



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

M.L. 2021 Approved Work Plan

General Information

ID Number: 2021-069

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Project Title: Sauk Rapids Lions Park Riverfront Improvements

Project Budget: \$463,000

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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: June 30, 2024

Final Report Due Date: August 14, 2024

Legal Information

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

Appropriation Language: \$463,000 the first year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the city of Sauk Rapids to design and construct a second phase of upgrades to Lions and Southside Parks including trails, lighting, riverbank restoration, and a canoe and kayak launch to enhance access to the Mississippi River.

Appropriation End Date: June 30, 2024

Narrative

Project Summary: Lions Park improvements. Park is located on the rapids area of the Mississippi River. Enhance interaction with the river regionally with access points in this park.

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

To upgrade the city owned Lions and Southside Parks. Phase 1 construction is scheduled for summer 2020 with a \$9.1 million dollar investment from the city. The Phase 1 improvements include a pavilion, trails, splash pad and other amenities that support a regional park. Due to budget reasons, many important aspects of the project have been left out of the Phase 1 improvements. These items would include trails, lighting, riverbank stabilization, a canoe/kayak launch, and relocated picnic shelters and a monument entry feature.

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.

One of the major Phase 2 features is to have an accessible portage area for launching of canoes/kayaks in the one of the few places with rapids in the Mississippi River. We want to improve this access (currently only a primitive dirt path). The portage accesses, paths (with lighting) would also allow access to an area with interactive piers that is currently not accessible by all and the spurs would allow for quiet areas for people to relax or reflect in the park. There are few areas in MN along the Mississippi that allow for people to interact with the river. Proposed amenities will allow for this. Areas now do not have paved access and or lighting in areas for safety. The banks in this area have been experiencing erosion and need to be stabilized with rock rip rap and vegetation. We want to preserve this area for many years to come with rip rap and protecting the shore for our piers, trails and interactive areas with Phases 1 and 2. Also two park shelters need to be relocated to more appropriate areas and an entrance feature will be added.

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?

To provide this regional park with more amenities that appeal to a broader group of users and to make this park more accessible to people of various abilities. In addition, we would like to better stabilize the shoreline were needed and to encourage people to interact with the river through canoeing, kayaking, fishing, sightseeing, etc.

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?

Region(s): Central

When will the work impact occur?

In the Future

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Trails, Picnic Shelters, and Lighting

Activity Budget: \$237,000

Activity Description:

Install secondary trail for better access to the river interactive area. Install trail spurs for enhanced river viewing and reflection. Install trail and guardrail lighting for safety and to allow access to the trail network, portages, river interactive area, and piers for observation. Provide for picnic and observation seating areas along trails. Major work items include:

TRAIL LIGHTING UNITS (INCLUDES CONCRETE BASES, HANDHOLES, CABLES) \$140,000.00.

GUARDRAIL LIGHTING AT PROMENADE (INCLUDES HANDHOLES, CABLES) \$20,000.00.

SECONDARY TRAIL (8' WIDE, 3.5" BITUMINOUS SURFACING, 8" AGGREGATE BASE) \$30,000.

TRAIL SPURS (3" STABILIZED DECOMPOSED AGGREGATE) \$14,000.

RELOCATE AND REPAIR PICNIC SHELTERS (INCLUDES CONCRETE SLABS, REMOVALS, ASSEMBLIES) \$19,000.

MISCELLANEOUS SITE RESTORATION \$14,000.

Contingency in place.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Start Work On Phase 2 - Trails, Picnic Shelters, and Lighting	May 31, 2022
Substantial Completion of Phase 2 - Trails, Picnic Shelters, and Lighting	August 31, 2022

Activity 2: Kayak/Canoe Launches and Landscape Features

Activity Budget: \$226,000

Activity Description:

Install permanent portage areas, improving access, safety, and mobility to get to the portages for kayak and canoe launching. Install native outcrop features at the promenade. Install park main entrance monument feature. Major work items include:

KAYAK/CANOE LAUNCH/ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS (INCLUDES MODULAR INTERLOCKING CONCRETE SYSTEM, RIP RAP BOULDER ELEMENTS, OUTCROP STEP FEATURES): \$193,000

MONUMENT ENTRY FEATURE: \$14,000

NATIVE GRANITE OUTCROP FEATURES AT PROMENADE: \$19,000

Contingency in place

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Complete Phase 1	August 31, 2021
Start work on Phase 2 - Kayak/Canoe Launches and Landscape Features	May 31, 2022
Substantial Completion on Phase 2 - Kayak/Canoe Launches and Landscape Features	August 31, 2022

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
david krueger	SEH	consultant	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.

All council meetings are public and reports discussed are available to the general public.

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?

On going efforts in the park will be funded and managed by the public works/ park department of the city and through funding of the city. If additional work needs to be done the city will fund those efforts.

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
							Sub Total	-
Contracts and Services								
Engineering Firm Hired Through A Competitive Process	Professional or Technical Service Contract	The Engineering Firm Will Be Responsible For Project Design And Construction Administration				1		\$85,000
							Sub Total	\$85,000
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies								
							Sub Total	-
Capital Expenditures								
							Sub Total	-
Acquisitions and Stewardship								
							Sub Total	-
Travel In Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Travel Outside Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-

Printing and Publication								
							Sub Total	-
Other Expenses								
		General Contractor Hired Through A Competitive Bid Process	General Contractor Will Be Responsible For Constructing Phase 2					\$378,000
							Sub Total	\$378,000
							Grand Total	\$463,000

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				
			State Sub Total	-
Non-State				
Cash	City bonding, half cent sales tax, and utility funds	Move current lift station in the park to new location outside the park. It will be more accessable and will reduce noise, odors and visually be better in the new location and not impede the park.	Pending	\$1,700,000
Cash	City Bonding and half cent sales tax for project \$9.1 million	The Park Project is \$7.5 million while the coinciding River Avenue project which includes the parking is \$1.6 million for a total of about 9.3. The rendering of the Phase 1 project is in the attachment. It includes a indoor pavilion, education area, spash pad, band shell and areas for celebrations. It is designed to be a regional area for events and celebrations along the river. The community will use it heavily for recreation, celebration and access to the Mississippi River.	Secured	\$9,100,000
			Non State Sub Total	\$10,800,000
			Funds Total	\$10,800,000

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [1d41573a-191.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

Rendering of the site plan and details for all the project and phase 2 areas....

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
City Council Resolution	f7c43d28-cb1.pdf

Optional Attachments

Support Letter or Other

Title	File
Background Check Certification Form	4a84fc77-8d7.pdf

Difference between Proposal and Work Plan

Describe changes from Proposal to Work Plan Stage

Changes from proposal to work plan were altered in activity action 1 with more budget in additional lighting units, and in activity action 2 a decrease in budget for outcrop boulder features. Also added language allowing for picnic shelters to be rehabilitated.

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



