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LCMR 2005 Work Program

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Date of Report: June 30,2007
Date of Next Status Report: June 30,2007
Date of Work program Approval:
Project Completion Date: June 30,2007

I. PROJECT TITLE: Regional Parks for Minnesota's New Urban Areas

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Location: Statewide; outside the Seven County Metropolitan Area

Total Biennial LCMR Project Budget:	LCMR Appropriation: \$86,000
	Minus Amount Spent: \$59,419.39
	Equal Balance: \$ 26,580.61

About \$1000.00 more will come in for printing associated expenses approved in a work program amendment April 20, 2007 and a salary adjustment for a graduate student..

Legal Citation: ML 2005, 1st Sp Session [Chap.1 Art 2, Sec.11

Appropriation Language: \$43,000 the first year and \$43,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources with the University of Minnesota to develop a plan for a system of regional recreation for major outstate urban complexes in Minnesota.

Summary Budget Information for Result 1:

LCMR Budget \$5000

Balance \$2543.52

Completion Date: December 31,2005

Result Status as of (January 1,2006):

The project is basing demand on the Ten-year forecasts of Minnesota adult outdoor recreation participation, 2004 to 2014, prepared by Tim Kelly. The research shows that most outdoor recreation activities are stable or decreasing. Analysis of the report and other documents shows this is good work, and is accurate. We believe these trends are the result of the following; older more urbanized population, higher expectations of quality by users, management failures that have not provided high quality experiences near population concentrations, globalization of opportunity. Demand has not decreased where high quality opportunities are available. As a result we will be looking at large areas 1000 acres plus, in the high growth concentrations that can be developed for high quality experiences. We propose to use the same criteria employed by the Metropolitan Regional Parks system for the outstate urban complexes..

Result Status as of (June 30, 2006):

Continuing analysis of the demand information strengthens our initial conclusions on decreasing demand and the need for high quality facilities. This has led us to seriously consider expanding the scope of what a regional park should provide. We also have calculated current and future population for each of the outstate urban concentrations.

Result Status as of (January 1, 2007):

We have done more research and analysis on a strengthened regional park concept and are presently calling it a regional recreational district modeled after the Adirondack Park District in New York State and the English Lake District northwest of London. This concept will allow us to link state and local government facilities and compatible private facilities together.

Result Status as of (June 30,2007):

We have outlined 16 Regional Recreation Resource Districts covering almost 2,000,000 acres as candidate sites. They are included in the final report. These create very high quality recreation resource complexes which should see high levels of use.

Final Report Summary:

Result 2 Inventory outdoor recreation facilities and public land for each market area

Description:

There is already a large public land base and extensive outdoor recreation system in Minnesota. The project will utilize the existing inventories of that base utilizing the

current LCMR park study sponsored inventory. This inventory will look at all federal, state and local government public land, the outdoor recreation facilities located on the land base and the present policies governing management. This will allow us to compare the present facilities with present and likely future demand.

Summary Budget Information for Result 2:

LCMR Budget \$33,500

Balance \$1566.62

Completion Date: June 30,2006

Result Status as of *January 1,2006*: We acquired the LCMR park study and are adding to it the Project 80 results, and SCORP inventory. .

Result Status as of (*June 30, 2006*): We are increasing the scope to include game farms and other special private recreation complexes.

Result Status as of (*January 1, 2007*):

Input from the county park managers and newly published information from the U S Census on micropolitan areas have convinced us to add two micropolitan areas in Minnesota to the study: greater Willmar and Bemidji.

Result Status as of (*June 30,2007*):

Specific park district boundaries were developed for each of the outstate urban regions and are included in the final report.

Final Report Summary:

Result 3 Compare demand to existing facilities and public land base

Description:

In the parts of the state where population growth has been rapid: Metropolitan Ring Counties, Greater St. Cloud, Central Lakes we expect to find needs for facility expansion. The expansion can take the form of additional acquisition, more intensive development of the existing land base owned for that purpose, improved plans for multiple DNR division use or transfer of lands from one management purpose to a recreation and park status. In both greater St. Cloud and Central Lakes there are extensive opportunities to capitalize on the existing public land base.

Summary Budget Information for Result 3:

LCMR Budget \$23,000

Balance \$11,106.80

Completion Date: December 31,2006

Result Status as of (*Date of First Update Report*): .

Result Status as of (June 30, 2006): We have identified two key areas for park sites one in central Stearns County and the other is the Pillsbury state Forest in Cass County and surrounding land

Result Status as of (January 1, 2007):

We have identified additional sites or study areas: Rochester; area centered on the Whitewater Valley, Metro fringe counties; area east of Farbault, Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge area, northwestern Wright County; Western Lakes, area around and between Maplewood State Park to Inspiration Peak.

Result Status as of (June ,30,2007):

We identified and mapped sites and then reviewed them with the County Parks consortium. We were able to utilize results of other mapping studies (Sustainable Lakes Planning Workbook) and save money in developing our GIS mapping analysis and mapping products for the final report.

Final Report Summary:

Result 4 Recommendations for an outstate regional park system

Description:

The comparison of demand and facilities will show us areas of need and opportunities to satisfy that need in a cost efficient way. In addition the project intends to utilize existing inventories of potential sites for new recreation areas. LCMR funded an extensive study of potential outdoor recreation areas called Project 80 which will be a valuable resource in this analysis. DNR also located areas through their land classification project. We anticipate some of these sites will be created by land exchanges and transfers between agencies. The project will also recommend policies for management funding and administration of the of new outdoor recreation units using the Metropolitan Council and variations as a model.

To facilitate good communication with local governments and take advantage of local experience, this project will request the Association of Counties to appoint an advisory board to oversee the project.

Summary Budget Information for Result 4:

LCMR Budget \$24,500

Balance \$11,363.67

Completion Date: March 31,2007

Result Status as of:January 1, 2006:

.The project is using the Minnesota County Parks Association as our advisory group. We are starting a discussion on whether or how to prioritize regional park needs. We think priorities are needed and these priorities should concentrate expenditures in the areas of population growth.

Result Status as of (June 30,2006):

In the last 6 months we have developed a draft policy document titled Minnesota's New Outstate Regional Park District. This document after discussion and revision can be used as an important part of site selection criteria to site future regional recreation complexes. This document is built upon the recreational state park policy developed by the DNR and repealed in the 1990's to concentrate on natural state parks. This new policy document expands the scope of a recreation park to include private compatible facilities such as bed and breakfasts, game farms, and related resort facilities and some types of agriculture.

Result Status as of (January 1, 2007):

We have refined the regional park policy for outstate parks and created the draft of a second document describing the regional park district which includes a zoning overlay district patterned after New York States' Adirondack Park Agency. We have begun writing a final report.

Result Status as of (June 30, 2007):

The final report has been completed.

Final Report Summary:

TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET:

All Results: Personnel: \$ 80,000

All Results: Equipment: \$ 0

All Results: Development: \$ 0

All Results: Acquisition: \$ 0

All Results: Other: \$ 6,000

TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET: \$86,000

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$3,500: None

V. OTHER FUNDS & PARTNERS:

A. Project Partners: Dorothy Anderson, Professor and Director, Park Studies Unit, College of Natural Resources

Minnesota Association of Counties

B. Other Funds being Spent during the Project Period: 0

C. Required Match (if applicable):

D. Past Spending: The project will update past LCMR projects : Project 80, SCORP surveys, State Outdoor Recreation Plan, Public Land Inventory, Outstate Regional Park Inventory – 2003, SCORP Research – 2003.

E. Time: July 1,2005 – June 30,2007

VI. DISSEMINATION: A final report will be prepared and posted on the Forestry web site. This report will include detailed maps of proposed park sites and backed up by a document proposing management goals and supporting information. Some written reports will be available.

VII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Periodic work program will be submitted not later than: December 31,2005;June 30,2006; December31; 2006 and June 30,2007.A final work program report and associated products will be submitted by June 30, 2007.

VIII. RESEARCH PROJECTS: *No*

EXPENSE BUDGET INQUIRY

FISCAL YEAR: MY FUND: 1935 AREA: 405 ORGANIZATION: 6509
FUNCTION: 1100 ORG NAME: REGIONAL PARKS FOR MINNESOTA'S

TOTALS: 5,000.00 2,543.52 2,543.52

OBJECT	SHORT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET AMOUNT	UNCOMMITTED AMOUNT	UNOBLIGATED AMOUNT
01-	7000 ACAD SAL	2,307.00	0.00	0.00
02-	7005 ACAD SAL STD	1,480.00	1,480.00	1,480.00
03-	7100 ACAD FB-DEPT	193.00	43.52	43.52
04-	7102 ACAD STDTs	1,020.00	1,020.00	1,020.00
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06-				2543.52
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EXPENSE BUDGET INQUIRY

FISCAL YEAR: MY FUND: 1935 AREA: 405 ORGANIZATION: 6510
FUNCTION: 1100 ORG NAME: REGIONAL PARKS FOR MINNESOTA'S

TOTALS: 33,500.00 1,566.62 1,566.62

OBJECT	SHORT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET AMOUNT	UNCOMMITTED AMOUNT	UNOBLIGATED AMOUNT
01-	7000 ACAD SAL	8,307.00	-10.63	-10.63
02-	7005 ACAD SAL STD	13,400.00	770.75	770.75
03-	7100 ACAD FB-DEPT	693.00	94.30	94.30
04-	7102 ACAD STDTS	9,100.00	712.20	712.20
05-	7201 PROF SRVCS	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
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EXPENSE BUDGET INQUIRY

FISCAL YEAR: MY FUND: 1935 AREA: 405 ORGANIZATION: 6511
 FUNCTION: 1100 ORG NAME: REGIONAL PARKS FOR MINNESOTA'S

TOTALS: 23,000.00 11,107.50 11,107.50

OBJECT	SHORT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET AMOUNT	UNCOMMITTED AMOUNT	UNOBLIGATED AMOUNT
01-	7000 ACAD SAL	6,650.00	0.00	0.00
02-	7005 ACAD SAL STD	7,400.00	5,860.61	5,860.61
03-	7100 ACAD FB-DEPT	1,850.00	1,411.19	1,411.19
04-	7102 ACAD STDTS	5,100.00	3,835.70	3,835.70
05-	7201 PROF SRVCS	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
06-	7301 GEN OPER SRV	0.00	0.00	0.00
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EXPENSE BUDGET INQUIRY

FISCAL YEAR: MY FUND: 1935 AREA: 405 ORGANIZATION: 6512
FUNCTION: 1100 ORG NAME: REGIONAL PARKS FOR MINNESOTA'S

TOTALS: 24,500.00 11,363.67 11,363.67

OBJECT	SHORT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET AMOUNT	UNCOMMITTED AMOUNT	UNOBLIGATED AMOUNT
01-	7000 ACAD SAL	8,390.00	11.22	11.22
02-	7005 ACAD SAL STD	7,400.00	5,438.45	5,438.45
03-	7100 ACAD FB-DEPT	1,610.00	1,051.70	1,051.70
04-	7102 ACAD STDTS	5,100.00	3,784.49	3,784.49
05-	7600 TRAVEL-DOM	2,000.00	1,077.81	1,077.81

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