Final Abstract

Final Report Approved on November 2, 2026

M.L. 2024 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2026

Project Title: Morrison County Historical Society Streambank Stabilization and Restoration

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Funding Source:

Fiscal Year:

Legal Citation: M.L. 2024, Chp. 83, Sec. 2, Subd. 08b

Appropriation Amount: $519,000

Amount Spent: $519,000

Amount Remaining: -

Sound bite of Project Outcomes and Results

Approximately 400 feet of severely eroding Mississippi River shoreline was stabilized near Little Falls, reducing a major source of sediment pollution. Native vegetation, reinforced slopes, and in-river rock and wood structures protect water quality, improve fish habitat, and restore a resilient riverbank within the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape.

Summary of Project and Outcomes

At the Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum in Little Falls, years of erosion threatened a historic community resource and degraded the Mississippi River. The steep, sandy riverbank, reaching 30 feet high, suffered a major collapse following an intense 2020 rainstorm. Before restoration, erosion at the site was estimated to contribute approximately 554 tons of sediment annually to the river.

Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District partnered with the Morrison County Historical Society, local governments, state and federal agencies, and engineering and construction professionals to restore approximately 400 feet of shoreline. Rather than relying on a conventional concrete wall, the project used a nature-based design to stabilize the riverbank while improving habitat.

Completed in spring 2026, the work reshaped and reinforced unstable slopes, established native vegetation, and installed strategically placed rock and woody structures along the water's edge. These features help redirect strong currents away from the bank, reduce future soil loss, and create varied habitat for fish and other aquatic life. The project also protects the museum grounds and public access to this culturally significant riverfront site.

Following storm damage and wildlife disturbance in June 2026, damaged erosion-control materials and plantings were replaced. The restoration is substantially complete, with vegetation establishment to be evaluated again in May 2027.

The project demonstrates how shoreline protection can combine engineered stability with native plants and aquatic habitat improvements. By addressing a significant source of erosion on a highly valued stretch of the Mississippi River, this investment supports long-term water quality, wildlife habitat, and public enjoyment of Minnesota's natural and cultural resources.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

Project progress and results were shared through local news coverage, updates to Morrison County and the City of Little Falls, and presentations to the North Central Conservation Roundtable, Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape teams, and Mississippi River Brainerd Collaborative. Publicly visible signs at the museum acknowledge Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund support. Project photographs, engineering plans, and a construction slideshow document the restoration and provide examples of nature-based shoreline stabilization for conservation professionals and the public. A project poster was also planned for the October 2026 Minnesota Water Resources Conference.

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General Information

Date: November 2, 2026

ID Number: 2024-022

Staff Lead: Tom Dietrich

Project Title: Morrison County Historical Society Streambank Stabilization and Restoration

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Project Reporting

Final Report Approved: November 2, 2026

Reporting Status: Project Completed

Date of Last Action: November 2, 2026

Project Completion: June 30, 2026

Legal Information

Legal Citation: M.L. 2024, Chp. 83, Sec. 2, Subd. 08b

Appropriation Language: $519,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District to stabilize and restore land along the Mississippi River owned by the Morrison County Historical Society within the statutory boundaries of Charles A. Lindbergh State Park to improve water quality and improve aquatic and terrestrial habit. For purposes of this appropriation, subdivision 13, paragraph (e), does not apply. The commissioner of natural resources may make reasonable amounts of this appropriation available on an advance basis to accommodate the Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District's cash-flow needs if a plan for the advances is approved as part of the work plan.

Appropriation End Date: June 30, 2027

Narrative

Project Summary: Construction funding is needed to stabilize a unique shoreline site using a bioengineered design incorporating native plants soil wraps, stream barbs and root wads to create aquatic habitat.

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

This stretch of shoreline is where significant erosive forces have been acting upon the bank and has caused excessive erosion along 400 feet of sandy soils extending as high as 30 feet up the bank. It is located two miles from Little Falls Dam at the confluence of Pike Creek and the Mississippi River in a landscape that is ranked second highest of Minnesota's most important source water protection watersheds for its ability to produce clean water for approximately 1.2 million people for drinking water.

The erosion was identified in 2015 but on June 29th, 2020 an extreme storm in Little Falls produced 8 inches of rain in six hours and caused a massive portion of the stream bank to slough off. The erosion from this site has been estimated to contribute approx. 554 tons of sediment per year. This sediment loading has direct affects to the water quality and habitat.

The landowner, Morrison County Historical Society, worked to secure funding for a design through the help of private donations, the City of Little Falls and Morrison County. Engineered was completed early this year by Ulteig Engineering with the assistance of the SWCD, DNR fisheries and waters.

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.

This proposal will stabilize the eroded stream bank by using bioengineering incorporating native vegetated soil wraps, stream barbs and root wads to create aquatic habitat. The design will effectively add needed protection, while improving fish habitat and stability. Single rock veins will provide significant habitat benefits while offering toe protection and deflection of near bank, higher current velocity areas. The net effect is velocity vectors pulling away from the aforementioned bank area on the 400 foot stretch of shoreline.

The Morrison County Historical Society felt very strongly about using a bioengineered design which incorporated habitat components as well as native vegetation and did not include concrete retaining walls and excessive hard scaping. This section of the Mississippi is one of the most pristine along the whole river system with this location being less than five miles from the most undeveloped stretches of the river, the 18 miles which runs through Camp Ripley.

The final design regarded alternatives and cost. Construction will occur after permits have been obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers, DNR Public Water Work Permit and the City of Little Falls. Work will occur outside of the fish exclusion window of April-June.

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 site is located within the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape (CRSL) which is a diverse matrix of wetlands, prairie and forest. The CRSL works to preserve natural corridors as they are crucial to climate change resilience and water benefits. Waterways are especially critical as they provide habitat, food and migration corridors for many species. This area boasts a great deal of recreational angling for Walleye, Smallmouth Bass, Channel catfish and Muskellunge. Each of these species requires habitat diversity. The engineered design incorporates bioengineering and habitat components which will ensure a healthy fishery and blend in with its natural surroundings.

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?

During the Project

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Pre-Construction

Activity Budget: $1,000

Activity Description:
This is for work completed leading up to construction that is primarily happening outside of the grant execution and will be funded elsewhere. The milestones will be completing the engineering work such as geotechnical and elevation survey works, drafting plans and addressing revisions. Final design and permitting will happen before construction but may be completed after the grant is executed. Discussions with the Morrison County Historical Society, City of Little Falls, Morrison County and agreements worked out to demonstrate fiscal committment to the project to ensure work is uninterupted and the project is completed as designed.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Phase 1 Archeology Survey	September 30, 2023
Engineering - Geotechnical Survey, Elevation Survey, Draft Plans, Final Design and Permitting	February 28, 2024
Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit qualified contractors to complete the streambank	August 31, 2024
Phase 2 Archeology Survey	August 31, 2024
City of Little Falls and Morrison County Funds Received	August 31, 2024
Application to National Register of Historical Places	December 31, 2024

Activity 2: Construction

Activity Budget: $515,000

Activity Description:
This activity includes the preconstruction meeting before work is done to make sure permits are followed and erosion control and water quality protections are in place. It also includes the earth work and streambank stabilization, native planting of seed and plugs by the selected contractors. It also includes the construction inspection during that time. Inspection will be completed on the earth work, revegetation, installation of the various features. Finally, the as-built engineered plans will be certified.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
On-Site Construction Inspection	September 30, 2024
Pre-Construction Meeting	September 30, 2024
Earth Work and Streambank Stabilization	September 30, 2024
Native Planting Seed and Plugs	September 30, 2024
As-Built Engineered Plans Certified	June 30, 2025
Restoration Completion and Final Inspection	June 30, 2025

Activity 3: Post Construction Management

Activity Budget: $3,000

Activity Description:
This includes putting together final documentation on the project including invoices from the contractor and engineer, tracking of any in-kind, pictures and summary of the project for final reports and community on the project success. This

will be used to document and show justification for the cash advance. This time will also be used to present to community funders with the Historical Society to ensure they are satisfied with the project and their funding is secured. Morrison SWCD will complete the final report submission to LCCMR.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
DNR Advance on Funds to Pay Contractors as Described in Appropriation Language	September 30, 2024
Board Approval of Final Payments to Contractors	December 31, 2024
Install Durable and Fixed Sign with Project Acknowledgment	May 31, 2025
Final Report Submission to LCCMR	June 30, 2025

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Camille Warzecha	Morrison County Historical Society	President	No
Roger Clay	Ulteig	Engineer	Yes
Greg Kimman	City of Little Falls	Engineer	No
Matt LeBlanc	Morrison County	Administrator	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.
We will be working to inform the public through press releases before the project starts because it is in a location that is very well known and is open to the public year-round. Leading up to the project start presentations will also be given at the City of Little Falls and Morrison County as they are also providing funding on the project and want to be kept in the loop as to its progress. After the project is complete Morrison Soil and Water will work with the Historical Society to publish a longer article in the Morrison County Record which retells the story of the project and what completion means to the site and the benefits it will provide long term to habitat and water quality. This location would also be used as a tour stop on our next Conservation Tour which the Morrison SWCD would host. All of our published materials will be sure to display the ENRTF logo and give acknowledgement. Morrison County Historical Society will install a durable and fixed sign displayed in a prominent location to acknowledge ENRTF.

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?
Morrison SWCD will work with Ulteig Engineering to oversee construction of the one-time project. Additional funding will not be needed once the project is installed. The Morrison County Historical Society will be responsible for maintenance of the site. If additional work is needed such as re-seeding and plant establishment the landowner may work with the SWCD to obtain state cost share funding to get the site vegetated.

Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

Name	Appropriation	Amount Awarded
Oak Wilt Suppression at its Northern Edge	M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 06b	$100,000
Morrison County Performance Drainage and Hydrology Management II	M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 03j	$197,000
Oak Wilt Suppression At The Northern Edge II	M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 06c	$423,000

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	$ Amount	$ Amount Spent	$ Amount Remaining
Personnel										
Engineering Technician		Construction Inspection			20%	0.02		$2,500	-	-
Lead Technician		Construction Inspection			20%	0.02		$2,500	-	-
District Manager		Project Manager			20%	0.01		$2,500	-	-
Administrative Assistant / Bookkeeper		Bookkeeper			20%	0.01		$500	-	-
							Sub Total	**$8,000**	**$8,000**	**-**
Contracts and Services										
Insured Contractor-Sunram Construction, Inc.	Service Contract	Selected Contractor to do the restoration features, seeding and native plantings. Contract held by MCHS.				0.02		$470,381	$470,381	-
Ulteig	Service Contract	Construction Inspection and Final As-Built Survey and Plan. Ulteig is the main engineer on the project, having designed the plans but they will also be subcontracting Braun Intertec for part of this work. Contract held by MCHS.				0.01		$40,000	$40,000	-
							Sub Total	**$510,381**	**$510,381**	**-**
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies										
							Sub Total	**-**	**-**	**-**
Capital Equipment										
							Sub Total	**-**	**-**	**-**

Acquisitions and Stewardship										
							Sub Total	**-**	**-**	**-**
Travel In Minnesota										
							Sub Total	**-**	**-**	**-**
Travel Outside Minnesota										
							Sub Total	**-**	**-**	**-**
Printing and Publication										
	Publication	Request for Proposals	Soliciting bids for construction					$619	$619	-
							Sub Total	**$619**	**$619**	**-**
Other Expenses										
							Sub Total	**-**	**-**	**-**
							Grand Total	**$519,000**	**$519,000**	**-**

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request

Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	$ Amount	$ Amount Spent	$ Amount Remaining
State						
			State Sub Total	**-**	**-**	**-**
Non-State						
Cash	City of Little Falls	Funds to be used towards construction.	Secured	$49,240	$49,240	-
Cash	Morrison County	Funds to be used towards construction.	Secured	$83,000	$83,000	-
Cash	Private Funds	To be used towards construction.	Secured	$30,000	$30,000	-
Cash	City of Little Falls	Engineering Costs	Secured	$21,000	$21,000	-
Cash	Morrison County	Engineering Costs and Permitting	Secured	$57,000	$57,000	-
			Non State Sub Total	**$240,240**	**$240,240**	**-**
			Funds Total	**$240,240**	**$240,240**	**-**

Acquisition and Restoration

Parcel List

Name	County	Site Significance	Activity	Acres	Miles	Estimated Cost	Type of Landowner	Easement or Title Holder	Status of Work
Morrison County Historical Society, Parcel Number 49-1107016	Morrison	River Confluence - Mississippi River and Pike Creek; Culturally Significant	Restoration	0.2	0.08	$647,000	Private		Completed
Totals				**0.2**	**0.08**	**$647,000**			

Restoration

1. Provide a statement confirming that all restoration activities completed with these funds will occur on land permanently protected by a conservation easement or public ownership.

This land is owned by the Morrison County Historical Society. They are a private nonprofit organization that was organized in 1936 by members that elect its board of directors. The site however falls within the statutory boundaries of the Charles A. Lindbergh State Park as identified in the attached document. The Historical Society is committed to remain the owner of the property but if forced to divest they are committed to transferring the property to the state for inclusion into the park so it will be available as it is now, for the public use and enjoyment into perpetuity (see Letter of Support, Attached). The site houses the Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum and houses the collection of Morrison County's historic and cultural infrastructure. The society is petitioning to be on the National Register of Historic Places as it is eligible in 2025. The site has unique cultural significance in the area as it is the confluence of Pike Creek and the Mississippi River. Due to this significance the society has been awarded a grant to complete a Phase 1 archeological survey which will be completed the summer of 2023 and will have the Mille Lacs Tribal Historic Preservation Officer representatives onsite during the survey.

2. Summarize the components and expected outcomes of restoration and management plans for the parcels to be restored by your organization, how these plans are kept on file by your organization, and overall strategies for long-term plan implementation.

Significant shoreline bank reshaping will need to happen before the toe of the slope and the base of the new slope can be established and the soil wraps can be installed on top of it. Live cuttings will be imbedded in-between the layers of these flex MSE bags or soil wraps. A berm will run along the top of the bank to limit any overland runoff pressure on the slope. Willow waddles will be placed along the toe of the slope to conceal rip rap and revegetate this area. Rip rap piers or stream barbs will be spaced along the length of the restored bank. Currently along the 400 foot length four stream barbs and six small piers with large root wadded logs are being proposed. Station locations for pier-rock vane structures and for pier only structures may be adjusted at the time of construction. After construction an as-built survey will be completed and certified by the engineer. All of the plans for this project will be kept on file at the Morrison SWCD office. If any issues arise during construction or after completion the Morrison SWCD will be the main point of contact for resolving issues.

3. Describe how restoration efforts will utilize and follow the Board of Soil and Water Resources "Native Vegetation Establishment and Enhancement Guidelines" in order to ensure ecological integrity and pollinator enhancement.

Morrison SWCD qualified technicians will be part of the pre-construction meeting making sure the timeline of the project will fall within recommended planting dates. During construction these same technicians will be onsite to make sure establishment guidelines are followed and erosion control measures are in place during construction and for long term success of the project. Our technicians have job approval authority to do this work through NRCS.

4. Describe how the long-term maintenance and management needs of the parcel being restored with these funds will be met and financed into the future.

Long-term maintenance and management needs of the parcel being restored will be the responsibility of the Morrison County Historical Society. If the site does not vegetate properly the Morrison SWCD will extend cost share and technical assistance until the site gets established.

5. Describe how consideration will be given to contracting with Conservation Corps of Minnesota for any restoration activities.

If the project is funded the project manager will email the Conservation Corps to make them aware of the project and the restoration activities which could be completed by the Corps. We will invite them to submit a bid for the restoration components of the project.

6. Provide a statement indicating that evaluations will be completed on parcels where activities were implemented both 1) initially after activity completion and 2) three years later as a follow-up. Evaluations should analyze

improvements to the parcel and whether goals have been met, identify any problems with the implementation, and identify any findings that can be used to improve implementation of future restoration efforts at the site or elsewhere.

The Morrison SWCD will complete spot checks on the parcel year 1, 3, 5 and 9 after the project is installed and this information will be shared with the landowners. These spot checks will identify the condition of the restoration and what maintenance suggestions there are for the landowners. Spot checks are also an opportunity to connect technical staff with museum staff and to answer any additional questions they may have about their site or others.

Attachments

Required Attachments

Map

File: 3a5bd2da-6fd.pdf

Alternate Text for Map

Overview of constructed project...

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
Morrison SWCD Resolution	6b0b97c9-b71.docx
Morrison SWCD Resolution_Fiscal Agent	356459dc-dee.pdf
County Board Transfer of Funds	4a4c1b83-cca.docx
City of Little Falls Transfer of Funds	138921ce-df3.docx

Supplemental Attachments

Capital Project Questionnaire, Budget Supplements, Support Letter, Photos, Media, Other

Title	File
Letter of Support - Morrison County	437b95cb-f50.pdf
Letter of Support - Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape	812cefc2-3b6.doc
Letter of Support - Representative Ron Kresha	58b17374-f58.pdf
Letter of Support - Initiative Foundation	b29c7386-a49.docx
Letter of Support - Historical Society	0b714bde-1d7.pdf
Letter of Support - City of Little Falls	0af2f35a-3da.pdf
Charles A. Lindberg State Park Statutory Park Boundaries	a80561f8-47c.pdf
Letter of Support - DNR Fisheries	7443ab20-647.pdf
Engineers Preliminary Estimate	5f75642a-2f4.pdf
Site Location Map	a2cc7fd8-fc8.pdf
Draft Engineering Plan	86bee03e-3c3.pdf
Soil Loss Estimator	9a71e7ea-e75.pdf
Morrison Co Resolution	28a28829-c03.pdf
City of Little Falls, MN Resolution	a12c8c57-1ed.pdf
Morrison Co Board of Commissioners Meeting minutes	baa270ad-689.pdf
City of Little Falls, Mn Council Meeting Minutes	8de0ecfb-2a9.pdf
Combined Bid Package 0425 signed	39429371-d19.pdf
Bid Package	c78b16d0-9d4.pdf
Bid Tabulation Sheet 5.16.25	928b1994-174.pdf
Public Notice Ad Proof	8e3519c0-a36.pdf
Bid Abstract 5.16.25	366dacb8-bc1.pdf
Bid Advertisement	4450762e-5ea.pdf
Project Bid #1 (Sunram Construction)	57c37374-02b.pdf
Project Bid #2 (Rachel Contracting)	b79d7ab2-58c.pdf
Signed Contract with Sunram Construction Inc	ca48bcf4-9a9.pdf
Sunram Bond	43f7b599-8c2.pdf
Contract with Sunram Construction	732abd12-af3.pdf
MC Record Publication 3.7.26	4cce4590-f3d.pdf
MC Record Publication 7.27.23	d509d04e-080.pdf
MC Record Publication 4.22.22	55ac253f-6e1.pdf
MC Record Publication 10.14.22	925333d1-bfc.pdf
Presentation to City of LF - Project Update 3.5.26	ef71f215-401.pdf
Contract with MCHS	cfd18ead-32b.pdf
Contract between MSWCD and MCHS	fce6a52d-bcd.pdf

Final Slideshow	d4e149ac-c13.pdf
Morrison County Historical Society Facebook Page	b0a27f42-448.jpe
Final Stabilization - Drone Shot	ef07e4ac-46e.png
Engineer's Certificate of Substantial Completion	adfb11bc-c4c.pdf
Project Overview (Submitted with Proposal)	7ac2ea00-607.pdf

Media Links

Title	Link
Morrison County Historical Society	https://morrisoncountyhistory.org/?p=9951
Morrison County Historical Society YouTube Channel - Project Start	https://youtube.com/shorts/u5Kf2utTZUo?si=JBC96NldseOvF6NG
Morrison County Historical Society YouTube Channel -Week 6	https://youtu.be/ewTGAilyzv0?si=R6JGCnb4PGAoSFGx
Morrison County Historical Society Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/MorrisonCountyHistoricalSociety/

Difference between Proposal and Work Plan

Describe changes from Proposal to Work Plan Stage

No changes were made to the proposal. I did adjust the completion date out to the end of the appropriation period. 12/15/23 I updated the reporting dates by I mistakingly filled it in as first choice, second choice not first deadline, second deadline and now I cannot change it. Sorry! My preference would be May 1 and November 1 for deadline so match up with quarterly reporting deadlines we have for other grants (January - December calendar quarters).

6/10/24 Added Before Submitting Final Workplan:

Activities and Milestones
Activity 1- Pre-Construction

- Milestone # 5, Phase 2 Archeology Survey, 8/31/2024
- Milestone # 6, City of Little Falls and Morrison County Funds Received, 8/31/2024

Activity 3- Post Construction Management

- Milestone # 4, DNR Advance on Funds to Pay Contractors as Described in Appropriation Language, 9/30/2024

Attachments
Board Resolution or Letter:

- County Board Transfer of Funds
- City of Little Falls Transfer of Funds

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 understand that travel expenses are only approved if they 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, sale of products and assets, or revenue generation?

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

Does your project include the pre-design, design, construction, or renovation of a building, trail, campground, or other fixed capital asset costing $10,000 or more or large-scale stream or wetland restoration?

No

Do you propose using an appropriation from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to conduct a project that provides children's services (as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 299C.61 Subd.7 as "the provision of care, treatment, education, training, instruction, or recreation to children")?

No

Do you understand that a named service contract does not constitute a funder-designated subrecipient or approval of a sole-source contract? In other words, a service contract entity is only approved if it has been selected according to the contracting rules identified in state law and policy for organizations that receive ENRTF funds through direct appropriations, or in the DNR's reimbursement manual for non-state organizations. These rules may include competitive bidding and prevailing wage requirements

Yes, I understand

Work Plan Amendments

Amendment ID	Request Type	Changes made on the following pages	Justification For Amendment Request (word limit 75)	Date Submitted	Approved	Date of LCCMR Action
1	Amendment Request	• Budget - Professional / Technical Contracts	Sunram Construction, Inc. was selected to do the dirt work and restoration through an advertised bidding process. See attachments section for documentation for bidding documents, submitted materials and contract signed by Morrison County Historical Society. MOA with Morrison County Historical Society to establish Morrison SWCD as the fiscal for the grant.	January 12, 2026	Yes	January 12, 2026
2	Amendment Request	• Budget • Budget - Professional / Technical Contracts • Budget - Printing and Publication • Budget - Non-ENRTF Funds Contributed • Attachments	Service Contract between MSWCD and MCHS to define the relationship and why MSWCD is paying the contractor and engineering invoices. Budget amended to move remaining publication expenses to the line item for professional contracts/Sunram. Braun removed as a professional contract because they are a subcontract to Ulteig, all providing engineering services and construction oversight.	March 19, 2026	Yes	April 7, 2026

Status Update Reporting

Final Status Update August 14, 2026

Date Submitted: September 30, 2026

Date Approved: October 20, 2026

Overall Update
Since the previous report, earthwork and streambank stabilization resumed following the winter shutdown and were completed in late spring 2026. The project stabilized approximately 400 feet of eroded shoreline using bioengineering techniques, including native vegetated soil wraps, stream barbs, root wads, and rock veins designed to provide toe protection, redirect higher near-bank velocities, and improve aquatic habitat.

Following a June storm, portions of the site required replanting and replacement of erosion-control blanket. Additional replanting was also completed after wildlife damage occurred following fence installation. These issues were identified early and addressed with assistance from MSWCD's engineering technician.

The restoration is now considered substantially complete. Revegetation remains under warranty and will be evaluated for final certification in May 2027, one year after installation.

One off-site staging area requires additional work due to soil compaction. That work will proceed following review by the State Historic Preservation Officer and coordination between MCHS and the private engineer.

Overall, the project has progressed from permitting and construction through substantial completion of the planned shoreline stabilization, habitat enhancement, bioengineering, and revegetation work.

Activity 1
This activity was previously marked complete.
(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)

Activity 2
The project was started in the fall of 2025 after the final permit was issued by the ACOE. A pre-construction meeting was held with the Contractor, Engineers, MSWCD and MCHS staff. Earth work and streambank stabilization work was paused for the winter but was completed late spring of 2026

Due to a storm in June the site did need to have some replanting and reblanketing done. Around the same time a fence was installed and replanting needed to occur due to wildlife damage.

The restoration is considered substantially complete at this point until the warranty period for the revegetation is certified next May, one year after the revegetation work was completed.

An area that was used as a staging area, away from the restoration site, needs additional work due to compaction in this area. This work will happen after the State Historic Preservation Officer is able to review this location. The MCHS and private engineer will work to resolve this.

Having our engineering technician so close to the site helped identify these issues early and get them resolved during and after construction.
(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)

Activity 3

1 Board Approval of Final Payments to Contractors - All payments owed to the contractor and engineer from the grant have been paid.

2 Final Report Submission to LCCMR - 9/30/2026

3 Install Durable and Fixed Sign with Project Acknowledgment - Summer 2026

4 DNR Advance on Funds to Pay Contractors as Described in Appropriation Language - Did not work out as planned due to heightened concerns for fraud across Minnesota.

(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)

Dissemination

There has been a lot of interest from the public on the status of the project so there have been a couple of stories on the progress of the site since construction began. In addition, the MCHS has continued to update the county and city on the progress of the project. Acknowledgement has been given to LCCMR/ENRTF in these publications and during communication. The site has signs placed in locations visible to the public that credit LCCMR with project funding.

In addition, the project has been shared and has been featured at the following professional meetings: North Central Conservation Roundtable, Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Leadership and Restoration Teams, Mississippi River Brainerd Collaborative and in October 2026 a poster will be presented highlighting the project and construction methods used on the site at the MN Water Resource Conference.

Status Update Reporting

Status Update May 1, 2026

Date Submitted: March 19, 2026

Date Approved: April 7, 2026

Overall Update
The project was started in the fall of 2025 after the final permit was issued by the ACOE. The engineered design is coming to life as site preparations were made by clearing the hillside, dirt work was started and the bioengineering and habitat components which will ensure a healthy fishery and blend in with its natural surroundings were installed. Due to the late time of year that the project started they were not able to finish all of the components. The site was tarped and is waiting for spring to commence the work again. The plan is to finish the work in May 2026.

Activity 1
Phase 1, 2 and 3 Archeology Surveys were completed on the site. Permits were issued by ACOE.

The Morrison County Historical Society (MCHS) worked with DNR, MSWCD, ACOE to develop a final engineered design by Ulteig Engineers.

The MCHS entered into contract with the lowest bidder, Sunram Construction to do the project. The project was started in Fall 2025 and will be completed early summer 2026.

Funds from the City of Little Falls and Morrison County have been received and are being used on the project. MCHS signed a service contract with MSWCD to administer the contract with Sunram Construction and the Engineers for the purpose of executing the project using funds from the LCCMR.

The Morrison County Historical Society was notified they are now considered register eligible but are not actually on the National Register of Historic Places. They do not plan on moving forward on a full nomination at this time due to other priorities.
(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)

Activity 2
The project was started in the fall of 2025 after the final permit was issued by the ACOE. A pre-construction meeting was held with the Contractor, Engineers, MSWCD and MCHS staff. Earth work and streambank stabilization work was started.

Due to the late time of year that the project started they were not able to finish all of the components including the native seeding and plantings. The site was tarped and is waiting for spring to commence the work again. The plan is to finish the work in May 2026.

Activity 3
A DNR Advance of funds was made once the project was confirmed to be moving forward. Once construction started and the first invoice was received, the SWCD moved forward with paying the invoice and the DNR could no longer process the advance and therefor had to be processed as a reimbursement. In addition, clarification needed to be documented on why the MSWCD was making payments to Sunram Construction when the invoice was made to the MCHS further delayed the DNR's ability to reimburse the MSWCD. A MOU was developed between the two boards that identified the MSWCD as the fiscal agent for the project. This was determined by DNR to be an insufficient document for a financial transaction. MSWCD and the MCHS then signed a Contract for Services agreement. This Contract for Service it

to administer the contract with the Restoration Contractor and Engineers for the purpose of executing the project using funds from the LCCMR/ENRTF.

Dissemination

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Status Update Reporting

Status Update August 1, 2025

Date Submitted: August 1, 2025

Date Approved: August 7, 2025

Overall Update
The project has not started yet due to permitting hold ups. The Phase 3 Archeology Survey was completed the first week of July so data entry and report writing are in process. Once this survey is completed the ACOE will be able to issue the final permit.

Since the last report a second bidding process was held with to companies submitting bids. The Historical Society was able to move forward with a contract with Sunram Construction as the construction estimate was withing the original project budget.

Activity 1
The Morrison County Historical Society did obtain a final plan and set of bid documents for the construction phase of the project which was then advertised with three bids submitted. All these bids were rejected due to elevated prices. The design was revised, and another advertisement went out for bids. Two bids were received. The historical society entered into contract with the lowest bidder, Sunram Construction to do the project.

Funds from the City of Little Falls and Morrison County have been received. The engineering dollars have been used to and just the construction dollars remain.

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Activity 2
Construction has not started as of August 1, 2025. The project has not started yet due to permitting hold ups. The Phase 3 Archeology Survey was completed the first week of July so data entry and report writing are in process. Once this survey is completed the ACOE will be able to issue the final permit.

In addition, a bid request was advertised end of February/beginning of March for three weeks and sixteen contractors requested the bid packet and three submitted a bid. The bid opening was held with bids ranging between $1.1-1.4M which was disheartening. The lowest bid was $400,000 over the engineers estimate. The historical society board voted to reject all bids and asked the engineer to cut costs in the design. The slightly revised, lower cost design is now being advertised, and a new bid opening will be on May 16th. There were two contractors who bid on the project. The historical society entered into contract with the lowest bidder, Sunram Construction to do the project as their proposal was within budget for the project.

Activity 3
As mentioned above construction has not started as of August 1, 2025. The project is now out for bid for the second time. The first round did have three qualified contractors bid on the project, but the Morrison County Historical Society rejected the bids due to the price. The engineer has done minor revisions on the design to include some lower cost

options. The bioengineering principals of the design are still intact just the geogrid mat has been replaced with a turf reinforcement mat and quantities of common excavation and topsoil quantities have been reduced. This final design has been attached in this system (the parking lot portion is not being paid for with LCCMR funds). The new bid packet went again out for bid until May 16th. There were two contractors who bid on the project. The historical society entered into contract with the lowest bidder, Sunram Construction to do the project as their proposal was within budget for the project. The project timeline is still targeted for fall 2025 so a request to DNR will be submitted for advance funds on the project.

Dissemination

The project was advertised twice, both times for several weeks in the Morrison County Record and on QuestCDN. The bid packet lists the sources of funding for the project which includes LCCMR funding. No additional dissemination has been done. When final permits are received, we will publish a press release as there has been a lot of interest from the public on the status of the project.

Status Update Reporting

Status Update May 1, 2025

Date Submitted: May 14, 2025

Date Approved: May 19, 2025

Overall Update
The project is at a standstill currently. Part of the holdup continues to be permitting. Phase 1 and Phase 2 Archaeological surveys have been completed, but the US Army Corp. of Engineers (ACOE) has requested that a Phase 3 Survey be completed before permits will be approved. Michael Madson from the Corps and Lucy Harrington the SHPO met out on site on April 16. 2025 to resolve this. No permit has been received as yet.

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Activity 1
The Morrison County Historical Society did obtain a final plan and set of bid documents for the construction phase of the project which was then advertised with three bids submitted. All these bids were rejected due to elevated prices. The design has been revised and is currently being advertised.

Funds from the City of Little Falls and Morrison County have been received. The engineering dollars have been used to and just the construction dollars remain.

Last update talked about the Phase 3 Archaeological Survey slowing down the timeline of the project due to the comment period required for the approval of the survey protocol by Minnesota State Historical Preservation Office. Apparently, the paperwork was misplaced, and this has caused a significant delay to the 30-60 day timeline. The Corps and SHPO met out on site on April 16th to resolve the permitting hold-up. No permit has been received as yet.

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Activity 2
Construction has not started as of May 1, 2025. The project is at a standstill currently. Part of the holdup continues to be permitting. Phase 1 and Phase 2 Archaeological surveys have been completed, but the US Army Corp. of Engineers (ACOE) has requested that a Phase 3 Survey be completed before permits will be approved. Michael Madson from the Corps and Lucy Harrington the SHPO met out on site on April 16. 2025 to resolve this. No permit has been received as yet.

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Dissemination

The bid has now been advertised several weeks in the Morrison County Record and on QuestCDN. The bid packet lists the sources of funding for the project which includes LCCMR funding. No additional dissemination has been done. Once a contractor has been selected, we will publish a press release as there has been a lot of interest from the public on the status of the project.

Status Update Reporting

Status Update August 1, 2024

Date Submitted: August 26, 2024

Date Approved: September 6, 2024

Overall Update

The outcome of the project is for a streambank stabilization and restoration at this site that incorporates bioengineering and habitat components which will ensure a healthy fishery and blend in with its natural surroundings. The project construction has not yet begun.

What has happened recently is the Morrison County Historical Society and Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD) staff presented an update and resolutions (attached) to both the Morrison County Board of Commissioners and City of Little Falls on June 11th and 17th, 2024 respectively clarifying the fiscal responsibilities and asking those entities for the committed match funding that had been previous pledged but was waiting for the grant funding to be awarded. The resolutions were both approved and MSWCD is now holding the cash match funds the city and county promised.

In addition, engineering staff completed the draft plans and specifications for the construction. A draft bid packet has been completed and reviewed by MSWCD.

The hold up on the project is due to permitting. Phase 1 and Phase 2 Archaeological surveys have been completed, but the US Army Corp. of Engineers (ACOE) has requested that a Phase 3 Survey be completed before permits will be approved.

Activity 1

The Morrison County Historical Society has obtained a draft set of bid documents for the construction phase of the project. A final set of plans will be completed once the Phase 3 Archaeological Survey is approved. The ACOE has requested that a Phase 3 Archaeological Survey be completed for the site. A Phase 3 survey could possibly slow down the timeline of the project due to the comment period required for the approval of the survey protocol by Minnesota State Historical Preservation Office. The Phase 3 survey may result in the project being delayed until spring due to the revegetation timeline will be too late into the fall. The timeline for the Phase 3 survey is dependent on how much time the ACOE takes with their Memorandum of Agreement and review by SHIPO which is 30-60 days total if they both use their allowable timeline. This works is being paid out of bonding funds the museum secured in 2024 so no additional funding will be needed from LCCMR for the Phase 3 survey.

Activity 2

Construction has not started as of July, 2024. The project is currently waiting for US Army Corp. of Engineers approval of archaeological surveys of the site.

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Dissemination

On June 22nd, 2024 a newspaper article appeared in the Morrison County Record following the Little Falls City Council meeting and the Morrison County Board of Commissioners work group meeting where staff presented and discussed the resolutions. The resolutions were posted on both the city and county websites and identifies the funding source for the project as state LCCMR funding.