



TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Ty Livingston, Director of Planning & Community Development

DATE: February 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Resolution of Authorization for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant program for the final phase of the Camp Street Trail.

BACKGROUND: Two phases of this trail have been installed over the past several years. The grant application here would cover the final phase between Clock Tower and the Riverfront Drive overpass. It will also include a small trailhead parking lot (budget permitting) to provide convenient access for trail users along with the addition of some “eyelets” in the first phase of the trail to add visual interest and provide defined areas for landscaping.

The RTP grant application here is to be submitted to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The maximum amount that can be applied for is \$200,000, which is being requested here. The balance will come from the City’s Capital budget.

This grant is due by March 17th and this resolution, along with the public hearing held on March 13th, are key requirements of the application.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the resolution as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 2223-164

East Peoria, Illinois

_____, 2023

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER _____

**RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR
THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT PROGRAM FOR
THE FINAL PHASE OF THE CAMP STREET TRAIL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of East Peoria (the “City”), an Illinois unit of local government, seeks to apply for a grant under the Recreational Trail Program (“RTP”) as administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”) for making recreational improvements for the final phase of the Camp Street Trail between Clock Tower Drive and the Riverfront Drive overpass (I-74 flyover ramp); and

WHEREAS, the City has been working to undertake the final phase of the Camp Street Trail that will also include a small trailhead parking lot to provide convenient access for trail users, along with the addition of some “eyelets” in the first phase of the trail to add visual interest and provide defined areas for landscaping the benefit of the City, its residents and citizens, and the general public (the “Camp Street Trail Project – Final Phase”); and

WHEREAS, the City now seeks to make these recreational improvements for the Camp Street Trail Project – Final Phase that will include the trailhead parking lot for convenient access for trail users and provide defined areas for landscaping at a total expected cost of at least \$320,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant provided under the RTP grant program administered by IDNR is an 80%-20% matching grant, meaning that the project sponsor – in this case, the City – must provide at least 20% of the funds for the project, while the RTP grant covers the other 80% of the funds for the project (the “Grant”); and

WHEREAS, additionally, under the RTP grant program, the maximum grant under RTP grant program is \$200,000, thereby limiting the City’s Grant request to this \$200,000 maximum; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process for the Grant for the Camp Street Trail Project – Final Phase, the City must commit that the City has the necessary funding available to support the Camp Street Trail Project – Final Phase should the City receive the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City has committed to providing the required funding for the Camp Street Trail Project – Final Phase, being at least \$120,000, should the City receive the Grant by accounting for the funding in the City’s Capital Budget, and the City’s

commitment includes the \$50,000 required for the City's 20% share for the \$200,000 maximum RTP grant request; and

WHEREAS, the City accordingly hereby confirms that the City has sufficient funds necessary to undertake and complete the Camp Street Trail Project – Final Phase within the required 24-month timeframe after a grant award, as provided under the IDNR regulations and requirements should the City receive the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further deems it to be in the best interests of the City and its citizens to submit the required application for the Grant for the Camp Street Trail Project – Final Phase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

Section 1. The recitals set forth hereinabove are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of East Peoria hereby certifies and acknowledges that the City has the sufficient funds necessary to fund the City's 20% portion of the City's RTP grant program request of \$200,000 for the Camp Street Trail Project – Final Phase.

Section 3. The City Council of the City of East Peoria hereby further acknowledges that the City's Project must be completed within the timeframe 24-month timeframe after the RTP grant award.

Section 4. The City certifies to the best of its knowledge that the information provided within the attached Project application is true and correct.

Section 5. City Officials are hereby directed to execute any required documentation and submit the required application for the RTP Grant program for the Camp Street Trail Project – Final Phase, along with a copy of this Resolution, prior to the upcoming Grant application deadline.

Section 6. This Resolution of Authorization has been duly discussed and adopted by the City Council of the City of East Peoria on this 7th day of March, 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk