

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund  
2011-2012 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

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**LCCMR ID: 114-D**

**Project Title:** Phase II Andover Rum River Open Space Preservation

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**Category:** D. Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation

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**Total Project Budget:** \$ \$216,000

**Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested:** 1.5 yrs, July 2011 - Dec 2012

**Other Non-State Funds:** \$ 216,000

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**Summary:**

Acquire and manage 31 acres and nearly 2,000 feet of shoreline along an oxbow meander of the Wild and Scenic Rum River across from Rum River Central Regional Park.

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**Location**

**Region:** Metro

**Ecological Section:** Minnesota and NE Iowa Morainal (222M)

**County Name:** Anoka

**City / Township:** Andover

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_____ Funding Priorities	_____ Multiple Benefits	_____ Outcomes	_____ Knowledge Base
_____ Extent of Impact	_____ Innovation	_____ Scientific/Tech Basis	_____ Urgency
_____ Capacity Readiness	_____ Leverage	_____ Employment	_____ TOTAL _____%

# 2011-2012 MAIN PROPOSAL

## PROJECT TITLE: PHASE II ANDOVER RUM RIVER OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

### I. PROJECT STATEMENT

The project is needed to permanently protect the last remaining undeveloped parcel between existing open space and park land along the south side of the Rum River directly across from Rum River Central Regional Park. The acquisition would expand the protected area to 83 contiguous acres on the south side of the river and protect scenic views both from and into the regional park to the north.

The goals of the project are to restore and enhance the existing floodplain forest, remove invasive species, stabilize bluff areas, restore native prairie and improve water quality through mitigation of a tributary that enters the Rum River through the site.

Interpretive signs will be used to identify native plant communities for educational purposes. The signs will describe management techniques for the different types of native plant communities. The project will encourage people to become involved in the city's ongoing open space preservation program. The program serves not only to acquire and protect property, but also to inspire property owners to learn what can be done on their own properties and to help them achieve implementation of their own successful projects.

The project will achieve these goals through acquisition of the site, recording of a deed restriction to remove the development rights and implementation of a management plan for the entire 83 acre contiguous area.

### II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES

#### Activity 1: Acquisition

Budget: \$ 406,000

Outcome	Completion Date
Complete acquisition of the 31 acre site. In conjunction with funding from LCCMR, funds dedicated by Andover residents through approval of a 2006 bond referendum will be used to acquire the site.  The City of Andover will hold title to the property (PID 07-32-24-11-001 and 3.5 acres of 07-32-24-14-0001) totaling approximately 31 acres.	August 2011

#### Activity 2: Preparation of Management Plan

Budget: \$ 6,000

Outcome	Completion Date
Expand management plan for existing open space to include 31 acre site	December 2011

**Activity 3: Implementation of Management Plan Budget: \$ 26,000**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
1. Implement initial management techniques (Installation of signs, recording of deed restriction, removal of invasive species, bluff stabilization)	December 2011
2. Implement phase I of management plan (initial prairie restoration efforts, ongoing invasive species removal and bluff stabilization as necessary)	October 2012
3. Ongoing prairie restoration and enhancement efforts	2013

**III. PROJECT STRATEGY**

**A. Project Team/Partners**

The City of Andover will be the grant recipient and will perform all of the project activities with the assistance of several partners. The city will work with its Open Space Resident Advisory Commission, Anoka Conservation District and DNR to complete the management plan for the site. The City will continue to seek the technical assistance of these partners and also work cooperatively with the Anoka County Parks Department to coordinate management activities on the protected lands along the Rum River.

**B. Timeline Requirements**

Acquisition of the site will be completed in August of 2011. Initial signing of the property boundaries and recording of a deed restriction to remove the development rights will be completed by the end of 2011. The management plan for the adjacent open space property will be expanded to include the site by the end of 2011. During this time initial management techniques will be completed, including removal of invasive species and stabilization of bluffs. The initial management techniques will begin in 2011 and be evaluated for their effectiveness and adjustments made as necessary in the spring of 2012. Prairie restoration and enhancement activities will begin in 2012.

**C. Long-Term Strategy and Future Funding Needs**

The project is the second phase of Andover's Rum River Open Space Preservation Project. The city purchased 39.8 acres adjacent to the proposed acquisition site in 2009 with bond referendum funds approved by Andover residents in 2006. Ongoing management activities will require additional labor and funding to successfully implement the management plan. Labor and funding will be provided by the City of Andover and matching grants as they become available.

## 2011-2012 Detailed Project Budget

### INSTRUCTIONS AND TEMPLATE (1 PAGE LIMIT)

*Attach budget, in MS-EXCEL format, to your "2011-2012 LCCMR Proposal Submit Form".*

*(1-page limit, single-sided, 10 pt. font minimum. Retain bold text and DELETE all instructions typed in italics. ADD OR DELETE ROWS AS NECESSARY. If a category is not applicable write "N/A", leave it blank, or delete the row.)*

#### IV. TOTAL TRUST FUND REQUEST BUDGET 1.5 years

<b>BUDGET ITEM</b> (See list of Eligible & Non-Eligible Costs, p. 13)	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Personnel:</b> <i>In this column, list who is getting paid to do what and what is the % of full-time employment for each position. List out by position or position type - one row per position/position type. For each, provide details in this column on the inputs: i.e. % dollars toward salary, % dollars toward benefits, time period for position/position type, and number of people in the position/position type.</i>	\$
<b>Contracts:</b> <i>In this column, list out proposed contracts. Be clear about whom the contract is to be made with and what services will be provided. If a specific contractor is not yet determined, specify the type of contractor sought. List out by contract types/categories - one row per type/category.</i>	\$
<b>Equipment/Tools/Supplies:</b> <i>In this column, list out general descriptions of item(s) or item type(s) and their purpose - one row per item/item type.</i>	\$
<b>Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements):</b> <i>In this column, indicate proposed # of acres and name of organization or entity who will hold title.</i>	\$203,000
<b>Travel:</b> <i>Be specific. Only in-state travel essential to completing project activities can be included.</i>	\$
<b>Additional Budget Items:</b> One half of cost estimate for prairie restoration and implementation of management plan. Cost estimate is based on recent prairie restoration efforts in Kelsey Round Lake Park and Open Space acquired in 2009. City will fund remaining half of restoation effort.	\$13,000
<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENT &amp; NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND \$ REQUEST</b>	\$ 216,000

#### V. OTHER FUNDS

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Other Non-State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period:</b> 2006 bond referendum (\$203,000) City park maintenance and Natural Resource budget (\$13,000)	\$216,000	<i>Secured</i>
<b>Other State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period:</b>	\$ -	
<b>In-kind Services During Project Period:</b> In kind service will be provided by the city beyond the cost estimates provided.	\$ -	<i>Secured</i>
<b>Remaining \$ from Current ENRTF Appropriation (if applicable):</b>	\$ -	
<b>Funding History:</b> 2006 bond referendum indicated above	\$ -	

## 2011-2012 Acquisition List for Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposal

**Project Title:** Phase II Andover Rum River Open Space Preservation

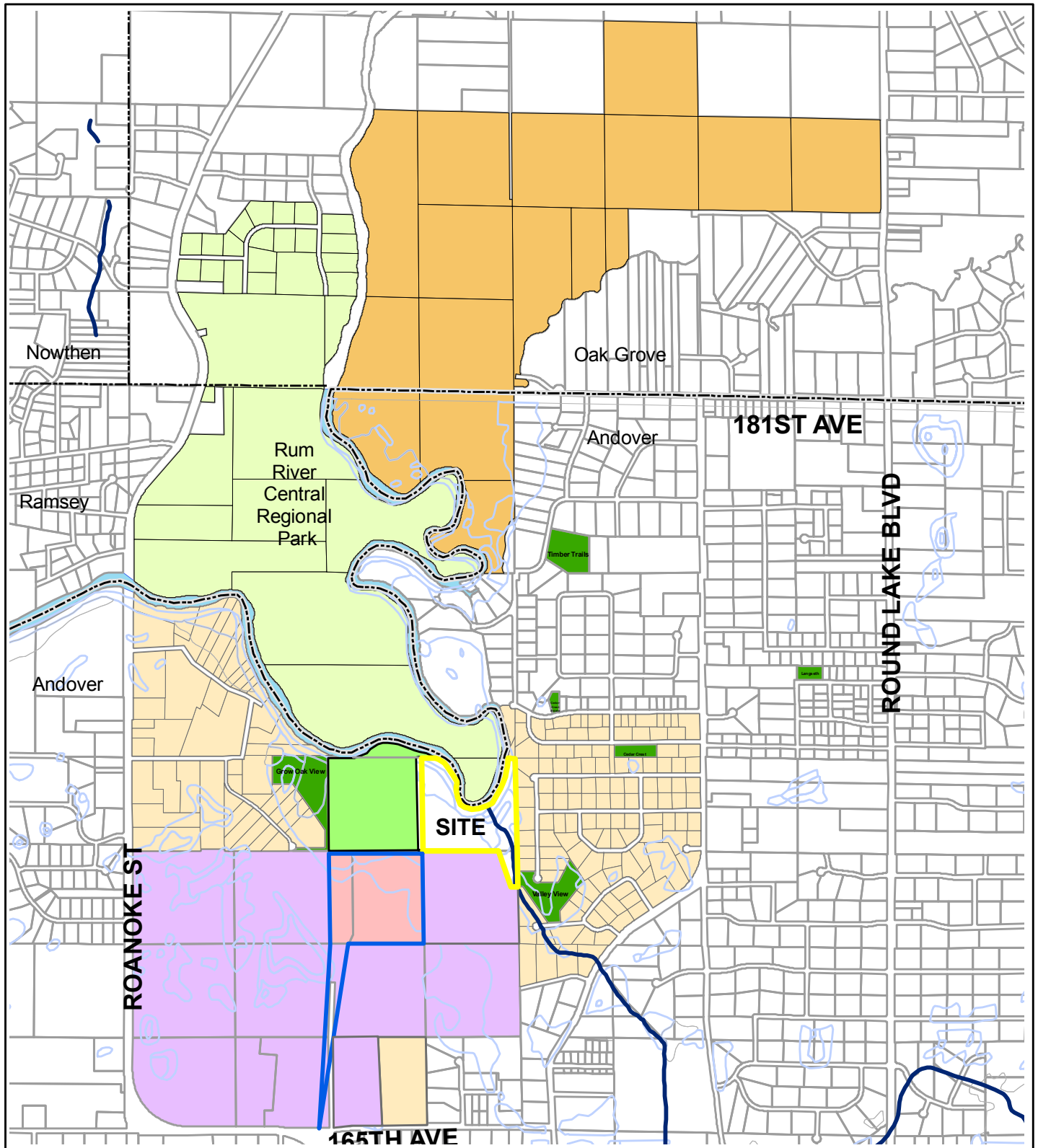
**Project Manager Name:** Courtney Bednarz

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund \$ Request:** \$219,000

**Final Title Holder(s):** City of Andover

#	Parcel Name	Acquisition Type (Fee-Title OR Conservation Easement)	County	Estimated # of Acres	Geographical Coordinates			
					Latitude	Longitude	UTM-X	UTM-Y
1	07-32-24-11-0001	Fee-Title	Anoka	27.34	45.2823° N	93.3697° W		
2	(portion of) 07-32-24-14-0001	Fee-Title	Anoka	3.5	45.2815° N	93.3689° W		
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**NOTES:** Parcels were selected based on natural resource inventory conducted in 2008 and interest in preservation by property owner.



**Legend**

**SITE**

Phase I Rum River Open Space Acquired in 2009

Rum River Central Regional Park

Anoka County Proposed Land Acquisition

City Park

Luedtke Homestead

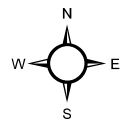
Potential Future Acquisition

Anoka Independent Grain and Feed, Inc.  
Future Residential Development

Single Family Rural Residential

Approximate Wetland Boundary

Municipal Boundary



## **Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description**

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14 years professional planning experience  
Related Experience:

City of Brooklyn Park

- Project manager - Mississippi River Stewardship Plan (Critical Area/MNRRRA plan)
- Project Manager -River Park Management Plan – prepared management plan for park adjacent to Mississippi River in conjunction with National Park Service and Department of Natural Resources

State of Minnesota

- Volunteer - Urban Issues Workgroup - Minnesota Shoreland Rules Update Project

City of Andover

- Staff liaison to Open Space task Force – worked with citizen advisory committee, The Trust for Public Land and Embrace Open Space to prepare 2006 Bond Referendum to create local funding for the preservation of open space.
- Staff Liaison Open Space Advisory Commission - Work with citizen advisory commission, Minnesota land trust and Anoka County Conservation District to advise City Council on open space preservation and stewardship activities
- Rum River Open Space Preservation project Phase I – Project manager for acquisition of 39.8 acres of open space along the Rum River within the Scenic River

