

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 09/12/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0756

**LOG NAME:** 20BROADCASTHILLCAPPRJ

**SUBJECT**

(CD 11) Authorize Signage and Invasive Species Control as Additional Uses for the Broadcast Hill Improvements Project (City Project No. 103512) for the Broadcast Hill Site

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize signage and invasive species control as additional capital project uses under the Broadcast Hill Improvements Project (City Project No. 103512) to prepare the site for public use.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize additional capital project uses under the Broadcast Hill Improvements Project (City Project No. 103512) for the purpose of providing signage and controlling invasive species to prepare the site for public use.

M&C 21-0551 authorized the use of \$75,000.00 of Open Space project funding (City Project No. 103512) to install fencing and a gravel parking area to better protect the land and to provide parking for Broadcast Hill. There is \$24,466.61 remaining in the project and the Open Space Working Group recommends that these funds be put toward additional capital project needs at the site, such as signage and invasive species control.

Signage may include sign kiosks with trail maps and site rules, educational signage, and trail markers to aid with wayfinding and to educate the public on the site's ecosystem and the importance of protecting it. The funds would also be used to control invasive species like privet that threatens the endangered prairie, stream channels, and trails.

These activities have become standard practice for inclusion in open space property capital projects. They will also augment the current grant projects (natural surface trail design and construction, invasive species mulching and herbicide, and signage) at the site approved by M&C 22-0928. Cost increases have reduced the amount of signage that can be purchased with grant funds and there is more invasive privet on the site than can be addressed solely through grant funds.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 11.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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