



**The City of  
OKLAHOMA CITY**

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# Section I. Project Narrative

## A. Project Scope

### 1. Describe the purpose of the project.

The City of Oklahoma City is proposing the installation of solar-powered/photovoltaic light-emitting diode (LED) streetlights along the 14-mile paved multi-use trail surrounding Lake Stanley Draper in southeast Oklahoma City. The addition of lighting will enhance safety, visibility, and accessibility on the Trail, which connects to four trailheads, a marina, 23 shoreline lake points, fishing piers, boat ramps, and abuts other recreational uses including motorized off-road vehicle trails, campgrounds, and mountain biking trails. The installation of specifically solar-powered/photovoltaic LED streetlights is important as these streetlights will require no electrical connections or lines given the photovoltaic panel can store power in an included 384 watt battery.

### 2. Describe in detail the physical characteristics of the project. Include:

- a) **Location:** Oklahoma City, OK
- b) **Length:** 14 miles
- c) **Width:** 12 feet
- d) **Base/surface materials:** asphalt concrete pavement
- e) **Existing and proposed features at trailhead/along the trail (wet land viewing, overlook, natural features, i.e. plants, animals)**

The Lake Stanley Draper Trail is located in southeastern Oklahoma City on the boundary between Oklahoma County and Cleveland County. Lake Stanley Draper itself has an estimated surface area of 2,900 acres with an estimated 34 miles of shoreline; the Lake serves as one of three municipal reservoirs for Oklahoma City alongside Lake Hefner and Lake Overholser. At approximately 14 miles in length and 12 feet in width, the Draper Trail is made of asphalt concrete pavement with concrete curbing and connects with three dedicated trailheads and four adjacent parking lots across Lake Stanley Draper. One of these parking lots serves the Draper Marina, located on the west side of Lake Stanley Draper and connected to SE 104<sup>th</sup> Street; the Marina features lake access via a boat ramp and boat docks as well as four covered fishing piers, concessions, a fueling depot, enclosed boat storage, and dedicated areas for camping, grilling, and picnics surrounding a full-size children’s playground. Lake Stanley Draper features activities such as camping, hiking, mountain biking, fishing, athletic fields, waterskiing, jet skiing, boating, sailing, a runway and field for the flight of radio-controlled model airplanes, volleyball courts, boat slips, dry storage, and shaded shelter structures. Currently, there are four existing trailheads around the Lake Stanley Draper Trail, all lit with solar-powered LED streetlights.

There are 23 points around Lake Stanley Draper, all areas of shore accessible via road or trail. There are also additional fishing piers and a second boat launch ramp distributed around Lake Stanley Draper. The trail connects to the Lake Stanley Draper campgrounds and the Cross Timbers ORV Park near the southwest corner of the reservoir property; the latter is described as a [“960+ acre \(and growing\) complex for dirt bikes and ATVs.”](#) The camping area and ORV trailhead are to the east across South Douglas Boulevard from the large motorized off-road area that is Cross Timbers ORV Park, which [“offers about 55 miles of marked and rated one-way trails.”](#) Lake Stanley Draper’s southwest corner is occupied by the City of Oklahoma City’s

Draper Water Treatment Plant, where water from far Lake Atoka, built in 1959 to increase the water supply for Oklahoma City and Atoka; a massive pipeline connects the two as raw water from Lake Atoka crosses 100 miles to Lake Stanley Draper and the Draper Water Treatment Plant. On the north end of Lake Stanley Draper, there is a large area just east of South Post Road and north of SE 89<sup>th</sup> Street that is [a non-motorized 8-mile off-road area/trail](#) intended predominately for mountain bike uses.

The Lake Stanley Draper Trail is located in an area of forest called the Cross Timbers. The [Oklahoma Forestry Service](#) (OFS) points out that of Oklahoma’s statewide 12.7 million acres of forest land, approximately 4 million are in the Cross Timbers, or about 31%. OFS states:

Cross Timbers is home to a wide variety of wildlife. Because of the habitat diversity – thick forests, prairie gaps, and even wetlands – the Cross Timbers harbors many different types of animals, from white-tailed deer to spotted skunks, from western chicken turtles to five-lined skinks, and scissor-tailed flycatchers to painted buntings.

Given Oklahoma City is a highly urbanized city with the largest concentration population in the State, Lake Stanley Draper Trail provides an important opportunity for residents of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, and nearby municipalities and counties, whether they live in a rural area or an urban area, to access and enjoy nature replete with wildlife. Surrounding residential developments are low density single-family rural residences and generally on large, vegetated lots.

## **B. Project Justification**

- 1. Describe the degree to which the project provides for the greatest number of compatible trail uses and/or innovative trail corridor sharing (to accommodate motorized and non-motorized use) based on modes of travel. Modes of travel include pedestrian (Use of wheelchairs constitutes pedestrian use.), bicycle (includes roller blades, skateboards), equestrian, motorcycle, ATV, and 4-wheel drive.**

While motorized uses are prohibited on the Draper Trail itself, the installation of streetlights benefits all uses – non-motorized, pedestrian, bicyclists – by enhancing visibility along the trail. This in turn improves safety as well as the perception of safety and permits greater use of the Draper Trail all year round.

Importantly, while the Draper Trail itself does not accommodate motorized uses, at Lake Stanley Draper the City does have [a separate mountain bike trail/area](#) consisting of three connecting loops that can be ridden consecutively for distance of approximately 12 miles with the difficulty ranging from each of the three loops. Permits are required for the use of the mountain bike trail.

- 2. Describe how the project improves trail opportunities for citizens with disabilities, the economically disadvantaged, and/or senior citizens.**

Recreational trails often function as “linear parks” where users benefit from experiencing nature, exercising, recreation, and sometimes commuting. Lighting as a safety component is important for all users but particularly for people with disabilities, the economically disadvantaged, and senior citizens, all of whom benefit from greater visibility, increased access, and greater safety of

recreational trails so everyone can maximize their opportunities to recreate and experience nature. Additionally, improvements to the Draper Trail are enhancements to Lake Stanley Draper overall, and assist in enriching a large recreational area that serves both urban residents of Oklahoma City as well as the city's rural residents and residents from communities near and far.

**3. Describe the degree to which the project ties into other trails; natural, cultural, scenic, historic, or recreation areas; streams, lakes or ponds; schools, neighborhoods, and other communities.**

The [interactive map of National Register of Historic Places](#) via the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office and the Oklahoma Historical Society indicates there are no historic resources on or near the project area.

However, the City of Oklahoma City has designated the Lake Draper area as “open space” because of its value as an environmentally sensitive area due to its status as a historic Cross Timbers forest composed primarily of old-growth post oak and blackjack oak trees alongside younger, more varied re-growth. Among the Cross Timbers, trees average only 15 to 40 feet in height and 10 to 20 inches in diameter; however, many existing post oaks and blackjack oaks are between 200 and 400 years old. As a result of its relatively diminutive size, the Cross Timbers remains underappreciated as an ecosystem, and most of the forest has been cleared for agriculture. Paradoxically, the modest stature of these trees has served to protect remnant stands of ancient forest, since the forests' noncommercial timber value limits industrial logging. In [planokc](#), Oklahoma City's award-winning comprehensive plan adopted by City Council in 2015, the plan recognizes the importance of the Cross Timbers to Oklahoma City. Policy #G-9 on page 328 specifies to:

Establish strategies, procedures and policies that prevent degradation or loss of critical habitat and sensitive areas, such as Cross Timbers, upland forests, wetlands, wildlife corridors, groundwater recharge zones, and riparian areas. Protection methods should ensure that placement of lots, alignment of roads, and installation of structures and infrastructure minimize disturbance of the environmentally sensitive areas using tools such as:

- Directing development to appropriate locations;
- Greenbelt preservation;
- Assurance of no development in protected open space;
- Clustering / conservation subdivisions;
- Pervious surface treatments;
- Density transfers; and/or
- Conservation easements.

Ensure that strategies, procedures, and policies incorporate principles of connectivity, minimal fragmentation, representativeness, and heterogeneity.

Access to nature – specifically Lake Stanley Draper and the historic Cross Timbers forest – is an essential service the City provides not only here, but other sites across Oklahoma City: Lake Hefner, the [Martin Park Nature Center](#) in northwest Oklahoma City, the [Myriad Botanical Gardens](#) and [Scissortail Park](#) in downtown Oklahoma City, and the numerous [trails](#) and [parks](#)

throughout Oklahoma City’s 621 square miles. Southwest Oklahoma City where Lake Stanley Draper is located is highly rural and largely undeveloped.

The nearest school is Schwartz Elementary School, part of the Mid-Del School District, about a mile and a half from Lake Stanley Draper on SE 104<sup>th</sup> Street. The Oklahoma State Department of Education [reports](#) Schwartz Elementary School had a 2021 enrollment of 271 students from pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade. Based on the most recent year of data available for Schwartz Elementary, an estimated 80% of their student population is considered “economically disadvantaged,” meaning students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.

In 2009, the City of Oklahoma City passed the so-called “1% for Arts” ordinance; this local law, codified in [City Code at §38-488](#), requires that for “any new building or park development or major renovation thereof, to be constructed or erected on public right-of-way or on property owned by the City utilizing public funds shall be allocated for works of art.” The construction of the Lake Stanley Draper Trail provided opportunities for four new pieces of public art:

- [“BOOYA Car”](#) by Gabriel Friedman, a partially buried 1959 Buick LeSabre on the east side of the trail at SE 119th Street;
- [“Bee-52”](#) by Daniel Moore, a sculptural representation of a bee and of a bomber reflecting the Lake’s proximity to Tinker Air Force Base, sited on a peninsula on the west side of the lake;
- [“360 RESPITE”](#) by Don Narcomey is functional art – a park bench for rest and relaxation – but took three months and about 800 pounds of wood to create. The wood used was from a dying ash tree found in another city park, granted new life in providing shade and respite along the shore of Lake Stanley Draper; and
- [“Convergence”](#) by Don Narcomey, a sculpture using reclaimed wood, also sited on the west side of Lake Stanley Draper.

Additionally, nearby projects are expanding the citywide trail network to connect the Lake Stanley Draper Trail. Near the intersection of South Midwest Boulevard and North Stanley Draper Drive the Draper Trail connects to the Tinker/Draper Trail, a paved multi-use trail about 6.2 miles in length that runs north on Air Depot Boulevard to Southeast 59<sup>th</sup> Street, where it travels west to turn north up South Sooner Road to terminate near Southeast 44<sup>th</sup> Street. The connection on Air Depot was funded with excess collections from MAPS 3, the same Oklahoma City program that generated the funds, design, and construction of the Lake Stanley Draper Trail itself.

A proposal has been submitted to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) for Federal funds to complete a trail connection on Southeast 59<sup>th</sup> Street; this would connect with a funded trail connection from Trosper Park on South Eastern Avenue, which would connect the Tinker Trail and the Draper Trail with the almost 11-mile paved multi-use South Grand Boulevard Trail, which connects to every other trail across Oklahoma City and is thus the gateway to the citywide trail network. This important South Eastern Avenue connection is

similarly funded in the amount of about \$720,000 via Federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Finally, Oklahoma City’s bicycle-pedestrian master plan, bikewalkokc, includes consideration of a trail along Southwest 104<sup>th</sup> Street that would span south Oklahoma City, north Moore, and connect all the way to the east with Lake Stanley Draper Trail, thus providing a more southern connection for access to Lake Stanley Draper.

**4. Describe the degree to which the project will create opportunities for new partnerships between trail users, private interests, and public agencies.**

**a) Describe any cooperative efforts.**

Because Lake Stanley Draper is “associated with a lake, reservoir” or “impoundment,” it is a monitoring location for the U.S. Geological Survey, who monitor and report data on [lake](#) and [water](#) conditions as part of the [USGS Cooperative Matching Funds program](#) given the City’s Draper Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The Draper WTP was built in 1964 and serves as the largest treatment plant in Oklahoma City’s water system. By utilizing water from Lake Atoka in southeastern Oklahoma, the Draper Water Treatment facility treats 150 million gallons per day, as six stations along the 100-mile-long Atoka pipeline pump raw water from Lake Atoka to Draper, where the WTP treats and distributes it.

**b) Describe and document any agreements (i.e. lease) between the Sponsor’s project and property owned by another jurisdiction.**

There are no leases for or related to this project or property; Lake Stanley Draper is wholly owned by the City of Oklahoma City.

**c) Show the percentage of the Sponsor’s matching funds that will come from the private sector, non-profit, or an individual as land donation and/or cash donation.**

The local matching funds of \$75,000 will be committed by the City of Oklahoma City with the whole of those City funds rather than from any other source, e.g. the private sector, a non-profit, or individual. Thus:

<b>Project Fund Source</b>	<b>Dollar</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Sponsor (City of Oklahoma City)	\$75,000	20%
<i>Private Sector</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>Non-Profit</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>Individual</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>0%</i>
Recreational Trails Program	\$300,000	80%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**5. Describe how the project is supported by local or regional plans and has positive public/community support and involvement. Provide documentation to support your answers (relevant sections of plans, public meeting rosters, meeting minutes, citizen surveys, etc.).**

**a. Does the project include documented citizen or community organization input in the planning process?**

Letters of support included with this proposal are discussed in response to question 9 while community support is discussed in response to 5.c. as the Draper Trail itself was built as a part of the MAPS 3 program, itself a voter-approved program and project. More specifically, the proposal to procure and install solar-powered LED streetlights on the Draper Trail was an agenda item at the public meeting of the Oklahoma City Parks Commission on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 3 p.m. at the historic Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street in Oklahoma City. The Parks Commission is a body of nine Mayoral-appointed officials responsible for, [per the City Charter](#), making “rules, regulations and policies governing all public parks and public grounds used for public park purposes ... and all facilities and appurtenances for the protection of the public and proper use of the parks” including making “recommendations for improvements to all parks and grounds used for park purposes.” The proposal was on the agenda as Item VI., Recreational Trails Program Grant Application with a staff report detailing the proposed project and the requirements of the Recreational Trails Program itself. While no one from the public attended to specifically speak on the proposed project, a resident was present and representing the [Oklahoma City Mayor’s Committee on Disability Concerns](#) to underscore the importance of accessibility when considering and designing projects.

**b. Is the project an identified priority in a local/regional trail or outdoor recreation plan?**

The City of Oklahoma City’s bicycle and pedestrian plan, [bikewalkokc](#), was completed and adopted by City Council in 2018; in it, Lake Stanley Draper was identified as a “key outdoor location” (page 16), and on page 27 shows the gradual network to be constructed to link the Lake Stanley Draper Trail to the wider trail system that spans Oklahoma City, with a map exclusively of the recreational trail network available on page 35. Since publication and adoption, many of the connecting projects have been funded; Federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$720,000 will construct the trail connection on Eastern Avenue which would provide a vital connection between the greater City trails network and the Draper and Tinker/Draper trails.

**c. Does the project show community support?**

The design and construction of the Lake Stanley Draper Trail was itself the result of community support; in 2009, Oklahoma City residents approved the third iteration of the Metropolitan Area Projects (MAPS) program, whereby residents elected to increase their sales tax burden by one cent for a period of about seven years and nine months (April 2010 to December 2017). Thanks to MAPS and the voters of Oklahoma City, the Lake Draper Trail was a \$10 million project funded wholly through local dollars entirely debt-free. The \$777 million MAPS projects included a world-class park ([Scissortail Park](#)), rail-based transit ([the OKC Streetcar](#)), a new convention center ([the Oklahoma City Convention Center](#)), sidewalks, trails, health and wellness centers for seniors ([Senior Health and Wellness Centers](#)), improvements at the State Fairgrounds, improvements on the Oklahoma River, and the completion of the 16-mile [West River Trail](#) and the 9-mile [Will Rogers Trail](#). A [grand opening and ribbon-cutting event for the MAPS 3 Lake Draper Trail](#) was held on Saturday, October 26, 2019, with two community bicycle rides – one 4-miles, one 13.5-miles – a 5K fun run, and children’s activities including a bounce house.

**6. Describe the degree to which the project will provide educational and/or interpretational benefits of natural resources, cultural resources, and/or trail safety and etiquette.**

**a. Does the project contain environmental or cultural qualities that will be enhanced or protected, or solve a site problem?**

Environmentally, proposed installation of the solar-powered LED streetlights will be conducted to be minimally invasive given the photovoltaic streetlights convert sunlight to electricity, store power by way of a small in-unit battery, and therefore do not require yards of conduit, electric lines, outlets, etc. This alone goes a significant way in preserving conditions as much as possible while accommodating users. This doubly serves a means to solve a site problem, i.e. solar-powered LED streetlight installation provides a way to substantially increase safety while being as minimally environmentally-invasive and impactful as possible.

Similarly, solar is also cost-efficient given its fuel source is sunlight rather than requiring distant fuel to be burnt to generate electricity to then be transmitted to each light at a metered amount priced by a regulated utility tariff. With solar lights, the costs of taxpayers are significantly reduced given the absence of ongoing electricity consumption. Additionally, LEDs work when voltage is applied to a semi-conducting element. This voltage causes electrons (with a negative charge) to move towards positively charged “holes.” As these two components move across the semi-conductor, they combine in the middle releasing energy in the form of light, which is then funneled through a single point source creating a bright, concentrated light. The focused nature helps reduce light pollution, ensuring more of a dark sky above Lake Stanley Draper; this is a resource valuable to all, and especially to [the Oklahoma City Astronomy Club](#), part of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Lab’s Night Sky Network, which meets regularly at Lake Stanley Draper. Another environmental benefit of LEDs is that there is no need for a bulb to house lighting components, and thus LEDs are considered more durable and shock-proof given the absence of a bulb, thereby reducing waste in addition to reduced maintenance costs.

**b. Does the project include proper trailhead signs, educational signs and/or interpretative displays?**

The proposed project includes signage in addition to the existing signage around the trail and at trailheads.

**c. Is safety and trail etiquette information included in the project?**

The City’s [trails etiquette is available digitally here](#); signs are also posted at the Draper Trail. It should be noted, too, that lighting itself is recognized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as a “[Proven Safety Countermeasure](#)” which can “provide safety benefits to all users of the roadway environment. Adequate lighting can also provide benefits in terms of personal security for pedestrians, wheelchair and other mobility device users, bicyclists, and transit users.”

**d. When completed, will the trail facility be used as an outdoor education facility by a school or community education program? If so, describe.**

No.

**7. Describe the degree of commitment to continue operation and maintenance of the project after the project is complete. A written commitment from the land**



**manager (letter, resolution of intent, etc.), maintenance plan, budget, and any private resources should be included.**

The City of Oklahoma City is committed to maintenance of the Draper Trail in perpetuity given Lake Stanley Draper is owned by the City of Oklahoma City; maintenance of this trail is included in the City's general fund operations budget for the Parks and Recreation Department.

**8. Describe the degree to which the project will improve the geographic distribution of recreational trail facilities in the State of Oklahoma and/or the availability of recreational trail facilities in a particular region and/or provide for or improve a particular trail use, which has demonstrated a demand (i.e. ORV use).**

**a. Is this the first recreational trail facility in the project's service area (region or community that the project will serve)?**

No; rather, the Draper Trail is part of a citywide network of recreational trails. It is worth noting that the Draper Trail is the trail furthest from the network as it connects to the Tinker/Draper Trail but the Eastern Avenue connection between Tinker/Draper and the 11-mile South Grand Boulevard Trail is currently planned.

**b. Is this a new type of recreational trail facility in the project's service area?**

While Draper Trail itself was completed in 2019, this will be the first fully-lit recreational trail in the southeast quadrant of Oklahoma City and the closest recreational area to Tinker Air Force Base.

**c. Has the project applicant demonstrated a need for this type of trail facility in the project's service area?**

The Lake Stanley Draper Trail is currently Oklahoma City's southernmost trail; it is also preserved and isolated as open space, so because it is further from urbanized areas, lighting as a useability and safety feature are demonstrated needs.

**9. Provide documentation and describe how trail users, volunteers and/or the community support your project. Provide letters of support.**

Included letters of support come from the Oklahoma Earthbike Fellowship; the Greater Oklahoma City Parks and Trails Foundation; Oklahoma City trail advocate Hal McKnight; and the City of Oklahoma City Arts and Cultural Affairs Liaison Randy Marks.

[Oklahoma Earthbike Fellowship](#) (OEF) is a 501(c)(3) dedicated to advancing mountain biking in Oklahoma through advocacy and trail work and serve as the Oklahoma chapter of the International Mountain Bike Association. While the Draper Trail itself does not allow motorized uses, the trail connects to a nearby mountain bike course at Lake Stanley Draper and, as such, the installed lighting would provide an additional safety benefit to nearby uses and users. The OEF membership actually [assists](#) in maintaining the mountain bike course at Lake Draper.

[The Greater Oklahoma City Parks and Trails Foundation](#) is a 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to advocacy for parks, trails, and public spaces in Oklahoma City and throughout the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. The Parks and Trails Foundation works with donors, community

organizations, and government agencies to enhance parks, trails, and public spaces through education, programming, and grant-making opportunities. One of the fantastic ways by which the Parks and Trails Foundation supports trails is through the design and production of [a comprehensive Oklahoma City trails map](#).

Mr. McKnight served on the steering committee for Oklahoma City’s first bicycle and pedestrian master plan, [bikewalkokc](#); chair of the Oklahoma City Trails Advisory Committee; chair of the Oklahoma City Community and Neighborhood Enhancement Advisory Board; and a member of the MAPS 3 Citizen Advisory Board’s Trails and Sidewalks Subcommittee. Mr. McKnight is also the past recipient of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Wetlands Conservation Award, [conferred in 1994](#) for wetland conservation and restoration projects undertaken on his 2,000-acre ranch near Duncan, Oklahoma. Mr. McKnight serves as a tireless proponent of expanding and improving Oklahoma City’s recreational trails.

Finally, Randy Marks serves as the City of Oklahoma City’s Arts and Cultural Affairs Liaison, part of the Planning Department’s [Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs](#); Mr. Marks and the Office are responsible the coordination of the [1% for Arts ordinance](#) which has resulted in repeated investments in public art at Lake Stanley Draper. Consult the response to question three of this project narrative for greater details about the public art around the Draper Trail including links to more information and photographs.

**10. Describe the type of project. (Restoration; upgrade and/or relocation of existing trail facility; Development of trail-side facilities; New construction; or Land acquisition).**

The proposed project is exclusively the Development of Trail-Side Facilities type, specifically the addition of solar-powered/photovoltaic light-emitting diode (LED) streetlights; the 2023 Recreational Trails Program Grant Application Instructional Guide specifies on page 5, section “Eligible Trails Projects,” examples given include “functional trail lighting” and “trailhead amenities (benches, lighting, fencing, exercise equipment).” No new trail will be constructed with these funds nor will any land acquisition be necessary for completion of this project.

Construction included significant erosion control measures prior to grading and drainage construction and existing trail-side and trailhead facilities are limited; currently, the four trailheads are all paved parking lots lit by solar-powered LED streetlights with benches, small shelters, and bicycle parking. Aside from the trailheads, the majority of the 13-mile trail presently has no light source. The solar-powered LED streetlights allow for easy, non-invasive installation that does not require the costly addition of electrical infrastructure to connect each and every light.

The City has sourced solar-powered LED lights before and installed them on other City trails: the 7.3-mile Katy Trail, an asphalt and concrete trail occupying former railroad right-of-way for approximately six miles through northeast Oklahoma City, as well as the City’s 6.5-mile North River and 6.5-mile South River Trails, both of which span the sides of the Oklahoma River through downtown Oklahoma City. Those lights were from the Cuesta Sol line of products sold through GridShift Solutions, LLP, an American combat veteran-owned company headquartered in Norman, Oklahoma.

We recognize the Instruction Guide specifies that “[a]ny contract work on this project that is \$50,000 or over must be put out to bid,” bidders must be made aware of the source and percentage of Federal funds, and if awarded, we are obligated to provide the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department documentation of the bid advertisement, a list of bidding firms including their bids, and a fully-executed copy of the awarded contract.

**11. Have you applied for funds through this program before? If so, did you receive funds?**

Yes. In 2017, the Oklahoma City Council approved an application to the Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$160,000 “to build recreational trails in Southern Oaks Park, located at 6818 South Walker Avenue.” These funds were sought to construct a quarter mile, seven-foot-wide trail and six-foot wide, ADA-accessible routes connecting to existing public facilities. The project’s budget was \$235,000, inclusive of the \$160,000 in Recreational Trails Program grant funds plus an additional \$75,000 from the City as local match, generated from the sale of general obligation bonds approved by voters in 2007. The Recreational Trails Program-funded Southern Oaks project was completed in December 2019.

The construction work was coordinated with the development of the Southern Oaks Learning and Wellness Center, a facility of the Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) sited in the Oklahoma City ZIP code with the lowest health indicators, 73139, and the extension of South Hudson Avenue to South Walker Avenue. These street improvements provided greater access to the OCCHD’s Learning and Wellness Center but also provided access to the cluster of facilities, institutions, and services that make up the campus: Oklahoma City Public Schools’ Parmelee Elementary School and Southeast Middle School; the City of Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department’s Southern Oaks Park and Southern Oaks Community Center; and the Metropolitan Library System’s Southern Oaks Library.

Additionally, the campus includes partnerships with OU Health, the Oklahoma City Police Department’s Police Athletic League, and the University of Central Oklahoma along with on-site amenities such as clinical services (immunizations, sexual health and family planning, community health services, etc.), a training kitchen, community meeting space, auditorium, nearby sports fields, and opportunities for recreation.

## Section II. Financial Profile

### Cost Estimate

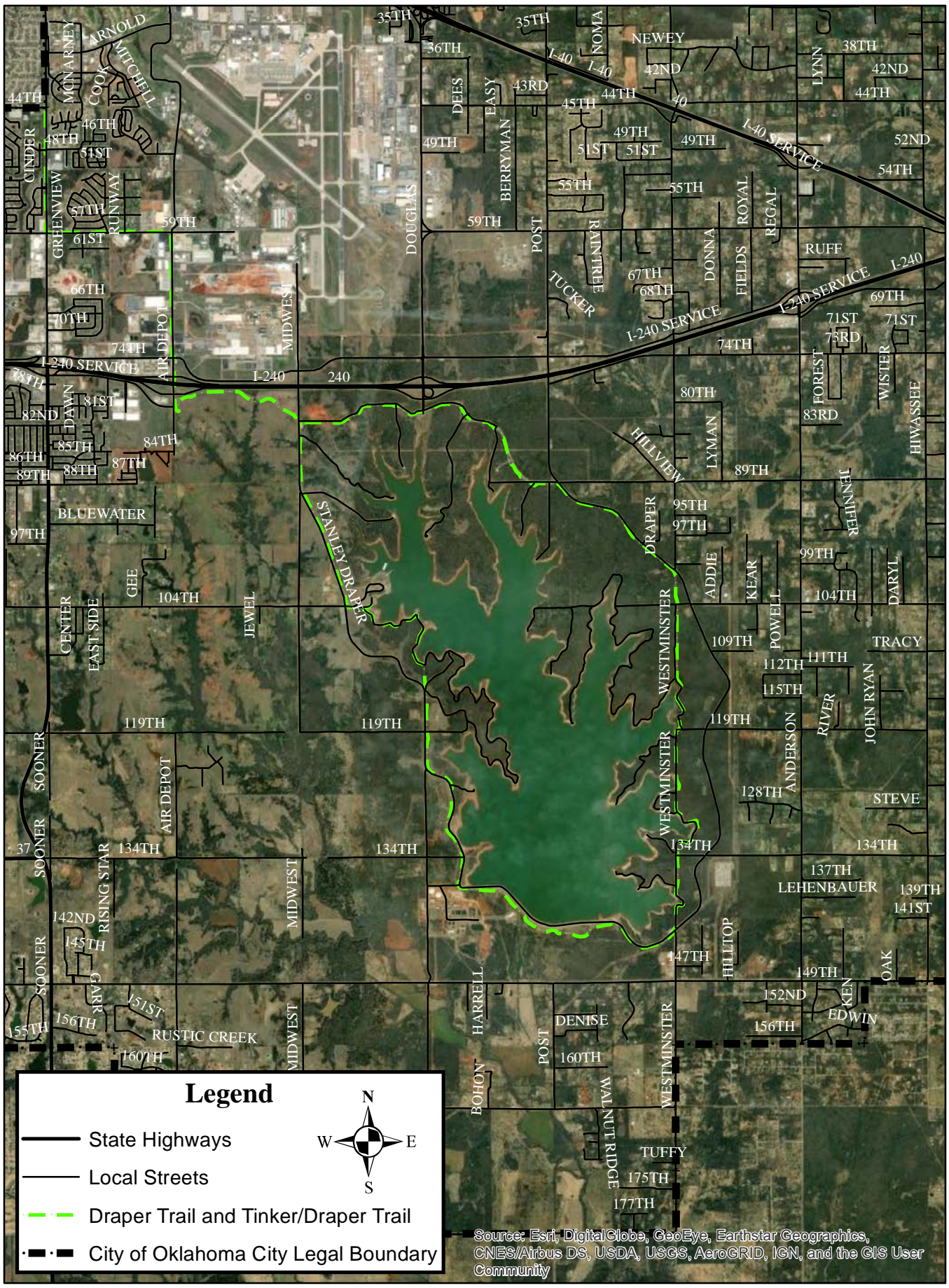
#### City of Oklahoma City Lake Stanley Draper Trail Solar-Powered LED Lights

Source of Funds	Grant Request	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	Donation Match	Totals
Recreational Trails Program Grant	\$300,000				\$300,000
Sponsor/Applicant (City of Oklahoma City)		\$75,000			\$75,000
<i>Non-Profit</i>					
<i>Individual</i>					
<i>Private Sector</i>					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>			<b>\$375,000</b>





Use of Funds	Grant Request	Cash Mash	In-Kind Match	Donation Match	Totals
I. Professional Services					
II. Project Materials					
Solar LED Lighting	\$300,000	\$50,000			<b>\$350,000</b>
Structural Concrete		\$23,000			<b>\$23,000</b>
III. Other					
Signage		\$2,000			<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>			<b>\$375,000</b>

## **Section III. Property Information/Maps**

- A. Location Map**  
See page 14
- B. Site Map**  
See page 15
- C. Floor Plan**  
Not applicable

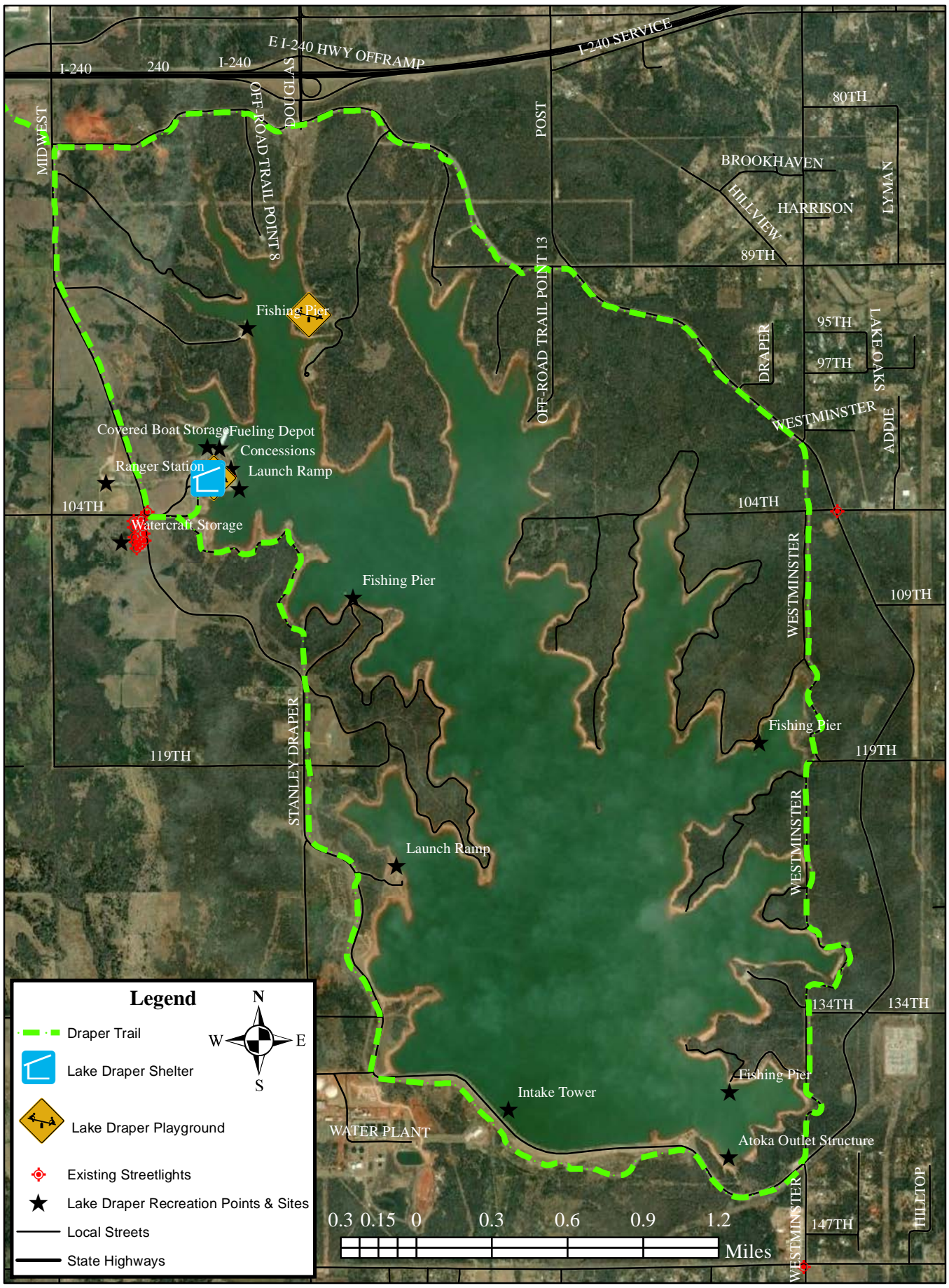


**Legend**








-  State Highways
-  Local Streets
-  Draper Trail and Tinker/Draper Trail
-  City of Oklahoma City Legal Boundary

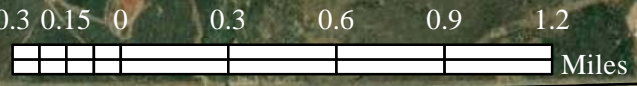


Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community



**Legend**

-  Draper Trail
-  Lake Draper Shelter
-  Lake Draper Playground
-  Existing Streetlights
-  Lake Draper Recreation Points & Sites
-  Local Streets
-  State Highways



## Section IV. Environmental Assessment

### 1. Project Name

Draper Trail Solar LED Streetlights

### 2. Land Use/Ownership

#### a) Briefly describe the land use in the project area and specify ownership.

Lake Stanley Draper is in the Open Space land use typology area (LUTA) per the City of Oklahoma City's comprehensive plan; the Open Space LUTA is described as "[c]oncentrations of publicly owned land that are intended to remain undeveloped and natural in character. Certain public uses may be appropriate ... The purpose of this typology area is to preserve important naturalized areas for aesthetic, quality of life, and environmental purposes. Only certain uses managed by the public sector would be appropriate within an area designated as OS" (pages 51-53). As part of standards for Open Space areas, it is noted on page 53 that with regard to connectivity, projects in the area should "[e]nsure public amenities within these areas can be accessed by the public via safe and efficient pedestrian and/or bicycle connections that do not compromise sensitive environmental features."

#### b) Briefly describe the status of mineral rights.

N/A

#### c) Is the project consistent with development plans for the area?

Yes. Designated as an Open Space LUTA, maintaining (and enhancing) recreational use is consistent with area plans.

#### d) Provide the name and date of plan.

[PlanOKC: Planning for a Healthy Future](#), adopted July 2015.

### 3. Socioeconomics

**Will the proposed project adversely impact any of the following? Please provide a yes/no answer for each. If yes, please explain.**

a) Health/Education facilities	No
b) Emergency service providers	No
c) Public utilities	No
d) Residential areas	No
e) The disabled, minorities, low income, or elderly	No
f) Local tax base	No
g) Economic activity	No

### 4. Natural Resources

**Are any of the following sensitive resources present in the project area? Please provide a yes/no answer for each. If yes, please describe.**

a) Moderately to highly erodible soils	No
b) Surface water resources (lakes, ponds)	Yes



The trail surrounds Lake Stanley Draper, a reservoir built by the City of Oklahoma City to hold raw water transported via pipeline from southeast Oklahoma. Said raw water is treated on-site at the Draper Water Treatment Plant. The installation of solar-powered LED lights will not affect surface water resources. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) monitors surface water conditions at Lake Stanley Draper as part of the Beneficial Use Monitoring Program, or BUMP. As part of BUMP, OWRB monitors approximately 130 lakes on a quarterly basis utilizing a five-year rotation schedule, allowing for long-term assessment of beneficial uses and water quality trends. Generally, lakes are sampled at 3-5 stations in order to be representative of the riverine, transitional and lacustrine zones of the waterbody. On many reservoirs, additional sites are monitored, including major arms of the reservoir as appropriate.

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|---------------------------|-----|
| c) Aquifer recharge zones | No  |
| d) Springs                | No  |
| e) Streams, rivers        | No  |
| f) Flood plains           | Yes |

The area immediately surrounding Lake Stanley Draper is designated as flood plain. The addition of solar-powered LED lighting will not adversely impact the project area flood plain.

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|-----------------------------------------------|----|
| g) Wetlands                                   | No |
| h) Moderate to dense woody cover              | No |
| i) Bottomland hardwoods                       | No |
| j) Native grasslands                          | No |
| k) Threatened or endangered plants or animals | No |
| l) Unique or rare natural communities         | No |
| m) Wildlife habitat                           | No |
| n) Invasive plant or animal species           | No |

## 5. Historic and Archeological Resources

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| a) Are you aware of any historic buildings, ruins, or structures within sight of the trail? | No |
| b) Are you aware of any archeological resources within 30 feet of the trail?                | No |
| c) Are you aware of any cultural resources?                                                 | No |

## 6. Hazardous Wastes

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Is there any potential involvement with hazardous waste or historic contamination (even if remediated)? | No |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|

## 7. Noise

- |                                                                                            |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| a) Is there potential for the project to have a noise impact on the surrounding land uses? | No |
| b) Are there sources of noise pollution on surrounding land uses? If so, explain.          | No |

**SECTION IV. ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FOR NEPA**

Mark boxes with an X

<b>A. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES</b> Indicate potential for adverse impacts. Use a separate sheet to clarify responses.	<b>Not Applicable -</b> Resource does not exist	<b>No/Negligible Impacts -</b> Exists but no or negligible impacts	<b>Minor Impacts</b>	<b>Impacts Exceed Minor</b> EA/EIS required	<b>More Data Needed to Determine Degree of Impact</b> EA/EIS required
1. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.					
2. Air quality					
3. Sound (noise impacts)					
4. Water quality/quantity					
5. Stream flow characteristics					
6. Marine/estuarine					
7. Floodplains/wetlands					
8. Land use/ownership patterns; property values; community livability					
9. Circulation, transportation					
10. Plant/animal/fish species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing					
11. Unique ecosystems, such as biosphere reserves, World Heritage sites, old growth forests, etc.					
12. Unique or important wildlife/ wildlife habitat					
13. Unique or important fish/habitat					
14. Introduce or promote invasive species (plant or animal)					
15. Recreation resources, land, parks, open space, conservation areas, rec. trails, facilities, services, opportunities, public access, etc.					
16. Accessibility for populations with disabilities					
17. Overall aesthetics, special characteristics/ features					
18. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc. Attach SHPO/THPO determination.					
19. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure					
20. Minority and low-income populations					
21. Energy resources (geothermal, fossil fuels, etc.)					
22. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies					
23. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated					
24. Other important environmental resources to address.					

<b>B. Mandatory Criteria</b> <i>If your RTP proposal is approved, would it...</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>To Be Determined</b>
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?			
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O. 11988); and other ecologically significant or critical areas.			
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]?			
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?			
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?			
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?			
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office. (Attach SHPO/THPO Comments)			
8. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.			
9. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?			
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations			
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites			
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of			

<b>Environmental Reviewers</b>
<p>The following individual(s) provided input in the completion of the environmental screening form. List all reviewers including name, title, agency, field of expertise. Keep all environmental review records and data on this proposal in state compliance file for any future program review and/or audit.</p>
<p>1. Ryan Baker, Senior Planner, City of Oklahoma City, 1/13/22  2. Jim Hill, Federal Planning Specialist, City of Oklahoma City, 1/13/23  3.</p> <p><b>The following individuals conducted a site inspection to verify field conditions.</b>  <i>List name of inspector(s), title, agency, and date(s) of inspection.</i>  1. Ryan Baker, Senior Planner, City of Oklahoma City, 1/13/22  2. Jim Hill, Federal Planning Specialist, City of Oklahoma City, 1/13/23  3.</p> <p><b>Signature of RTP sub-recipient applicant here:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____</p>

## **Section V. Supplemental Attachments**

### **A. Land Manager Approval**

### **B. Project Sponsor Certification**

### **C. Letters of Support**

- a. Mr. Hal McKnight, City of Oklahoma City Trails Advisory Committee  
and Community & Neighborhood Enhancement Advisory Board
- b. Ms. Marsha Funk and Ms. Vicky Howard, Greater Oklahoma City Parks  
& Trails Foundation
- c. Mr. Randy Marks, Oklahoma City Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs
- d. Mr. Tony G. Sikes, Oklahoma Earthbike Fellowship

### **D. Oklahoma City Park Commission Meeting Agenda Packet, January 18, 2023**

**LAND MANAGER APPROVAL  
(USFS DISTRICT RANGER, COUNTY OR CITY ADMINISTRATOR, ETC.)**

As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

1. The project or facility will remain accessible for public use for not less than 25 years.
2. The project as described in this application has my approval.
3. If any portion of this project is located in a flood hazard area, any walled or roofed structure shall be covered with flood insurance.
4. All federal contract compliance requirements shall be met.

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NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (PRINT OR TYPE)

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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DATE

**NOTE: If the landowner is different from the land manager or project sponsor, signed documentation of the owner's willingness to allow the trail must be included with this application.**

## PROJECT SPONSOR CERTIFICATION

As the official designated to represent the Project Sponsor, I am requesting assistance from the Oklahoma Recreational Trails Program. I agree to the following:

1. The Project Sponsor has the ability and intent to finance its share of the project costs, including long-term management and maintenance.
2. Actual project development will be started within one year of the effective date of the Project Agreement and completed within two years from the effective date.
3. Any changes made to the project must be submitted in writing for approval.
4. If this project is approved, archeological and historic clearances will be obtained from the Oklahoma Archeological Survey and the Oklahoma State Historical Preservation Office. Also, any properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places shall be identified.

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January 10, 2023

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Division of State Parks – Federal Grants  
Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department  
123 Robert S. Kerr, Suite 900  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Dear Ms. Moore:

RE: The City of Oklahoma City, Draper Trail, and the Recreational Trails Program

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Sincerely,



Hal McKnight  
Chairman

- Oklahoma City Trails Advisory Committee
- Community & Neighborhood Enhancement  
Advisory Board



P.O. Box 1146, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1146

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Sincerely,

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Marsha Funk  
Executive Director  
Greater Oklahoma City Parks and Trails Foundation

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicki Howard".

Vicki Howard  
Foundation Board Chair  
Greater Oklahoma City Parks and Trails Foundation

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## Board of Directors

Steve Agee | Louise Alexander | Nancy Anthony | Terri Cooper | Brian Dougherty | Amy Dunn | Vicki Howard | Leslie Hudson | Mary Sosa | Pete White | Marsha Funk, Director





January 18, 2023

Ms. Rhonda Moore  
Federal Programs Manager  
Division of State Parks – Federal Grants  
Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department  
123 Robert S. Kerr, Suite 900  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Dear Ms. Moore:

RE: The Recreational Trails Program and the City of Oklahoma City's Draper Trail

I am writing in support of the City of Oklahoma City's application to the Recreational Trails Program for the installation of solar-powered LED streetlights on the Draper Trail at Lake Stanley Draper in southeast Oklahoma City.

Not only is the Draper Trail an accomplishment of Oklahoma City's initiative to expand and connect recreational trails throughout its 621 square miles but the Draper Trail is also an important opportunity to experience art. Four art pieces have been placed around the 14-mile Draper Trail:

- "BOOYA Car" by Gabriel Friedman, a partially buried 1959 Buick LeSabre on the east side of the trail at SE 119th Street;
- "Bee-52" by Daniel Moore, a sculptural representation of a bee and of a bomber reflecting the Lake's proximity to Tinker Air Force Base, sited on a peninsula on the west side of the lake;
- "360 RESPITE" by Don Narcomey is functional art – a park bench for rest and relaxation – but took three months and about 800 pounds of wood to create. The wood used was from a dying ash tree found in another city park, granted new life in providing shade and respite along the shore of Lake Stanley Draper; and
- "Convergence" by Don Narcomey, a sculpture using reclaimed wood, also sited on the west side of Lake Stanley Draper.

The addition of streetlights to the Draper Trail will not only enhance safety for all users but in doing so provide more opportunities to see and experience art not only in public but in nature.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy Marks', with a long, sweeping underline.

Randy Marks, Arts Liaison  
Oklahoma City Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs

January 11th, 2023

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Division of State Parks – Federal Grants  
Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department  
123 Robert S. Kerr, Suite 900  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Dear Ms. Moore:

RE: The Recreational Trails Program and the City of Oklahoma City's Draper Trail

The Oklahoma Earthbike Fellowship (OEF) supports the City of Oklahoma City's application to the Recreational Trails Program for the purchase and installation of solar-powered LED streetlights on the 14-mile Draper Trail at Lake Stanley Draper. OEF is a 501(c)(3) dedicated to advancing mountain biking in Oklahoma through advocacy and trail work and OEF serves as the Oklahoma chapter of the International Mountain Bike Association.

While motorized uses are prohibited on the Draper Trail itself, improvements there benefit surrounding users including riders of the Lake Draper Mountain Biking Trail northeast of Lake Stanley Draper. The addition of lighting will increase safety, expand hours of usability, accommodate a rider range of weather conditions, and draw more users to Lake Stanley Draper for recreational activities of all kinds – including mountain biking.

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Sincerely,

Tony G. Sikes  
Oef.president@gmail.com  
President, Oklahoma Earthbike Fellowship (OEF)



# OKLAHOMA CITY PARK COMMISSION

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## A G E N D A

January 18, 2023

3:00 PM

Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center

3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street

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### COMMISSIONERS:

Allen Paine, Ward 8, Chairman

Janet Seefeldt, Ward 6

Louise Elkins-Alexander, Ward 4, Vice Chair

Gary R. Woods, Ward 7

Estela Hernandez, At-Large

Joe Mallonee, Ward 1

Kelli Payne, Ward 3

Carol Sullivan, Ward 2

Mike Adams, Ward 5

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## **Oklahoma City Park Commission**

### **Meeting Information**

The Oklahoma City Park Commission meets the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 PM at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street, unless prior notice of a change is posted. To confirm meeting dates, call (405) 297-2674. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the following safety guidelines will be in place: Face coverings are highly recommended, and disposable face masks, hand sanitizer, and seating options for social distancing will be available.

It is the policy of The City of Oklahoma City to ensure that communications with participants and members of the public with disabilities are as effective as communications with others. Anyone with a disability who requires an accommodation, a modification of policies or procedures, or an auxiliary aid or service to participate in this meeting should call (405) 297-2674, or TDD (405) 297-2020, at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting (excluding weekends or holidays). The Park Commission will give primary consideration to the choice of auxiliary aid or service requested by the individual with disability before the scheduled meeting. If you need an alternate format of the agenda, or any information provided at this meeting, call (405) 297-2674 at least 48 hours before the meeting (excluding weekends or holidays).

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Citizens may address the Park Commission on certain agenda items or at the end of the meeting when the Chairman asks for citizen comments. If you wish to address the Park Commission, you may call (405) 297-2674 and provide your name and the topic of your remarks, or you may ask to speak at the meeting. Citizens who address the Park Commission will be asked to provide their name and address, as well as the agenda item number and their reason for appearing. All comments must be relevant to the item. The presiding officer may prohibit a person from addressing the Park Commission, or have any person removed from the meeting location, if they commit disorderly or disruptive behavior. This includes, but is not limited to, speaking without being recognized by the presiding officer; continuing to speak after notice that the allotted time has expired; presenting comments or material irrelevant to the

item under discussion; failing to comply with lawful instructions of the presiding officer; or engaging in other conduct, activity, or speech that delays, disturbs, or interferes with the effective or timely conduct of the meeting or is otherwise violent, threatening, abusive, obscene, or jeopardizes the safety of self or others. A person may be subject to arrest and removal from the meeting location for violating the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, § 30-81 – Disorderly Conduct and/or Violation of the Oklahoma Statutes, Title 21, § 280 - Willfully Disturbing, Interfering with, or Disrupting State Business, Agency Operations, or Employees.

Citizens may not address the Park Commission under “Items from the Chairman,” “Items from Commissioners,” or “Items from Staff,” (except for items listed for a vote or if asked for comments by a Commissioner). Citizens may address the Park Commission on individual concerns, including on the listed exceptions, under “Items from Citizens.” However, “Items from Citizens” is not a public forum for announced or declared candidates for City office, and such persons will not be allowed to speak under “Items from Citizens.” No person will be allowed to campaign on any political issue during the Park Commission meeting. Comments must concern City services or policies. Please fill out a Request to be Heard form, as provided by staff, and **PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THREE MINUTES**. Continuing to speak beyond the time allowed by the presiding officer will constitute grounds for removal from the meeting location.

### **Park Commission Actions**

The Park Commission may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, receive, amend, or continue any agenda item. Park Commission actions are not limited by staff recommendations. If more information is needed, the Park Commission may refer matters to the Director of Parks and Recreation or to legal counsel, or submit them to committees, boards, or commissions for additional study. Items may be stricken from the agenda, or no action may be taken. For more information about the Park Commission, call (405) 297-2674.

# NOTICE OF MEETING

## OKLAHOMA CITY PARK COMMISSION

There will be a regular meeting of the Oklahoma City Park Commission on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 3:00 PM, at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, located at 3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street.

### AGENDA

- I. Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Call to Order.
- III. Items from the Chairman.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2022, Oklahoma City Park Commission meeting.
- V. Discussion/Action on nominations and election of 2023 officers.
- VI. Recreational Trails Program Grant Application
- VII. MAPS4 Parks Improvements Presentation
- VIII. Items from Commissioners.
- IX. Items from Staff.
  - A. Aquatics Attendance Report
- X. Items from Citizens.
- XI. Adjournment.

# OKLAHOMA CITY PARK COMMISSION

The agenda was filed with the City Clerk of The City of Oklahoma City at 8:00 a.m. November 14, 2022.

A regular meeting of the Oklahoma City Park Commission was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Mike Adams, Ward 5  
Estela Hernandez, At-Large  
Allen Paine, Ward 8, Chair  
Joe Mallonee, Ward 1  
Louise Elkins-Alexander, Ward 4, Vice Chair  
Carol Sullivan, Ward 2  
Janet Seefeldt, Ward 6  
Kelli Payne, Ward 3

## **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Gary Woods, Ward 7

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

Melinda McMillan-Miller, Parks and Recreation  
Karen Wiley, Parks and Recreation  
Jill Burnett, Municipal Councilor's Office  
Scott Fairman, Parks and Recreation  
Jacob Webb, Parks and Recreation

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jose Gonzalez, Youth Council of Oklahoma City  
Ashley Romero, Youth Council of Oklahoma City

### **I. Pledge of Allegiance.**

### **II. Call to Order at 3:00 PM**

Chairman Allen Paine presiding.

### **III. Items from the Chair**

None

**IV. Approval of the Minutes of the August 17, 2022, Oklahoma City Park Commission meeting.**

**Approved:** Moved by Elkins-Alexander. Seconded by Sullivan. AYES: Elkins-Alexander, Sullivan, Adams, Hernandez, Mallonee, Paine, Payne, and Seefeldt.

**V. Discussion/Action on nominations and election of Park Commission officers for 2023.**

The board of Commissioners selected members for the 2023 Officer Nominating Committee to be Estela Hernandez, Mike Adams and Joe Mallonee. The committee will bring a recommendation to the December meeting for Chair and Vice Chair positions.

**VI. Discussion/Action on recommendation that The City declare certain property located within the Pasadena Heights Addition, near Southeast Grand Boulevard and Missouri Avenue, as surplus for park purposes. Ward 4.**

Allen Paine explained the property is 7,000 square feet and there is an organization actively interested in purchasing the property.

Randy Fife, a representee from Randy's Land Service was present, and was able to answer any questions from the commissioners.

**Approved:** Moved by Mallonee. Seconded by Adams. AYES: Elkins-Alexander, Sullivan, Adams, Hernandez, Mallonee, Paine, Payne, and Seefeldt.

**VII. Discussion/Action on recommendation that the City grant a Right-of-Way Agreement to Oklahoma Natural Gas Company for installation and maintenance of a natural gas pipeline serving northwest Oklahoma City, crossing portions of Will Rogers Park, 3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup> St.**

Melinda McMillan-Miller explained where the pipeline will be located and how it will cross Will Rogers Park.

**Approved:** Moved by Hernandez. Seconded by Adams. AYES: Elkins-Alexander, Sullivan, Adams, Hernandez, Mallonee, Paine, Payne, and Seefeldt.

**VIII. Items from Commissioners.**

Allen Paine announced Janet Seefeldt has resigned from the Trails Advisory Committee and thanked her for her service. Subsequently, he gave explanation that the Trails



Advisory Committee is a subsidiary of the Park Commission and asked if there were any Park Commissioners interested in representing the Park Commission on this Committee. Mike Adams volunteered for the position.

The commissioners expressed interest in the status of the new clubhouse at Hefner Golf Course. The commission is looking forward to construction updates and are hopeful the quality of food and services do remain as good as they are now in the cafe.

Carol Sullivan asked for the best way is to proceed with planting donated daffodils in the medians. Melinda McMillan-Miller gave her details of the medians and guided her to work with the grounds division superintendent for specifics dates and locations to plant at.

Mike Adams gave information about MAPS4 progress with park improvements. He stated TEIM and Kimley-Horn gave a presentation at the latest MAPS4 Neighborhood Subcommittee meeting. The presentation from TEIM gave information for the new enhancements along the river and there will be an email blast and, in the water, bill a survey for park improvements and public meetings will start in December. He also asked for details of the improvements at Woodson Park. Melinda McMillan-Miller responded there will be new fields including football, softball, parking lots, etc. Currently, the old parking lot has been scrapped and cleaned out and now the installation of six new softball fields will move forward, and it is anticipated that this portion will be completed by the fall 2023.

Joe Mallonee asked how many swims for pools are considered successful community pools. Melinda McMillan-Miller responded there is not a set number of visitations per location. But a report on pool attendance can be provided to the commission

Carol Sullivan asked if the restrooms in the parks will be open at any time other than during events. Melinda McMillan-Miller replied that the restrooms will not be open to public unless there is an event, or a permit has been purchased to use the park pavilions or amenities.

#### **IX. Items from Staff**

- A. Receive 2023 meeting dates.

Received

- B. Introduction of new Parks and Grounds Superintendent, Jacob Webb.

Melinda McMillan-Miller introduced Jacob Webb to the Park Commission.

#### **X. Items from Citizens**

None

**XI. Adjournment at 3:55 p.m.**



The City of  
**OKLAHOMA CITY**  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**STAFF REPORT TO THE  
PARK COMMISSION**

TO: Park Commission

DATE: 1/18/23

SUBJECT: Recreational Trails Program Grant Application. ITEM No. VI.

The Parks and Recreation Department has worked with the Public Works and Planning Departments to prepare an application to the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), a State-administered Federal-aid program managed through the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and the Federal Highway Administration. RTP grant awards will reimburse up to 80% of the project cost with the remaining 20% comprised of the City's contribution in local, non-Federal matching funds. The City is pursuing the maximum award available, \$300,000, with an additional \$75,000 in local match provided from the City's Capital Improvement Plan Grant Match fund.

The application proposes to use the \$375,000 to purchase and install solar-powered/photovoltaic light-emitting diode (LED) streetlights along the 14-mile multi-use Draper Trail surrounding Lake Stanley Draper in southeast Oklahoma City. These solar-powered LED streetlights will be consistent with those placed on Katy Trail, the North River Trail, and the South River Trail and should enhance safety and usability of Draper Trail. The photovoltaic components of these streetlights ensure minimally invasive installation and reduced operating costs given their use of solar power rather than the electrical grid.

Completed in 2019, the Draper Trail was a \$10 million project of the MAPS 3 program, approved by Oklahoma City voters in 2009. At a total of 14 miles in length and 12 feet in width, the Draper Trail is an asphalt concrete pavement trail with concrete curbing surrounding Lake Stanley Draper, a reservoir constructed by Oklahoma City in 1963. Draper Trail provides access to the Draper Marina, which features lake access via a boat ramp and boat docks as well as four covered fishing piers, concessions, a fueling depot, enclosed boat storage, and dedicated areas for camping, grilling, and picnics surrounding a full-size children's playground. The Lake Stanley Draper area features activities such as camping, hiking, mountain biking, fishing, athletic fields, waterskiing, jet skiing, boating, sailing, a runway and field for the flight of radio-controlled model airplanes, volleyball courts, boat slips, dry storage, and shaded shelter structures.

As a requirement of the grant program, a public meeting is to be held prior to submission of the grant application. All materials from this Oklahoma City Parks Commission meeting, including any attendance and any public input, will be submitted with the application by the deadline of 4 p.m., Tuesday, January 31st.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda McMillan-Miller, CPRP, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department