



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

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

Today's Date: February 16, 2018
Date of Next Status Update Report: March 31, 2019
Date of Work Plan Approval: 06/05/2018
Project Completion Date: June 30, 2021
Does this submission include an amendment request? No

PROJECT TITLE: Minnesota State Parks and State Trails
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College/Department/Division: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources/Parks and Trails Division
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Location: Statewide

Total Project Budget: \$2,500,000
Amount Spent: \$0
Balance: \$2,500,000

Legal Citation: M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 02, Subd. 09k

Appropriation Language: \$2,500,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire about 163 acres of high-priority in holdings from willing sellers within the legislatively authorized boundaries of state parks and trails in order to protect Minnesota's natural heritage, enhance outdoor recreational opportunities, and improve the efficiency of public land management. Priorities include but are not limited to Tettegouche, Sibley, and Minneopa State Parks and the Goodhue Pioneer State Trail. A list of proposed acquisitions is required in the work plan. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2021, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

I. PROJECT STATEMENT:

Minnesota State Parks and State Trails land acquisition proposal is to acquire high priority parcels from willing sellers within State Parks and State Trails legislatively authorized boundary to protect Minnesota's environmental stewardship and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities for all citizens of Minnesota.

Currently, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) does not own and manage on behalf of the public approximately 15% (41,900 acres) of land located within the legislatively approved and statutorily described boundaries of the 66 Minnesota State Parks and nine State Recreation Areas. The MnDNR currently does not own and manage on behalf of the public 50% of the land needed to complete the 25 legislatively authorized State Trails.

The main benefit of State Park and State Trail land acquisitions is to provide long-term, consolidated management of pristine natural areas representative of diverse landscapes throughout the entire state of Minnesota. Other land acquisition benefits include: Riparian buffers along rivers, wetlands, creeks and lakes; Preservation of significant plant and animal communities; Reduction of fragmentation from potential development impacts; and Protection of view sheds and locally significant historical sites and cultural resources. State Trails provide outdoor recreation opportunities to reconnect with each other and ourselves while travelling between communities. State Parks and State Trails investments generate and give back positive financial impacts to the local economy.

Most of Minnesota State Parks and State Trail acquisitions are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities because landowners approach the MnDNR with the vision to have their family land included in a state park or a state trail for the public to enjoy and appreciate into perpetuity when the time comes to sell their family's real estate assets.

Each outdoor recreation unit in the Minnesota State Park and State Trail system goes through a rigorous master planning process that includes a public and local jurisdiction input component to identify key land attributes and define desired boundaries and corridors to include as a part of the public outdoor recreation system. MnDNR has identified and ranked each state park in-holding parcel within the designated boundary and maintains a general statewide priority list that is reviewed and analyzed annually. If an acquisition is not successful, a workplan amendment may be requested.

II. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

First Update March 31, 2019

Second Update March 31, 2020

Third Update March 31, 2021

Final Update June 30, 2021

III. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1: Tettegouche State Park Land Acquisition, Lake County

Description:

Acquire approximately 7 acres of land located within the statutory authorized boundary of Tettegouche State Park. This property protects the iconic view shed of the Palisade Coast from Shovel Point to Palisade Head along the Lake Superior shoreline. Inclusion of this property was a primary recommendation of the Tettegouche State Park management plan updated in 1997. The property allow for public access to a spectacular cobblestone beach, protection of ~350 feet of shoreline, and is located immediately adjacent to the Tettegouche cart-in campground.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$1,500,000

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Acquire 7 acres of land in Tettegouche State Park	June 30, 2021

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ACTIVITY 2: Sibley State Park Land Acquisition, Kandiyohi County

Description:

Acquire 16 acres of land located within the statutory authorized boundary of Sibley State Park. This property is a rare opportunity to acquire and manage the property adjacent to the State Park primitive group campground. It is the last private parcel remaining on Lake 21. Acquisition of this parcel would eliminated any future incompatible uses adjacent to the primitive group camp and create an opportunity to expand recreation trails. Protection of ~400 feet of shoreline. This is a different parcel than listed in 2017 LCCMR workplan proposal.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$250,000

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Acquire 16 acres of land in Sibley State Park	June 30, 2021

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ACTIVITY 3: Minneopa State Park Land Acquisition, Blue Earth County

Description:

Acquire 80 acres of land located within the statutory authorized boundary of Minneopa State Park. According to the natural heritage database, rare and endangered species such as the American bald eagle, western foxsnake, shovel sturgeon and small white lady slipper are documented in this corridor. This acquisition will protect cultural resources, provide for sustainable wildlife habitat and new hiking, bird watching and facilitate interpretive programming opportunities. This is a different parcel than listed in 2017 LCCMR proposal.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$ 250,000

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Acquire 80 acres of land in Minneopa State Park	June 30, 2021

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ACTIVITY 4: Goodhue-Pioneer State Trail, Goodhue County, ~60 acres

Description:

Acquire approximately 60 acres located along the legislatively authorized Goodhue-Pioneer State Trail. The property contains woodlands, prairie bluffs and an abandoned railway right-of-way. This parcel would add over 2.75 miles to the existing multi-use state trail from Hay Creek to Red Wing and will eventually connect the cities of Red Wing and Zumbrota. This property would also provide protection of ~600 feet of Hay Creek shoreline.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$500,000

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Acquire 60 acres of land in Goodhue-Pioneer State Trail	June 30, 2021

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IV. DISSEMINATION:

Description:

Dissemination of the completed land acquisitions would primarily be through updating state park and state trail maps and website as land and the new trail corridor that this property is now available for public use and enjoyment. Depending on the acquisition, a local news release may be created and distributed to local newspapers and media.

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V. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY:

This section represents an overview of the preliminary budget at the start of the project. It will be reconciled with actual expenditures at the time of the final report.

A. Preliminary ENRTF Budget Overview: See attached budget spreadsheet

B. Other Funds:

SOURCE OF AND USE OF OTHER FUNDS	Amount Proposed	Amount Spent	Status and Timeframe
Other State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:			
Parks and Trail Legacy FY18	\$ 500,000	\$ 0	Supplement existing funding sources for state park and state trail land acquisitions.
Past and Current ENRTF Appropriation:			
M.L. 2017, Subd 9c	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 0	Acquisitions in progress. Funds expire 6/30/2020
M.L. 2015, Subd 9a	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	Closed

M.L. 2013, Subd 4a	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Closed
M.L. 2011, Subd 4b	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	Closed
Other Funding History:			
Parks and Trails Legacy—M.L. 2017	\$1,500,000	\$ 0	Acquisitions in progress.
Parks and Trails Legacy--M.L. 2015	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Closed
Parks and Trails Legacy—M.L. 2013	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	Closed
Parks and Trails Legacy—M.L. 2011	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	Closed

VI. PROJECT PARTNERS:

A. Partners receiving ENRTF funding

Name	Title	Affiliation	Role
None	--	---	--

B. Partners NOT receiving ENRTF funding

Name	Title	Affiliation	Role
Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota	Non-Governmental Organization	Like-minded Organization	Partner

VII. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:

Acquire critical in-holding parcels located within statutory boundary and included in the master plans of State Parks and State Recreation Areas and acquire in-holdings of land located within statutory authorized and included in the master plans State Trail corridors. The state currently owns about 85% of the 268,000 acres within State Park and State Recreation Area boundaries, which means the state does not own, and manage on behalf of the citizens of Minnesota. Each year approximately \$5 million worth of private in-holding parcels inside the statutory boundary will become available from willing sellers.

With the continued support of the LCCMR, the Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Trails expects to keep moving forward to fulfill each of the 75 state park and recreation area master plans and acquire critical parcels within statutory boundary for preservation, recreation, education and habitat restoration on behalf of the public. These land acquisitions positively contribute towards local community economy.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- The project is for 3 years, will begin on July 1, 2018, and end on June 30, 2021.
- Periodic project status update reports will be submitted March 31st of each year.
- A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2021.

IX. SEE ADDITIONAL WORK PLAN COMPONENTS:

- A. Budget Spreadsheet
- B. Visual Component or Map
- C. Parcel List Spreadsheet
- D. Acquisition Requirements

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Project Length and Completion Date: 3 Years, June 30, 2021
Date of Report: February 16, 2018



ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Budget	Amount Spent	Balance
BUDGET ITEM			
Fee Title Acquisition	\$2,435,000	\$0	\$2,435,000
Acquire estimated 163 acres in fee title. If successful, the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources will hold the title.			
Professional Services for Acquisition	\$65,000	\$0	\$65,000
Professional service expenses and other transaction related charges including, but not limited to, the appraisal, survey, title work, closing costs-recording fees and deed tax required and necessary for the proposed land acquisitions transfer of clear title.			
COLUMN TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,500,000

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M.L. 2018 Parcel List

Project Title: Minnesota State Parks and Trails Land Acquisitions

Legal Citation: Fill in your project's legal citation from the appropriation language - this will occur after the 2018 legislative session.

Project Manager: Jennifer Christie

Organization: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

M.L. 2017 ENRTF Appropriation: \$2,500,000

Project Length and Completion Date: 3 Years, June 30, 2021

Date of Report: December 11, 2017

#	Acquisition or Restoration Parcel Name	Geographic Coordinates Format: [Deg.]' [Min.]" [Sec.]" [Hemis.]		Estimated Cost	Estimated Annual PILT Liabilities	County	Site Significance	Activity Description	# of Acres	# of Shoreline Miles	Type of Landowner	Proposed Fee Title or Easement Holder (if applicable)	Status
		Latitude	Longitude										
1	Tettegouche State Park	47° 19' 56.1" N	91° 12' 18.9" N	\$1,500,000	\$ 11,250	Lake	This property will protect the iconic view shed of the Palisade Coast from Shovel Point to Palisade Head along the Lake Superior shoreline and allow for public access to a spectacular cobblestone beach, protection of ~350 feet of shoreline.	Acquire Land		7 350 ft	Non-Profit	Fee	Not Started
2	Sibley State Park	45° 19' 49.3" N	95° 2' 42.8" N	\$250,000	\$ 1,875	Kandiyohi	This property is a rare opportunity to acquire and manage the land adjacent to the State Park's primitive group campground. It is the last private parcel remaining on Lake 21 and would eliminate any future incompatible uses while protecting ~400 feet of shoreline.	Acquire Land		16 400 ft	Non-Profit	Fee	Not Started
3	Minneopa State Park	44° 11' 8.9" N	94° 8' 4.2" N	\$250,000	\$ 1,875	Blue Earth	According to the natural heritage database, rare and endangered species such as the American bald eagle, western foxsnake, shovel sturgeon and small white lady's slipper are documented in this corridor. The property may, or may not, river frontage.	Acquire Land		TBD- Based on 80 parcel	Private	Fee	Not Started
4	Goodhue-Pioneer State Park	44° 29'24.6" N	92° 34' 20.5" N	\$500,000	\$ 3,750	Goodhue	This parcel contains woodlands, prairie bluffs and an abandoned railway right-of-way. This parcel would add over 2.75 miles to the existing multi-use state trail from Hay Creek to Red Wing and will eventually connect the cities of Red Wing and Zumbrota. Protection of ~600 feet of Hay Creek shoreline.	Acquire Land		60 600 ft	Private	Fee	Not Started
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