



Legislation Text

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY for the PEORIA GREENSPASH PROJECT (ref. Item 17-229) (Council District 1).

BACKGROUND:

This item was deferred by Council on April 24, 2018 as Staff was awaiting review of the Intergovernmental Agreement by the Peoria Housing Authority.

The City of Peoria was selected as a Building Better Communities grant recipient from the American Water Charitable Foundation and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). Peoria was one of three communities awarded this grant in 2017. City Council approved the Grant Agreement on July 25, 2017, as Council Item 17-229A.

The \$150,000.00 grant will be used to build a new public water play feature called Peoria GreenSplash. The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement provides for Peoria GreenSplash to be built as an added feature to the PHA playground near the intersection of Griswold Street and Friedan Street. The new water play feature will drain into a bioswale with native plants, providing children an opportunity to play in the water, while learning about the value of water. The Project will be a collaboration among the American Water Charitable Foundation, NRPA, Illinois American Water, PHA, and the City of Peoria.

Community parks like Peoria GreenSplash are vital for connecting children to nature. Nature-based play areas foster an appreciation for environmental stewardship, while providing opportunities for physical activity. In Peoria, community members will benefit by playing in clean water and learning about native plants, the natural water cycle, and environmental stewardship.

Attachments to this communication include the Intergovernmental Agreement, Exhibit A (Location Map), and Exhibit B (Memorandum of Understanding (grant agreement)).

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: The new water play park will be an amenity to the neighborhood.

IMPACT IF APPROVED: Construction will begin this spring, using the grant funds.

IMPACT IF DENIED: We will need to find an alternate site or risk losing the grant funds.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER: N/A

WHICH OF THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL'S 2017 - 2032 STRATEGIC PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION ADVANCE?

1. Beautiful Peoria
2. Financially Sound City
3. Safe Peoria

WHICH CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR(S) FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENT?

1. Reinvest in neighborhoods.
2. Support sustainability.
3. Invest in our infrastructure and transportation.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works