



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

M.L. 2020 ENRTF Work Plan (Main Document)

Today's Date: August 23, 2019

Date of Next Status Update Report: April 1, 2021

Date of Work Plan Approval:

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2023

Does this submission include an amendment request? No

PROJECT TITLE: Acquire Riverfront Land at Upper St. Anthony Falls

Project Manager: Kjersti Monson

Organization: Friends of the Lock & Dam

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Location: 1 Portland Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Total Project Budget: \$2,800,000

Amount Spent: \$0

Balance: \$2,800,000

Legal Citation:

Appropriation Language:

PROJECT STATEMENT:

The City of Minneapolis and Friends of the Lock & Dam (FL&D) seek fee title acquisition of land abutting the Upper Lock (but not the Lock structure itself, which is still authorized for flood control) from the federal government for the purposes of creating recreational opportunities and a visitor and interpretive destination on the Minneapolis Central Riverfront. The opportunity has arisen because the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers facility, was closed to navigation by an act of Congress in 2015. Federally owned riverfront property is now subject to disposition. Friends of the Lock & Dam and the City of Minneapolis have the expertise and the wherewithal to protect and enhance this land as an iconic public amenity. The project implements adopted plans and resolutions including City Resolution 2018R-098 (2018) the City's *Downtown Public Realm Framework* (2016); ; the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board's *Central Riverfront Regional Parks Master Plan* (2016); the tourism plan adopted by Meet Minneapolis, *Destination Transformation 2030* (2016); and the St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board plan, *Changing Relationships to the Power of the Falls: West Bank* (2014).

II. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

First Update April 1, 2021

Second Update October 1, 2021

Third Update April 1, 2022

Fourth Update October 1, 2022

Fifth Update April 1, 2023

Final Report between project end (June 30) and August 15, 2023

III. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1 Title: Protect the public interest through fee title acquisition of land.

Description: Acquire federally owned parcels identified by the City of Minneapolis and FL&D as priority areas for cultural interpretation, enhancement, recreational value, historic resource quality, park connectivity gaps, scenic qualities, water quality, and water access. FL&D will conduct due diligence activities including appraisals, environmental reviews, title investigations, and survey work. Acquired land will be donated or conveyed to our public agency partner, the City of Minneapolis, for joint site improvement, enhancement, and long term stewardship.

ACTIVITY 1 ENRTF BUDGET: \$0 (Activity 1 will be funded with matching dollars.)

Outcome	Completion Date
Establish initial site control through an option agreement or equivalent.	6/1/2021
Approximately 3 acres protected for public use & enjoyment through fee title acquisition.	12/31/2021

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ACTIVITY 2 Title: Capital improvements to enable connectivity, recreation, & restoration.

Description: Plan, design & install capital improvements that increase public access to the site and the river; introduce green infrastructure and restore habitat; and improve public safety.

ACTIVITY 2 ENRTF BUDGET: \$2,700,000

Outcome	Completion Date
Facilitate stakeholder engagement through concept, schematic, and design development.	10/31/21
Complete all required studies and pre-development due diligence.	10/31/2021
Construction documentation.	12/31/2021
Construction bidding.	2/28/2022
Construct trail connections, pedestrian lighting, wayfinding, kayak and canoe access, shore and pier fishing enhancements, public safety enhancements, habitat restoration.	6/30/2023

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Description: Engage the Science Museum of Minnesota, Wilderness Inquiry, Minneapolis Public Schools, the St. Anthony Falls Hydrology Lab (UMN) and others to develop partnerships and plans for research, interpretation, data collection, place based learning, credit recovery, and citizen science on the site, focused on water.

ACTIVITY 3 ENRTF BUDGET: \$100,000

Outcome	Completion Date
Research & Education Partnership, Funding & Implementation Plan.	10/31/2021

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Plans for restoration and enhancement on the Riverfront will be shaped through meaningful and transparent community engagement. Information about the site, the project, and the funded activities will be disseminated regularly through media pushes, public meetings, informational videos, emails, and updates to the project website.

The Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) will be acknowledged through use of the trust fund logo or attribution language on project print and electronic media, publications, signage, and other communications per the [ENRTF Acknowledgement Guidelines](#).

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V. ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFORMATION:

A. Personnel and Capital Expenditures

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$5,000:

The planned capital expenditures on early enhancements to improve the human and natural environment at the Lock are depicted in the map and table below.

Early construction cost estimating has been done, and those hard costs of construction are reflected in our budget in three major categories: (1) Water Access Improvements; (2) Connectivity, Wayfinding, & Pedestrian/Bike Improvements; and (3) Environmental & Restoration Improvements.

The budget additionally includes soft costs for professional services: design and engineering of capital improvements, and community and stakeholder engagement.



HARD COST OF CONSTRUCTION	
Water Access Improvements	
<i>Kayak/Canoe Access, Dock & Marina Improvements, Fishing Pier</i>	\$1,139,600
Connectivity, Wayfinding, & Pedestrian/Bike Improvements	
<i>Paths, Wayfinding, Preliminary Placemaking Improvements</i>	\$352,400
Environmental & Restoration Improvements	
<i>Shoreline Improvements, Restoration</i>	\$708,000
Total Projected Hard Cost of Construction	\$2,200,000
SOFT COSTS & CONTINGENCY	
Design & Engineering Services	
<i>Landscape Architecture, Civil & Structural Engineering, Permitting, etc.</i>	330,000
Engagement	
<i>Community Engagement, Stakeholder Engagement, Public Relations</i>	170,000
Total Projected Soft Costs & Contingency	500,000
TOTAL PROJECTED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$2,700,000

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 for entire duration of project: 0	Divide total personnel hours by 2,080 hours in 1 yr = TOTAL FTE:0
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Total Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Estimated to Be Funded through Contracts with this ENRTF Appropriation:

Enter Total Estimated Contract Personnel Hours for entire duration of project: 0	Divide total contract hours by 2,080 hours in 1 yr = TOTAL FTE: 0
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VI. PROJECT PARTNERS:

- A. Partners outside of project manager's organization receiving ENRTF funding
 - a. None
- B. Partners outside of project manager's organization NOT receiving ENRTF funding
 - a. Acquisition Partner: City of Minneapolis - Friends of the Lock & Dam will partner with the City of Minneapolis to acquire and improve the subject property in a manner consistent with the public interest and adopted guidance. Future redevelopment of land abutting the Upper Lock will include a world class visitor and interpretive center.
 - b. Programming Partners: Recreation, Education, Interpretation – Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board, National Park Service, Mississippi Park Connection, Meet

Minneapolis, Wilderness Inquiry, Science Museum of Minnesota, Minneapolis Public Schools, DNR (community fishing program)

- c. Coalition Organizations: Neighborhoods, Parks & River, Heritage, Business & Tourism - "We support the St. Anthony Falls Upper Lock as the centerpiece of an iconic civic & cultural destination, reflective of our shared history, for the use & enjoyment of all." Endorsers: FL&D, Wilderness Inquiry, Nicollet Island-East Bank Neighborhood Association, Friends of the Mississippi River, Minneapolis Parks Foundation, National Parks Conservation Association, Meet Minneapolis, St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board, St. Anthony Falls Alliance, NiceRide, Minneapolis Water Taxi, East Town Business Partnership, Mississippi Park Connection, Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association, Minneapolis Downtown Council, Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership, River Life (UMN), Friends of the Riverfront, Great River Coalition.

VII. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:

If awarded these funds, the City of Minneapolis and FL&D will undertake activities necessary to acquire property abutting the Lock from the federal government, and protect and improve it for public use and enjoyment. The property will be donated or conveyed to the City of Minneapolis, who will, with FL&D, be its long-term steward.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- Project status update reports will be submitted April 1 and October 1 each year of the project
- A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2023

IX. SEE ADDITIONAL WORK PLAN COMPONENTS:

A. Budget Spreadsheet

B. Visual Component or Map

C. Parcel List Spreadsheet

D. Acquisition, Easements, and Restoration Requirements

Attachment A: Project Budget Spreadsheet
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 M.L. 2020 Budget Spreadsheet

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Organization: Friends of the Lock & Dam

Project Budget: \$2,800,000

Project Length and Completion Date: 3 years, 6/30/2023

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET		Budget	Amount Spent	Balance
BUDGET ITEM				
Personnel (Wages and Benefits)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional/Technical/Service Contracts				
Design & Engineering Services, and Community Engagement		\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000
Research & Education Implementation Plan		\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Equipment/Tools/Supplies				
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000				
Site capital Improvements (circulation & access, restoration)		\$ 2,200,000	\$ -	\$ 2,200,000
Fee Title Acquisition				
Fee title acquisition will be undertaken with matching dollars (see non-state dollars committed		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Easement Acquisition				
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Services for Acquisition				
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Printing				
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel expenses in Minnesota				
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other				
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COLUMN TOTAL		\$ 2,800,000	\$ -	\$ 2,800,000
SOURCE AND USE OF OTHER FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT	Status (secured or pending)	Budget	Spent	Balance
Non-State: FL&D will provide funding for the land acquisition.	Secured	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000
State:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
In kind: FL&D will provide staff time to administer the project.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other ENRTF APPROPRIATIONS AWARDED IN THE LAST SIX YEARS	Amount legally obligated but not yet spent	Budget	Spent	Balance
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

