



Holland Charter Township

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Memorandum

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Steve Bulthuis
DATE: May 16, 2022
SUBJECT: Recommended American Rescue Plan Projects

Earlier this year the final rules related to the funding received by the township from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) were released. As mentioned previously, Congress gave significant flexibility in the expenditure of these dollars. With a few exceptions, the funding could be spent on any lawful expenditure.

Members of the Board and department heads were solicited for potential projects. In total, twenty-one projects were submitted for consideration. These projects were reviewed and prioritized by staff through a series of voting exercises. As the Executive Committee reviewed the remaining eight projects the following questions were considered:

- 1.) Can the project be planned/bid/awarded by Dec. 31, 2024 and completed by Dec. 31, 2026?
- 2.) Does the project support/enhance an already adopted policy/plan/goal?
- 3.) If needed, can the ARPA funding be utilized to leverage other financial resources?
- 4.) Does the project result in long-term operational impacts/costs?
- 5.) What is the project's impact? Is the impact transformative/long lasting?

The following projects are being recommended to receive the approximately \$4 million in ARPA funds:

| PROJECT | PROJECT COST | TIMELINE | DESCRIPTION & BENEFITS |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------|---|
| Noordeloos Creek Pedestrian Bridge | \$750,000 | 12/31/2024 | Construction of a pedestrian bridge (replacing a previous bridge that was destroyed) over Noordeloos Creek in Helder Park |

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| PROJECT | PROJECT COST | TIMELINE | DESCRIPTION & BENEFITS |
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| Hawthorn Park Improvements | \$250,000 | 12/31/2024 | Contribution towards improvements contained in Hawthorn Pond Master Plan (restroom/parking/trailhead amenities) |
| 8 th Street Corridor Improvements | \$750,000 | 12/31/2023 | Construct nonmotorized improvements on 8 th Street (Chicago Dr.-US 31) per plan and replace existing sidewalk |
| Comprehensive Plan Vision Fund – Subarea advancement | \$2,250,000 | 12/31/2024 | Fund projects that support implementing the vision of the comprehensive plan. |

Staff will be seeking your approval of these funding allocations. If approved, staff will transition these projects into the FY2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program. Please contact me if you have questions.