



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

M.L. 2018 ENRTF Work Plan (Main Document)

Today's Date: 02/16/2018

Date of Next Status Update Report: January 31, 2019

Date of Work Plan Approval:

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2019

Does this submission include an amendment request? No

PROJECT TITLE: Harmony State Trail Extension Land Acquisition

Project Manager: Jerome Illg

Organization: City of Harmony

College/Department/Division:

Mailing Address: 225 3rd Ave SW PO Box 488

City/State/Zip Code: Harmony, MN 55939

Telephone Number: (507) 886-8122

Email Address: cityoffice@harmony.mn.us

Web Address: www.harmony.mn.us

Location: The City of Harmony and Harmony Township, Fillmore County, Southeast Minnesota.

Total Project Budget: \$235,000

Amount Spent: \$0

Balance: \$235,000

Legal Citation: M.L. 2018, Chp. xx, Sec. xx, Subd. xx

Appropriation Language:

I. PROJECT STATEMENT: To provide funds to the City of Harmony so that they can purchase the fee title interest in the entire land corridor needed to develop an extension of its state trail (Harmony is calling this extension the “Harmony Stateline” State Trail), which is a legislatively authorized state trail that will extend the Harmony-Preston State Trail south from Harmony to the Iowa/Minnesota border, with a spur to Niagara Cave. This 6 mile trail is the first step in a proposed SE Minnesota- NE Iowa interstate trail system which will connect the Root River Trail system with the NE Iowa Trail system.

II. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES: See Activity 1 below

III. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1: Land Acquisition

Description: Option contracts are in place and give the City of Harmony exclusive right to purchase the entire trail corridor, but the options expire December 31, 2019. The City of Harmony will utilize its experienced staff to facilitate all the technical aspects of the project and transactions, including but not limited to surveying and appraisals.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$235,000

Outcome	Completion Date
1. City of Harmony exercises its option contracts to purchase 16 parcels for the trail corridor.	June 2019
2. City of Harmony Facilitates land appraisal, survey, and transactional work for trail corridor purchase.	June 2019
3. City of Harmony donates trail corridor to State/DNR once corridor is acquired	June 2019

First Update January 31, 2019

Final Update June 30, 2019

IV. DISSEMINATION:

Description: All project information will be coordinated, handled, and disseminated by the City of Harmony and its staff. Because of the nature of this project, the dissemination of the project’s status and results (i.e. completion of acquisition of the trail corridor) will be disseminated by a media press release at the completion of the project. Credit will be given to the private landowners to made the project possible, project volunteers,

LCCMR members, the Minnesota Legislature and Governor, our local legislators, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and city staff. Project files and information will be kept at the city offices located in the Harmony Community Center and will be available to the public for review upon request.

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Final Update June 30, 2019

V. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

A. Preliminary ENRTF Budget Overview: See Attached budget spreadsheet

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

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: N/A

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

Enter Total Estimated Personnel Hours: 0	Divide by 2,080 = TOTAL FTE:
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Total Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Estimated to Be Funded through Contracts with this ENRTF Appropriation:

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C. Other Funds:

SOURCE OF AND USE OF OTHER FUNDS	Amount Proposed	Amount Spent	Status and Timeframe
Other Non-State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:			
Grant for trail acquisition – Harmony Area Community Foundation	\$15,000	\$0	Secured. Available when needed.
City staff time (estimated at \$100/ hr for two people, for 100 hours total)	\$10,000	\$0	Committed
Other State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:			
	\$	\$	
Past and Current ENRTF Appropriation:			
	\$	\$	
Other Funding History:			
Cost of land purchase option contracts – City of Harmony	\$25,000	\$25,000	Secured & expended.

VI. PROJECT PARTNERS:

A. Partners receiving ENRTF funding

Name	Title	Affiliation	Role
None			

B. Partners NOT receiving ENRTF funding

Name	Title	Affiliation	Role
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Harmony EDA		Implementation partner	Additional staff assistance
Harmony Trails Commission		Implementation partner	Volunteer assistance
Niagara Cave		Implementation partner	Volunteer assistance
Northeast Iowa Trails		Implementation partner	Volunteer assistance

VII. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:

The City of Harmony will utilize ENRTF funds to acquire fee title interest in the described parcels in order to secure the proposed trail route discussed in this work plan. Once purchased, the City will donate the land to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR has acknowledged willingness to accept this donation. The ultimate goal is to construct a trail in this corridor, but construction is not a part of this request. Funding for construction of the trail is proposed through bonding legislation (HF 161 & SF 67). The finished trail would be owned and maintained by the DNR.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- The project is for 1 year, will begin on 7/1/18, and end on 6/30/19.
- Periodic project status update reports will be submitted January 31 and June 30 of each year.
- A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2019.

IX. SEE ADDITIONAL WORK PLAN COMPONENTS:

- A. Budget Spreadsheet
- B. Visual Component or Map
- C. Parcel List Spreadsheet
- D. Acquisition, Easements, and Restoration Requirements
- E. Research Addendum

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
M.L. 2018 Budget Spreadsheet



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M.L. 2018 ENRTF Appropriation:

Project Length and Completion Date: 1-year, June 30 2019

Date of Report: 02-16-2018

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Budget	Amount Spent	Balance
BUDGET ITEM			
Professional/Technical/Service Contracts	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
The City of Harmony will hire a DNR approved appraiser & qualified surveyor to determine acquisition value and legal description of the 16 parcels to be acquired. (Experienced City staff will facilitate all transactional details. No contracts for such work are in place at this time with vendors.)			
Fee-Title Acquisition			
Landowner payments	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
COLUMN TOTAL	\$235,000		\$235,000

Attachment C:
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M.L. 2018 Acquisition/Restoration Parcel List Spreadsheet
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Today's Date: December 7, 2017



#	Acquisition or Restoration Parcel Name	Geographic Coordinates (preferably from the center of the parcel) Format: [Deg.]° [Min.]' [Sec.]" [Hemis.]		Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual PILT Liabilities	County	Site Significance (please include what ecosystem (e.g., prairie, forest, wetland, savanna) is represented as well as the ecological significance, site importance, conservation value, and public benefits)	Activity Description (e.g. fee title acquisition, conservation easement acquisition, site preparation, restoration)	# of Acres	# of Shoreline Miles	Type of Landowner (private individual or trust, non-profit organization, for-profit entity)	Proposed Fee Title or Easement Holder (if applicable)	Status of work (e.g. engaged in landowner negotiations, no longer in consideration, restoration activities underway)
		Latitude	Longitude										
1	14.0154.000			\$ 7,289	unknown	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	0.91	n/a	for-profit entity	City of Harmony	Option Secured
2	14.0153.000			\$ 18,182	unknown	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	2.27	n/a	for-profit entity	City of Harmony	Option Secured
3	14.0053.010			\$ 7,289	unknown	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	0.91	n/a	for-profit entity	City of Harmony	Option Secured
4	14.0152.000			\$ 14,497	unknown	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	1.81	n/a	for-profit entity	City of Harmony	Option Secured
5	14.0150.000			\$ 14,497	unknown	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	1.81	n/a	private individual	City of Harmony	Option Secured
6	14.0147.000			\$ 20,024	unknown	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	2.5	n/a	private individual	City of Harmony	Option Secured
7	14.0140.000			\$ 5,447	unknown	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	0.68	n/a	private individual	City of Harmony	Option Secured
8	14.0188.000			\$ 21,786	unknown	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	2.72	n/a	private individual	City of Harmony	Option Secured
9	14.0179.010			\$ 160	unknown	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	0.02	n/a	private individual	City of Harmony	Option Secured
10	14.0178.000			\$ 14,497	unknown	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	1.81	n/a	for-profit entity	City of Harmony	Option Secured

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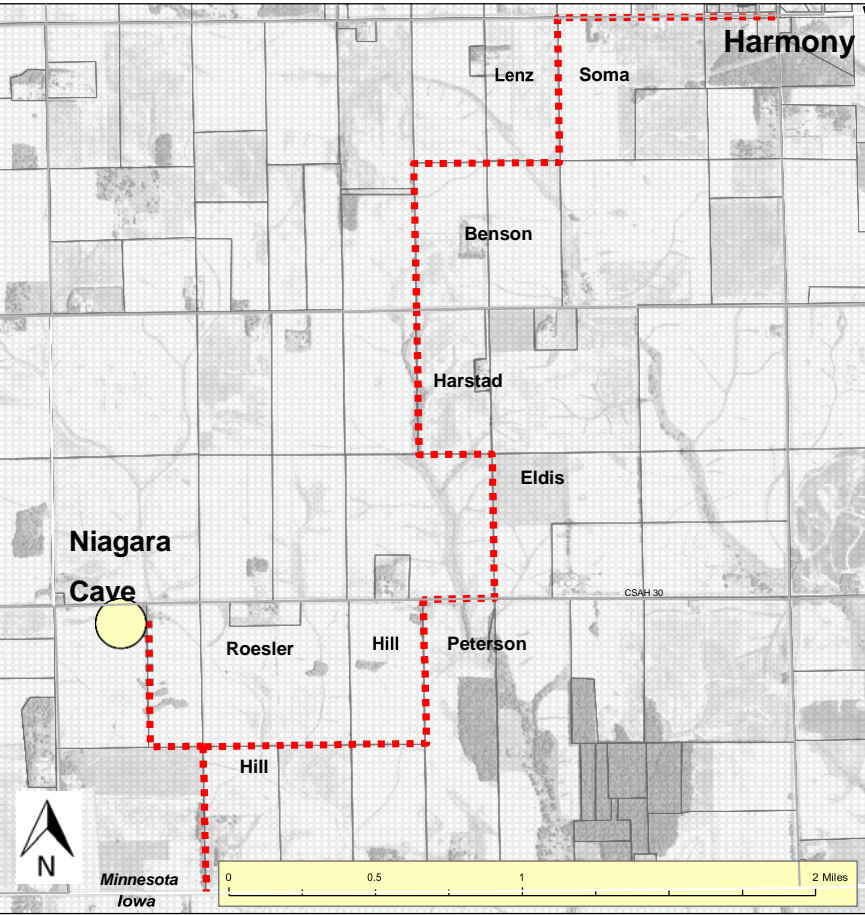
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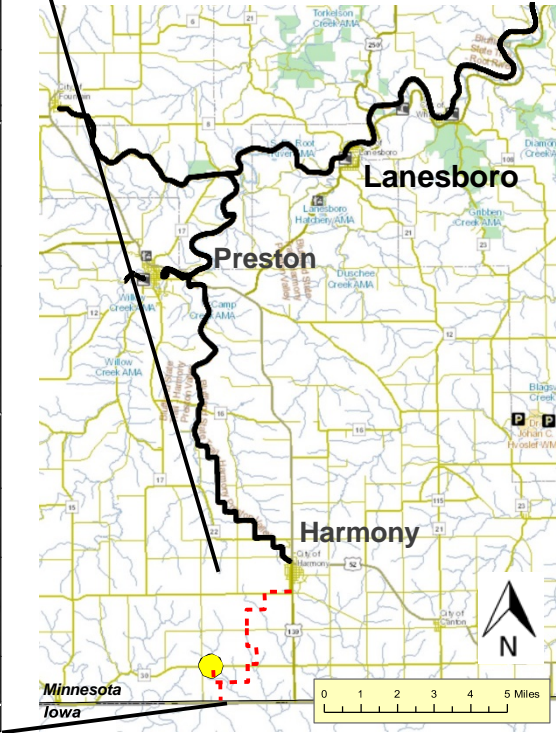
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1	14.0212.000			\$ 21,786	TBD	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	2.72	n/a	private individual	City of Harmony	Option secured
2	14.0213.000			\$ 7,209	TBD	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	0.9	n/a	private individual	City of Harmony	Option secured
3	14.0214.000			\$ 160	TBD	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	0.02	n/a	for-profit entity	City of Harmony	Option secured
4	14.0215.000			\$ 7,209	TBD	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	0.9	n/a	private individual	City of Harmony	Option secured
5	14.0210.000			\$ 29,075	TBD	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	3.63	n/a	private individual	City of Harmony	Option secured
6	14.0209.000			\$ 10,893	TBD	Fillmore	Agricultural Land	Bike Trail Corridor	1.36	n/a	private individual	City of Harmony	Option secured
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“Harmony Stateline” State Trail Extension

Extension of existing trail south from Harmony to the Iowa boarder with a spur to Niagara Cave.



Attachment D. Additional Work Plan Information for Acquisition, Easements, and Restoration

Acquisition/Restoration Information:

The information to be included in this section is to help fulfill specific requirements pertaining to fee title acquisition, conservation easement acquisition, and restoration efforts completed using Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund dollars. More detailed information explaining these requirements is available in separate documents that are available on the "Project Manager Info" page of the LCCMR website under "Requirements for ENRTF Land Acquisitions and Restorations": http://www.lccmr.leg.mn/pm_info/manager_info_index.html. Please fill out the relevant portions below. Please delete any sections that do not apply to your project. For example, if your project only involves fee title acquisition, answer all five items under fee title acquisition and then delete all of the text for the portions relating to conservation easement acquisition and restoration.

Fee Title Acquisition

1. Describe the selection process for identifying and including proposed parcels on the parcel list, including explanation of the criteria and decision-making process used to rank and prioritize parcels.

- a. The Harmony Trail Commission worked with land owners over a 30-year period to identify portions of parcels that formed a contiguous trail corridor that could connect the City of Harmony to the Iowa state line with a spur to Niagara Cave. These trail parcels were identified and discussed with input and support from landowners. No eminent domain was used – nor was it ever discussed as an option.

Generally, the area needed for this trail corridor follows paths that would be considered marginally productive/scrub land. The route was designed to allow trail users to enjoy the scenic beauty rural Fillmore County while being unobtrusive to residential or other activities on surrounding parcels. Parcels/the route was chosen because it minimizes need for private property while still connecting the points needed, the Harmony Trail Commission also worked with the DNR to identify and avoid parcels that contained environmentally sensitive features. This route is preferable because it does not require any bridges.

2. List all adopted state, regional, or local natural resource plans in which the lands included in the parcel list are identified. Include a link to the plan if one is available.
 - a. N/A.
3. For any parcels acquired in fee title, a restoration and management must be prepared. Summarize the components and expected outcomes of restoration and management plans for parcels acquired by your organization, how these plans are kept on file by your organization, and overall strategies for long-term plan implementation, including how long-term maintenance and management needs of the parcel will be financed into the future.
 - a. The parcels to be acquired will be immediately donated to the DNR.
4. For each parcel to be conveyed to a State of Minnesota entity (e.g., DNR) after purchase, provide a statement confirming that county board approval will be obtained.
 - a. See attached resolution of the Fillmore County Board of Commissioners.
5. If applicable (see M.S. 116P.17), provide a statement confirming that written approval from the DNR Commissioner will be obtained 10 business days prior to any final acquisition transaction.
 - a. N/A.

RESOLUTION

FILLMORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Preston, Minnesota 55965

Date June 9, 2015

Resolution No. 2015-022

Motion by Commissioner Lentz

Second by Commissioner Root

WHEREAS, Fillmore County is home to the Root River State Trail (RRST), which serves to provide recreational opportunities for resident and nonresident bicyclists, skiers, hikers, and other recreationalists year-round.

WHEREAS, the RRST and the activity it generates provides additional economic opportunities for local businesses.

WHEREAS, the RRST provides an opportunity for exercise and healthful living for local residents.

WHEREAS, the City of Harmony is undertaking efforts to extend the bike trail from the City of Harmony to the Iowa Border.

WHEREAS, the Cresco Trail system in Iowa is interested in connecting to the RRST by bringing their trail to the Minnesota border to meet the proposed RRST extension.

WHEREAS, connecting the RRST to the Iowa trail system may provide additional economic activity and opportunity in Fillmore County.

WHEREAS, trail advocates envision a Northeast Iowa/Southeast Minnesota trail loop and extension of the trail from Harmony to the Iowa border is the first step in achieving that vision.

WHEREAS, extending the RRST to the Iowa border will permit trail users convenient access to Niagara Cave, one of Fillmore County's premier tourist destinations and proposed National Landmark.

WHEREAS, no eminent domain will be used.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that in recognition of the numerous benefits the Root River State Trail provides to citizens and visitors to Fillmore County, the Fillmore County Commissioners pass this resolution in support of the efforts being undertaken to extend the Root River State Trail to the Iowa Border.

VOTING AYE

Commissioners	Bakke	Prestby	Dahl	Root	Lentz
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VOTING NAY

Commissioners	Bakke D	Prestby D	Dahl D	Root D	Lentz D
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF FILLMORE

I, Bobbie Vickeman, Clerk of the Fillmore County Board of Commissioners, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Fillmore County Board of Commissioners held on the 21st day of June, 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal at Preston, Minnesota the 9th day of June, 2015.

SEAL

Bobbie Vickerman, Coordinator/Clerk
Fillmore County Board of Commissioners

03/01/2018

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