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Resolution to Approve a Grant Application to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting Communities Program for Improvements to the 721 N. Main Site Attached for your review and action is a resolution to approve a grant application to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting Communities program (WCPRC).

The North Main Huron River Corridor Vision Taskforce (NMHRCVT), in conjunction with staff, is recommending that the City apply to the WCPRC for funding for the construction of non-motorized trails at the 721 N. Main site. If the grant application is successful the awarded funding can also be used as a full or partial match in applying for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment Trust Fund grant for the 721 N. Main site.

The NMHRCVT was assigned a date of December 31, 2012 to provide a recommendation to Council on the best use of the 721 N. Main site. The NMHRCVT is providing its recommendation to Council for the best use of the 721 N. Main site independently.

The recommendation focuses primarily on converting the floodway portion of the 721 N. Main site to park use. Non-motorized trails will provide access to the site at Felch, Summit, and Main Streets. The trail features of the recommendation make it a viable candidate for the WCPRC grant. The pathways would also create a first step in a greenway with a vision toward connecting to the Huron River and the Border - to - Border trail network. Surrounding the trails will be wet meadow, prairie grass, or other storm water management features.

The Park Advisory Commission recommended applying for this grant at their December 4, 2012 meeting.

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Approved by: Steven D. Powers, City Administrator

Whereas, The North Main-Huron River Corridor Vision Taskforce has provided a recommendation for park improvements to the 721 N. Main site;

Whereas, Grants are available through the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Connecting Communities Program to make improvements to the 721 N. Main site; and

Whereas, A successful grant application would lead to site improvements and the first steps toward a greenway and greater connectivity to the Huron River;

RESOLVED, That City Council direct staff to apply to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Connection Communities Program for improvements to the 721 N. Main site, and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take all necessary actions to implement this

Resolution, including the execution of the grant application and related incident documentation.