



MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

THRU: Ted Jack, Park Planning Superintendent
Alison Jumper, Director of Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs
Susan Norton, Chief of Staff

FROM: Zach Foster, Park Planner II

DATE:

SUBJECT: Recreational Trail Grant Acceptance - Lake Fayetteville

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of an Agreement of Understanding with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) for trail improvements to Lake Fayetteville Regional Park and authorizing the Mayor to sign additional documents as necessary to utilize \$100,000 in federal-aid funds through the Recreational Trail Program (RTP) and approving a budget adjustment to recognize grant revenue and to recognize \$124,000 of Northeast Park Land Dedication funds into this project for the 20% matching requirement and other planned project costs.

BACKGROUND:

Staff applied for a \$250,000 award from the RTP grant in June 2022 and received notice of a \$100,000 award. The most heavily used section of the Razorback Greenway passes over the Lake Fayetteville dam but interaction with the lake is limited. The lake shore south of the dam has no official access but offers interesting views and interaction with the lake and natural areas. This project will provide access across an existing ravine. A goal is to eventually create a fully accessible nature trail as outlined in the attached conceptual map. Additional items such as wayfinding markers, sitting areas, and any additional trail improvements will be a secondary focus as funds are available.

DISCUSSION:

This grant project will construct approximately 450 feet of 10-foot wide accessible trail and connect the Veteran's Park playground with the Razorback Greenway. A designer will be hired to prepare construction and bid documents.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

The \$100,000 RTP grant requires a City match of \$20,000. The city is also responsible for 100% of project design, right-of-way/utilities, and inspection.

ATTACHMENTS: 2023-1012 SRF ARDOT RTP Grant, 2023-1012 BA ARDOT RTP Grant, AOU (unsigned), ARDOT Award, Form LPA-004 (unsigned), Form LPA-005 (unsigned), Form LPA-018, Form LPA-019, Project Map (Site Detail), Project Map (Site Location), Project Map (Concept 4-7-2022), Sample Resolution

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