



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION Consent

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2023
PREPARED BY: Chuck Stifter, Parks and Recreation Director
AGENDA ITEM: Letter of Support – Three Rivers Park District
RAISE Grant Application

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

Council authorized a letter of support from Acting Mayor Judy Hanson on February 6, 2023 for the RAISE grant application prepared by Three Rivers Park District for regional trail system improvements.

RECOMMENDED PARK BOARD ACTION:

Motion authorizing a letter of support from the Park Board Chair Lewis for a RAISE grant application prepared by Three Rivers Park District for regional trail system improvements.

COMMENTS:

Three Rivers Park District is seeking support from the City of Maple Grove Park Board for their 2023 RAISE grant application for reconstruction, expansion and ADA improvements across the regional trail system – including some work in Maple Grove.

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Previously known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants, Congress has dedicated nearly \$12.1 billion for fourteen rounds of National Infrastructure Investments to fund projects that have a significant local or regional impact.

The park district project involves six regional trails across eight cities. We anticipate that the project will result in over \$22 million of investment in the regional trail network. Maple Grove will directly benefit from this project as it includes the following:

- Reconstruction of the future Eagle Lake Regional Trail between CR 61 and Eagle Lake Regional Park. (Please note that this segment is still under Maple Grove’s jurisdiction but per the master

plan is intended to be conveyed to Three Rivers in the near future and prior to the grant funding window of 2027-2032)

The letter of support does not commit the city to any financial obligation.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – RAISE Letter of Support

Attachment B – TRPD 2023 RAISE Project Overview Map