



August 26, 2024

2024 Land and Water Conservation Fund Local Projects

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Review and Selection Committee met on August 15, 2024 to review ten applications received for the 2024 LWCF grant cycle. The Review and Selection Committee recommends the following projects for funding, in accordance with Iowa's Open Project Selection Process and Iowa Administrative Code 571 Chapter 27:

Rank	Score	Applicant	Project	LWCF Request	Total Project Cost
1	84	City of Iowa City	Terrell Mill Roller Park	\$1,370,000	\$250,000
The Terrell Mill Roller Park project seeks to reactivate an existing park for pedestrians and wheeled sport users. Project will include trails, walkways, skate elements, pump track, site furnishings, and native landscaping.					
2	83	City of Des Moines	Cheatom Park Playground Improvements	\$310,000	\$145,000
Improvements at Cheatom Park will include a new location for updated playground equipment with safety surfacing, accessible walkways, seating and picnic areas, and bicycle parking.					
3	82	Story County Conservation	Deppe Family Conservation Area Development	\$322,500	\$161,250
This project will begin development of the newly acquired Deppe Family Conservation Area. Development will include prairie reconstruction, parking lot, signage, interpretive panels, soft trail system, and an open shelter.					
4	82	City of Glenwood	Hiley Park Accessibility	\$187,000	\$93,500
Glenwood seeks to transform Hiley Park into an inclusive space by implementing enhancements such as new playground surfacing, handicap accessible parking, and sidewalks.					
5	80	Woodbury County Conservation	Bigelow Park Inclusive Playground	\$225,268	\$127,634
Woodbury County Conservation Board is looking to replace an aging playground at Bigelow Park with a new, inclusive playground.					
6	78	City of Estherville	Rivers Edge Campground	\$654,300	\$250,000
This project will utilize LWCF funds to assist in the creation of a new campground along the West Fork of the Des Moines River. The campground will include 15 full hook-up sites, primitive sites, dump station, shower house, and a water trails access point.					
7	78	City of East Peru	East Peru Park Enhancements	\$225,042	\$112,521
East Peru will add two new playgrounds for different age groups, park benches, and other upgrades to improve recreational opportunities in the community.					
8	71	City of Bondurant	East Side Chichaqua Valley Trail Improvements	\$876,000	\$250,000
The East Side Chichaqua Valley Trail (CVT) improvements will include relocation of the trail to provide a safer, more direct route; replacement of a deteriorated bridge, and additional trail connections.					
9	68	Scott County Conservation	Park Terrace Campground Renovation Phase 1	\$1,180,602	\$250,000
LWCF funds will utilized to help support Phase 1 of the Park Terrace Campground Renovation Project. Work will include reconstructing and paving the campground loop road and parking lot, converting 57 RV sites from gravel to concrete, and improving drainage within the campground.					

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10	62	City of Epworth	Tower Park Playground Renovation	\$160,000	\$80,000
The City of Epworth seeks funding to renovate an ageing playground and replace wood chips with rubber safety surfacing.					

I have reviewed the recommendations of the Committee and support advancing these projects towards funding and award through the National Parks Service.



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