

Landfill Host Community



Environmental Legacy Fund (ELF) Grant

Pilot Program

Organization:	
Contact:	
Contact Email:	
Contact Phone:	
Expenditure Category (page 3):	
Collaborators: Partner Organizations, research institutions, state/federal agencies, non-profits, local businesses, etc.	
Funding Background: Additional grants, private investment, or organizational match funds for the project.	
Statement of Need: Describe what the program or project will attempt to address and the population that will be served.	

Program Description: *Describe the project or program including information on how it will be implemented. Include information on what the desired outcome is.*

Goals and Objectives: *Describe the project objectives in measurable terms.*

Budget: *Include in the budget all expenses for your project to including necessary training costs including any co-funding from other sources.*

Evaluation: *Provide information on the metrics that will be used to determine the effectiveness of the project or program.*

Appendix:

Include the staff qualifications, certifications, and skills. Describe the organization and include information indicating the organization's capacity to implement and sustain the program.

Attach any relevant items in the appendix including letters of support, research support, organizational collateral, annual reports, etc.

**Dakota County Environmental Legacy Fund Grant
Heritage Village Park - Financial Summary**

	Doffing Ave Property Acquisition				Park Improvements					
	Expense	Revenue			Expense	Revenue				
199X – 12/31/2017	\$3,145,556	\$74,068	Federal		\$771,579		NA	Federal		
		\$1,847,280	State			\$219,048	State			
		\$201,659	County			\$6,000	County			
		\$1,015,693	City			\$546,531	City			
		\$6,856	Other			NA	Other			
		\$3,145,556	Total			\$771,579	Total			
1/1/2018 - present	\$1,783,664		NA	Federal		Green	Grey	NA	Federal	
		\$774,648	State		\$1,692,995		\$1,120,901	\$1,647,102	State	
		\$497,555	County					\$621,814	County	
		\$511,461	City					\$544,245	City	
			NA	Other					\$735	Other
		\$1,783,664	Total					\$2,813,896	Total	
Grand Total	\$4,929,220	\$4,929,220						\$3,585,475		\$3,585,475

Notes:

- Doffing Ave Property Acquisition includes all properties acquired along Doffing Ave. include acquisition, environmental, legal, remediation, etc.
- Green Park expenses include: planning, clean fill, landscaping, grading, erosion control, storm water, etc.
- Grey Park expenses include: trails, parking lots, fencing, pipe, electrical, etc.
- City funding includes: Park Dedication, General Fund, Utility Funds
- The City has eligible ELF Grant expenses (\$511,461 + \$544,245) which equal \$1,028,707 and requests reimbursement of \$950,000
- There are no expenses related to the Rock Island Swing Bridge in the numbers presented in this summary

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Staff Qualifications

Eric Carlson, Parks & Recreation Director for the City of Inver Grove Heights since January 2007, is the primary staff member involved with Heritage Village Park site remediation, land acquisition and site redevelopment. Mr. Carlson will also assist with grant administration if the grant were awarded. Prior to coming to Inver Grove Heights, Mr. Carlson served the City of Champlin as their Parks & Public Works Director for 7 years. Mr. Carlson also has worked for the City of Burnsville in Park Maintenance, as a Recreation Supervisor, and a Recreation Facility Manager over a 9-year period. Mr. Carlson holds a Bachelor of Science in Recreation from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and a Master of Arts in Public Administration from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Carlson is a Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE) through the National Recreation and Parks Association.

Amy Hove has been employed as the Finance Director for the City of Inver Grove Heights since January 2020 and is responsible for the proper recording of all financial transactions within the City, including any local, state or federal grants. Prior to employment with Inver Grove Heights, Amy was the Finance Director for the City of Lake City for three years and before that the Finance Controller for Goodhue County. Amy has a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Accounting and minor in Economics from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Amy has been responsible for financial oversight at the very highest levels in local government for over fifteen years and has prepared government financial statements for over twenty years.

Consultants

The following consultants have assisted the city for this project:

Braun Intertec – Environmental Remediation
WSB - Landscape Architect

About Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota

Located in northern Dakota County, Inver Grove Heights expands over 28 square miles and is approximately 10 miles south from downtown St. Paul, Minnesota. Being situated along the Mississippi River has given Inver Grove Heights a rich history as a River City and provides the community a beautiful natural setting and year-round recreational activities. Together, Heritage Village Park and Rock Island Swing Bridge Park preserve this River City legacy by providing passive recreation, historic education, a dog park and community gathering space along the Mississippi River for generations to come.

Today, Inver Grove Heights is home to approximately 35,000 residents and is expected to have a population that exceeds 46,000 by 2040. Since settlement in 1852, the city's development pattern has extended west and southwest from the original Village on the Mississippi River in what is now known as the Concord neighborhood. Since the creation of the City of Inver Grove Heights in 1965, the community has grown considerably. The pace of development in the area increased during the 1970s and 1980s in response to improved accessibility provided by major freeways including I-494, TH 55 and Highway 52. While today, the supply of vacant land is still attracting new homeowners and businesses.

The rolling wooded terrain of the city provides for an engaging mix of residential dwellings and commercial facilities. Residents have a wide choice of housing, ranging from apartments to

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large-lot estates. Recent development in the city includes a major CHS corporate office makeover and construction of a new parking ramp to accommodate employee growth, and a variety of new businesses arriving in the Argenta Hills and Arbor Pointe areas, including a hair salon and spa, cigar-lounge and craft-brewery with a full service kitchen. Other recent development projects include construction of a new gas station, indoor storage facility and fire station. Lakes, ponds, and wetlands also cover many areas of the city. In addition, the schools, park facilities, community center and golf course are among the Twin Cities best. Inver Grove Height's developed park system consists of 832 acres of park and natural areas and over 79 miles of combined trails and sidewalks that offer residents access to open space and natural resources.

For over 20 years, Inver Grove Heights has devoted substantial time and effort to plan and implement remediation and redevelopment of the Heritage Village Park site to provide yet another recreational and historic asset to the community and regional area. Since 2018, the city has invested over \$4.5 million dollars in property acquisition and park improvements to remediate and redevelop Heritage Village Park and Doffing Avenue. Through the help of partnerships, including the State of Minnesota and Dakota County, the city has received \$3.6 million in financial support. The city is determined to achieve the full Master Plan vision for this park and regional Mississippi area to provide a space that meets the needs of the community and visitors. To assist the city in completing this vision, the city is requesting reimbursement of \$950,000 for previous property acquisitions and green infrastructure expenses incurred between January 2018 to present.