



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

M.L. 2015 Work Plan

Date of Report: October 17, 2014

Date of Next Status Update Report: January 15, 2016

Date of Work Plan Approval:

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2017

Does this submission include an amendment request? NO

PROJECT TITLE: Redwood and Renville Counties Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Master Plan

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Location:

Region: Redwood County and Renville County

Total ENRTF Project Budget:

ENRTF Appropriation: \$75,000.00

Amount Spent: \$0

Balance: \$75,000.00

Legal Citation: M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 08k

Appropriation Language:

\$75,000 the first year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Renville County in cooperation with Redwood County to develop a joint outdoor recreation and conservation master plan to guide future development and protect cultural, historical, and natural resources in the Minnesota River Valley.

I. PROJECT TITLE: Redwood and Renville Counties Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Master Plan

II. PROJECT STATEMENT:

The portion of the Minnesota River Valley shared by Redwood and Renville Counties is a unique and special asset to our citizens as well as the State of Minnesota. The counties recognize the need to protect, restore, and enhance the natural, historical, and cultural resources of the Minnesota River Valley for future generations to explore and enjoy. The counties also recognize that the Minnesota River Valley provides an economic opportunity to develop an outdoor recreational destination that would promote regional economic growth, development, and tourism.

The proposed project will provide professional planning services to assist in creating a locally driven and managed master planning document that will provide strategies to guide future development of an outdoor recreational and conservation area within the Minnesota River Valley. The plan will provide a vision and strategies to guide development of high quality, regional outdoor recreational opportunities while integrating education and awareness of our historical, cultural, and archeological sites and features. The plan will guide the development of standards and conservation strategies for the protection and preservation of the valley’s sensitive natural resources. The plan will also incorporate decision-making tools to guide wise and sustainable land use and acquisition decisions, capital improvements, and investment decisions.

III. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

Project Status as of: January 15, 2016

Project Status as of: July 15, 2016

Project Status as of: January 15, 2017

Project Status as of: N/A

Overall Project Outcomes and Results:

IV. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1:

Description: Development of outdoor recreation and conservation master plan for the Minnesota River Valley. Redwood/Renville County will utilize the services of a professional planning consultant to provide design services for development of outdoor recreation and conservation master plan. The planning consultant will oversee each of the project phases that will include information gathering, findings and visioning, and plan development and completion. Information gathering will include the holding of public meetings and interviews, public surveys of county residents, inventory and assessment of existing facilities, historical, cultural and archeological sites and features, and analysis of demographics and trends. Findings and visioning will include review of the findings and analysis and development of plan recommendations. Plan development will include development of the master plan, capital improvement cost estimates, land acquisition decision making tools, long term funding, operation, and marketing strategies. The planning consultant will hold four open houses to present the plan and seek input from the public to complete the final master planning document.

Summary Budget Information for Activity 1:

ENRTF Budget: \$ 75,000.00
Amount Spent: \$ 0
Balance: \$ 75,000.00

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Inventory of existing area outdoor recreation facilities and services and historical, cultural, and archeological sites and features.	August 2016
2. Analysis of demographics, population projections, and trends to identify needed park facility and trail improvements and new outdoor recreational uses and opportunities.	September 2016
3. Analysis of outdoor recreational usage patterns and preferences, and use of existing parks and trails through public meetings, focus groups, stakeholder interviews, and surveys.	October 2016
4. Identification of ecological and natural areas that should be preserved, protected, or restored.	November 2016
5. Development of draft outdoor recreation and conservation park and trail master plan.	February 2017
6. Development of capital improvement cost estimates, decision making tools for sustainable and wise land use and acquisition decisions, and long-term funding and operational strategies to implement and sustain master plan recommendations.	March 2017
7. Development of marketing tools and strategies to increase tourism by raising awareness of the Minnesota River Valley as an outdoor recreation destination.	April 2017
8. Hold four open house meetings.	May 2017
9. Completion of outdoor recreation and conservation park and trail master plan.	June 2017

Activity Status as of: January 15, 2016

Activity Status as of: July 15, 2016

Activity Status as of: January 15, 2017

Final Report Summary:

V. DISSEMINATION:

Description: All information compiled may be viewed by the public at the Renville County website at www.co.renville.mn.us.

Status as of: January 15, 2016

Status as of: July 15, 2016

Status as of: January 15, 2017

Status as of: N/A

Final Report Summary:

VI. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

A. ENRTF Budget Overview:

Budget Category	\$ Amount	Overview Explanation
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Professional/Technical/Service Contracts:	\$ 75,000.00	The budget will be used for the hiring of a professional planning consultant to provide design services for development of outdoor recreation and conservation master plan. The planning consultant will oversee each of the project phases that will include information gathering, findings and visioning, and plan development and completion. Information gathering will include the holding of public meetings and interviews, public surveys of county residents, inventory and assessment of existing facilities, historical, cultural and archeological sites and features, and analysis of demographics and trends. Findings and visioning will include review of the findings and analysis and development of plan recommendations. Plan development will include development of the master plan, capital improvement cost estimates, land acquisition decision making tools, long term funding, operation, and marketing strategies. The planning consultant will hold four open houses to present the plan and seek input from the public to complete the final master planning document.
TOTAL ENRTF BUDGET:	\$ 75,000.00	

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: N/A

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$5,000: N/A

Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Directly Funded with this ENRTF Appropriation: N/A

Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Estimated to Be Funded through Contracts with this ENRTF Appropriation: N/A

B. Other Funds:

Source of Funds	\$ Amount Proposed	\$ Amount Spent	Use of Other Funds
Non-state			
In-kind services- Redwood/Renville County	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0	Development of request for proposal (RFP), interviewing and hiring of planning consultant, supplies, facilitation, travel, grant administration, data collection and research
State	\$ 0	\$ 0	
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS:	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0	

VII. PROJECT STRATEGY:

A. Project Partners:

Project Partners receiving ENRTF grant funding

- A planning consultant, to be selected through a request for proposal and interview process, will be hired and provide design services for the development of the outdoor recreation and conservation master plan.

Project Partners providing in-kind services

- Renville County Division of Environment and Community Development and Redwood County Administrator’s Office – Project coordinators for Redwood and Renville Counties; conduct research and provide project background information; review plan design and provide feedback; logistics facilitation for public meetings , surveys, and focus groups; and grant administration.

Project Partners not receiving ENRTF grant funding

- Redwood County Parks and Trails Committee – Master plan design consultation
- Renville County Park Commission – Master plan design consultation
- Renville County Trail Committee – Master plan design consultation
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Provide input regarding state parks and recreational lands and development of DNR Minnesota River Valley Master Plan

B. Project Impact and Long-term Strategy:

The long-term strategy of the Redwood/Renville County Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Master Plan is to position Redwood/Renville Counties as a regional outdoor recreational destination that will introduce new people to our area and the Minnesota River Valley; celebrate our counties’ history and culture; connect recreational, historical, and cultural sites to the Minnesota River National Scenic Byway, Minnesota State River Trail, and the Minnesota River State Trail; promote environmental education and incorporate conservation best management practices; and guide development for future recreation and conservation project opportunities.

C. Funding History: N/A

VIII. FEE TITLE ACQUISITION/CONSERVATION EASEMENT/RESTORATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. Parcel List: N/A

B. Acquisition/Restoration Information: N/A

IX. VISUAL COMPONENT or MAP(S): See attached graphic

X. RESEARCH ADDENDUM: N/A

XI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Periodic work plan status update reports will be submitted no later than January 15, 2016, July 15, 2016, and January 15, 2017. A final report and associated products will be submitted in July 2017.

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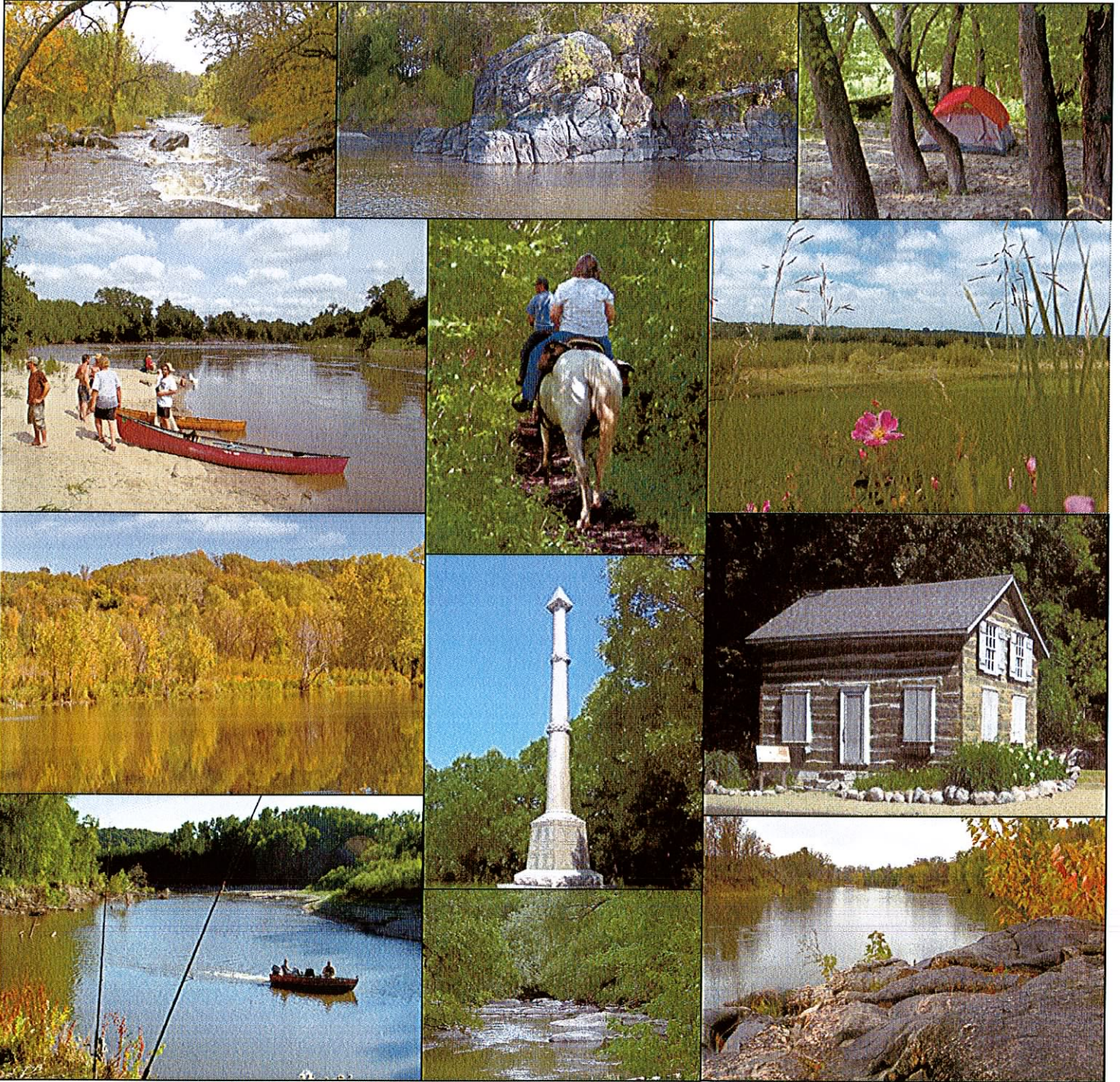
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Project Length and Completion Date: 2 years, June 30, 2017
Date of Report: October 17, 2014

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Activity 1 Budget	Amount Spent	Activity 1 Balance	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL BALANCE
BUDGET ITEM	Development of Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Master Plan				
Professional/Technical/Service Contracts	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000
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COLUMN TOTAL	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000

Minnesota River Valley

Redwood/Renville County

Recreation and Conservation Master Plan



"Development of outdoor recreational uses and trails and creating awareness of historical and cultural sites, while protecting and preserving the valley's sensitive natural resources."

