



Issue: Resolution to Apply for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant

Date: January 21, 2025

Submitted By: Matt Crouse, Director of Parks and Recreation

Background

As a part of the 2025 parks department budget a \$150,000 to begin work at the Eoff Family Century Farm Park. The plan for this first round of funding is to install a parking lot/trail head and some of the trails to get the public on the North parcel of the park land. Staff has been working with Show Me Christian County and a professional grant writer to assist in the application of a Recreational Trails Program Grant offered through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks. This grant would allow the city to stretch its funding to provide more opportunities for access of this park.

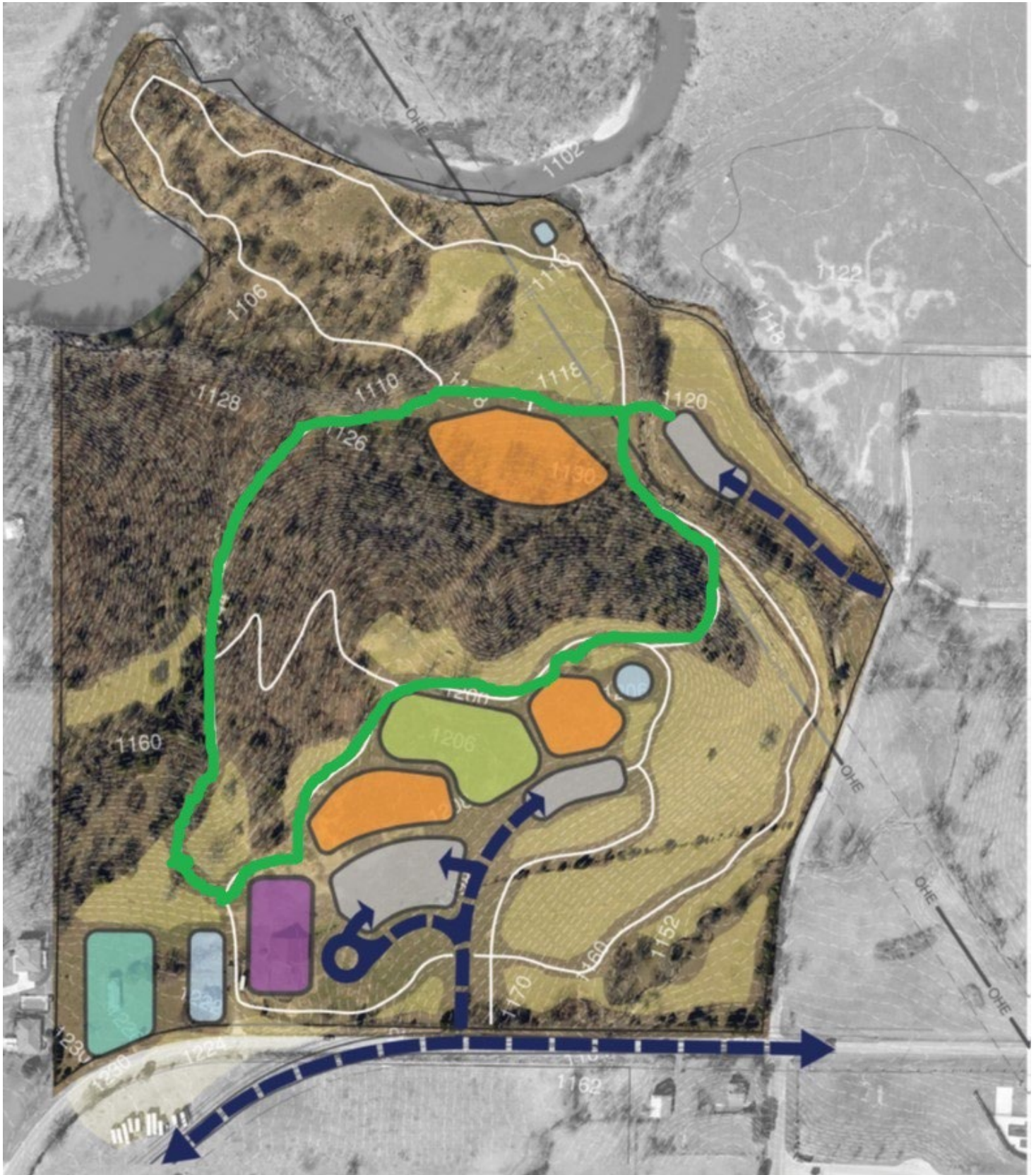
Analysis

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) allows for grant applications to be submitted now through March 3rd 2025. This is a matching grant with a minimum match of 20%, however more points are awarded for matches up to 40% or greater, with a maximum request of \$250,000. Staff intends to apply for \$250,000 for this grant, using our \$150,000 as the 60% matching funds. As we progress through the year we will be able to engineer this project in the coming months, with grant award notifications occurring in October 2025. If awarded we will work through the necessary elements to receive the project "go" which would not occur until early 2026. Where we would have the engineering completed, this would be the only step we could accomplish prior to the grant award, thus remaining funds would need to be carried over to 2026 for this project.

Recommendation

Staff is requesting permission to apply for and if awarded accept funding from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program in the 2025 grant cycle. Staff believes this opportunity will provide a great avenue for the city and parks department to stretch its funding to accomplish more within the park for the community.

Respectfully,
Matt Crouse
Director, Parks and Recreation



RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA AUTHORIZING THE CITY**
2 **ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING IN THE**
3 **AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING TRAIL**
4 **IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EOFF CENTURY FARM PARK.**

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6 **WHEREAS** the City has an opportunity to apply for grant funding from the Missouri
7 Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks Recreation Trails Grant
8 Program to support trail improvements at the Eoff Century Farm Park; and

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10 **WHEREAS** said grant funding requires the contribution of matching funds from the
11 City; and

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13 **WHEREAS** City Council desires to authorize the City Administrator to apply for
14 and accept the grant funding described herein.

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16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
17 **NIXA, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:**

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19 **SECTION 1:** The City Administrator, or their authorized designee, is hereby
20 authorized to apply for and accept grant funding from the Missouri Department of Natural
21 Resources Division of State Parks Recreation Trails Grant Program to provide funds for
22 trail improvements to the Eoff Century Farm Park in the amount of \$250,000.00.

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24 **SECTION 2:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its final
25 passage by the City Council and after its approval by the Mayor, subject to the provisions
26 of section 3.11(g) of the City Charter.

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28 **ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL THIS 28th DAY OF January 2025.**

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30 ATTEST:

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33 PRESIDING OFFICER

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35 CITY CLERK

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37 **APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS _____ DAY OF January 2025.**

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39 ATTEST:

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41 MAYOR

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43 CITY CLERK

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45 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY