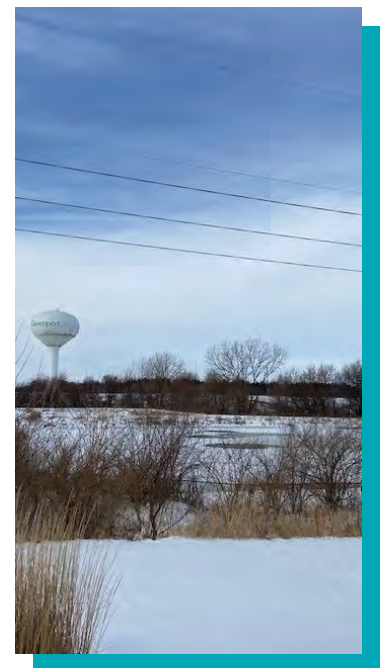




EXHIBIT 1 | SPENDING REPORT

Project	Actual					YTD	Allocated	Percent
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Total	%
ARPA Administrative Costs	3,587	18,906	14,878	14,512	19,029	70,912	1,050,000	6.75%
Neighborhood Stabilization	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	0.00%
Vacant & Abandoned Prop.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,100,000	0.00%
Regional Housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	600,000	0.00%
Youth Assessment (CB)	-	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	100.00%
Youth Assessment (LE)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,600,000	0.00%
Group Violence Intervention	-	-	297	21	802	1,120	750,000	0.15%
Library Social Worker	-	-	-	7,276	7,934	15,210	273,700	5.56%
Pre-K Literacy Initiative	-	-	-	6,672	8,104	14,775	373,500	3.96%
Fairmount Comm. Center	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,200,000	0.00%
Neighborhood Parks	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500,000	0.00%
MLK Plaza	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	0.00%
MSL Adventure Lawn	-	-	-	108	383	491	6,000,000	0.01%
Public WiFi Hotspots	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,000	0.00%
Flood Mitigation Fed./3rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500,000	0.00%
Flood Mitigation Iowa/Main	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500,000	0.00%
Multi-Modal - N/S Path	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000,000	0.00%
Duck Creek Extension	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,000,000	0.00%
	3,587	1,018,906	15,175	28,589	36,250	1,102,508	43,022,200	2.56%