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Scranton Proposes Connell Park Design Contract with GPI

South Scranton park rehabilitation project will bring \$1.1 million in improvements

SCRANTON, PA. - The City of Scranton is proposing an engineering and design contract with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., (GPI) of Moosic, for up to \$105,590 to begin planning for \$1.1 million in renovations at Connell Park, 800 Gibbons St., Scranton.

“Our investment into our parks continues, and we are excited about the potential Connell Park holds through our planned renovation project,” **Scranton Mayor Paige G. Cagnetti** said. “As we prepare to reopen the Connell Park pool this summer, we’re updating features that will make this a multigenerational attraction in South Scranton.”

The Connell Park rehabilitation project is funded in part by a \$381,594 grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program and a \$149,400 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2). The City will match the total \$530,994 in grant awards with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

The project will improve multiple pieces of Connell Park, a nearly 16-acre park that is currently home to Scranton’s only dog park. Improvements will include **a new wellness loop trail, biking and hiking trails, a new playground, upgrades to the dog park, and various accessibility improvements**. Connell Park pool renovations, which were funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), continue in preparation for this summer.

The contract with GPI was introduced before Scranton City Council by a unanimous vote at their March 4, 2025, meeting.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF SCRANTON: Incorporated in 1866, the City of Scranton has a population of approximately 76,000 residents and is the sixth-largest municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Scranton City Hall is located at 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503. Residents requiring services should visit www.scrantonpa.gov

ABOUT MAYOR PAIGE G. COGNETTI: Paige G. Cagnetti was sworn in as the 36th Mayor of Scranton in January 2020. Her administration is focused on driving economic growth, upgrading infrastructure, ensuring public safety, fostering government transparency and efficiency, and improving residents’ overall quality of life.