



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

M.L. 2026 Draft Work Plan

General Information

ID Number: 2026-450

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Project Title: Facility Outdoor Improvements

Project Budget: \$180,000

Project Manager Information

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Project Reporting

Reporting Schedule: April 1 / October 1 of each year.

Project Completion: February 28, 2028

Final Report Due Date: April 13, 2028

Legal Information

Legal Citation:

Appropriation Language:

Appropriation End Date: June 30, 2028

Narrative

Project Summary: We seek to connect disabled veterans and citizens with the outdoors and BWCA through the upgrading of our facilities with the construction and improvements to our Facility.

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

1. The Facility has an old Boat House which is not wheel chair accessible.
2. The Facility has an old Fish Cleaning House which is not wheel chair accessible.
3. The Facility is resurfacing the Basketball court/ Sled hockey training area area in 2025 and needs to paint lines replace the pickle ball/tennis nets and basketball hoops and purchase equipment.

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.

1. The old Boat house would be removed and replaced with a fishing pier and wheelchair accessible ramp. The pier would also serve as a loading dock for people with mobility issues. We have one wheel chair accessible fishing pier capable of supporting power wheel chairs and it is constant use.
2. The old Fish House would be torn down and replaced with a new building. Handicap access and fixtures would be incorporated.
3. After resurfacing the Basketball/ Sled Hockey training area will need the be repainted and nets/hoops will need to be replace to facilitate the use of this multiple use outdoor recreation area.

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?

1. The Boat House project would remove an old building from the shoreline replace it with a Fishing Pier / Dock. Enhancing everyone's ability to access the outdoors.
2. The Fish House project would remove existing barriers for people with mobility issues and give them an opportunity to do things many of us take for granted (clean the fish we catch). We plan to improve the treatment of fish house waste water in this project.
3. Funding after the resurfacing of the Basketball/ Sled hockey training area allows the creation of a multiple use area which will give everyone opportunity.

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: Design and Engineering

Activity Budget: \$5,000

Activity Description:

VOTL will use people with expertise to design and engineer the specific project.

1. The Boat House replacement with a Fishing Pier / Dock - would utilize the expertise of dock builders and vendors involved in demolition.
2. The Fish Cleaning House - Building contractors and vendors involved in water water design.
3. Basketball/ Sled Hockey training area. - Vendors who assist with the design of recreation areas.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Enrollment B3	September 30, 2025
Approve Draft Plans	December 31, 2025
Dept. of Administrative Review	January 31, 2026
Preliminary site assessment for fish cleaning house	June 30, 2026
Desktop Review	June 30, 2026
open house	June 30, 2026
Survey	June 30, 2026
Design and Engineer	December 31, 2026

Activity 2: Construction

Activity Budget: \$175,000

Activity Description:

VOTL will construct the project.

1. Fishing Pier/ Dock estimate for Demo/ Construction \$85,000
2. Fish Cleaning house estimate for Demo/ Construction \$ 80,000
3. Finishing touches to Basketball/Sled Hockey Training area \$10,000

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Final plans approved	February 28, 2026
Permits secured	July 31, 2026
Advertisement for bids	August 31, 2026
Contractor selected	August 31, 2026
Construction funds secured	August 31, 2026
Construction	June 30, 2027
Close out	July 31, 2027

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
U.S. Forest Service	Government	The lands used by Veterans on the Lake to serve disabled American Veterans is leased in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.	No
Lake County	Government	Lake County is supportive of the project, considering a grant and will act as our fiscal agent.	Yes

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. Veterans on the Lake Resort will acknowledge The ENRTF contribution to the 3 projects with signage posted at the project locations. Any printed or electronic media regarding the projects will mention the contribution by 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?

Veterans on the Lake has operated for 40+ years. We are a 501c3 non-profit entity governed by a board of directors. We will raise money privately if additional work is needed.

Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

Name	Appropriation	Amount Awarded
Veterans On The Lake	M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 09m	\$553,000

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Bene fits	# FTE	Class ified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
							Sub Total	-
Contracts and Services								
							Sub Total	-
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								
		Design, Engineering, and Construction	For construction of the project					\$180,000

							Sub Total	\$180,000
							Grand Total	\$180,000

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	Veterans on the Lake	Construction	Secured	\$45,000
			Non State Sub Total	\$45,000
			Funds Total	\$45,000

Total Project Cost: \$225,000

This amount accurately reflects total project cost?

Yes

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [1dbc9714-bb4.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

1. The old Boat House would be demo. A handicap accessible Fishing Pier would replace it.
2. The Fish Cleaning House would be demo. A new Handicap accessible Cleaning house would replace it.
3. After repaving the Basketball/Sled Hockey area would get new hoops, nets and lines painted....

Financial Capacity

Title	File
Veterans on the Lake 990 for 2023	317fc12e-7b7.pdf
Letter regarding Audit	e62c11b6-c46.pdf
25052712 Lake County Board Resolution for Veterans on the Lake LCCMR Grant_Received 5-29-25	812f08e8-bd1.pdf
20250527 Lake County letter to LCCMR for Veterans on the Lake_Received 5-29-25	e3d659a7-08c.pdf
Standing with Attorney General Office	5047bd17-264.pdf
Letter in regards to Status of Audit	dd1b9a6a-47a.pdf
Veterans on the Lake Balance sheet	5c4391f0-dcb.pdf

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
Resolution for small projects	9e8d916e-65b.docx
LCCMR VOTL Board Resolution_Received 5-29-25	4c5801d6-232.pdf

Supplemental Attachments

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

Title	File
Boat House replacement	e31d42a4-c5c.jpe
Fish Cleaning house upgrade	63bcc06-1a6.jpe
Basketball/Recreation Area	dec82819-a3f.jpe
Capital Construction Project Questionnaire	29d88b56-561.pdf

Difference between Proposal and Work Plan

Describe changes from Proposal to Work Plan Stage

Under Comment #1. I changed the answer to "no" because we will not see any returning revenue. Under Comment #2. In attachments I sent letters explaining our current status with the Office of the Attorney General. Under Comment #3. In attachments I sent the Veterans on the Lake Balance Sheet. Under Comment #4. In Attachments I have included the Capital Construction Questionnaire. Under Milestones I moved the Construction activities under Construction from Design / Engineering

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?

Yes, Lake County

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?

Yes

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

Provide the name(s) and organization(s) of additional individuals assisting in the completion of this project:

Eric Mayranen, Veterans on the Lake/Jeff Anderson, Costin Group

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

N/A