

Ordinance No. 250260

ARPA Stormwater Infrastructure Grant - Blue River Riparian Restoration Contracts

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Authorizing the Manager of Procurement Services to execute contracts (Contract No. EV3765) with the Mid-America Regional Council (\$300,000.00), Bridging the Gap, Inc. (\$1,766,060.00), Deep Roots KC, Inc. (\$250,000.00) and Heartland Conservation Alliance, Inc. (\$2,783,940.00) as part of the previously appropriated \$5,100,000.00 ARPA Stormwater Infrastructure Grant award to fund riparian restoration along the Blue River; authorizing the Manager of Procurement Services to amend the contracts; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

Blue River Riparian Restoration

(DNR-SW-3ECA807E763C)

- The City applied to Missouri DNR's 2022 ARPA Stormwater Infrastructure Grant solicitation
- In addition to the City's pledged **\$100,000 match**, the City is receiving **\$5 million** through ARPA funds for the project
- Missouri DNR has assured us that all ARPA dollars have been drawn down to the state-level and will not be impacted by the federal freezes



Blue River Riparian Restoration Goals

- Restore **200-250 acres** of riparian habitat along the Blue River
- Restore **green infrastructure** in three nodes along the Blue River corridor (Blue River Park, Blue Valley Parkway, Alex George Park)
- Plant up to **2,000 trees** in neighborhoods adjacent to the corridor
- Work with adjacent neighborhoods to increase privately installed and **managed native plant landscapes**
- Update **stormwater standards and policy** and provide riparian and green infrastructure **training** to expand local workforce capacity.

Riparian Restoration Work Areas



- Much of the restoration work will take place along the Blue River from E 23rd St. to E 53rd St. in **District 3**
- Additional work will be done on land in the Blue River Greenway of **District 5**, south of Swope Park
- Finally, work will also take place on land around Alex George Park and south of Minor Park in **District 6**

All Contracts: EV3765

- **Solicitation Waiver** – Approved by Procurement Office (to work with partners outlined in grant application)
- **Noncompetitive Procurement** – Approved by MDNR
- **CREO Goal Request Waivers** – County-Level EEO goals apply; 12.7% minority and 6.9% female participation
- **Contracts End Dated October 31, 2026** – All ARPA funds need to be spent by December 31, 2026; no exceptions

Contract Specifics

- **EV3765-01: Mid-America Regional Council**
 - \$300,000.00 for an Updated Stormwater Standards Criteria Package, 4 Outreach and Training Workshops for Regional Professionals, and a Restoration Best Practices Reference Manual
- **EV3765-02: Bridging the Gap, Inc.**
 - \$1,766,060.00 for a Baseline Habitat Assessment, Invasive Species Removal, Native Seed Broadcasting, Tree Planting, and Community Outreach, Education, and Workforce Training

Contract Specifics (cont.)

- **EV3765-03: Deep Roots KC**
 - \$250,000.00 for a Native Plant Demonstration Garden, 10 Habitat Garden Tours, 4 Neighborhood Native Plant Workshops, and 180 Nature Advisor Consultations for Community Members
- **EV3765-04: Heartland Conservation Alliance, Inc.**
 - \$2,783,940.00 for a Baseline Habitat Assessment, Invasive Species Removal, Direct Seeding, Bare Root Planting, Community Engagement, and Future Monitoring and Reporting

Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan



Natural Systems

- ✓ N-1: Expand network of trees and natural areas
- ✓ N-2: Promote regenerative, ecologically healthy soils and landscapes
- ✓ N-3: Sustainable water supply and use
- ✓ N-4: Use natural systems to manage stormwater runoff

Questions?