

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Michael C. Van Milligen, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project, National Scenic Byways & State Recreational Trail Grant Agreement

**DATE:** August 26, 2014

City Engineer Gus Psihoyos recommends City Council approval to enter into an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation in order to utilize the \$1,000,000 National Scenic Byways Grant and the \$100,000 State Recreational Trails Grant for the Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project. These funds will be used to convert the current on-street bike route of the National Mississippi River Trail to an off-road bike/hike trail that will be located in the linear park along the daylighted Bee Branch Creek. The Bee Branch Creek Mississippi River Trail Route will incorporate bike/hike trails, lighting, benches, trees, sustainable landscaping, parking, a waterfall overlook, and an amphitheater/outdoor classroom.

I concur with the recommendation and respectfully request Mayor and City Council approval.

  
Michael C. Van Milligen

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Attachment

cc: Barry Lindahl, City Attorney  
Cindy Steinhauser, Assistant City Manager  
Teri Goodmann, Assistant City Manager  
Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer