



## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Date:** January 13, 2025

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**Agenda Item:** Groen Park Pedestrian Bridge

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**Subject | Summary:** Installation of a pedestrian bridge in Groen Park

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**Agenda Category:** Other

**Submitted By:** Michele Peterson

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**Recommended Motion:** Consider recommendation to Council for this project.

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**Community Engagement and Outreach:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Amount:**

**Ongoing Cost :**

**One-Time Cost :**

**Included in Current Budget?:**

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**FISCAL DETAILS:**

**Fund Name(s) (Operations | Capital):**

**Account Code:**

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**Background:** A grant through the DNR was applied for and received in 2022, it was a matching grant of \$77,000. The application notes that the anticipated total project cost was estimated to be \$155,000. Since that time we have requested an extension to the deadline for project completion for the grant twice, the final deadline to complete the project is June 30, 2025.

To date we have spent \$110,581 with the purchase of the bridge, engineering fees, and soil testing. Once the permit is approved we would be able to install the bridge. However the total cost to install the bridge based on one quote received is estimated at \$210,000.

Given the project has exceeded the original cost expectations, we feel that it is worth a review of the project.

Due to the fact that the bridge has already been purchased, the project has technically been started, and therefore is not eligible for other grant opportunities.

Three options can be considered, as provided by the DNR Grant Office:

1. Move forward with the project, with the bridge being installed. Work could still be ongoing after June 30, if so 10% of the grant funds would be withheld until completion of the project. We would need to identify the funding for the additional \$184,000.
2. Move the remaining grant funds of \$29,949.75 to the next funding year, and continue with project into the next fiscal year. We would also need to identify the funding for the additional \$184,000.
3. Cancel the project and consider selling the bridge. We would then work the DNR Fisheries to consider a project along the shoreline of Mill Creek for restoration and maintenance. As part of that work the trails throughout the parks would also be considered for removing from the fishing easement area. As well as the consideration for improved fishing access and accessibility. For the DNR grant, we would only need to pay back the portion allocated to the bridge, we can retain the matching funds for the design engineering.

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**Attachments:**

Memo to City Council 1-8-25 REV (Groen Park Ped Bridge).pdf