

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
2010 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

LCCMR ID: 090-C

Project Title:

State Parks and Trails Land Acquisition

LCCMR 2010 Funding Priority:

C. Habitat Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition

Total Project Budget: \$ \$5,000,000

Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested: 2 years, 2010 - 2012

Other Non-State Funds: \$ \$0

Summary:

Project funding will be utilized to acquire and preserve for the public critical parcels within the statutory boundaries of state parks and a priority parcel for state trail corridors.

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Location:

Region: Statewide

County Name: Crow Wing, Itasca, Lake, Washington, Winona

City / Township: Brainerd, Stillwater, Ironton, Bigfork, Silver Bay, Winona and Marine on St. Croix

_____ Knowledge Base	_____ Broad App.	_____ Innovation
_____ Leverage	_____ Outcomes	
_____ Partnerships	_____ Urgency	_____ TOTAL

MAIN PROPOSAL

PROJECT TITLE: State Parks and Trails Land Acquisition

I. PROJECT STATEMENT

Acquire land from willing sellers within the statutory boundaries of state park and recreation areas and along state trail corridors. The State Park and Trail acquisitions will: provide significant safe, recreational trail connections between communities and other public recreational facilities; assist in the preservation or restoration of diverse, locally significant natural plant communities; create contiguous wildlife corridors between diverse habitats; provide riparian buffers along many wetlands, creeks and lakes; help reduce impacts of development that would otherwise occur on the property; and give the Department control over access to other state-owned property that currently suffers degradation from unauthorized use.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT RESULTS

Result 1: Acquire 22 acres in Crow Wing State Park

Budget: \$ 1,490,000

This proposal has three parcels totalling over 1400 feet the Crow Wing River. This acquisition will provide additional shoreline protection and add to the recreational opportunities now offered in this area such as hiking and access to the river. The Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota currently own these parcels.

Deliverable

Appraise, negotiate and acquire this parcel

Completion Date

December 31, 2011

Result 2: Acquire about 6 miles for the Brown's Creek Segment of the Willard Munger State Trail.

Budget: \$1,000,000

This acquisition will provide a key link between the Gateway Trail and the City of Stillwater, providing a corridor for recreation trail development. The property is comprised entirely of the right-of-way of the former Minnesota Zephyr Dinner Trail. The parcel will also protect a critical section of the Brown's Creek trout stream and preserve a natural greenway. These funds will supplement the 2009 LCCMR proposal for \$700,000 and complete the match for \$1M provided by Washington County.

Deliverable

Appraise, negotiate and acquire this parcel

Completion Date

December 31, 2011

Result 3: Acquire 280 acres in Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area **Budget:** \$ 350,000

These multi-parcel acquisitions will increase recreation opportunities and improve administrative efficiencies in this recreation area. Some large sites are completely surrounded by park-managed land and some are key access points that will provide controlled access into the SRA.

Deliverable:

Appraise, negotiate and acquire up to 6 transactions

Completion Date

December 31, 2011

Result 4: Acquire a 160-acre parcel at Scenic State Park

Budget: \$ 340,000

This parcel has very high quality natural and cultural resource value and adjacent to state park lands on two sides. A CCC built cabin is located on the lakeshore and is in good condition. The Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota currently own this parcel.

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Deliverable: Appraise, negotiate and acquire
Completion Date December 31, 2011

Result 5: Acquire 55 acres at Tettegouche State Park **Budget:** \$240,000
This parcel will preserve over 700 feet of the Baptism River gorge and views from nearby Illgen Falls. The state park surrounds this parcel on three sides and may offer additional hiking trail opportunities. The Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota currently own this parcel.

Deliverable: Appraise, negotiate and acquire this parcel
Completion Date December 31, 2011

Result 6: Acquire 38 acres at Great River Bluffs State Park **Budget:** \$700,000
This parcel lies at the park entrance. The property has beautiful bluffland views of the Mississippi River Valley. If acquired, this property would be managed as bluffland prairie.

Deliverable: Appraise, negotiate and acquire this parcel
Completion Date December 31, 2011

Result 7: Acquire 100 acres at William O'Brien State Park **Budget:** \$880,000
This parcel contains the source of Mill Stream, one of the remaining trout streams in the metro area. Much of the contiguous wetland is state park land. The property is threatened by big-house development. If acquired, additional trout stream management is planned.

Deliverable: Appraise, negotiate and acquire this parcel
Completion Date December 31, 2011

Parcels in this application may be revised during the course of this funding cycle due to an inability to complete the negotiations or other factors.

III. PROJECT STRATEGY

A. Project Team/Partners

Local state park and trail support groups, City of Stillwater and Washington County. It is also anticipated that the Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota will continue to play a critical role in the negotiation and timely acquisition prior to State acquisition. There may also be private donations involved with these transactions.

B. Timeline Requirements

Timing depends heavily on the length of negotiations and the acquisition process. Funding will be used for land costs, appraisals and professional services costs.

C. Long-Term Strategy

Acquire critical parcels within state park statutory boundaries and along the authorized State Trail system. The state currently owns about 84% of the 268,000 acres within state park boundaries and expects close to \$2 million available parcels from willing sellers each year. The authorized state trail system is comprised of approximately 2500 miles of potential recreational trail corridor of which approximately 45% is presently in public ownership. With the continued support of the LCCMR, the DNR, Division of Parks and Trails expects to keep moving forward to acquire critical parcels for preservation, recreation, education and habitat restoration.

Project Budget

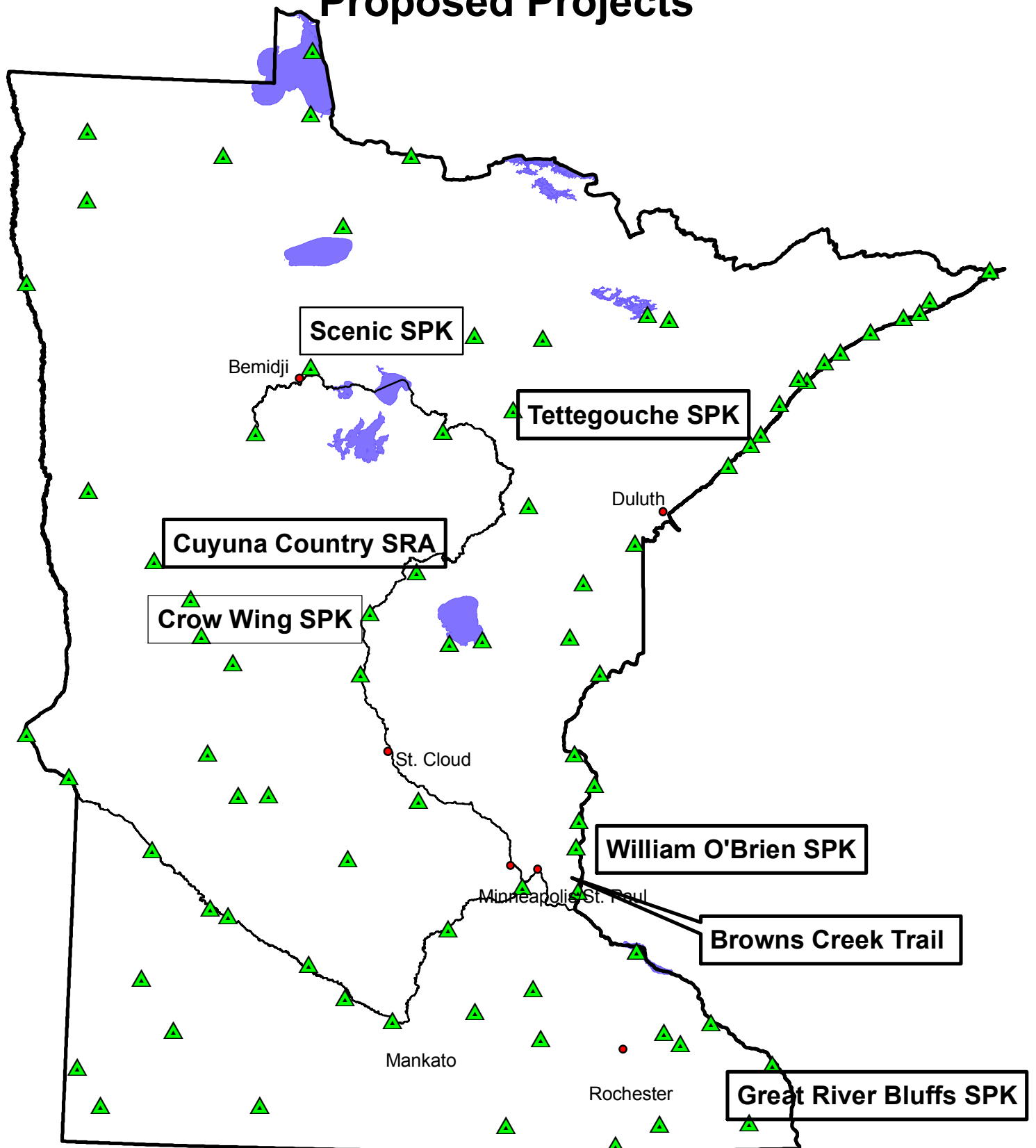
IV. TOTAL PROJECT REQUEST BUDGET (*[Insert # of years for project] years*)

BUDGET ITEM <i>(See list of Eligible & Non-Eligible Costs, p. 13)</i>	AMOUNT
Personnel: Professional Services for Acquisition such as Appraisal, Survey, Title Work and other Professional Services	\$ 150,000
Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements): 665 acres and 6 miles trail to the Department of Natural Resources	\$ 4,850,000
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET REQUEST TO LCCMR	\$ 5,000,000

V. OTHER FUNDS

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNT	Status
Other Non-State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period: Washington County has committed up to \$1,000,000 for the acquisition of the former Minnesota Zephyr railroad corridor for use as the Browns Creek Segment of the Willard Munger State Trail. Private donations will be involved in the William O'Brien SPK purchase. The donation amount is uncertain at this time.	\$ 1,000,000	Held by Co. & pending on donations
Other State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period: If the LCCMR 2009 trail acquisition proposal is secured, there will be additional funds for the Brown's Creek Segment of the Willard Munger State Trail.	\$ 700,000	Pending
In-kind Services During Project Period:	\$ -	
Remaining \$ from Current Trust Fund Appropriation (if applicable): The Division of Parks and Trails has funds remaining from M.L. 2001, (Chap.2), Sec.(14), Subd.5(j); M.L. 2003, (Chap.128), Sec.(9), Subd.6(f); M.L. 2005, (Chap.1), Sec.(11), Subd.6(g-l); M.L.2007, (Chap.30), Sec.(2), Subd.4(e); and M.L. 2008, (Chap.367), Sec.(2), Subd. 3(h).	\$ 3,872,612.50	Acquisition and development in Progress
Funding History: NA	\$ -	

LCCMR 2010 State Parks and Trails Land Acquisition Proposed Projects



Trust Fund 2010 Project Proposal

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Qualifications

As Manager of Real Estate and Development for the Division of Parks and Trails, Larry Peterson oversees the acquisition planning process for state parks to ensure the Division acquires the more critical parcels within our state park statutory boundaries.

As Planning, Acquisition and Development Manager for the Division of Parks and Trails, Stan Linnell oversees the state trail master planning process and the acquisition of state trails.

Organization Description

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails operates 66 state parks, 7 state recreation areas, 575 miles of surfaced state trail, 1610 water access sites, 30 water trails and 9 state waysides throughout Minnesota. The Division connects people to the state's natural resources by providing access to outdoor recreation, conservation education and natural resource restoration and management.