



# CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

August 6, 2024

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant application for Sycamore Greenway Ecological Restoration and to sign a grant agreement if awarded.

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Fiscal Impact:	If successful, the grant will provide \$200,000 in funding. No local match is required.
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
Commission Recommendations:	N/A
Attachments:	<a href="#">Resolution</a>

## Executive Summary:

This grant proposal is for ecological restoration of the Sycamore Greenway and enhancement of trail amenities. The Sycamore Greenway is a popular park for trail use and passive nature viewing. This project will remove invasive woody species from the prairies and wetlands and replace them with enhanced prairie cover to benefit natural systems and recreational opportunities. Trail amenities will also be updated to improve signage, benches, and bike repair opportunities.

## Background / Analysis:

This grant application will continue work prescribed in the 2017 Natural Areas Plan. Sycamore Greenway was identified as the next highest priority after several other restoration projects have been completed in recent years. The Sycamore Greenway has a dedicated group of community volunteers who will be able to maintain the restoration work into the future. Previous REAP grants have successfully funded projects in Hickory Hill Park, Terry Trueblood Recreation Area, Whispering Meadows Wetland Park, Ryerson Woods Preserve and the Ned Ashton House Grounds.