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ARPA

American Rescue Plan Quarterly Update
Quarter Four | 2021

A NOTE FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11, 2021 and provides \$350 billion in additional funding for state and local governments. The City of Davenport received \$40.9M in ARPA funds, which must be allocated by December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026. As of today's date, the City has already received half of these funds. To help determine the best ways to serve and meet the needs of the community, the City gathered and received input through a variety of ways, including a community survey process, department input, and City Council prioritization. The City's American Rescue Plan Act Budget was adopted by Council on July 28, 2021.

Significant progress has been made over the last several months to drive these projects forward in a meaningful way. Provided is a list of comprehensive updates on a majority of our projects; those not included are being further developed.

The coordination and delivery of these projects and overall management and reporting of the ARPA program would not be possible without the talented staff in our organization. I would like to thank all City departments for their flexibility in adjusting the workplan to deliver these community impact projects over the next three years and the Finance Department for their overall leadership and oversight of the expenditure process.

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MEET THE TEAM



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PROJECT UPDATES



NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM/ VACANT & ABANDONED PROPERTIES

Staff is currently working with Council liaisons to determine where the greatest opportunities for impact are located and beginning to scope a program. The team is currently evaluating possible zones and reviewing associated data.



YOUTH & FAMILY SUPPORT

YOUTH ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (CB)

An agreement has been reached with United Way Quad Cities to administer this program on the City of Davenport's behalf, along with other local communities and agencies. This program will provide a coordinated, multi-agency, single-entry site that will contribute to the safety of youth, families, and the community through early intervention, comprehensive assessment, improved access, and navigation to appropriate services. At this time, City staff is working with United Way Quad Cities on a reporting structure as expenditures are submitted.



VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS

This project has been renamed **Group Violence Intervention (GVI)**. Staff has been researching GVI, a nationally known model that has been shown to consistently reduce serious violence in communities over the past twenty years. GVI focuses on groups at highest risk for violent victimization and offending, with the intention to keep those in them alive, safe, and out of prison.



CREATING PLACES

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS | PLAY

Staff has identified up to 14 parks to receive various play and additional upgrades including new equipment, inclusive playground features, and splash pads. Requests for Proposal (RFP) for these items are currently being written and are expected to be released for response in the month of November.



MSL | ADVENTURE PLAY & EVENT LAWN

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is currently being developed for this project and is expected to be finalized in November. Additionally, staff will be traveling to Smothers Park (pictured below) in Owensboro, KY to gather information on various aspects of park in a similar location including sustainability features, programming ideas, maintenance, and staffing structures. This is a large-scale park with geographic similarities to the site of Main Street Landing.



PUBLIC WIFI HOT SPOTS

The City will provide up to six parks with WiFi hotspots/zones for general public usage at no cost. These parks were identified and qualify under the interim final rule as they are predominantly located in qualified census tracts. City staff is currently working on a Request for Proposal to facilitate a three-year contract that can accommodate up to six zones over three calendar years.

FAIRMOUNT LIBRARY COMMUNITY CENTER

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been issued for design services for the Fairmount Library Community Center. Responses are due back to the City on November 3, 2021. The scope of this project includes programming space for youth, gym space, food pantry or afterschool snack programming, a gaming room, and much more. The Request for Qualifications asks for qualified firms to provide a design that would either connect to the existing Fairmount Library or act as a standalone building within the campus of the Fairmount Library.



PROJECT UPDATES



LIBRARY ENHANCEMENTS

LIBRARY SOCIAL WORKER

Many Davenport residents find themselves in situations where they are unaware of where to turn to for assistance, or are reluctant to ask for assistance that is available. The City has hired Quinn O'Brian to provide help in navigating a complex and confusing system of support available in the community. Quinn will serve as the Library Social Worker under a three-year ARPA contract. Quinn is a graduate of Southern Illinois University with a Masters in Social Work and Mass Communication. She has worked with various community organizations in different capacities throughout Illinois, Missouri, and Iowa.



PRE-K LITERACY INITIATIVE

The City also welcomes Alison McGaughey to serve as the Library Early Literacy Coordinator. Alison is a graduate of Monmouth College (B.A.) and Western Illinois University (M.A.). Alison's career has included significant work in communications and public relations, as well as in education. She is excited to blend her strengths and background to help promote and grow the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, implement early literacy programming for library patrons, and build relationships in local schools and daycares to provide outreach to the community.



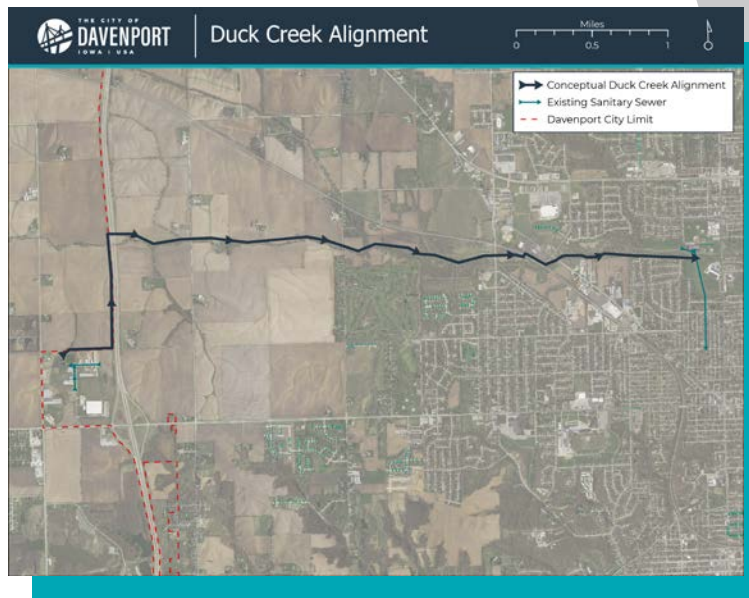
Pictured above: Quinn O'Brian and Alison McGaughey



SEWER CONNECTIVITY

WEST LOCUST SEWER CONNECTIVITY

The Request for Qualifications was issued on September 10, 2021. Six engineering firms submitted proposals for the design of the West Locust Sewer Connection. The scoring committee has completed their reviews, interviews have been conducted, and the design of the project will come before City Council for approval on October 27, 2021. The selected firm anticipates construction beginning in October of 2023.





MULTI MODAL CONNECTIVITY

MULTI-MODAL - N/S PATH

Staff is currently analyzing multiple models on how to best construct a path that will tie the Duck Creek recreation trail system to 46th Street near Goose Creek. There are various items being explored and addressed, such as: soil stabilization, right-of-way access, potential need for easements, and cost estimations.



TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

REGIONAL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Staff is working with partnering agencies to determine how to best deploy funds to address the needs identified through the partners. This initiative will likely combine a focus on a physical housing piece with programming support components.



FLOOD MITIGATION

FLOOD MITIGATION STAGE 22

HR Green is currently in the process of finalizing the Flood Resiliency Plan, which is scheduled to be completed in November. The final document will include revised project scopes, estimated cost, and storm sewer alignments for the two flood mitigation projects that were approved as a part of the City's initial American Rescue Plan Act's spending plan. Following the receipt of that document, Public Works staff will begin building a Request for Qualifications for engineering services for the preliminary design and construction specifications for each improvement.

