



## Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

M.L. 2020 Approved Work Plan

### General Information

**ID Number:** 2020-057

**Staff Lead:** Michael Varien

**Date this document submitted to LCCMR:** August 13, 2021

**Project Title:** Rocori Trail - Phase III

**Project Budget:** \$1,200,000

### 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:** 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. 09p

**Appropriation Language:** \$1,200,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Rocori Trail Construction Board to design and construct Phase III of the Rocori Trail along the old Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail corridor between the cities of Cold Spring and Rockville.

**Appropriation End Date:** June 30, 2024

## Narrative

**Project Summary:** This project consists of the design and construction of Phase 3 of the Rocori Trail along the old BNSF rail corridor and will connect Cold Spring, Richmond and Rockville.

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

The planning, design and construction of the Rocori Trail has been a collaborative effort with support from the Rocori Trail Committee, City of Rockville, City of Cold Spring, City of Richmond, Cold Spring 20/20, Stearns County, MN DNR, National Parks Service, Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota, the Rocori Area Community Foundation, Schools, and the residents of the participating communities. The total estimated cost of Phase 3 of the Rocori Trail is estimated to be \$2,437,270. The RTCB has expended \$365,000 to date on the project. The RTCB received \$812,270 from the MN Department of Transportation through its FY'21 Transportation Alternatives Program eligible for construction and is requesting \$1,260,000 from the LCCMR for the balance of the project cost. The Rocori Trail provides connections to many area features/attractions along the trail route including recreational facilities, historical and natural resources, elementary and secondary schools, commercial, industrial, and retail businesses, and specifically, the Sauk River, Historic Downtowns, Cold Spring Dam and Falls, Scenic and Recreational Parks, Rockville Granite Quarry, Eagle Park, Scenic Rural Countryside Vistas and the Rockville County Park.

**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 Rocori Trail Construction Board (RTCB) is applying to the LCCMR for funds to complete the design and construction of Phase 3 (2.3 miles) of the Rocori Trail. The trail will be constructed on the former BNSF railroad corridor along Trunk Highway 23 in Stearns County and will connect the cities of Richmond, Cold Springs, Rockville and two adjoining Townships. The entire Rocori Trail corridor is owned by the Rocori Trail Construction Board. Upon completion of Phase 3, the trail will be approximately 7 miles long, 10 feet wide, paved and ADA compliant (See attached map). Phases 1 and 2 have been completed with local, state and federal dollars.

**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?**

The primary users of the Rocori Trail will be pedestrians, bicyclists, roller bladers and will be accessible for wheelchair use in and around the cities of Richmond, Cold Springs, Rockville, the Townships of Wakefield and Munson, and most of Stearns County. The Rocori Trail is also connected to the Glacial Lakes State Trail that runs approximately 50 miles from Willmar to Richmond. Future links include connections to the Lake Wobegon Trail (St. Joseph/Todd County), Central Lakes Trail (Fergus Falls/Alexandria), Lake Koronis Trail (Paynesville) and Beaver Island Trail (St. Cloud) which would create over 100 miles of trail connectivity.

## 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?**

Statewide

**When will the work impact occur?**

During the Project

## Activities and Milestones

### Activity 1: Project Engineering

**Activity Budget:** \$308,270

**Activity Description:**

Trail Design, Wetlands Permitting and Mitigation, Right of Way, Material Testing, Staking, Inspection, and Construction Administration of Phase 3 of the Rocori Trail.

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Completion Date
Final Design Review	September 30, 2021
Completion Of Plans and Specifications	November 30, 2021
Complete Bidding Documents	March 31, 2022

### Activity 2: Project Construction

**Activity Budget:** \$891,730

**Activity Description:**

Construction of the Rocori Trail Phase 3. Construction will include grubbing and clearing, excavation, fill, rip rap, culverts, landscaping, paving and any signage needed for the completion of Phase 3 of the Rocori Trail. Phase 3 of the trail will be approximately 7 miles long, 10 feet wide, paved and ADA compliant.

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Completion Date
Project Bid	April 30, 2022
Construction Start	May 31, 2022
Construction Complete	June 30, 2023

## Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Richmond Elected Officials	City of Richmond	Project Oversight	No
Cold Spring Elected Officials	City of Cold Spring	Project Oversight	No
Rockville Elected Officials	City of Rockville	Project Oversight	No
MNDOT Staff	MNDOT	Funder	No
MNDNR Staff	MNDNR	Funder	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 ENRTF Acknowledgement Requirements and Guidelines.**

Description: Upon receipt of a signed grant agreement, Rocori Trail will issue a press release announcing the project, the plans for the reconstruction of the Rocori Trail Phase 3, and will include special thanks and acknowledgement to the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for their assistance.

The Trail Board shall use the City's 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)".

The City's Facebook pages will be used to advertise trail closures, project updates, address comments and questions, etc. Each post by the City's related to this project will include the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund logo or acknowledgement such as "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's 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 operation and maintenance of all phases of this project is under the auspices of the Rocori Trail Construction Board (RTCB) and the cities of Richmond, Cold Springs, and Rockville have agreed to share on the maintenance for the RTCB for a minimum of 20 years. The trail will be constructed with materials that require a low level of maintenance over the next 20 years. The cities annually evaluate the condition and operations of the trail. Seasonal maintenance (mowing, weed control, sweeping, trail repair, etc.) is estimated to be \$15,000 annual for all three phases of the project. This will be a line item in each of the cities' annual budget.

## Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
<b>Personnel</b>								
							Sub Total	-
<b>Contracts and Services</b>								
Engineering Firm Hired Through A Qualifications Process	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Engineering Firm Will Be Responsible For Project Design and Construction Administration				4		\$308,270
General Contractor Hired Through A Competitive Bidding Process	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Responsible For All Aspects Of The Project Construction				8		\$891,730
							Sub Total	\$1,200,000
<b>Equipment, Tools, and Supplies</b>								
							Sub Total	-
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>								
							Sub Total	-
<b>Acquisitions and Stewardship</b>								
							Sub Total	-
<b>Travel In Minnesota</b>								

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							Sub Total	-
Travel Outside Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Printing and Publication								
							Sub Total	-
Other Expenses								
							Sub Total	-
							Grand Total	\$1,200,000

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
<b>State</b>				
Cash	MNDNR	Project Design and Construction	Secured	\$224,000
			<b>State Sub Total</b>	<b>\$224,000</b>
<b>Non-State</b>				
Cash	MNDOT - Transportation Alternatives Program (Federal Funds)	Trail Construction	Secured	\$953,270
			<b>Non State Sub Total</b>	<b>\$953,270</b>
			<b>Funds Total</b>	<b>\$1,177,270</b>

## Attachments

### Required Attachments

#### *Visual Component*

File: [5e4698d8-015.pdf](#)

#### *Alternate Text for Visual Component*

Visual Shows Trail Location...

#### *Board Resolution or Letter*

Title	File
Resolution	<a href="#">58ea2972-817.pdf</a>

### Optional Attachments

#### *Support Letter or Other*

Title	File
Organization Documents	<a href="#">9dc0620f-fd4.docx</a>
ENRTF BCC Form	<a href="#">f457e65b-2b0.pdf</a>

## Difference between Proposal and Work Plan

#### *Describe changes from Proposal to Work Plan Stage*

All changes were made as recommended in the comments and revisions section.

## 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

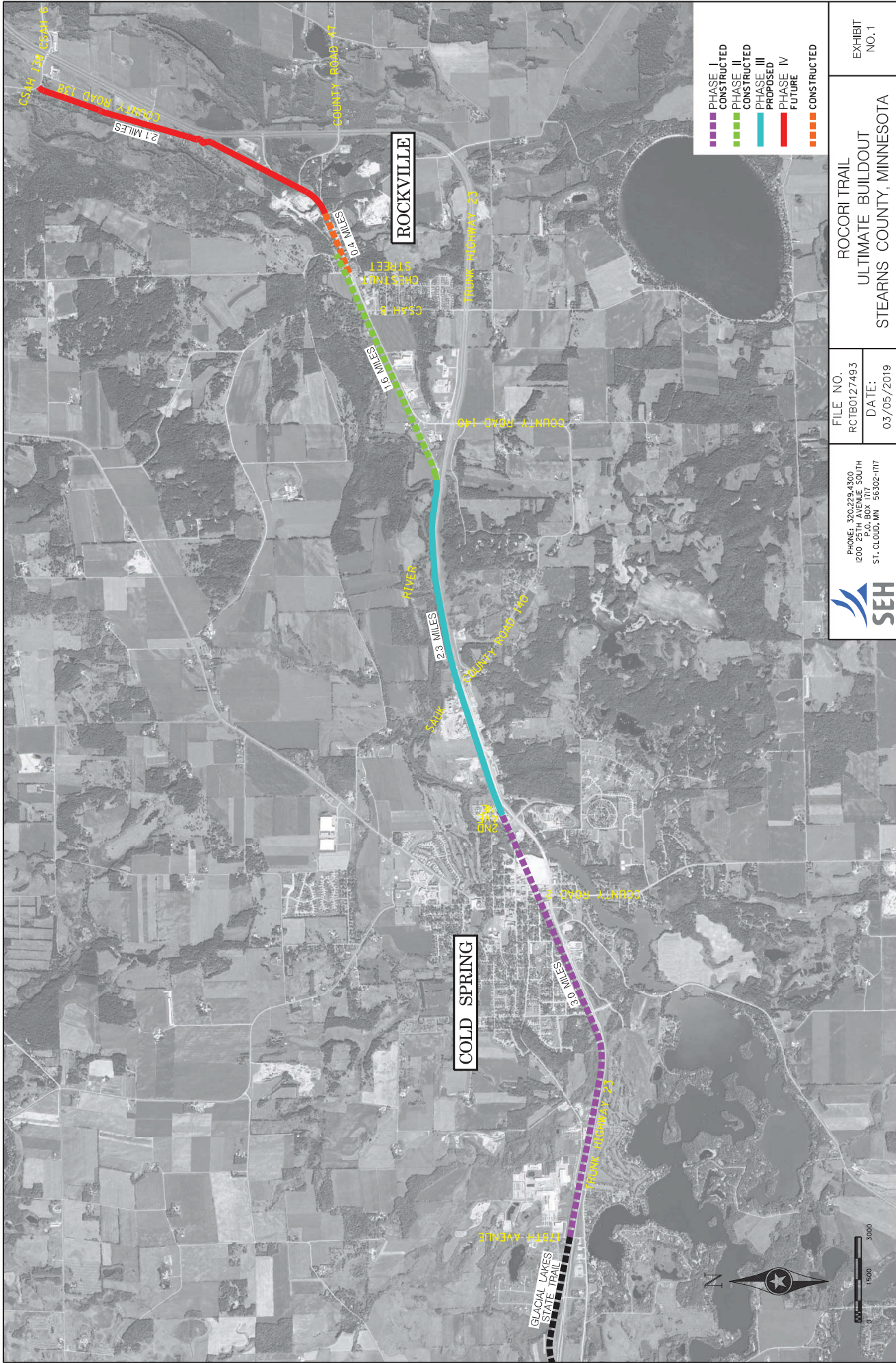
**Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?**

No

**Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?**

No





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STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

EXHIBIT  
NO. 1

- PHASE I  
CONSTRUCTED
- PHASE II  
CONSTRUCTED
- PHASE III  
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- PHASE IV  
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