



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

**Committee:** Climate, Conservation and Parks

**Item:** Caras Park River Access Design Contract Amendment

**Date:** January 11, 2023

**Sponsor(s):** Nathan Mcleod

**Prepared by:** Nathan McLeod

**Ward(s) Affected:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input 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 and Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract amendment to add design and optional construction administration services for Caras Park River Access to the existing Clark Fork River Restoration and Access professional services contract for an amount not to exceed \$131,308.50

**Recommended Motion(s):**

I move the City Council: Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract amendment to add design and optional construction administration services for Caras Park River Access to the existing Clark Fork River Restoration and Access professional services contract for an amount not to exceed \$131,308.50

**Timeline:**

Committee discussion:	January 11, 2023
Council action (or sets hearing):	January 23, 2023
Public Hearing (if required):	<a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>
Final Consideration	<a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>
Deadline:	<a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**

Planned improvements include a new American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible path from the riverfront promenade (Ron’s River Trail) down to the water’s edge. This will be the only ADA accessible Clark Fork River access in the City of Missoula. Added capacity for viewing Brennan’s wave is created with concrete stairs/terraces to the river and a larger concrete viewing platform. Other enhancements include streambank revegetation and stabilization of approximately 400 feet of the north bank. The design ties into improvements that were made in the recently completed Caras Park Phase1 project and is consistent with recommendations in the North Riverside Parks and Trails Master Plan. The 2018 Open Space Plan and Bond identified access and restoration of the Clark Fork River as one of the highest overall priorities. During public outreach for the Clark Fork River Restoration and Access Project, Caras Park was ranked as one of the top three most desirable location for river access improvements.

**Financial Implications:**

The City of Missoula's Parks and Recreation Department was recently awarded \$1,220,304 from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Association (EDA) to construct the improvements. MRA and Missoula Downtown Foundation will contribute matching funds for the grant. 2018 Open Space Bond funds have helped with early design concept and funds are eligible for construction.

While the grant funds construction the design contract is outside the scope of the grant and will be funded from by the Missoula Downtown Foundation. A Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Missoula and Missoula Downtown Foundation has been routed for signatures to address the funding commitment of the MDF for the design portion of the project.

**Links to external websites:**