

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

LCCMR ID: 103-C

Project Title:

Lake Marion Shoreline (3,300 feet) Acquisition

LCCMR 2010 Funding Priority:

C. Habitat Restoration, Enhancement, and Acquisition

Total Project Budget: \$ \$1,030,000

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

Other Non-State Funds: \$ \$402,000

Summary:

Acquire 20 acres of upland bluffs and 3,300 feet of Lake Marion shoreline with vistas, preserving the shoreline of a 60-acre parent parcel under current development pressure

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Location:

Region: Metro

County Name: Dakota

City / Township: Lakeville

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

MAIN PROPOSAL

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I. PROJECT STATEMENT

As guided by Lakeville's Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces System Plan, several acquisitions on Lake Marion have been accomplished during the past 20 years. Two priority sites remain: one 11-acre site consisting of approximately 480 feet of shoreline and one 60-acre site known as the Bury property consisting of 3,300 feet of Lake Marion shoreline, upland bluff, and forest areas. Acquisition of the Lake Marion shoreline consisting of approximately 20 acres will complete a linear greenway corridor loop adjacent Lake Marion consisting of approximately 2.73 miles of public lakeshore ownership. The property is being considered for development although sewer will not be available until 2015. Purchase of the property would allow Lakeville to construct a greenway corridor trail with regional significance and complete a trail project around the entire 550-acre basin of Lake Marion, connecting several major parks, fishing piers, boat launch, major residential and commercial areas, and an existing MN Department of Transportation park and ride facility.

The goal of the project is to acquire 20 acres on Lake Marion consisting of 3,300 feet of shoreline, bluff areas, and associated upland oak savannah. The project also seeks to preserve and enhance an ecological corridor consisting of upland oak forest, flora, and fauna. The site is identified in the Minnesota County Biological Survey as an oak openings and barrens site. Finally the project will assist with maintaining the high water quality in Lake Marion through creation of a substantial buffer zone between proposed residential development and Interstate 35W. The proposed trail corridor is identified as a future regional trail corridor in the Dakota County Parks Open Space Plan and the Metropolitan Council 2030 Regional Park plan.

Lakeville's population is 54,000 with estimates to be 90,000 by 2030. Lake Marion is the largest natural lake (550 acres) in Dakota County, providing high quality, public recreational opportunities for residents throughout the metropolitan region. The proposed acquisition and trail construction will have little to no impact on existing resources or various species presently on site. Proposed trail construction will be in an area previously disturbed by past mining activities. The Lake Marion shoreline and bluff areas will be preserved in their natural state. Acquisition will put the proposed shoreline and bluffs in public ownership. Stewardship activities would include forest health management, eradication of exotic species, erosion control improvements, shoreline stabilization, and planting of native grasses and trees.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT RESULTS

Result 1: Acquisition of 20 acres adjacent Lake Marion Budget: \$1,030,000

Acquire 20 acres adjacent to Lake Marion, consisting of 3,300 feet of shoreline, associated bluffs, and upland oak forest.

Deliverable

1. Acquire 20 acres adjacent to Lake Marion

Completion Date

2010-2011

III. PROJECT STRATEGY

A. Project Team/Partners

The following team/partners are involved in the City's initiative to acquire the project site: the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Metropolitan Council, Dakota County, Lake Marion Homeowners Association, Lakeville City Council, and the City's Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Committee. City staff members will manage the application process from start to finish. They include Gerald S. Michaud, who will serve as Project Manager, and John Hennen who will serve as Project Supervisor.

B. Timeline Requirements

This unique acquisition/process will attempt to coordinate several grant applications utilizing the Department of Natural Resources, Metropolitan Council, Dakota County, and the City of Lakeville funding sources. Through grant applications and matching City funds, it is the City's hope that sufficient funds will be allocated to acquire the proposed 20-acre parcel. Grant award announcements range from mid-summer 2009 through the current enhancements application RFP for 2014 funding. The City is hopeful that enough funding can be allocated to complete the acquisition by the fall of 2011.

Grant timelines/Pending Grants:

Grant	Application deadline	Grant award	Grant duration
LCCMR (ENRT)	May 2009	July 2010	More than one year
Natural and Scenic (ENRT)	March 31, 2009	Oct./Nov. 2009	Two years
Fed. Transportation Enhancements	July 2009	2011-2012	Open
Remediation Fund (ENRT)	March 31, 2009	TBD(legislature)	Fall 2009
Dakota Cty Farmland and Natural Areas	February 2009	2010	Open
Metro Greenways (ENRT)	March 2009	TBD(legislature)	Fall 2009

C. Long-Term Strategy

This project would culminate several years of Lake Marion shoreline acquisition and preservation of a sensitive shoreline ecological system as defined in the City's Open Space System Plan. Several larger parcels of shoreline are owned by the City with two exceptions: the Bury property which this project attempts to address and one other 11-acre parcel. The City's long-term strategy is to own, preserve, and manage all remaining undeveloped parcels on the west side of Lake Marion. The City is committed to following the vision established in the approved Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces System Plan.

PROJECT BUDGET

INSTRUCTIONS AND TEMPLATE (1 PAGE LIMIT)

Attach budget, in MS-EXCEL format, to your "2010 LCCMR Proposal Submit Form".

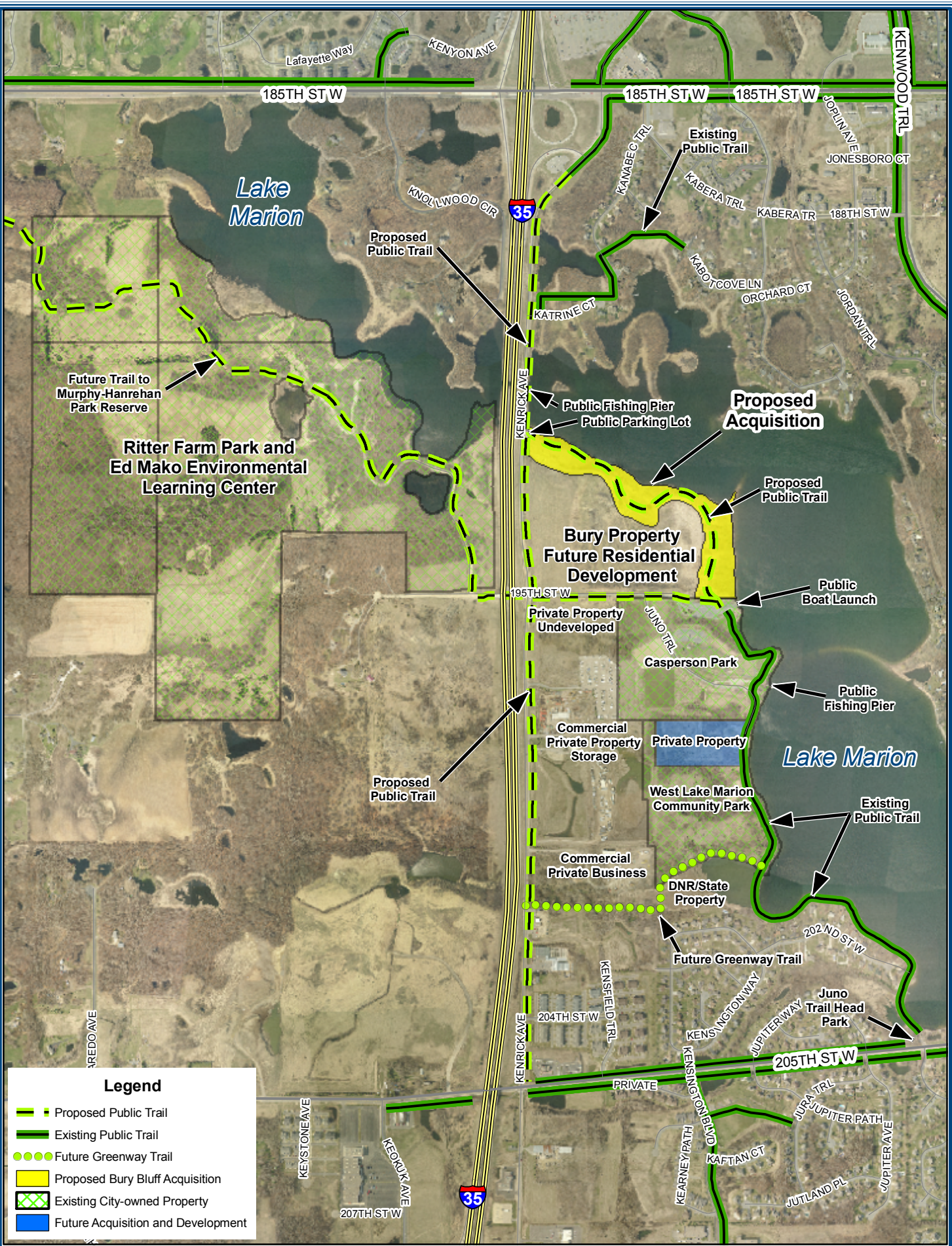
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IV. TOTAL PROJECT REQUEST BUDGET (Two [2] years)

BUDGET ITEM (See list of Eligible & Non-Eligible Costs, p. 13)	AMOUNT
Personnel:	N/A
Contracts:	N/A
Equipment/Tools/Supplies:	N/A
Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements): Purchase by City of Lakeville, total acquisition is 20 acres, 6 acres by park dedication credits and 14 acres by fee simple. January 2008 City appraisal estimated property value of \$2,711,000.00 for the total 60 acre parent parcel.	\$ 1,000,000
Travel:	N/A
Additional Budget Items: Legal work for acquisition	\$ 30,000
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET REQUEST TO LCCMR	\$ 1,030,000

V. OTHER FUNDS

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNT	Status
Other Non-State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period:		
Six acres by park dedication credits (estimated value=\$120,000 x 6 acres=\$720,000)	\$ 720,000	<i>Pending</i>
Dakota County Farmland and Natural Areas Grant (Dakota County)	\$ 400,000-600,000	<i>Pending</i>
City of Lakeville Park Dedication Fund (2009-\$200,000 and 2010-\$200,000)	\$ 400,000	<i>Budgeted</i>
Federal Transportation Enhancement Fund-2009 RFP for 2014 funding period, funds if approved may be available by 2012 (Metropolitan Council)	\$ 500,000	<i>Pending</i>
Lake Marion Homeowners Association (Local association)	\$ 2,000	<i>Secured</i>
Other State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period:		
Natural and Scenic Areas Grant (MN DNR)	\$ 250,000	<i>Pending</i>
Remediation Grant (MN DNR)	\$ 500,000	<i>Pending</i>
Metro Greenways (MN DNR)	\$ 500,000	<i>Pending</i>
In-kind Services During Project Period: Parks & Rec Director services (80 hrs @ \$50/hr=\$4,000) and Admin. Asst services (80 hrs @ \$35/hr=\$2,800)	\$ 6,800	<i>Budgeted</i>
Remaining \$ from Current Trust Fund Appropriation (if applicable):	N/A	
Funding History:	N/A	



Future Trail to
Murphy-Hanrehan
Park Reserve

Ritter Farm Park and
Ed Mako Environmental
Learning Center

Bury Property
Future Residential
Development

Proposed
Acquisition

Casperson Park

West Lake Marion
Community Park

Lake Marion

Juno
Trail Head
Park

Legend

- Proposed Public Trail
- Existing Public Trail
- Future Greenway Trail
- Proposed Bury Bluff Acquisition
- Existing City-owned Property
- Future Acquisition and Development



Bury Property Aquisition



Project Manager Qualifications and Organizational Description

Steve Michaud, the City of Lakeville's Parks & Recreation Director for the past 35 years, will act as project manager. Mr. Michaud has written several successful grants through various agencies. They include: the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Natural and Scenic Areas grant program, Local Trails Connections program, Snowmobile and Ski Trail Grant-in-Aid programs, Dakota County Farmland and Natural areas grant program, Outdoor Recreation Grant program, State Park Road Account program, Federal Recreation Trail program, Fishing Pier grant program, and the Minnesota Re-leaf program.

Mr. Michaud will coordinate grant preparation and submittal, present testimony to the LCCMR concerning the 2010 proposal for \$1,000,000.00, coordinate communications and monitor grant agreement authorizations between the State of Minnesota and the City of Lakeville, monitor negotiations between City attorney and land owner, and supervise all aspects of the proposed acquisition of 20 acres on Lake Marion.

Mr. Michaud represents the City of Lakeville Parks and Recreation Department, which consists of 58 active, developed parks, 18 conservation areas, and 5 greenways. In total, these areas consist of approximately 1,400 acres. The City has a population of 53,000 with anticipated growth to 90,000 by 2030.

Additional team members include:

Steve Mielke, City Administrator
Dennis Feller, Finance Director
Roger Knutson, City Attorney
John Hennen, Park Operations Manager
T.J. Ruter, Senior Administrative Assistant