



**City of Racine, Wisconsin**  
**Agenda BRIEFING MEMORADUM**

**AGENDA DATE:** 05/9/2022

**SUBJECT:**

Communication sponsored by Alder Melissa Lemke, on behalf of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, requesting permission to apply for the Federal US Fish & Wildlife Service-Coastal Program for the City of Racine-Pershing Park Ecological Restoration grant in the amount of \$150,000. (Grant Control #00444)

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS)

**PREPARED BY:** Tom Molbeck, Director of PRCS

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Staff recommends that the Finance & Personnel Committee recommend authorization to apply for the grant of \$150,000 from US Fish & Wildlife Service-Coastal Program for the City of Racine-Pershing Park Ecological Restoration. (Grant Control #00444)

City of Racine – Pershing Park Ecological Restoration

There are two primary phases of the project are anticipated. The resulting plan will create construction ready plans that the City can use to build improvements. Funds through this program are expected to be matched with local City sources as well as other potential funding partners such MMSD Green Infrastructure Partnership Program and the Fund for Lake Michigan. The intent is to move beyond the plan to something built in the near-term. A summary of the two project phases is offered below.

Phase I – Site Investigations & Concept Refinement: This phase includes collecting information on the underlying soil conditions, analyzing wave overtopping, and completion of upland surveys. Once the technical information is gathered, the City will work with residents and stakeholders to develop a plan for the transformation of Pershing Park, specifically looking at the half-mile lakefront segment between the Pershing Park Drive and the lakeside revetment. The plan will explore alternatives, educate participants about the value of the project, and gather input on community preferences. A preferred plan will be generated and will serve as a roadmap for the next phase.

Phase II – Design & Engineering: This phase will include advancing with the detailed design and engineering of improvements between Pershing Park Drive and the lakefront revetment. Construction ready plans will be generated for improvements within this zone, specifically those relating to water quality enhancements and corresponding habitat. Recreational improvements within this zone will also be developed and integrated as part of the construction-ready documents.

(Grant Deadline 6/30/22)

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:** Grant total of \$150,000, with no city match required.  
Reserved funding available in 2022 CIP, if needed.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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