

ITEM #: 10
DATE: 11-28-23
DEPT: Public Works

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: IOWAY CREEK-BROOKSIDE AMENDMENT TO FUNDING AGREEMENT
WITH IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND
STEWARDSHIP**

BACKGROUND:

The City was awarded a grant in the amount \$100,000 through a competitive application process for the Water Quality Initiative Program administered by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) for the 2019/20 Stormwater Erosion Control Program for the Ioway Creek-Brookside Water Quality Project. This grant program was established to assess and reduce nutrients in the state's watersheds. **City Council approved the original agreement on April 12, 2022, with a completion date of December 31, 2023. With delays in easement acquisition, a request for an extension to December 31, 2024 has been made and is included in the attached amendment.**

The City plans to incorporate a water quality oxbow to treat storm water runoff from the existing storm sewer. This runoff currently runs directly to the Ioway Creek untreated and undetained. The oxbow will greatly improve conditions from the existing streets and neighborhood on the east side of creek.

The Ioway Creek-Brookside project continues to be included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) with funding since FY 2019/20. Funding consists of \$432,000 from the Stormwater Utility Fund, and \$900,000 in State Grants. Construction is anticipated to commence in FY 2023/24 with anticipated completion in late 2024.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Funding Agreement for the Ioway Creek-Brookside Water Quality Project revising the completion date to December 31, 2024.
2. Reject the amendment and allow the agreement to expire.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of this agreement with the IDALS must happen before moving forward with construction of this project in the 2023/24 construction season. Delay or rejection of this amendment to the agreement could result in additional funding being required. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Ioway Creek Revised Mitigation Plan \(002\).jpg](#)
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