



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

M.L. 2020 Approved Work Plan

General Information

ID Number: 2020-056

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Project Title: Ranier/Safe Harbor Transient Dock On Rainy Lake

Project Budget: \$762,000

Project Manager Information

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Project Reporting

Date Work Plan Approved by LCCMR: August 26, 2021

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

Project Completion: June 30, 2024

Final Report Due Date: August 14, 2024

Legal Information

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

Appropriation Language: \$762,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the city of Ranier to construct a dock that accommodates boats 26 feet or longer with the goal of increasing public access for boat recreation on Rainy Lake. Any revenue generated from selling products or assets developed or acquired with this appropriation must be repaid to the trust fund unless a plan is approved for reinvestment of income in the project as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

Appropriation End Date: June 30, 2024

Narrative

Project Summary: To construct a dock in Ranier which would accommodate boats of all sizes with the goal of increasing public access for boat recreation on Rainy Lake.

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

There is a need to construct a facility for recreational boats of all sizes due to a growing demand for recreational access for larger boats. Ranier is situated at the confluence of Rainy Lake and Rainy River and is considered the gateway to Voyageurs National Park (VNP), Minnesota's only national park. This project is needed to accommodate the boats of all sizes including personal watercraft and the more than 150 houseboats, sailboats and other larger vessels that are either privately or commercially owned on Rainy Lake.

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.

The goal is to construct overnight and daytime slips will be provided that can accommodate boats of all sizes on the lake. Amenities that are anticipated to be provided to accommodate transient boaters' needs including electrical services, sewage pump out and freshwater services. Construction of the dock will also enhance VNP by also creating a docking space for the VNP large tour boat. Upon completion, the city of Ranier will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the facility.

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?

An expanded dock facility in Ranier would bring other opportunities for boaters and enhance the recreational boating experience on Rainy Lake and Voyageurs National Park. The designed dock will provide continuity of public access to the shore since 1896. This will be the only western access point to Rainy Lake for larger boats.

Project Location

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

Region(s): NE

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

Region(s): NE

When will the work impact occur?

During the Project

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Engineering design, survey, plans and construction management.

Activity Budget: \$223,000

Activity Description:

Complete engineering design of boat dock with final construction documents. Complete bathymetric survey of bottom of Rainy Lake in area of construction. Complete land topographic survey and soil/bedrock exploration. Obtain professional engineering assistance with MNDNR and US Army Corp of Engineers permitting process.

Activity Milestones:

| Description | Completion Date |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Complete Bathymetric and Topographic Survey | October 31, 2022 |
| Complete engineering design, plans specs and bid documents of boat dock. | October 31, 2022 |

Activity 2: Dock and Amenity Construction

Activity Budget: \$539,000

Activity Description:

At the successful conclusion of this project, the Port of Ranier will have an ADA compliant transient dock facility with overnight, protected slips and daytime slips located on public property, owned and managed by the City of Ranier. If the appropriate funding is realized, this marina will provide overnight transient boaters with water, electricity, and sewage pump-out services, bollard lighting.

Activity Milestones:

| Description | Completion Date |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Project Bid Awarded | March 31, 2023 |
| Construction Starts | May 31, 2023 |
| Project Completion | June 30, 2024 |

Dissemination

Describe your plans for dissemination, presentation, documentation, or sharing of data, results, samples, physical collections, and other products and how they will follow ENRTF Acknowledgement Requirements and Guidelines.

Description: Upon receipt of a signed grant agreement, the City will issue a press release announcing the project, the plans for the reconstruction of the transient dock, and will include special thanks and acknowledgement to the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for their assistance.

The City of Ranier shall use the City web site to disseminate project updates through commentary, photos of progress of project, and status updates. On the webpage, an acknowledgement will be located at the bottom of the page that states "Funding for this project was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)".

At the project site, in at least two (2) locations, signage will be constructed approximately 30 days prior to construction and shall remain until completion of the project in order to identify project name, scope, and parties that funded the project. These signs will include the verbiage "Funding for this project was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)" as well as the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund logo.

At the time of bid solicitation and contractor selection, the City shall include in all documents language that acknowledges Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as a participating sponsor of the project.

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 ongoing maintenance of the project will be funded through city budgeted funds and managed by the city of Ranier public works department. The city is also requesting to reinvest the small amounts of docking fees for monthly power bills and annual winterization processes.

Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

| Name | Appropriation | Amount Awarded |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Rainy Lake Recreational Access and Boat Wash Station | M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09p | \$200,000 |

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 | Project design, construction management, bathymetric survey, land survey, soil bedrock exploration and permitting | | | | 4 | | \$223,000 |
| General Contractor Hired Through A Competitive Bidding Process | Professional or Technical Service Contract | The General Contractor Will Be Responsible For All Aspects of the Project Construction | | | | 10 | | \$539,000 |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | \$762,000 |
| Equipment, Tools, and Supplies | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - |
| Capital Expenditures | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - |
| Acquisitions and Stewardship | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - |
| Travel In Minnesota | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - |

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| Travel Outside Minnesota | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - |
| Printing and Publication | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - |
| Other Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - |
| | | | | | | | Grand Total | \$762,000 |

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 | | | | |
| Cash | Bonding Bill | Design and Construction | Potential | \$2,100,000 |
| | | | State Sub Total | \$2,100,000 |
| Non-State | | | | |
| Cash | Koochiching County Development Program | Grant funds used toward preliminary engineering | Secured | \$5,000 |
| In-Kind | In kind services from local commercial houseboat company owner. | Expertise from local commercial houseboat company owner donated 100's of hours in development of project and travel to St. Paul for LCCMR presentation, | Secured | \$10,000 |
| Cash | City of Ranier | The city of Ranier contributed \$10,000 for pre-design engineering costs. | Secured | \$10,000 |
| | | | Non State Sub Total | \$25,000 |
| | | | Funds Total | \$2,125,000 |

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [f3345e47-053.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

Overhead view of proposed dock....

Board Resolution or Letter

| Title | File |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ranier Council Resolution Supporting Dock Project | 114350a5-7b3.pdf |

Optional Attachments

Support Letter or Other

| Title | File |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Letters of Support | 11447316-9ba.pdf |
| 2021 Letters of Support | d6e8fdfa-a8b.pdf |
| Background Check Certification Form | fe3ac655-a33.pdf |
| Additional Letters of Support | b12ec213-d51.pdf |
| Aerial View of Proposed Dock on Rainy Lake | bcd1efd6-82c.pdf |

Difference between Proposal and Work Plan

Describe changes from Proposal to Work Plan Stage

The proposal contained more specific details such as 18 designated overnight slips and 8 daytime slips. Since the exact amount of slips is fluid, the specific numbers were deleted.

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?

Yes

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

No

Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF? If so, describe here:

Yes, Docking fees for overnight stays are expected to generate approximately \$1500 annually. The fees will be used for paying the monthly power costs for electricity, sewer and for fresh water, the costs of annual winterizing of the sewer pump out system and water system, credit card company fees for the sewer pump out and anticipated annual software fees for the sewer pump out system. The floating docks will have to be unattached with the use of a hired private watercraft.

Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?

No

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No

