



# Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

M.L. 2022 Approved Work Plan

## General Information

**ID Number:** 2022-165

**Staff Lead:** Corrie Layfield

**Date this document submitted to LCCMR:** September 9, 2022

**Project Title:** Ranier Safe Harbor/Transient Dock Phase 2

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

## Project Manager Information

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## Project Reporting

**Date Work Plan Approved by LCCMR:** October 27, 2022

**Reporting Schedule:** March 1 / September 1 of each year.

**Project Completion:** November 30, 2024

**Final Report Due Date:** January 14, 2025

## Legal Information

**Legal Citation:** M.L. 2022, Chp. 94, Sec. 2, Subd. 09n

**Appropriation Language:** \$1,000,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the city of Ranier to construct a safe harbor and transient dock to accommodate watercraft of many sizes to improve public access for boat recreation on Rainy Lake. Before trust fund dollars are spent, a fiscal agent must be approved in the work plan. Before any trust fund dollars are spent, the city must demonstrate that all funds to complete the project are secured. Any revenue generated from selling products or assets developed or acquired with this appropriation must be repaid to the trust fund unless a plan is approved for reinvestment of income in the project as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 116P.10.

**Appropriation End Date:** June 30, 2025

## Narrative

**Project Summary:** The City of Ranier will be constructing a safe harbor/transient dock on Rainy Lake to accommodate watercraft of all sizes.

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

The City of Ranier has been working to develop a financing package to construct a dock, with necessary infrastructure for watercraft of all sizes to provide overnight stays of 14 days or less and daytime tie-up facilities. The total cost of the entire project is estimated to be \$3,000,000. The City of Ranier was awarded \$762,000 from LCCMR in 2020. The City was awarded an additional \$1,000,000 in 2022 for phase 1 and phase 2 of the project. The City has made a couple of applications to the DNR through the FWS Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG) and was unsuccessful in securing this Federal funding. The city has applied for an additional \$1,238,000 from the LCCMR to complete this vital project. This project is divided into phases: Phase 1 using the 2020 LCCMR funds (\$762,000) to complete the project design, permitting, infrastructure to the site (water, sanitary connections, electrical upgrade and site work). Phase 2 would be used for dock construction, which includes the 2022 LCCMR funds (\$1,000,000). Phase 3 funds would be to complete the dock construction, including the floating fingers and the remaining utility extensions.

**What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? Introduce us to the work you are seeking funding to do. You will be asked to expand on this proposed solution in Activities & Milestones.**

The city of Ranier was awarded an additional \$1,000,000 to complete phase 2 (construction, dock utilities, construction administration) of this project. The additional funds will allow Ranier to construct a new dock facility in order to enhance public recreational access to Rainy Lake at a state water-access site. There is a need to construct a facility for recreational boats 26 feet or longer due to a growing demand for recreational access of large boats. Ranier is situated at the confluence of Rainy Lake and Rainy River and is considered the gateway to Voyageurs National Park (VNP), Minnesota's only national park. This project is needed to accommodate the more than 150 houseboats, sailboats and other watercraft of all sizes either privately or commercially owned on Rainy Lake. Construction of the dock will enhance VNP by creating a docking space for the VNP large tour boat. Amenities will be provided to accommodate transient boaters' needs including electrical services, sewage pump-out station and freshwater services.

**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 completion of this project will provide enhanced outdoor recreation opportunities for local residents and for tourists visiting from other parts of the state and from around the country. Visitors will experience the uniqueness of the great north woods and the beauty of Rainy Lake/Voyageurs National Park. Visitors will also have an opportunity to see a wide variety of wildlife including, moose, deer, wolves, eagles, fox and numerous species of birds. This project will also provide necessary infrastructure for large boat traffic and will greatly enhance the region's tourism based economy.

## Project Location

**What is the best scale for describing where your work will take place?**

Region(s): NE

**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: Construction

**Activity Budget:** \$999,999

**Activity Description:**

The dock will be constructed by a responsible contractor selected through appropriate bidding process. At the successful conclusion of this project, the Port of Ranier will have an ADA compliant transient dock facility with overnight, protected slips and daytime slips located on public property, owned and managed by the City of Ranier, MN. This marina will provide overnight transient boaters with water, electricity, and sewage pump out services.

The project is currently being designed. Plan sheets and details are being developed that will support the permit application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR). A pre-application meeting will be held in September, 2022.

Cost estimates will be updated in September, 2022 to reflect the refined design elements. The cost estimates will also be updated to reflect the current market conditions and will be based on recent project bid results.

If construction cannot proceed as planned due to flooding, cost increases, supply chain issues or other unanticipated factors, the City will coordinate with LCCMR staff to amend the work plan.

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Schedule meeting with LCCMR staff and engineering firm to discuss project construction schedule.	October 31, 2022
Project bids awarded	October 31, 2023
Construction start	June 30, 2024
Project Construction/Project Completion	November 30, 2024
Construction Administration	November 30, 2024

### Activity 2: Establishing a Fiscal Agent

**Activity Budget:** \$1

**Activity Description:**

The project contains several conditions in its appropriation language. Specifically, a fiscal agent must be established. Koochiching County has been identified as the fiscal agent on this project. We will meet with the County, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Grants staff and LCCMR staff to create a fiscal agent agreement. We will present this agreement to LCCMR for final approval. Ranier project manager will complete all of the reimbursement documents attaching all invoices for payment and forward such to the County. County will review the documents for accuracy and completion and pay the invoice. Additionally, appropriation language requires full funding to be available to complete the project before these can be spent. We will work to secure additional funding from LCCMR and state capital bonding. When funding is secure, we will provide letters to LCCMR staff. The last condition of the appropriation language specifies that a revenue reinvestment plan must be approved by the Commission. The project is not intended as a revenue maker, it is intended that any fees will be go to protect the investment such as water, sewer and electrical maintenance. We will present this plan to the Commission when we seek approval of fiscal agent agreement.

**Activity Milestones:**

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Meet with Koochiching County Board to ask Koochiching County Treasurer to act as fiscal agent.	June 30, 2022
Forward Koochiching County Board minutes to LCCMR establishing it as fiscal agent.	August 31, 2022
Present fiscal agent agreement to LCCMR staff	September 30, 2022

Schedule a meeting with LCCMR staff to discuss fiscal agent procedures.	October 31, 2022
Secure full funding	June 30, 2023
Share award letters with LCCMR staff	June 30, 2023

## Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Koochiching County	County Government	Fiscal Agent	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.**

At the completion, the project will have informational kiosks and signage depicting the ENRTF logo acknowledging the funding. The location of the dock will be mapped on Google for easy searching by tourists. The local convention and visitor's bureau will include the ramp and parking areas on their website for easy location for tourists. The project notebook will be maintained in the city of Ranier office for review by residents and other interested parties. The dock will be depicted on the city's 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.

## 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 work be funded?**

An expanded facility in Ranier would bring other opportunities for boaters and enhance the recreational boating experience on Rainy Lake and Voyageurs National Park. The designed dock will provide continuity of public access to the shore since 1896. The City of Ranier will be responsible for all of the operation and maintenance cost associated with this facility. The city is committed to maintain and improve the dock for the next twenty years. Funds will be budgeted by the city on an annual basis. The city is well versed in securing future funding, if necessary.

## Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

Name	Appropriation	Amount Awarded
Rainy Lake Recreational Access and Boat Wash Station	M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09p	\$200,000

## Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
<b>Personnel</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Contracts and Services</b>								
General Contractor - Hired Through A Competitive Bidding Process	Professional or Technical Service Contract	General Contract Will Be Responsible For All Project Construction				0		\$900,000
SEH Professional Engineering Firm	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Contract Administration				0		\$100,000
							<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Equipment, Tools, and Supplies</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Acquisitions and Stewardship</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Travel In Minnesota</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-

<b>Travel Outside Minnesota</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Printing and Publication</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
<b>Other Expenses</b>								
							<b>Sub Total</b>	-
							<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>



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				
			Non State Sub Total	-
			Funds Total	-

## Attachments

### Required Attachments

#### *Visual Component*

File: [b3d44d9c-aa9.pdf](#)

#### *Alternate Text for Visual Component*

Visual Shows a Concept Drawing of the Dock...

#### *Board Resolution or Letter*

Title	File
Resolution	<a href="#">ae7514d6-1d6.pdf</a>

### Optional Attachments

#### *Support Letter or Other*

Title	File
Letters of Support	<a href="#">f8d8a23d-db2.pdf</a>
Background check certification form	<a href="#">0428a1b3-0dd.pdf</a>

## Difference between Proposal and Work Plan

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

Changes were made to describe phase 3 of the project which is the final construction phase. Changes were made as advised by LCCMR staff.

## 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?**

Yes

**Do you understand and acknowledge IP and revenue-return and sharing requirements in 116P.10?**

Yes

**Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF? If so, describe here:**

Yes, Docking fees for overnight stays are expected to generate \$1500 annually. The fees will be used for paying the monthly power costs for electricity, sewer and for fresh water, the costs of annual winterizing of the sewer pump out system and water system, credit card company fees for the sewer pump out and anticipated annual software fees for the sewer pump out system. The floating docks will have to be unattached with the use of a hired private watercraft.

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

No

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

Yes, Koochiching County