

Request for Legislative Action

Ord. #5821
Sponsor: Charlie Franklin
Date: December 6, 2023

Completed by County Counselor's Office			
Action Requested:	Ordinance	Res.Ord No.:	5821
Sponsor(s):	Charlie Franklin	Legislature Meeting Date:	12/6/2023

Introduction
Action Items: ['Authorize', 'Appropriate']
Project/Title:
A Resolution authorizing the Director of Parks + Rec to execute a Cost Share Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation in the amount of up to \$6,350, awarded to Jackson County for land management and invasive species removal services on County parkland.

Request Summary
Jackson County Parks + Rec applied for and received notice of award in the amount of up to \$6,350 under the Missouri Department of Conservation's Community Conservation Cost Share Program. The funds will be utilized to remove invasive plants on the Eddy Ballentine trail through methods approved by the Department of Conservation. This will serve as an important step in preserving Blue River Glade and restoring Blue River Corridor. A copy of the Cost Share Agreement is attached. Funding for the cost share match is available within the Parks Department's approved 2023 budget, Account 003-1624-56790. The Department intends to utilize an outside vendor to perform a portion of the work.

Contact Information			
Department:	Parks + Rec	Submitted Date:	12/1/2023
Name:	Brian Nowotny	Email:	BPNowotny@jacksongov.org
Title:	Deputy Director, Parks + Rec	Phone:	816-503-4803

Budget Information			
Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:			\$6,350
Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:			\$ 0
Total amount authorized after this legislative action:			\$6,350
Is it transferring fund?			No
Single Source Funding:			
Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
010 (Grant Fund)	1665 (Invasive Plants Removal)	56790 (Other Contractual Services)	\$6,350

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Prior Legislation	
Prior Ordinances	
Ordinance:	Ordinance date:
5703	January 9, 2023
Prior Resolution	
Resolution:	Resolution date:

Purchasing	
Does this RLA include the purchase or lease of supplies, materials, equipment or services?	No
Chapter 10 Justification:	
Core 4 Tax Clearance Completed:	
Certificate of Foreign Corporation Received:	
Have all required attachments been included in this RLA?	

Compliance	
Certificate of Compliance	
Not Applicable	
Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Program	
Goals Not Applicable for following reason: not spending money	
MBE:	.00%
WBE:	.00%
VBE:	.00%
Prevailing Wage	
Not Applicable	

Fiscal Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds sufficient for this appropriation and/or transfer are available from the source indicated on the budget information tab. 	

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History

Submitted by Parks + Rec requestor: Brian Nowotny on 12/1/2023. Comments:

Approved by Department Approver Susan I. Kinnaman on 12/1/2023 8:54:14 AM. Comments:

Not applicable by Purchasing Office Approver Barbara J. Casamento on 12/1/2023 10:01:47 AM. Comments:

Approved by Compliance Office Approver Ikeela Alford on 12/1/2023 11:21:07 AM. Comments:

Approved by Budget Office Approver Mark Lang on 12/4/2023 11:38:19 AM. Comments:

Approved by Executive Office Approver Sylvia Stevenson on 12/5/2023 1:50:03 PM. Comments:

Approved by Counselor's Office Approver Jamesia Manning on 12/5/2023 2:45:11 PM. Comments:

Supplemental Appropriation Request Jackson County, Missouri

Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below.

Date: December 4, 2023

Ord # 5821
eRLA ID #: 1,186

Org Code/Description	Object Code/Description	From	To
010 Grant Fund			
1665 Controlled Burn MDC	45626 Increase Revenues	\$ 6,350	\$ -
9999 -	32810 Undesignated Fund Balance		6,350

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1665 Controlled Burn MDC	56790 Other Contractual Services		6,350
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APPROVED
By Mark Lang at 11:37 am, Dec 04, 2023

Budget Office

Community Conservation Cost Share Proposal Honeysuckle Removal at Eddy-Ballentine Trail

PROJECT TITLE AND PARTNERS

Title: Honeysuckle Removal at Eddy-Ballentine Trail

Location: 8101 Blue River Rd, Kansas City, MO 64132

Tier I, 90% reimbursement

MDC Planners:

Taylor Neff

Community Forester

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Andy Carmack

Private Land Conservationist

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Andy.Carmack@mdc.mo.gov

Primary partner organization and contacts:

Madison Pittenger

Jackson County Parks + Rec

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MPittenger@jacksongov.org

Eileen McManus

Trail Volunteer, Sierra Club

(816) 523-7823

Eileen4250@sbcglobal.net

BUDGET:

MDC Cost-Share Contribution:

Contract fee (mist blowing)	\$1,600
Contractor fee (forestry mulching)	\$1,250
Contractor fee (cut stump)	\$3,500
MDC Total:	\$6,350

JCPR and Sierra Club Non-reimbursable Match:

JCPR grant admin/contractor supervision/reporting (18 hours @ \$20/hour)	\$360
Sierra Club volunteer time (24 hours @ \$15/hour)	\$360
Partners Total:	\$720
Project Total:	\$7,070

PROJECT DETAILS

Project area and habitat type:

Eddy-Ballentine trail is just south of Blue River Glades Natural Area. The two trails are connected and coexist on a 107-acre parcel of Jackson County land. Eddy-Ballentine is approximately 1.4 miles long and frequented by hikers, birders and runners. It features diverse natural communities ranging from bottomland forest with large cottonwood, sycamore and basswood to high-quality limestone glades with slab-like outcroppings and mature oaks.

Recently, KC Parks constructed a 10-foot-wide asphalt trail along Blue River Road from the Heart of America Golf Course directly to the trailhead. This new trail will provide a dedicated space for walkers, joggers, cyclists, and others to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Blue River area and encourage more traffic onto the trail. It was funded in part by Federal Highway Administration grant funds. See photo and map.

Need and objectives:

Unsurprisingly, this area hosts invasive bush honeysuckle. The local Sierra Club chapter, the Thomas Hart Benton Group, has logged over 400 volunteer hours since 2021 clearing the area immediately surrounding the trail. Their work has included cut stump treatment of medium-sized honeysuckle plants and upkeep of trail markers. Volunteers are unable to manage the largest honeysuckle plants, steep terrain, and widespread young plants along trail.

The objective of this project is to help control bush honeysuckle. The contractor intends to use a multifaceted approach based on site considerations: forestry mulching largest honeysuckle plants, cut stump method among limestone outcroppings along trail finger, and mist blowing smaller plants within 30 feet of each side of the trail. See estimate and map for details. Sierra Club volunteers will continue to cut and treat honeysuckle along trail entrance.

Expected benefits:

Honeysuckle removal will allow for more native plant growth due to increased sunlight to forest floor and reduced allelopathic compounds in the soil. Several species of native woodland plants and wildflowers grow in this area, including mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*), spring beauty (*Claytonia virginica*) and columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*). Removing honeysuckle will also serve as an important first step in preserving Blue River Glade and restoring Blue River corridor.

Plan timeline:

October 2023: Mist blowing treatment

November 1-March 31: Forestry mulching and cut stump treatments; Sierra Club continues monthly workdays of cut stump treatment

April 2024: Partners evaluate efficacy and determine follow up treatment

May 1: All work will be completed, paid and receipts and corresponding paperwork turned into the MDC representative for project reimbursement

Fall 2024: Continue honeysuckle treatment

Fall 2025-26: Assess site for prescribed fire potential

Publicity plan or signage:

Project will be posted about on JCPR Facebook page. Additionally, JCPR will send a press release about the project to local news outlet(s). The announcement in Facebook and the news will credit MDC for its support, financial contribution, and assistance to the project.

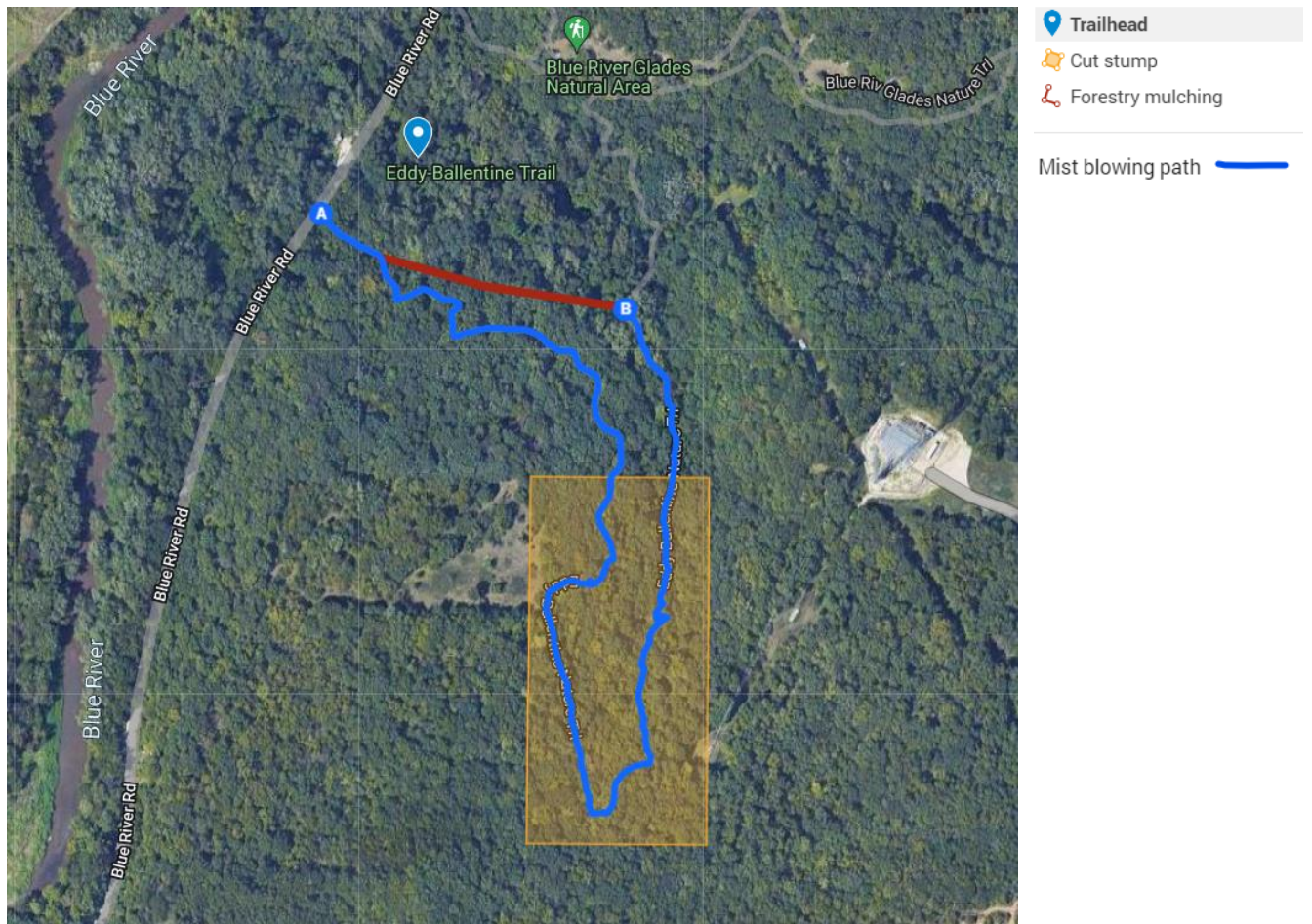
All volunteer workdays will be advertised via Meetup for Sierra Club members and local community members alike. JCPR associates will also share photos throughout the restoration process to allow volunteers to visually assess their progress.

10-year management plan:

Eddy-Ballentine trail will be monitored annually and regularly treated to address what remains of the honeysuckle. Spring surveys will occur in early April and fall surveys in late October prior to mist blowing. Sierra Club volunteer workdays will continue to remove small plants via cut stump method during winter months. We will pursue a prescribed fire plan in 2-3 years potentially in partnership with KC WildLands and Blue River Glade.

APPENDIX

Image 1. Project map



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www.tallgrasslandmgmt.com



Estimate

ADDRESS

Madison Pittenger
Jackson County Parks

ESTIMATE # 1253

DATE 09/12/2023

EXPIRATION DATE 10/11/2023

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Mist blowing for the Eddy-Ballentine Trail. Deposit of \$600 is required to obtain chemical.	1,600.00
Forestry Mulch shortcut trail (indicated in red on project map)	1,250.00
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TOTAL	\$2,850.00

Terms and Conditions:

Prices subject to change if not accepted in 30 days.
Job may take longer to complete depending on weather conditions.
Requests to accelerate the job will be subject to a change order.
Estimate based on walk through- not liable for unforeseen underground obstructions.
Permits are the responsibility of the owner.
Payment due upon completion.

Accepted By

Accepted Date

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ADDRESS

Madison Pittenger
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ESTIMATE # 1262
DATE 09/28/2023
EXPIRATION DATE 10/27/2023

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Removal of honeysuckle along area defined during site walk down of the Eddy-Ballentine Trail. The area resides along the southern portion of the trail. Work is to be performed after mist blowing treatment has occurred. Cut material is to be left on site and stumps are to be treated. Chemical treatment shall have dye used with it to visibly mark stumps that have been treated. Honeysuckle over one and one half inches shall be cut stump and removed.	3,500.00

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TOTAL

\$3,500.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

Image 2. KC Parks Swope Park-Blue River Connector Trail

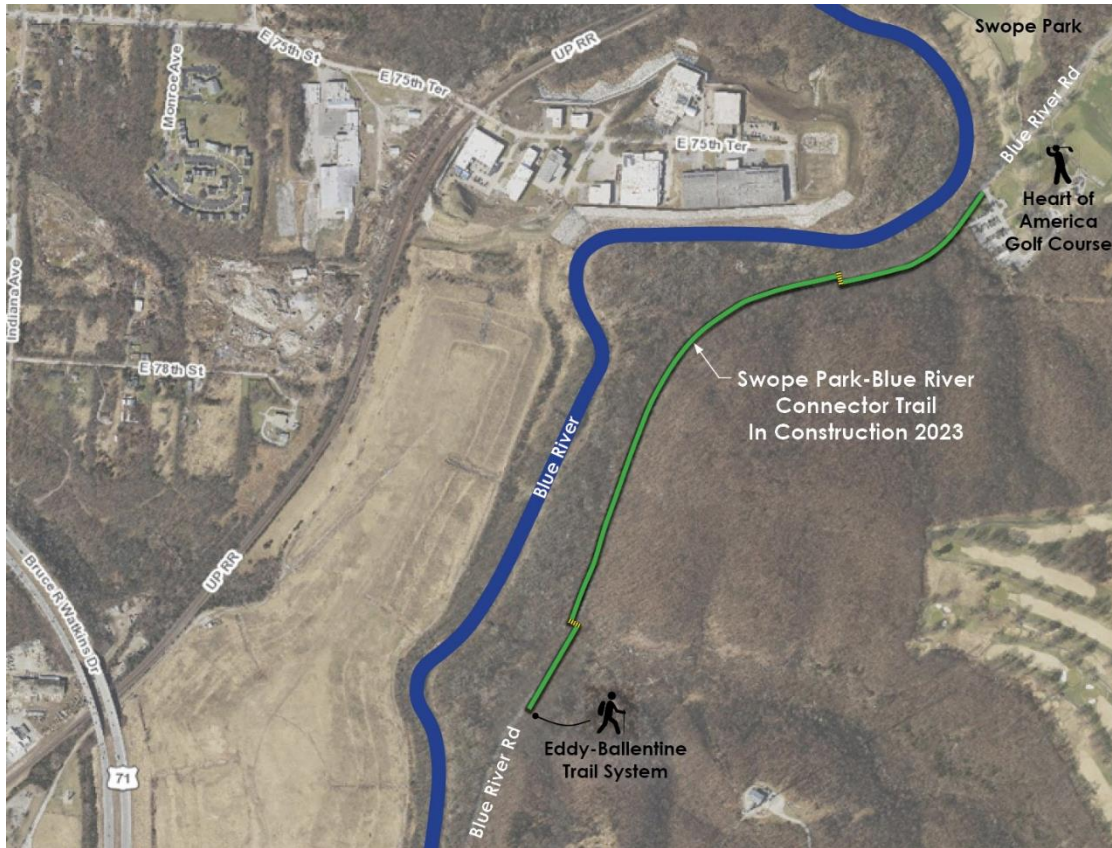


Image 3. Asphalt trail by KC Parks completed 2023



Image 6. Limestone outcropping



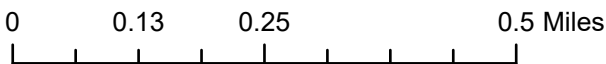
Image 5. Site for mist blowing




Image 6. Site for forestry mulching



Heritage Review



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 Jackson County



COUNTY	EO_ID	SNAME	SCOMNAME	SRANK	GRANK	STSTAT	FEDSTAT	BBU	DATELAST
	5883	Egretta caerulea	Little Blue Heron	S3	G5			0	1995-06-26
	6677	Agalinis auriculata	Auriculate False Foxglove	S3	G3			0	2000-08-28
	6991	Egretta caerulea	Little Blue Heron	S3	G5			0	1999-05-24
	12010	Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned Night-heron	S3	G5			0	1995-06-26
	24979	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle	S3	G5			0	2019-05-06
	39366	Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon	S1	G4	E		0	2018-03-01
	40169	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle	S3	G5			0	2019-03-24
	3080	Limestone glade		S2	GNR			0	2002-04-30

Map by Taylor Neff 9/27/2023

Source: Missouri Department of Conservation