



Great Rivers Greenway

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Board Meeting

Great Rivers Greenway District Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Virtual <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89322843100>
11:30am

1. OPENING OF MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. OPEN TIME

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C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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2. PRESENTATION (S)

A. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure - Ben Grossman

3. REPORT(S) OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUSAN TRAUTMAN

A. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

File Attachments

CEO Calendar May 2023.pdf (108 KB)

MAY CEO REPORT FINAL.pdf (1,918 KB)

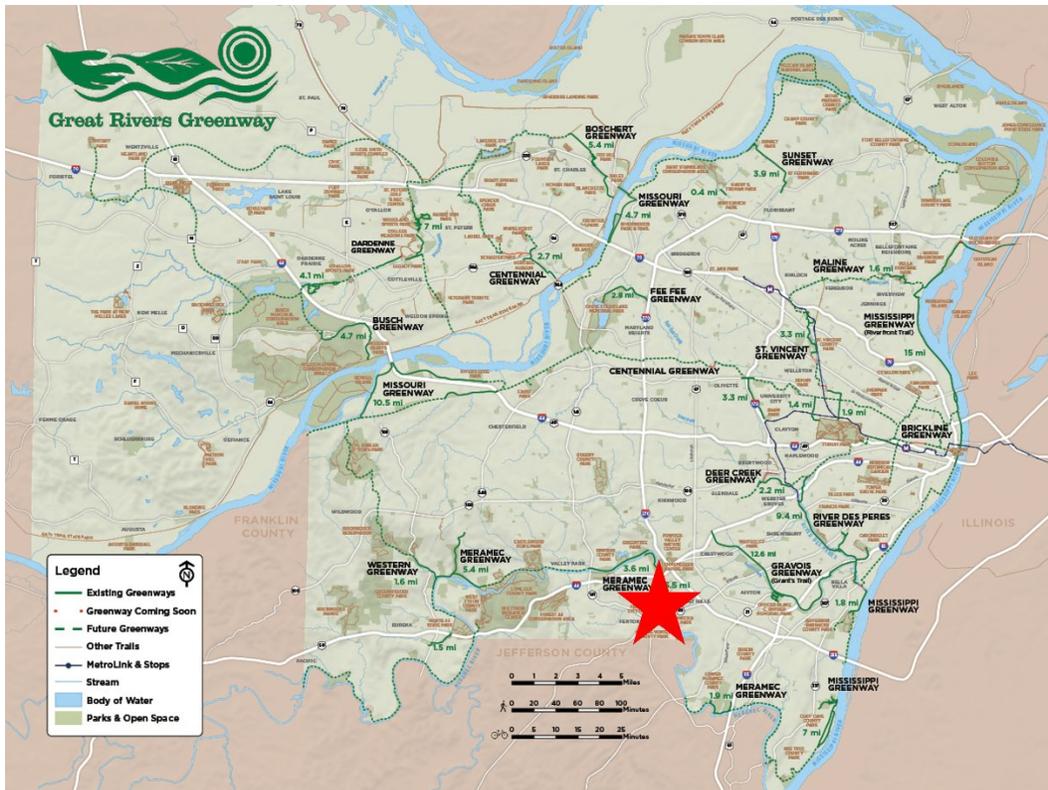
B. NOTICE OF CONTRACTS EXECUTED

File Attachments

GRG Executed Contracts Notice April 2023.pdf (44 KB)

4. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - GRG 1/10TH REVENUE STREAM

A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2023.33 approving a construction, operations and maintenance agreement with the City of Fenton in connection with the Meramec Greenway Betterment and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Ben Grossman



WHERE:

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
732	Meramec	Unger Park to George Winter Park	St. Louis County

WHO:

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
Ben Grossman	City of Fenton	Construction, Operations and Maintenance Agreement

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)

No	n/a	n/a	n/a
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PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
n/a	n/a

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
n/a

WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of a cooperation agreement	n/a	n/a	n/a

OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES
n/a

WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2023	Operations and Maintenance	Replacement of signage and greenway improvements

WHY AND/OR HOW:

District staff have been engaged in betterment projects that involve upgrading wayfinding and interpretive signage throughout our jurisdiction as well as identifying opportunities for environmental graphics and other greenway improvements. The Meramec Greenway between St. Louis County's Unger Park and George Winter Park (Greenway) was identified as a Betterment project in 2022. Signs are to be upgraded as well as a physical barrier installed between the relocated greenway under the new I-44 bridge. The greenway alignment originally used on-street routes through Fenton between Fenton City Park and George Winter. The alignment will still use some on-street routes, but will also use sidewalks that are being upgraded to current ADA standards. That work is being performed by the City of Fenton.

The original Greenway projects completed in phases with the City of Fenton were structured differently than many of our current build projects. Greenway construction cost was split 50:50 between the City of Fenton and Great Rivers Greenway. The projects were primarily built on property owned by the City of Fenton (with a few GRG-owned parcels) and therefore traditional operations and maintenance agreements were not created, but rather a cooperation agreement for funding and construction. This requires that we enter into a form of the current standard agreements to conduct the current phase of sign replacement, environmental graphics and roadway barrier under I-44.

The City of Fenton has been managing this Greenway at their expense since it's construction and will continue to. District staff are requesting the Board of Directors authorize the CEO to negotiate and enter into an O&M Agreement with the City of Fenton for this betterment project.

RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2023.16	Approving a contract amendment not to exceed \$10,000 with Engineering Design Source, Inc, in connection with Meramec Greenway
2022.52	Approval of a contract not to exceed \$49,215 with Engineering Design Source, Inc. in connection with Meramec Greenway

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FENTON IN CONNECTION WITH THE MERAMEC GREENWAY BETTERMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

WHEREAS, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

WHEREAS, the Meramec Greenway is shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the “Meramec Greenway”);

WHEREAS, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by replacing signage and performing other amenity improvements (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the approval of Proposition C and Section 67.1712.1 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City imposed a one-tenth of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the creation, operation and maintenance of the District;

WHEREAS, the 2023 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2022.89;

WHEREAS, the 2023 GRG 1/10 Capital Budget included line item (732) for the Project;

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) negotiate and enter into a construction, operation and maintenance agreement with the City of Fenton; and (ii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on March 14, 2023, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a construction, operation and maintenance agreement with the City of Fenton for the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.

4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2023.
**METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT**

Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

Glenn Powers, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

Nay:

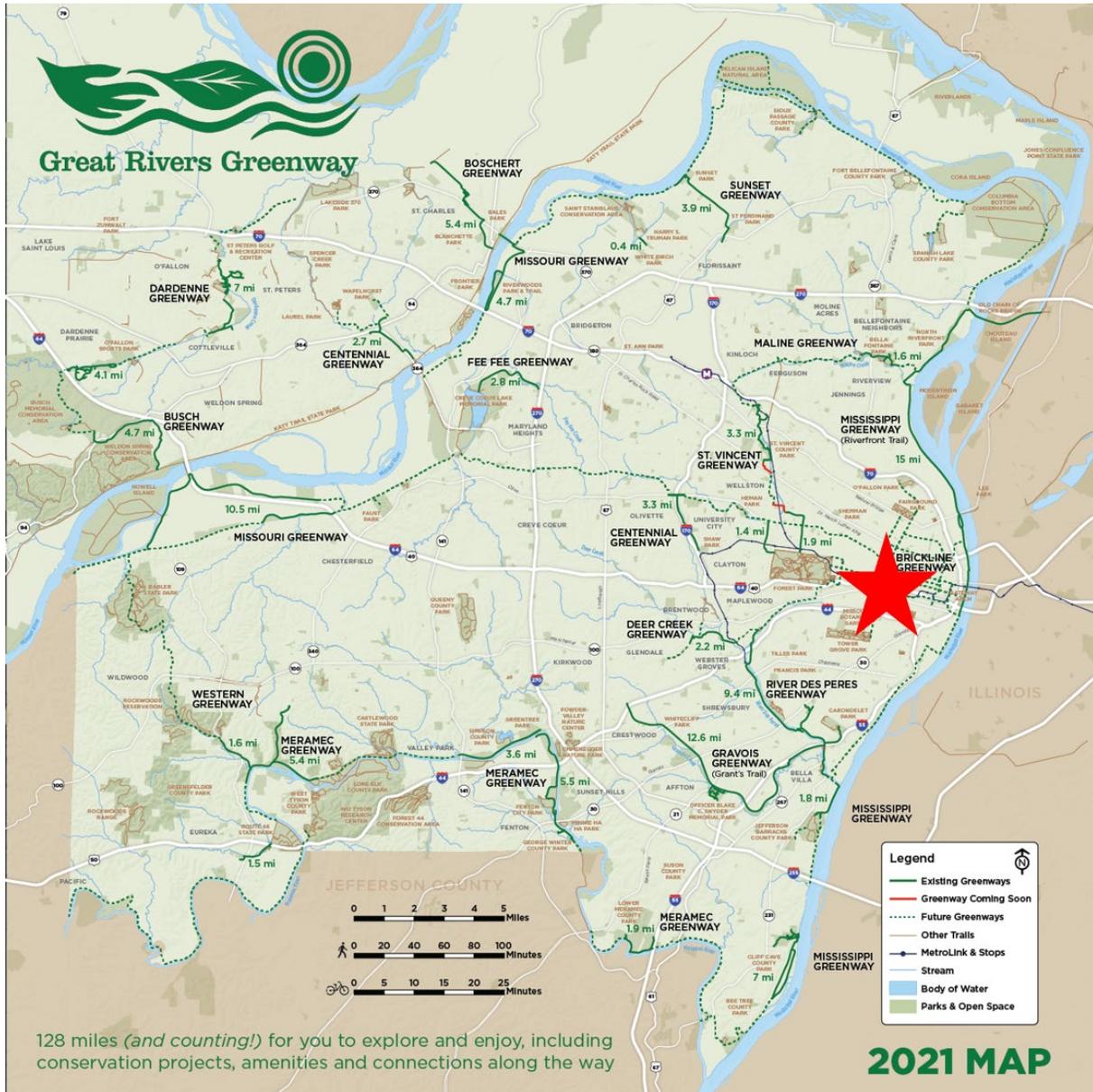
Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

5. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - GRG 3/16TH REVENUE STREAM

A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2023.34 approving a Grant Agreement with PGA Reach Gateway and Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis in connection with Brickline Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - T. Christopher Peoples



WHERE:

SUBPROJECT CODE	GREENWAY	SEGMENT	JURISDICTION(S)
308A	Brickline Greenway	North Connector	City of Saint Louis

WHO:

STAFF	CONTRACTOR(S), VENDOR(S), PARTNER(S)	TYPE OF SERVICES/AGREEMENT
T. Christopher Peoples	PGA Reach Gateway Foundation & Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, Inc.	Grant Agreement

FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS ENTITY? (YES OR NO)	WHAT ARE THE DBE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT?	IS THIS VENDOR A REGISTERED DBE OR ON A DBE LIST? LIST ALL THAT APPLY: WBE, MBE, OTHER	IF NOT REGISTERED, DOES THEIR OWNERSHIP REFLECT WOMEN OR MINORITIES? (PLEASE EXPLAIN)
Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A

PLEASE LIST ANY SUBCONTRACTORS BY NAME, % OF CONTRACT RECEIVED AND DBE STATUS	DOES THIS PROJECT HAVE WORKFORCE GOALS?
N/A	N/A

PROCUREMENT TYPE: RFQ, RFP, BID, VENDOR'S LIST, SOLE SOURCE, OTHER	PROCUREMENT MONTH/YEAR:	IF A CONTRACT RENEWAL, HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND ARE LEFT?	# OF PROCUREMENT RESPONSES:
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

PROCUREMENT RESULTS DETAIL (BID RESULTS, SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS, ETC)
N/A

WHAT:

ACTION TYPE	AMOUNT OF REQUEST	CURRENT BUDGETED FUNDS AVAILABLE	AMENDMENTS AND/OR SOURCES
Approval of Grant Agreement	\$0	N/A	N/A

OUTSIDE RESOURCES, GRANTS OR IN-KIND SERVICES
N/A

WHEN:

BUDGET YEAR	CURRENT PHASE OF PROJECT	NEXT MILESTONE
2023	Planning	Design

WHY AND/OR HOW:

Background

The Great Rivers Greenway's (GRG) Board of Directors (Board) approved the Chouteau Greenway Framework Plan in December 2019. This project is designed to connect Forest Park, Gateway Arch National Park, Fairground Park, and Tower Grove Park with more than ten (10) miles of urban greenways through many neighborhoods in the heart of St. Louis. In 2020, the Board approved changing the name of the project to Brickline Greenway.

During the development of the Chouteau Greenway Framework Plan, there were extensive conversations with community stakeholders, residents, St. Louis City and neighborhood officials and non-profit leaders on the impacts both positive, but also unintentionally negative, to the advancement of the greenway, now renamed as the Brickline Greenway. Learning from other cities' experiences and shared knowledge with peer organizations, and the importance of advancing equitable economic development, GRG staff has been intentional with the community and our partners on the importance to partnership between greenway development and adjacent private or public development and improvements. These "non-greenway" investments are vitally important to the long-term success of the greenway and requires GRG staff to think beyond the traditional park and recreation model of greenway development and coordination. The Brickline Greenway offers the potential to

focus re-investment in neighborhoods that have seen little to no private investment for decades.

The **Equity and Economic Impact Director's** role is to bridge the knowledge of **GRG projects and initiatives with other private, non-profit or public projects** that are complementary and supportive for the adjacent neighborhoods and city overall. Coordination and building relationships is key and this position will work with a team of city, community and neighborhood stakeholders to generate policies and practices that support SLDC's Equitable Economic Development Plan and other City of St. Louis community and neighborhood planning and economic development efforts.

Details on this Action

In March 2023 the City of St. Louis' department of the Community Development Administration (CDA) issued Neighborhood Transformation Grants NOFA seeking project proposals from non-profit organizations to submit a wide range of proposals like gardens and parks on vacant land, construction projects, hiring staff, back office support and other activities to help with equitable economic development, along with implementing the Mayor's City Economic Justice Action Plan.

Concurrently to the CDA - Neighborhood Transformation Grants NOFA, GRG Staff was notified by community stakeholders that the Lindell Bank and Trust Building located at N. Grand Blvd. and St. Louis Ave. was to be shuttered. The Lindell Bank & Trust Building sits directly on the corridor of the Brickline Greenway: North Connector and this particular intersection has been identified by the Equity and Economic Development Committee as a critical site for equitable development because of its location at the connecting point of the North Connector and St. Louis Avenue corridors (to NGA Campus). One of the community stakeholders that expressed interest in the site was the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, Inc (Boys & Girls Clubs). The site is located in close proximity to their Hebert Hoover Campus and would be immediately adjacent to the proposed Youth and Community Complex which is currently under design by the project sponsor PGA Reach Gateway Foundation (PGA Reach). GRG Staff has been in discussions with the Boys & Girls Clubs and PGA Reach. It was identified that the redevelopment of the Lindell Bank Site along with Carter Carburetor and Tipton & Sons Towing Sites align with GRG's Equity and Economic Development initiatives and a great opportunity to leverage a community partnership.

The proposed project area is shown on the map below (magenta).

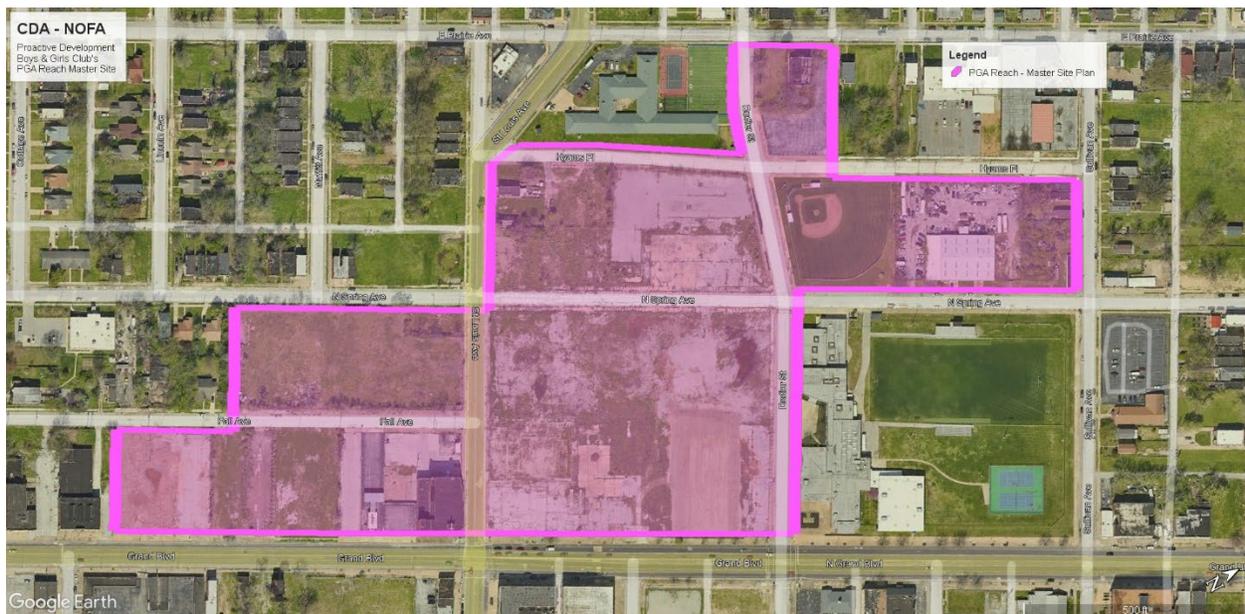
NOFA Proactive Development Specifications:

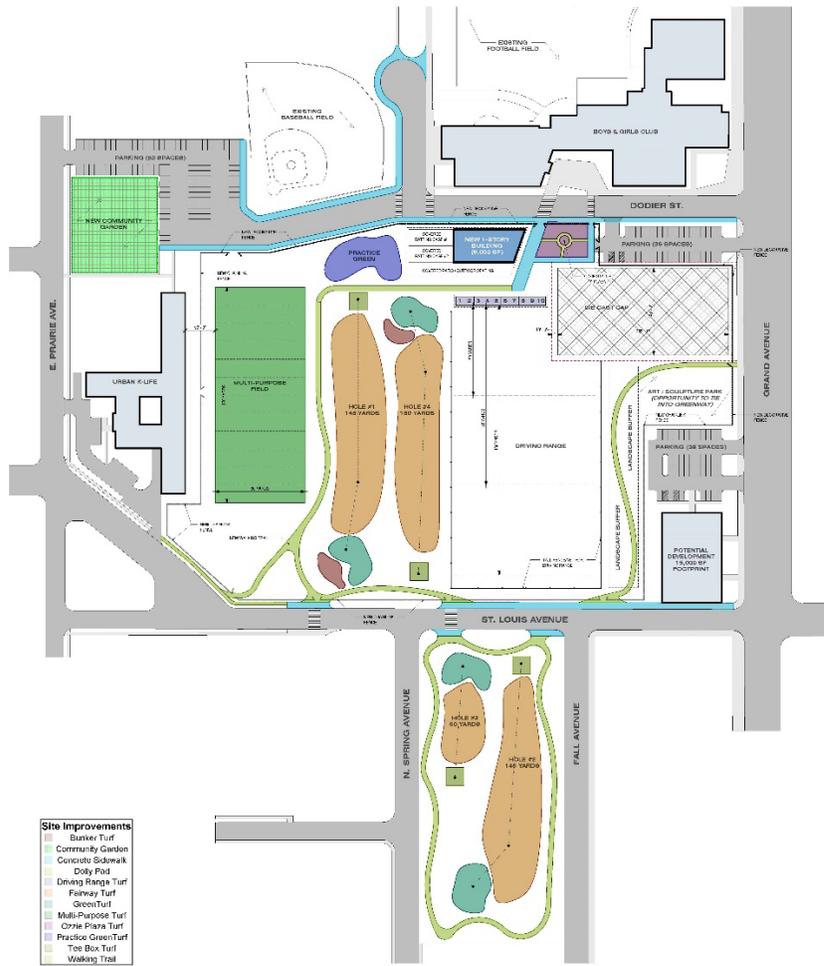
Eligible uses: predevelopment, site acquisition, environmental remediation for projects which meet a community need.

Presumptively eligible projects: educational facilities, health facilities, affordable housing, food access, green space, and more.

It is understood that representatives of both PGA Reach and Boys & Girls Clubs will be pursuing **Proactive Development** grant funds for a Site Development Master Plan which would include Lindell Bank, Carter Carburetor and Tipton & Sons Towing Site. The parties will work in cooperation with GRG staff on decision-making to guide the grant submittal process and work to achieve mutually acceptable and beneficial outcomes. If awarded any funding subsequent actions will be presented for Board consideration regarding any development planning.

This action requests to authorize the CEO to enter into a Grant Agreement with PGA Reach and Boys & Girls Clubs to pursue CDA - Neighborhood Transformation Grant Funding related to equitable economic development activities adjacent to the Brickline Greenway: North Connector Phase 1.





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RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #	DESCRIPTION
2019.95	Approval of the Chouteau (Brickline) Greenway Framework Plan
2020.26	Approval of changing the name of Chouteau Greenway to Brickline Greenway
2022.40	Approval of a cooperation agreement with the St. Louis Development Corporation for Equity and Economic Impact Director

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT
AGREEMENT WITH PGA REACH
GATEWAY FOUNDATION AND BOYS AND GIRLS
CLUB OF GREATER ST. LOUIS, INC. IN
CONNECTION WITH BRICKLINE
GREENWAY AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS
AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE SAME.**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District d/b/a The Great Rivers Greenway District (the “District”) is a metropolitan park and recreation district authorized under Section 67.1700 to 67.1769 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the “District Act”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Clean Water, Safe Parks, and Community Trails Initiative (“Proposition C”), the qualified voters of St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and St. Louis City approved the creation of the District;

WHEREAS, the District was formed to undertake the development, operation and maintenance of a public system of interconnecting trails and parks throughout the areas and counties comprising the District (the “District’s Mission”);

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the District’s Mission, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the District, the District adopted “Building the River Ring” as the Regional Plan for the District, and which contains the comprehensive plan of the District, its existing and proposed interconnecting greenway, park and trail projects, and any proposed land acquisitions (the “River Ring Regional Plan”);

WHEREAS, the Brickline Greenway is shown as a regional greenway in the River Ring Regional Plan (the “Brickline Greenway”);

WHEREAS, the District desires to extend and improve the River Ring in furtherance of the River Ring Regional Plan by designing the Brickline Greenway (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the approval of the Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative (“Proposition P”) and Section 67.1712.2 of the District Act, the governing bodies of St. Louis City and St. Louis County imposed a three-sixteenths of one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding the operation and maintenance of the portion of the District located within St. Louis City and St. Louis County;

WHEREAS, the GRG 3/16 Capital Budget was approved by the District pursuant to Resolution 2022.89;

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to (i) negotiate and enter into a Grant Agreement with PGA Reach Gateway Foundation and Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis, Inc.; and (ii) take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the “Board”), convened at 11:30 am, on May 09, 2023, at the District Offices at 3745 Foundry Way, St. Louis, Missouri, at which was present a quorum of the Board, the Board took the action further described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a Grant Agreement with PGA Reach Gateway Foundation and Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis, Inc. for the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or her designees to take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.
3. All actions heretofore taken by the officers, agents, and employees of the District related to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. The portions of this Resolution shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Resolution is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Resolution are valid, unless the court finds the valid portions of this Resolution are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the Board would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 09 day of May, 2022.
METROPOLITAN PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
D/B/A THE GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY DISTRICT

Monica M. Huddleston, President

ATTEST:

Glenn Powers, Secretary

Vote:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Not Present:

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. NOTICE TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Board of the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District, d/b/a Great Rivers Greenway, may go into closed session at this meeting if such action is approved by a majority vote of the Board members who constitute a quorum, to discuss legal, confidential or privileged matters under RSMo. §610.021(1); leasing, purchase or sale of real estate under §610.021(2); personnel actions under §610.021(3); specifications for competitive bidding under §610.021(11); sealed bids under §610.021(12); personnel records under §610.021(13); or records under §610.021(14) which are otherwise protected from disclosure by law; or confidential or privileged communications with the District's auditor, including auditor work products under §610.021(17).

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B. ADJOURN