



## Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

### M.L. 2021 Approved Work Plan

#### General Information

**ID Number:** 2021-012

**Staff Lead:** Michael Varien

**Date this document submitted to LCCMR:** July 21, 2021

**Project Title:** Perham To Pelican Rapids Regional Trail (McDonald Segment)

**Project Budget:** \$2,245,000

#### Project Manager Information

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#### Project Reporting

**Date Work Plan Approved by LCCMR:** July 20, 2021

**Reporting Schedule:** December 1 / June 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. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 09a

**Appropriation Language:** \$2,245,000 the first year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Otter Tail County to construct the McDonald Segment of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail to connect the cities of Perham and Pelican Rapids to Maplewood State Park.

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

## Narrative

**Project Summary:** Construction of the McDonald Segment (5.83 miles) of the 32-mile Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail that will connect Perham and Pelican Rapids via 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 McDonald Segment of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail - a 10-foot wide, 5.83-mile bituminous multi-use trail from the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 41 and 440th Street going east along 440th Street to CSAH 35, and then east along CSAH 35 to the intersection of CSAH 35 and CSAH 34.

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 with a local investment of \$1,162,500. The West Segment has been funded, pending final LCCMR approval and the Silent Lake Segment has been funded with a GMRPTC grant; both segments with a total local investment of \$3,767,210. Finally, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners has approved \$818,000 to ensure the McDonald Segment is shovel ready in the event the request is approved. The planning, detailed engineering and property acquisition for the McDonald Segment of the trail is underway.

**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?**

County(s): Otter Tail

**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 (McDonald Segment)

**Activity Budget:** \$2,245,000

**Activity Description:**

LCCMR funding will be used to competitively bid and construct a 10-foot wide multi-use trail from the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 41 and 440th Street going east along 440th Street to CSAH 35, and then east along CSAH 35 to the intersection of CSAH 35 and CSAH 34. The proposed project will run parallel along 440th Street and CSAH 35 and link to the newly constructed East portion of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail.

**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
Minnesota Department of Natural Resource	State Agency	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
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 ENRTF Acknowledgement Requirements and Guidelines.**

A wide variety of tools and technologies will be employed to share information about the project. We will use an existing project website (<https://ottertailcountymn.us/project/perham-to-pelican-rapids-trail>) to provide updates. Users can subscribe to receive updates anytime new information is added. Press release and Otter Tail County social media sites will also be utilized for project updates. Finally, there will be considerable public outreach, including direct mailings to keep area property owners apprised of project developments.

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.

## 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 McDonald Segment and the local match.

Once the project is completed, Otter Tail County will assume financial responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the trail. The trail will be maintained for biking, walking and other non-motorized uses during spring, summer and fall. In the winter, the trail will be open for winter activities such as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

## Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
							Sub Total	-
Contracts and Services								
							Sub Total	-
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies								
							Sub Total	-
Capital Expenditures								
		Construction Costs - Contractor selected through competitive bid process	Construct a 10-foot wide; 5.83-mile bituminous trail					\$2,245,000
							Sub Total	\$2,245,000
Acquisitions and Stewardship								
							Sub Total	-
Travel In Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Travel Outside Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Printing and Publication								
							Sub Total	-

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Other Expenses								
							Sub Total	-
							Grand Total	\$2,245,000

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>				
			<b>State Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Non-State</b>				
Cash	Otter Tail County	County share of funding to construct the 10-foot wide, 5.83 mile long McDonald Segment of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail. Included in this are the staff time to manage the project and funding requirements.	Secured	\$961,000
			<b>Non State Sub Total</b>	<b>\$961,000</b>
			<b>Funds Total</b>	<b>\$961,000</b>

## Attachments

### Required Attachments

#### *Visual Component*

File: [c4b69439-ee1.pdf](#)

#### *Alternate Text for Visual Component*

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

#### *Board Resolution or Letter*

Title	File
Board of Commissioners Resolution	<a href="#">10d1282a-e88.pdf</a>

### Optional Attachments

#### *Support Letter or Other*

Title	File
Background Check Certification Form	<a href="#">496723c1-ec4.pdf</a>

## Difference between Proposal and Work Plan

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

Uploaded the 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?**

Yes

**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?**

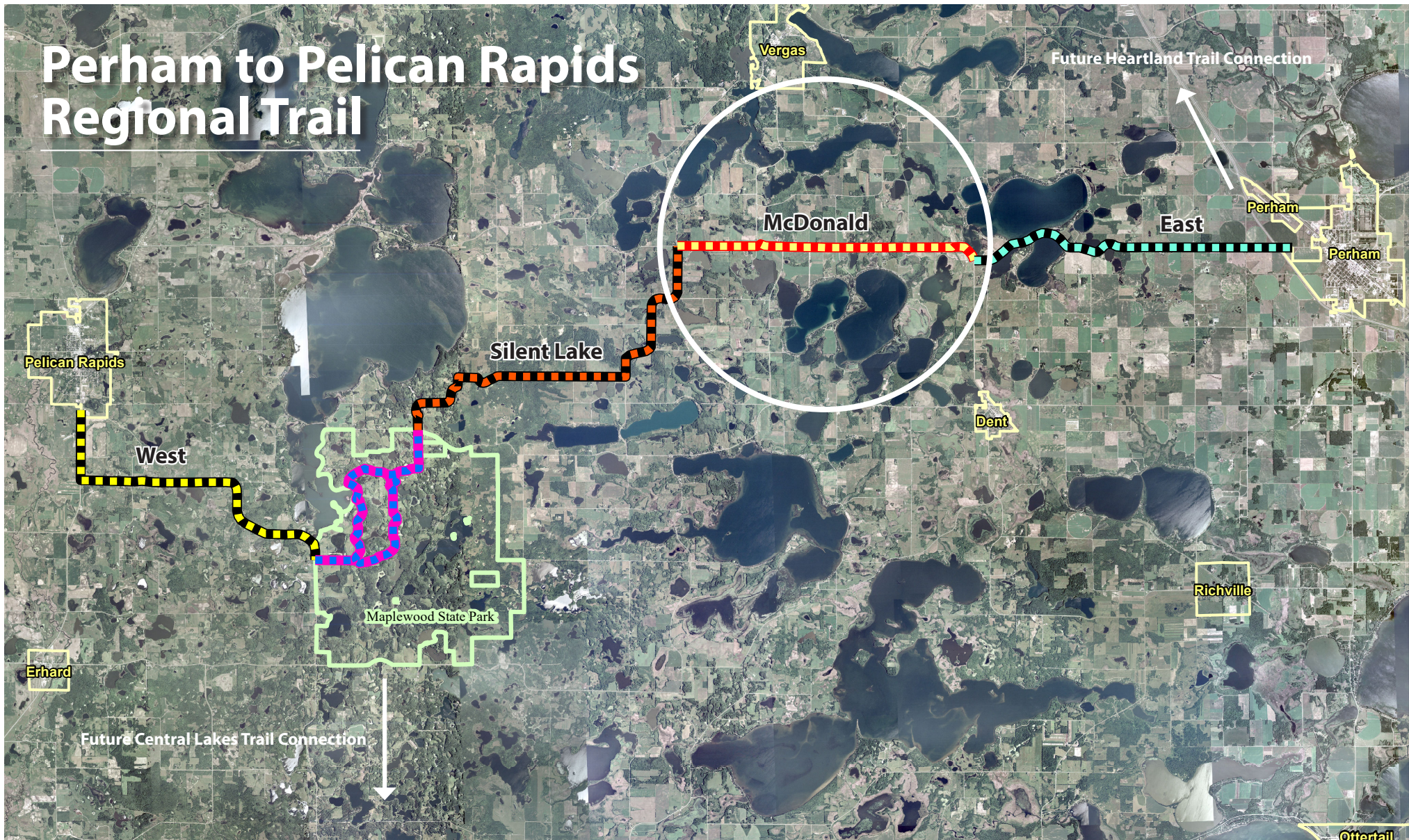
No

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

No



# Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail



## SEGMENT

## STATUS

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

