



CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

August 1, 2023

Resolution setting a public hearing on August 15, 2023 on the project manual and estimate of cost for the construction of the Sturgis Ferry Park Improvements and Southside Recycling Center Project, directing City Clerk to publish notice of said hearing, and directing the City Engineer to place said project manual on file for public inspection.

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Fiscal Impact:	\$790,000 available in the South Side Recycling Site account # L3334 and Sturgis Ferry Boat Drop Improvements account # R4399
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
Commission Recommendations:	N/A
Attachments:	Location Map Resolution

Executive Summary:

This project generally includes the construction of new park amenities, including a park pavilion, paved access and parking lot, and recycling facilities at Sturgis Ferry Park.

Background / Analysis:

The project will improve the quality, accessibility and safety of the current boat ramp. The existing site is difficult for first-time visitors to navigate and lacks amenities. The improvements will enhance the boat drop and provide additional opportunities for bank-edge fishing. The project also accommodates a planned future connection to Iowa City's existing bike and pedestrian trail network. In addition, the recycling facilities fill a gap in coverage on the south side of Iowa City. This site was identified after the loss of the Benton Street and North Dodge Street sites, and it will provide a permanent location for the temporary recycling area currently at the old Public Works site.

Project Timeline:

Hold Public Hearing and Approve Project Manual: August 15, 2023
Bid Letting Date: September 12, 2023
Contract Award: September 19, 2023
Construction: October 2023 to May 2024