



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

M.L. 2020 Approved Work Plan

General Information

ID Number: 2020-049

Staff Lead: Michael Varien

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Project Title: Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail (West Segment)

Project Budget: \$2,600,000

Project Manager Information

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Project Reporting

Date Work Plan Approved by LCCMR: August 13, 2021

Reporting Schedule: April 1 / October 1 of each year.

Project Completion: July 31, 2023

Final Report Due Date: September 14, 2023

Legal Information

Legal Citation: M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 5, Sec. 2, Subd. 09n

Appropriation Language: \$2,600,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Otter Tail County to construct the west segment of the 32-mile Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail that will connect the city of Pelican Rapids to Maplewood State Park.

Appropriation End Date: June 30, 2024

Narrative

Project Summary: Construction of the West Segment (6.83 miles) of the 32-mile Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail that will connect the City of Pelican Rapids to Maplewood State Park.

Describe the opportunity or problem your proposal seeks to address. Include any relevant background information.

This proposal specifically aims to expand outdoor recreational opportunities by connecting the communities of Pelican Rapids, Perham and surrounding areas to Maplewood State Park via a recreational trail. It will also expand existing state trail systems by connecting the Central Lakes and Heartland Trails in the future. Otter Tail County is in a beautiful part of Minnesota with an abundance of lakes, wetlands, rolling hills and agricultural areas. Outdoor recreation is an important part of the quality of life and the tourism economy in Otter Tail County.

This proposal also improves access to outdoor recreational opportunities to diverse and changing populations. Racial and ethnic minority populations tend to participate less in most nature-based outdoor recreation activities, including visiting state parks and trails. In fact, according to a DNR report, only 2.8 percent of state park visitors identified themselves as non-white. Pelican Rapids is the most diverse community in Otter Tail County and one of the most diverse rural communities in Minnesota. This project will afford outdoor recreational opportunities to members of racially and ethnically diverse cultures who have not traditionally benefited from the park's facilities and resources.

What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? i.e. What are you seeking funding to do? You will be asked to expand on this in Activities and Milestones.

LCCMR funding will be used to construct the West Segment of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail - a 10-foot wide, 6.83-mile bituminous multi-use trail from the south end of the City of Pelican Rapids south along Trunk Highway (TH) 59 to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 3, and then east on CSAH 3 to the west boundary of Maplewood State Park

There is considerable momentum for the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail. The East Segment has been funded and construction will begin the summer of 2020. The Silent Lake Segment has been funded and construction will begin the summer of 2021. The Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners has already invested \$433,000 in the planning, detailed engineering and property acquisition for the West Segment of the trail to ensure the project is shovel ready in the event this request is approved.

What are the specific project outcomes as they relate to the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's natural resources?

This project will expand outdoor recreational opportunities through additions and connections to state, regional, or local parks and trails to members of racially and ethnically diverse cultures who have not traditionally benefited from the park's facilities and resources.

This project will also fill a critical gap in the state and regional trail system by eventually connecting the Central Lakes Trail to the Heartland Trail. Both existing state trails are located within or adjacent to Otter Tail County. Their connection will create one of the most impressive trail systems in the country.

Project Location

What is the best scale for describing where your work will take place?

Region(s): Central

What is the best scale to describe the area impacted by your work?

Region(s): Central

When will the work impact occur?

During the Project and In the Future

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Construction of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail (West Segment)

Activity Budget: \$2,600,000

Activity Description:

LCCMR funding will be used to competitively bid and construct a 10-foot wide multi-use trail from the south end of the City of Pelican Rapids south along Trunk Highway (TH) 59 to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 3, and then east on CSAH 3 to the west boundary of Maplewood State Park. The proposed project will run parallel along TH 59 and CSAH 3 and link to the newly constructed Pelican Rapids Trail in Pelican Rapids.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Completion of Final Design and Specifications	December 31, 2021
Construction Bidding	March 31, 2022
Initiate Construction	May 31, 2022
Complete Construction	December 31, 2022

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
PartnerSHIP4Health	PartnerSHIP4Health	Helped to develop the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail Master Plan.	No
West Central Initiative	West Central Initiative	Helped to develop the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail Master Plan.	No
City of Pelican Rapids	Municipal City	Helped to develop the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail Master Plan.	No
Minnesota Department of Natural Resource	State Agency	Helped to develop the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail Master Plan.	No
City of Perham	Municipal City	Helped to develop the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail Master Plan.	No

Dissemination

Describe your plans for dissemination, presentation, documentation, or sharing of data, results, samples, physical collections, and other products and how they will follow ENTRF Acknowledgement Requirements and Guidelines. Signs will be created and installed along the trail with the ENTRF logo. The County's website for the trail will attribute its success to ENTRF funding and all related media will include acknowledgement.

Long-Term Implementation and Funding

Describe how the results will be implemented and how any ongoing effort will be funded. If not already addressed as part of the project, how will findings, results, and products developed be implemented after project completion? If additional work is needed, how will this be funded?

The ability to complete and maintain the project long-term is of utmost importance. Per the attached resolution, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners have approved this grant application for the West Segment and the local match. The 6.83 mile West Segment trail is estimated to cost \$3,983,0000 in total. \$2,600,000 would be from this grant with all remaining costs borne by the County.

Once the project is completed, Otter Tail County will assume financial responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the trail.

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
							Sub Total	-
Contracts and Services								
TBD	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Construction of the the 10-foot wide, 6.83-mile West segment of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail to be awarded by competitive bid.				0		\$2,600,000
							Sub Total	\$2,600,000
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies								
							Sub Total	-
Capital Expenditures								
							Sub Total	-
Acquisitions and Stewardship								
							Sub Total	-
Travel In Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Travel Outside Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Printing and Publication								

							Sub Total	-
Other Expenses								
							Sub Total	-
							Grand Total	\$2,600,000

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request
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Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	Amount
State				
			State Sub Total	-
Non-State				
Cash	Otter Tail County	These funds contributed will be used as the County's portion of the project costs. Funds will be used to share in the construction costs of the 10-foot wide; 6.83-mile West Segment of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail. Staff expenses to manage the project and fulfill grant requirements are included in the Non-ENRTF funds contributed.	Secured	\$1,383,332
			Non State Sub Total	\$1,383,332
			Funds Total	\$1,383,332

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [e0368cbb-125.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

Exhibit details the segments of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail, highlighting the proposed West Segment....

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
Board of Commissioner Resolution	1c703dc1-34e.pdf

Optional Attachments

Support Letter or Other

Title	File
Background Check Certification Form	b173f98b-12f.pdf

Difference between Proposal and Work Plan

Describe changes from Proposal to Work Plan Stage

Updated the Narrative and Budget per comments. Uploaded background check form.

Additional Acknowledgements and Conditions:

The following are acknowledgements and conditions beyond those already included in the above workplan:

Do you understand and acknowledge the ENRTF repayment requirements if the use of capital equipment changes?

N/A

Do you agree travel expenses must follow the "Commissioner's Plan" promulgated by the Commissioner of Management of Budget or, for University of Minnesota projects, the University of Minnesota plan?

N/A

Does your project have potential for royalties, copyrights, patents, or sale of products and assets?

No

Do you understand and acknowledge IP and revenue-return and sharing requirements in 116P.10?

N/A

Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF?

N/A

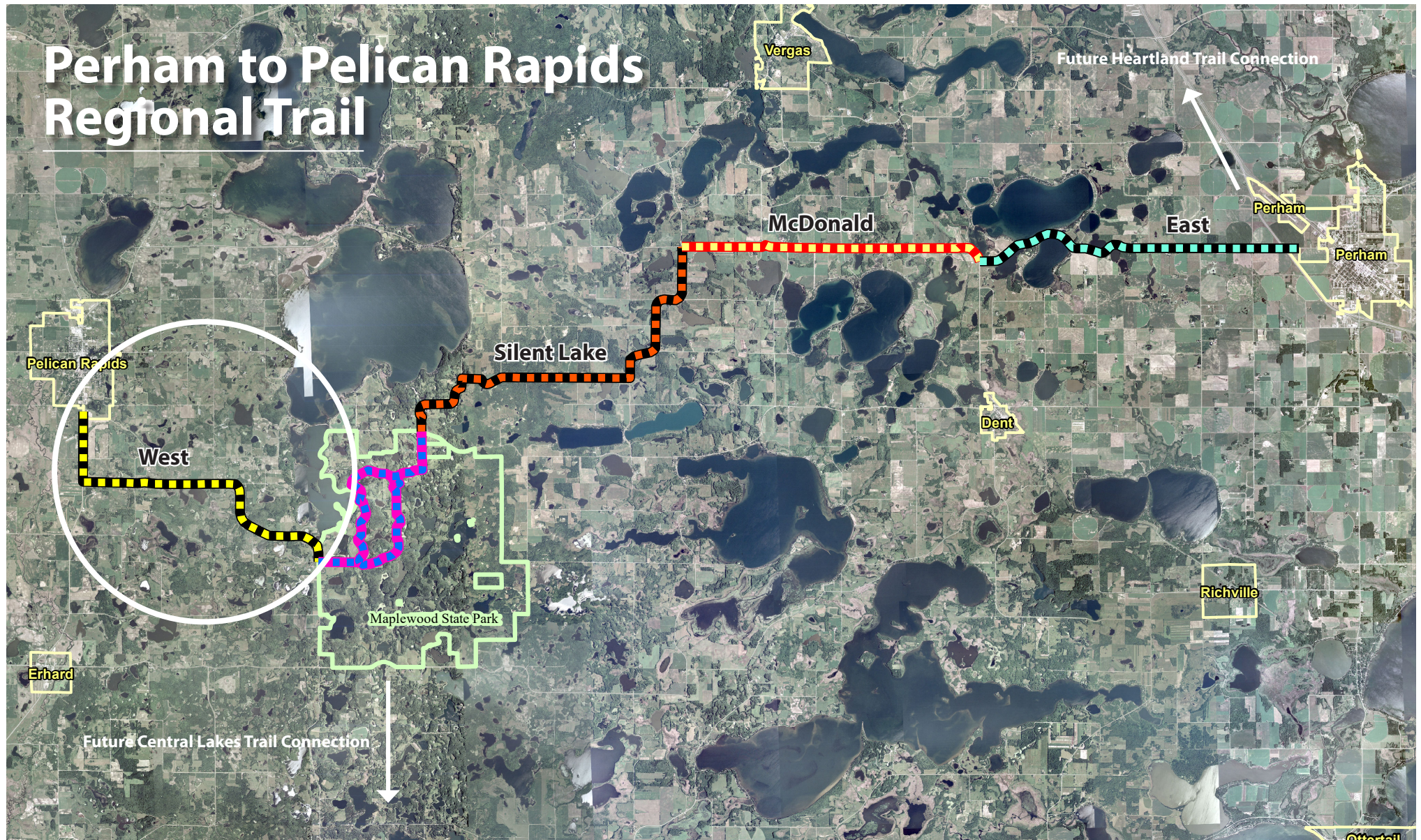
Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?

No

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No

Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail



SEGMENT

STATUS

McDonald (5.83 miles)	Detailed engineering and acquisition underway
West (6.83 miles)	LCCMR Grant Request
Silent Lakes (8.11 miles)	Construction in 2021
East (6.41 miles)	Construction in 2020

