



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Public Works and Mobility

Item: Accept Grant Funds from Montana Watershed Coordination Council for the Pattee Creek Restoration Project

Date: June 2, 2022

Sponsor(s): Mackenzie Tenan

Prepared by: Ashley Strayer

Ward(s) Affected:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Wards | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

Action Required:
Approve the City to accept grant funds awarded from the Montana Watershed Coordination.

Recommended Motion(s):
I move the City Council: Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to accept grant funds of \$5,308.00 from Montana Watershed Coordination Council for the Pattee Creek Riparian Restoration Project.

Timeline:

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| Committee discussion: | June 8, 2022 |
| Council action (or sets hearing): | June 13, 2022 |
| Public Hearing (if required): | N/A |
| Final Consideration | N/A |
| Deadline: | N/A |

Background and Alternatives Explored:
The City of Missoula Stormwater Utility and Missoula Conservation District are hosting a Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) member, Mackenzie Tenan, for the service term year of 2022. Big Sky Watershed Corps is an AmeriCorps grant funded program that is a collaboration of Montana Conservation Corps (MCC), Montana Watershed Coordination Council (MWCC), and Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD). The program focuses on watershed and water quality health and uses these members to carry out tasks for different host sites such as local government entities and watershed groups.

Pattee Creek is a waterbody that is part of the larger Pattee Creek Watershed. It is a tributary to the impaired Bitterroot River and has been deemed as a “stream of concern in the Bitterroot watershed” due to impairments such as alterations in streamside and littoral vegetative covers, sedimentation, and temperature. These have all been caused by significant residential development. This creek has often been overlooked to have a need of restoration. Through two grants awarded from MWCC and Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) of \$5,308 and \$4,975 respectively, Mackenzie will lead a restoration effort through revegetation of the riparian areas, education, and outreach. Specifically, the grant from MWCC is named “BSWC

NPS Project Support” to award her grant money to complete a nonpoint source pollution-related project in her term of service. This project that she is leading is a foundational beginning for a long-term goal of restoring the entirety of Pattee Creek so it can be restored to a more “natural function.”

Financial Implications:

\$5,308.00 from the Stormwater Enterprise Fund to be reimbursed from the Montana Watershed Coordination Council

Links to external websites:

N/A