

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Meeting Date: 04/18/24

Business Item: ROUTINE BUSINESS

Item Number: **5B**

Division: Planning, Design & Technology

Originating Source: Jonathan Vlaming, Associate Superintendent

Agenda Item: West Mississippi River Regional Trail – Cooperative Agreement Amendment:
Dayton

Superintendent's Recommendation:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 AMENDMENT TO THE WEST MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGIONAL TRAIL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DAYTON.

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Background:

Three Rivers Park District entered into the West Mississippi River Regional Trail Cooperative Agreement with the City of Dayton in the Spring of 2018. A subsequent agreement amendment occurred in summer of 2022 authorizing the City of Dayton to design and construct a portion of the regional trail through Elise Stephens Park as part of a greater local park construction project for a maximum requested reimbursement amount from Three Rivers of \$300,000. The project included a structure (i.e. bridge) to cross a ravine/drainage area through the park.

During construction the contractor ran into poor soils which would make construction of the bridge significantly more expensive than originally anticipated. As such, another amendment was approved in summer 2023 which effectively removed the ravine/drainage crossing from the agreed upon project scope and reduced the reimbursement accordingly.

Completing the resulting trail gap (i.e. ravine/drainage crossing) through Elsie Stephens Park is a high priority for the Dayton City Council. Accordingly, the City has since conducted additional investigation and would like to pursue use of a culvert to cross the ravine/drainage crossing (Attached: West Mississippi River RT: Project and Culvert Location).

Three Rivers staff have reviewed and support the City's proposal and have drafted a new agreement amendment which would terminate the 2023 amendment and reinstate the original 2022 amendment agreed upon scope of work and reimbursement amount while also requiring that the City utilize a Three Rivers approved consultant firm for design and construction administration and conduct all standard testing (i.e. soil borings) as appropriate for the site and scope of work (Attached: 2024 West Mississippi River RT Dayton Amendment).

Since the original funding was preserved to address the ravine/drainage crossings as part of a future project is still in place, no additional/new funds are needed.

Relationship to the System Plan:

The Request for Action supports the following goal(s) of the System Plan:

Goal 2: Parks Matter

Attachments:

[West Mississippi River RT Project and Culvert Location.docx](#)

[2024 West Mississippi RT Dayton Amendment.docx](#)