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MEMO

Date: June 23, 2020
To: Public Infrastructure Committee
From: Marshall Black, Parks Planner
Re: Request to Allocate City's Share of Funding for Manitowoc River Watershed Trail Plan

In the Manitowoc area, interest and participation in canoeing, kayaking, and paddle boarding on the Manitowoc & Little Manitowoc Rivers and Lake Michigan has grown drastically over recent years. The need to gear more recreational projects towards enhancing these water-based activities in the City has been recognized by many. The proposed Manitowoc River Watershed Trail Plan would directly support efforts to improve ease-of-accessibility while also creating fun and educational experiences on our local waterways.

In Fall of 2019, Curt Hall with the Parks & Recreation Division submitted a grant application to Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) to request financial aid for the City's proposed Plan. A request to allocate sufficient funds to cover the City's share for the project was submitted to CAWG, which was approved, contingent upon receiving a grant award from WCMP.

The City has now received notification from WCMP that they would like to extend a grant award of \$18,000 to aid in the creation of the proposed Plan.

We would like to hire Bay Lake Regional Planning Commission for their consulting services to develop and publish this plan with significant input from City staff, the public, and a steering committee made up of applicable city/county staff and interested stakeholders. Bay Lake has drafted a proposed contract for this work and is able to begin the project in July.

I would like to request that the Committee support the allocation of \$22,000 to cover the remaining project costs.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting this worthy project.