

AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means March 5, 2026 at 3:30 PM



Lansing City Hall, City Council Conference Room
124 W. Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor

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Council Member Carter, Chairperson
Council Member Spadafore, Vice Chairperson
Council Member Nevarez Martinez, Member

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes**
 - A. February 19, 2026
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
- 5. Discussion/Action:**
 - B. RESOLUTION - Grant Application; Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Local Bridge Program
 - C. RESOLUTION - Grant Application; Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), Waverly S. River Trail extension
 - D. RESOLUTION - Grant Application; Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), Letts tennis court expansion
 - E. RESOLUTION - Grant Application; Michigan Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund, Letts tennis court expansion
 - F. RESOLUTION - Grant Application; Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), Jolly Road land acquisition
 - G. RESOLUTION - Grant Application; Michigan Natural Resources Department Recreation Passport Grant Funding, Gier BMX track improvements
- 6. Other**
- 7. Adjourn**

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MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday February 19, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Carter called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

PRESENT

Council Member Tamera Carter, Chair
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Vice Chair
Council Member Deyanira Nevarez Martinez, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Luke Bingham, Legislative Analyst
Jules Overfelt, Financial Empowerment
Tiffany Lemieux-McKissic, Financial Empowerment
Bryan Dryer, Deputy Director EDP

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2026 AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) Children’s Savings Account (CSA)

Ms. Lemieux-McKissic spoke on the Lansing Save program with the oldest class for 2027 headed to graduation, this grant was amended and they received additional money. Ms. Overfelt added this is being used for 4 projects working towards long term sustainability and funding. Pays for consultants to help fundraising, high school incentives, workforce development that is a 90 day internship that gives 50 students \$250 deposited into their save account, and the last incentives for parents/guardians who attend the financial empowerment center to have money deposited into their child’s account.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN CHILDRENS SAVINGS ACCOUNT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DRAFT

RESOLUTION – Office of Financial Empowerment Acceptance of the OS Reentry Program Offender Success Contract Bonus

Ms. Overfelt stated their goal last year was 61%, however, they hit 72% going into long term housing. They also receive \$1 for every \$100 spent on leveraged goods.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE BONUS ACCEPTANCE BY THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT OF REENTRY PROGRAM OFFENDER SUCCESS CONTRACT. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OTHER

No other topics.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 3:05pm

Submitted by,

Renee Richmond, Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

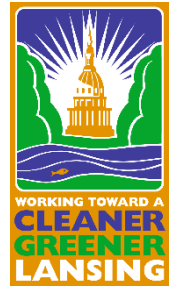
Approved by the Committee on



Andy Schor, Mayor

PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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To: Andy Schor, Mayor
From: Daniel E. Danke, PE, Project Engineer DED
Date: February 13, 2026
Subject: FY 2029 Local Bridge Funding Applications - Resolution

Attached is the resolution for the City of Lansing’s bridge funding application to be placed on the City Council agenda. A resolution from the legislative body supporting the project is required with each application. Bridge funding applications are to be submitted by April 1, 2026.

For FY 2029, the City of Lansing is submitting three projects.

Priority 1 – Preventive Maintenance on Pennsylvania Avenue over the Red Cedar River. The Pennsylvania Avenue/Red Cedar work involves bridge railing replacement, expansion joint replacement, substructure patching, crack sealing, sidewalk widening, riprap, and approach work. The estimated construction cost of the project is \$1,635,000. If approved, the City would be responsible for 5% of the construction costs (\$81,750) and for the engineering costs (estimated at \$408,750).

Priority 2 – Preventative Maintenance on Mt Hope Avenue over Sycamore Creek. The Mt Hope/Sycamore Creek work involves repair of slope protection, placement of riprap, and removal of debris from the river. The estimated construction cost of the project is \$428,000. If approved, the City would be responsible for 5% of the construction costs (\$21,400) and for the engineering costs (estimated at \$107,000).

Priority 3 – Preventative Maintenance on Aurelius Road over Red Cedar River. The Aurelius Road/Red Cedar River involves an epoxy overlay, substructure patching, and epoxy crack injection. The estimated construction cost of the project is \$154,000. If approved, the City would be responsible for 5% of the construction costs (\$7,700) and for the engineering costs (estimated at \$38,500).

Typically, the City of Lansing gets up to two projects funded each year. If a project is selected, the City share would come from Act 51 funds. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Date: 2-16-2026

Nicole McPherson, PE, City Engineer

Date: 2-16-2026

Andy Kilpatrick, PE, Director of Public Service



**LANSING CITY COUNCIL
GRANT INFORMATION FORM
(Required for all grant applications and acceptances)**

REFERRAL DATE: February 13, 2026

GRANT NAME: Michigan Local Bridge Program for FY 2029

GRANT AGENCY: MDOT

ASSISTANCE LISTING NO. (formally known as CDFA):

DEPARTMENT: Public Service

CONTACT PERSON (INCLUDE EMAIL AND PHONE): Andy Kilpatrick, Andrew.Kilpatrick@lansingmi.gov, 517-483-4248

APPLICATION DATE: ___April 1, 2026

AWARD DATE: ___October 2026

GRANT CYCLE START DATE: _____

GRANT CYCLE ENDING DATE: _____

Check One: ___Annual One-Time

FUND AMOUNT: \$2,217,000 (Breakdown below should total this amount)

GOODS & SERVICES	\$ _____
PERSONNEL	\$ _____
CONSTRUCTION	\$ <u>\$2,217,000</u>
LAND	\$ _____
OTHER (Training)	\$ _____

GRANT PAYS FOR: FUND ALLOCATIONS (Please describe the purpose of the grant and allowable uses):

The Michigan Local Bridge Program provides funding for bridge replacement, rehabilitation and preventative maintenance in the Act 51 road system. MDOT provides up to 95% of the funding of the project and the City pays 5%. The City is applying for preventative maintenance funding for Pennsylvania Avenue over the Red Cedar River, Mt Hope Avenue over Sycamore Creek, and Aurelius Road over the Red Cedar River. Funding would be used for the construction of the project including associated approach work and traffic control. The City would be responsible for engineering costs (design and construction). Funding is only required if the City is awarded a project.

PROJECTED OBJECT CODE DETAIL:

Account	Description	Amount

CITY MATCH (IF APPLICABLE):

Account	Description	Amount
202.453601.974100.50006 Bridge Rehab	5% City Construction Match	\$110,850

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

**RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION TO MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM FUNDING**

WHEREAS the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is currently soliciting applications for candidate projects for the Local Bridge Program to be funded in the 2029 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS April 1, 2026 is the deadline for submitting the applications; and

WHEREAS up to three funding applications per agency for bridge projects can be submitted in accordance with the MDOT Call for Projects; and

WHEREAS multiple preventative maintenance projects can be bundled together as one application; and

WHEREAS the City of Lansing, Public Service Department, intends to submit Local Bridge Program funding applications to MDOT for the following three projects listed in the order of priority and funding category:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Funding Category</u>
1.	Pennsylvania Avenue over Red Cedar River	Preventative Maintenance
2.	Mt Hope Avenue over Sycamore Creek	Preventative Maintenance
3.	Aurelius Road over Red Cedar River	Preventative Maintenance

WHEREAS, if successful, the City would receive state or federal funding to finance 95% of construction cost, and the City would fund 5% of the construction and 100% of the engineering costs for any bridge project selected; and

WHEREAS the estimated construction cost of the above listed projects and City's share of construction and engineering costs are tabulated below; and

#	Project	Estimated Construction Cost	City's Share		
			Match 5%	Engineering 25%	TOTAL
1	Pennsylvania Ave over Red Cedar River	\$1,635,000	\$81,750	\$408,750	\$490,500

2	Mt Hope Avenue over Sycamore Creek	\$428,000	\$21,400	\$107,000	\$128,400
3	Aurelius Road over Red Cedar River	\$154,000	\$7,700	\$38,500	\$46,200

WHEREAS, any one or any combination of the above three projects could be approved for 2029 funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council approves the submittal of the FY 2029 funding applications for the MDOT's Local Bridge Program as listed in the priority above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon grant award, the Mayor is authorized through the Public Service Director to administratively appropriate the necessary accounts for City costs associated with any bridge project selected, which will be budgeted with Act 51 funds.



LANSING CITY COUNCIL
FY26 GRANT INFORMATION FORM
(Required for all grant applications and acceptances)

PREFERRED REFERRAL DATE: February 6, 2026

GRANT NAME: S Waverly Lansing River Trail Extension

GRANT AGENCY: Michigan Department of Natural Resources

ASSISTANCE LISTING (CDFR): _____

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

CONTACT NAME: Brett Kaschinske

CONTACT PHONE: 517-483-4042

GRANT PERIOD START: Following final legislature approval (January 2027)

GRANT PERIOD END: 2029

APPLICATION DATE: 04/01/2026

AWARD DATE: 12/08/2026

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$400,000

ADMINISTRATIVE COST RECOVERY AMOUNT: \$400,000

SUMMARY OF GRANT PURPOSE AND ALLOWABLE USES:

The City of Lansing is looking to extend the S Lansing River Trail west through the recently purchased S. Waverly property towards the Grand River.

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**PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER
Wednesday January 14th, 2026**

BOARD MEMBERS: Mike Dombrowski, Kimberly Whitfield, Nate Scramlin,
Isaac Francisco, Joan Lenhard, Tirstan Walters, Ravynne Gilmore,
Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M. Foster Community Center

I. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Add B and C Whitfield moved to accept, Walters seconded, passed unanimously

II. **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A. **December 10th, 2025 Walters moved to accept with spelling corrections, Scramlin seconded, passed unanimously.**

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

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IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. 5 – Year Plan – This has been approved by the City Council

B. **Board Annual Report Walters moved to accept the report as amended, Scramlin seconded, passed unanimously.**

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V. **UPDATES**

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Meeting closed at 8:16

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Authorizing Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Funding

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department is applying for grant funding through Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF); and

WHEREAS, MNRTF will be accepting grant applications for the next grant cycle no later than April 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, MNRTF requires a resolution from the governing body of the applicant supporting the applications, acknowledging the required match and committing to the amount and source of match that are specified in the applications; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Board at its January 14, 2026 meeting approved the submission of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Director is recommending the City apply for grant funding for the following project:

TF26-0017 Waverly S. Lansing River Trail Extension \$400,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the submission of the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the above project; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of Lansing, Michigan, does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and that the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide funding with a minimum of twenty-six percent (26%) to match the grant authorized by the department.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the department for auditing at reasonable times in perpetuity.
3. To regulate the use of the property acquired and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
4. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement included all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.



LANSING CITY COUNCIL
FY26 GRANT INFORMATION FORM
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PREFERRED REFERRAL DATE: February 6, 2026

GRANT NAME: Letts Tennis Court Expansion + _____

GRANT AGENCY: Michigan Department of Natural Resources

ASSISTANCE LISTING (CDFR): _____

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

CONTACT NAME: Brett Kaschinske

CONTACT PHONE: 517-483-4042

GRANT PERIOD START: Following final legislature approval (January 2027)

GRANT PERIOD END: 2029

APPLICATION DATE: 04/01/2026

AWARD DATE: 12/08/2026

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$680,000

ADMINISTRATIVE COST RECOVERY AMOUNT: \$400,000

SUMMARY OF GRANT PURPOSE AND ALLOWABLE USES:

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LANSING CITY COUNCIL
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BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Authorizing Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation
Fund Grant Funding

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department is applying for grant funding through Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

WHEREAS, DNR will be accepting grant applications for the next grant cycle no later than April 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, DNR requires a resolution from the governing body of the applicant supporting the applications, acknowledging the required match and committing to the amount and source of match that are specified in the applications; and

WHEREAS, this project was approved by Park Board on January 14, 2026. The Parks and Recreation Director is recommending the City apply for grant funding for the following project:

Land and Water Conservation Fund for Tennis at Letts	\$500,000
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the submission of this grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund for the above project.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of Lansing, Michigan, does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and that the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide funding with 50% on the \$500,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant authorized by the department.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the department for auditing at reasonable times in perpetuity.
3. To regulate the use of the property acquired and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
4. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement included all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.



LANSING CITY COUNCIL
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GRANT NAME: Jolly Road Acquisitions

GRANT AGENCY: Michigan Department of Natural Resources

ASSISTANCE LISTING (CDFR): _____

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

CONTACT NAME: Brett Kaschinske

CONTACT PHONE: 517-483-4042

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SUMMARY OF GRANT PURPOSE AND ALLOWABLE USES:

Funds will be utilized to acquire the Jolly Road property to extend the S Lansing River Trail west to the Grand River.

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Authorizing Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Funding

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WHEREAS, MNRTF will be accepting grant applications for the next grant cycle no later than April 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, MNRTF requires a resolution from the governing body of the applicant supporting the applications, acknowledging the required match and committing to the amount and source of match that are specified in the applications; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Board at its February 11, 2026 meeting approved the submission of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Director is recommending the City apply for grant funding for the following project:

TF26-0019 Jolly Road Acquisitions \$300,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the submission of the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the above project.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of Lansing, Michigan, does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and that the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide funding with a minimum twenty-six percent (26%) to match the grant authorized by the department.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the department for auditing at reasonable times in perpetuity.
3. To regulate the use of the property acquired and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
4. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement included all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.



LANSING CITY COUNCIL
FY26 GRANT INFORMATION FORM
(Required for all grant applications and acceptances)

PREFERRED REFERRAL DATE: February 6, 2026

GRANT NAME: Gier BMX Improvements

GRANT AGENCY: Michigan Department of Natural Resources

ASSISTANCE LISTING (CDFA): _____

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

CONTACT NAME: Brett Kaschinske

CONTACT PHONE: 517-483-4042

GRANT PERIOD START: Following final legislature approval (January 2027)

GRANT PERIOD END: 2029

APPLICATION DATE: 04/01/2026

AWARD DATE: 12/08/2026

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$203,000

ADMINISTRATIVE COST RECOVERY AMOUNT: \$150,000

SUMMARY OF GRANT PURPOSE AND ALLOWABLE USES:

Funds will be utilized to add a new starting gate and track improvements.

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**PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER
Wednesday January 14th, 2026**

BOARD MEMBERS: Mike Dombrowski, Kimberly Whitfield, Nate Scramlin,
Isaac Francisco, Joan Lenhard, Tirstan Walters, Ravynne Gilmore,
Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M. Foster Community Center

I. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Add B and C Whitfield moved to accept, Walters seconded, passed unanimously

II. **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A. **December 10th, 2025 Walters moved to accept with spelling corrections, Scramlin seconded, passed unanimously.**

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Hillsdale Ana Henriques suggested to add a fence, hedges, or other barrier along MLK at Hillsdale Park. The current fence is older and will have to be removed soon. There discussion about some grass cutting and maintenance at this park. St Joseph Park Safety- there was a discussion about the new playground at St Joseph Park and discussed how a neighborhood organization can begin to do long term planning for park design.

B. DNR Trust Fund Application2026 – BMX Track Passport, Letts Tennis Courts, Waverly River Trail Extension, For Trust Fund – Walters moved, Francisco seconded, passed unanimously .

C. Grant application for Michigan Waterways Stewards. Dombrowski will be following up with Mike Stout

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. 5 – Year Plan – This has been approved by the City Council

B. **Board Annual Report Walters moved to accept the report as amended, Scramlin seconded, passed unanimously.**

C. Westside Communal Green Space – For the lot near Scribbles and Giggles. Tirstan met with the president of the Westside Neighborhood Organization. The President of the Westside Neighborhood Organization will be meeting to discus if they support the city purchasing this lot to be used for Communal Green Space.

D. Letters of Graditude - Greene-Szmadzinski, Lenhard, passed unanimously

V. **UPDATES**

CIP – Parks Paving needs funding, Grants Match, Marshall Park Basketball would need additional funding. Reuter Park fountain estimate should be submitted.

Moores Park Pool- On time on budget

Holiday Night Lights- This event had the 2nd highest attendance this year since it started.

The Michigan Princess is being demolished.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Hillsdale Park Security and St. Joseph Park Safety – Ana Henriques

VII. **INFORMATION**

VIII. **REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Scramlin asked about the winterization of the John Smoltz Strikeout Baseball Stadium. The director confirmed that the department is looking for a façade improvement during the winter months.

Tirstan Walters asked the director about usage in the Comstock, Stabenow, and Hunter Parks. The director confirmed that the department does not currently have an accurate way to track the number of users of these parks beyond being able to look at specific metrics like the number of times the QR code was scanned at the Fit Lot at Stabenow Park.

Tirstan Walters also asked for about the Reuter Park Fountain. The Director had a pre-bid meeting with a contractor and is expecting to get a good cost estimate soon.

Isaac Francisco asked about feasibility of providing funding for improvements to the Reo School grounds which currently offers space to a community group through CIP funding. The director confirmed that this is currently outside of the scope of current CIP funding.

IX. **STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS**

All meetings of the Park Board shall be open to the public. Those in attendance shall have the opportunity to speak on any issue related to parks and recreation services not otherwise on the agenda at the end of the meeting and may speak on any agenda issue during the meeting after park board members have had an opportunity to discuss the issue or prior to the board voting on the issue. The President may impose a time limit on public comments.

Meeting closed at 8:16

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

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Funding

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RP26-0006 Gier BMX Track Improvements	\$150,000
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