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City Awarded Preservation Grant for Eagle Point Park

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) has announced the City of Dubuque will receive a \$15,000 historic preservation grant through the DCA's Certified Local Government (CLG) program. More than \$90,000 was awarded to 12 Iowa communities.

The City was awarded a \$15,000 CLG grant for Eagle Point Park, located on Shiras Avenue in Dubuque. The project will include an archaeological survey and a nomination of Eagle Point Park to the National Register of Historic Places. The 164-acre park opened in 1909 and overlooks the Mississippi River and Lock and Dam #11. In the 1930s, the City received a WPA grant to make park improvements and hired noted landscape architect Alfred Caldwell as park superintendent. Caldwell's use of native materials and the Prairie School aesthetic in the design of these buildings makes Eagle Point Park one of the most outstanding parks in the Midwest.

The CLG program was established as part of the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act to create federal, state and local governmental partnerships, provide historic preservation training and technical assistance, and encourage preservation and wise use of historic resources at the local level.

Dr. Julie Schlarman, a historic preservation consultant, will provide an in-kind donation of professional services valued at \$12,000 for listing Eagle Point Park in the National Register. Listing the park will provide the City with access to funding available only to National Register properties. The National Register nomination also will give the City's Leisure Services Department additional information about the history of the park's architecture and gardens that can direct planning for their maintenance and upkeep.

The Leisure Services Department will contribute the \$10,000 required cash match from savings on other park projects. This funding will be used for a Phase 1 archeological survey to locate any prehistoric or historic cultural resources in the park landscape. Total project cost is estimated at \$25,000.

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