



## **Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)**

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

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**Today's Date:** August 14, 2019

**Date of Next Status Update Report:** April 2021

**Date of Work Plan Approval:**

**Project Completion Date:** June 30, 2021

**Does this submission include an amendment request?** NO

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### **PROJECT TITLE: ROCORI Trail Phase 3**

**Project Manager:** Kevin Mooney, Board Chair for the Rocori Trail Construction Board

**Organization:** Rocori Trail Construction Board

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**Web Address:** NA

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**Location:** Central Region, County of Stearns, Cities of Richmond, Rockville and Cold Spring

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

**Amount Spent:** \$0

**Balance:** \$1,200,000

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**Legal Citation:** M.L. 2020, Chp. xx, Sec. xx, Subd. xx

**Appropriation Language:**

## PROJECT STATEMENT:

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.

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 to the region.

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.

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, 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 \$2,377,270. 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 \$1,200,000 from the LCCMR for the balance of the project cost.

## II. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

**First Update April 1, 2021**

**Final Report between project end (June 30) and August 15, 2021**

## III. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

### ACTIVITY 1 Title: Project Engineering

**Description:** Complete Design of Trail, Obtain Wetland Permitting and Mitigation, Conduct Construction Materials Testing, Staking, Inspection, and Construction Administration of Phase 3.

### ACTIVITY 1 ENRTF BUDGET: \$308,270.00

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Completion of Plans and Specifications	August 2020

Outcome	Completion Date
2. Final Design Review	<i>September 2020</i>
3. Completion of Bidding Documents	<i>November 2020</i>

**First Update April 1, 2021**

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**ACTIVITY 2 Title: Project Construction**

**ACTIVITY 2 ENRTF BUDGET: \$891,730.00**

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Project Bid	<i>January 2021</i>
2. Construction Start	<i>May 2021</i>
3. Construction Completed	<i>June 2021</i>

**First Update April 1, 2021**

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#### **IV. DISSEMINATION:**

##### **Description:**

Each Municipality will post the following on all their respective websites that refer to the Rocori Trail.

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](#).

**First Update April 1, 2021**

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#### **V. ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFORMATION:**

##### **A. Personnel and Capital Expenditures**

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

The expenditures for the project will take place in two phases, the completion of the design of the project, the permitting and environmental review, soil and material testing and approval and completion of the bid documents will be the first phase of the capital expenditure.

The second phase of expenditures will be the related to the actual construction of the trail. It will commence with the bidding process and awarding the bid, through the construction contracting and end with the substantial completion of construction of the trail.

**Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: Not Applicable**

**Total Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Directly Funded with this ENRTF Appropriation:**

Enter Total Estimated Personnel Hours for entire duration of project: <b>Not Applicable</b>	Divide total personnel hours by 2,080 hours in 1 yr = TOTAL FTE: <b>Not Applicable</b>
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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:	Divide total contract hours by 2,080 hours in 1 yr = TOTAL FTE:
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**VI. PROJECT PARTNERS:**

- A. Partners outside of project manager's organization receiving ENRTF funding  
SEH Engineering, Material and Soil Testing Firm, the awarded General Contractor for Construction
- B. Partners outside of project manager's organization NOT receiving ENRTF funding  
City of Richmond, City of Cold Spring, City of Rockville, Stearns County, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Rocori Area Community Foundation

**VII. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:**

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.

**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, 2021

**IX. SEE ADDITIONAL WORK PLAN COMPONENTS:**

- A. Budget Spreadsheet
- B. Visual Component or Map

**C. Parcel List Spreadsheet**

**D. Acquisition, Easements, and Restoration Requirements**

**E. Research Addendum**

Attachment A: Project Budget Spreadsheet  
 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund  
 M.L. 2020 Budget Spreadsheet

Legal Citation:

Project Manager: Pete Weber

Project Title: Rocori Trail Phase 3

Organization: Rocori Trail Construction Board

Project Budget: \$1,200,000

Project Length and Completion Date: 3 years - June 2021

Today's Date: August 14, 2019



ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET		Budget	Amount Spent	Balance
BUDGET ITEM - Contracted Services				
Project Engineering and Design Cost - To be Selected Through a Qualifications Process		\$ 308,270	\$ -	\$ 308,270
Project Construction. General Contractor Hired Through A Competitive Bidding Process		\$ 891,730	\$ -	\$ 891,730
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COLUMN TOTAL		\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000
SOURCE AND USE OF OTHER FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT				
	Status (secured or pending)	Budget	Spent	Balance
Non-State: Local & MNDOT Transportation Alternatives	Secured	\$ 1,123,270	\$ 141,000	\$ 982,270
State: DNR Grant - ROW Purchase	Secured	\$ 224,000	\$ 224,000	\$ -
In kind:	NA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other ENRTF APPROPRIATIONS AWARDED IN THE LAST SIX YEARS				
	Amount legally obligated but not yet spent	Budget	Spent	Balance
	NA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



