

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

<i>Agenda Section:</i> New Business	<i>Originating Department:</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>No:</i> 5	Parks and Recreation	02/07/22
<i>Item:</i> Prairie Restoration Cost Share		
<i>No.</i> 5.3		

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED ACTION:

In consultation with City staff, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service (USFWS) is pursuing \$5,000 in cost share dollars to use towards prairie habit restoration within City owned bluffslands. The prairie of interest is located in the west end of Bluffsides Park, and appears to be one of the largest (4.25 acres) and best remnant prairies on City property. In order to fully fund the project, the City will need to contribute around \$9,000. The City would plan for our funding to come from the MN DNR Bluff Traverse Trail grant funds, specifically the restoration portion of the budget.



As a condition of the cost share, the USFWS requests a 10 year guarantee of continued preservation of the habitat. Given the location within the park and on a bluff, there are no plans to develop the area for City facilities beyond a possible trail.

If Council concurs, a motion to direct City staff to pursue a cost share agreement would be in order.

Department Approval:

City Manager Approval:

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