



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 2, 2022

PREPARED BY: Joe Hogeboom, Director of Community & Economic Development

AGENDA ITEM: Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program – Forest Preservation Areas funding

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to direct the community and economic development director to apply for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000 to provide certain benefits to the Forest Preservation Areas.

COMMENTS:

The Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program, administered through the Minnesota DNR, provides funding for certain eligible expenses in the management of public lands that contain substantial natural resources. The Arbor Committee has identified various activities within the Forest Preservation Areas, including invasive species management, prairie restoration, and general maintenance, as being eligible for CPL funding. If awarded, the city would not be committed to placing additional land restrictions on the Forest Preservation Areas. Grant awards will be announced this summer. Obtainment of this grant would help to offset certain costs associated with maintenance in the Forest Preservation Areas that are already included within the city's budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

None