











## Project Manager Qualifications & Organization Description

### Project Manager:

Mary Vogel, Co-Director, Center for Changing Landscapes

Mary Vogel is the co-director with Alan Ek of the Center for Changing Landscapes and has led a broad range of community engaged research projects that have focused on the intersection of natural resource preservation, resource management, and sustainable development issues throughout the State of Minnesota. She has worked extensively on state and local recreational trails. She has been a leader at the University and in her college in interdisciplinary efforts to connect University expertise to applied research efforts that address important Minnesota issues. She is skilled at producing usable project work that informs public and private decision makers at the state, regional, and local levels.

She has extensive experience in engaging citizens in research efforts. Her research is community engaged and for three years she was the statewide director of the University of Minnesota's Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, a citizen driven program that focuses on natural resources, sustainable agriculture, and natural resource based tourism.

She is very familiar with both the LCMR and the LCCMR and has led many projects funded by the LCMR. Her education includes the Master of Architecture, (M Arch) University of Minnesota. She participated in the team that wrote the LCCMR's *Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan*; she co-led the recreation efforts.

### Organization:

Center for Changing Landscapes

College of Design & College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Sciences

University of Minnesota

**Description:** The Center for Changing Landscapes is an interdisciplinary research and outreach center in two colleges. The Center's work combines design/planning expertise with natural resource expertise and knowledge to support land use decision-making at the local, regional and state levels to protect, preserve, and enhance Minnesota's landscapes and their related natural and environmental resources in the face of changing development patterns and resource use. Hallmarks of the Center's environmentally sensitive work are its quality, relevance, and publicly engaged character.

**Environmentally Informed & Honored Work:** The Center's recent environmentally driven work has focused on large linear regional infrastructure (state trails, transit corridors, scenic byways, and highways), their local connections, and the communities along them in rural, suburban, and urban landscapes. Its regional, district, and site scale design/plan work has received many design awards and has been used by citizens, advocacy groups, local units of government, and state agencies to plan, promote, and fund environmentally informed projects all over Minnesota. Some publications are at [ccl.design.umn.edu](http://ccl.design.umn.edu).

**Staff:** Alan Ek of Forest Resources and Mary Vogel of the College of Design co-direct the Center, and it is staffed by very skilled, experienced landscape architects, architects, urban designers, natural resource professionals/professors and talented recent graduates and graduate students.

**Community, Citizen & Government Connections:** The Center's projects are informed by working with citizens, citizen groups, and governmental units. Examples of some of those that we have worked include: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Minnesota Forest Resources Council, Metropolitan Council, Metropolitan Transit, Arrowhead Redevelopment Commission, USDA Forest Service, Minnesota Forest Resources Partnership, Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners, Saint Paul, Golden Valley, Saint Louis Park, Minnetonka, Thief River Falls, Crookston, Fisher, East Grand Forks, Red Lake Falls, New Ulm, Saint Peter, Marshall, Fisher, Saint Hilaire, Beaver Bay, Knife River, Tofte, Grand Marais, Bovey, Coleraine, Knife River, New York Mills, North Shore Scenic Byway, Duluth Township, Lutsen, Lyon County, Saint Louis County, Cook County, Lake County, Sherburne County, many trail groups, private consulting firms, etc.