

**RESOLUTION NO. -17**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP COOPERATIVE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA FOR THE CLEANUP OF THE FORMER BLUM SCRAP YARD AND RECYLCING FACILITY AT 411 E. 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET FOR THE BEE BRANCH WATERSHED FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT.**

Whereas, the City purchased the Blum Brownfields site, a former scrap yard and recycling facility located at 411 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street as part of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project; and

Whereas, Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments of the Blum Brownfields site identified lead, arsenic, PAHs, and other contaminants in the soil and throughout the buildings such that the remediation or removal of the contaminants is required to fully utilize the site for its intended purpose; and

Whereas, cleaning up and reinvesting in brownfields, properties that may have hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants present, protects human health and the environment, reduces blight, and takes development pressures off greenspaces and working lands; and

Whereas, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency provides grants and technical assistance to communities, states, tribes and others to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse brownfields properties; and

Whereas, the City of Dubuque submitted an application to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency requesting \$200,000 in Brownfields Cleanup Grant Program assistance to help finance the cleanup of the Blum Brownfields site; and

Whereas, on September 7, 2017, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded \$200,000 to assist the City with the cleanup of the Blum Brownfields site; and

Whereas, the City Council has determined that execution of the Cooperative Agreement is in the best interests of the City of Dubuque.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA, THAT:

Section 1. The Cooperative Agreement with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency is hereby approved.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any documents as are necessary to bind the City and to deliver the Cooperative Agreement and any other such documents as the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency may reasonably request and as necessary for the City's receipt of Brownfields Cleanup grant funding for the Blum Brownfields site at 411 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

Passed, approved and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Roy D. Buol, Mayor

Attest:

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Kevin S. Firnstahl, CMC, City Clerk