

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
2014 Request for Proposals (RFP)

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Project Title:

State Parks and Trails Land Acquisition

Category: G. Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation

Total Project Budget: \$ 2,200,000

Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested: 3 Years, July 2014 - June 2017

Other Non-State Funds: \$ 0

Summary:

Acquire land for habitat and recreation within the statutory boundaries of state parks, state recreation areas, and state trail corridors.

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Location

Region: Statewide

County Name: Cook, Goodhue, Meeker, St. Louis, Stearns, Washington

City / Township:

MP: 0613-2-228-proposa

Budget: 0613-2-228-bud

Qual: 0613-2-228-qualifi

Map: 0613-2-228-map-2

Resolution:

List: 0613-2-228-list-201

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



PROJECT TITLE: State Parks and Trails Land Acquisition

I. PROJECT STATEMENT

Acquire land from willing sellers for habitat and recreation within the statutory boundaries of state parks (SPK), state recreation areas (SRA), and designated state trail (ST) corridors. The State Parks and Trails acquisitions will provide for critical land protection; expand outdoor recreation opportunities; generate significant and safe recreational trail connections between communities and other public recreational facilities; provide riparian buffers along wetlands, creeks and lakes; help reduce fragmentation and impacts of potential development; allows for improved access and better management of other state-owned property; preserve significant plant communities, natural areas and locally significant historic sites within the proposed acquisitions.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund funding will allow for the Department of Natural Resources to acquire approximately 256 acres of land within the statutory boundaries of the Minnesota State Parks and within statutorily authorized State Trail corridors.

- Acquire 7.7 acre undeveloped island in Lake Vermilion within the statutory boundary of the State Park.
- Acquire 40 acres located within the statutory boundary of Temperance River State Park to preserve intact northern hardwood forest.
- Acquire 110 acres of primarily undeveloped lakeshore with high future recreation value located within the statutory boundary of Greenleaf Lake State Recreation Area.
- Acquire approximately 15 acres of land located on two parcels in the statutorily authorized corridor of the Glacial Lakes State Trail to complete development of the Trail between Willmar and Cold Spring.
- Acquire approximately 82 acres of land located on three parcels in the statutorily authorized corridor of the Goodhue-Pioneer State Trail to address gaps in the trail corridor between Hay Creek and Goodhue.
- Acquire approximately 0.8 acre of land located in the statutorily authorized corridor of the Gateway State Trail to make the connection between Scandia and William O’Brien State Park.

Activity 1: Lake Vermilion State Park Acquisition

Budget: \$510,000

The DNR proposes to acquire a 7.7 acre island in Lake Vermilion. This undeveloped island in Mattson Bay will provide additional lake recreation opportunities with potential for canoe campsites. Acquisition will also protect the view of the lake from Vermilion State Park.

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Appraise Parcels	December 31, 2014
2. Negotiate Acquisition Amount	June 30, 2015
3. Acquire Parcels	June 30, 2017

Activity 2: Temperance River State Park Acquisition

Budget: \$80,000

The DNR proposes to acquire approximately 40 acres of land. This parcel is the only privately owned property within the Cross River Unit of Temperance River State Park. Private sale would lead to fragmentation of the park ownership and intact northern hardwoods forest.

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Appraise Parcels	December 31, 2014
2. Negotiate Acquisition Amount	June 30, 2015
3. Acquire Parcels	June 30, 2017



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Activity 3: Greenleaf Lake State Recreation Area Acquisition

Budget: \$410,000

The DNR proposes to acquire approximately 110 acres of land in the Greenleaf Lake SRA. This property includes 1.5 miles of undeveloped lakeshore on Greenleaf Lake. Acquisition will protect the property from development, preserve the vista from the south shore of the lake, and provide for additional recreational opportunities.

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Appraise Parcels	December 31, 2014
2. Negotiate Acquisition Amount	June 30, 2015
3. Acquire Parcels	June 30, 2017

Activity 4: Glacial Lakes State Trail Acquisition

Budget: \$100,000

The DNR proposes to acquire approximately 15 acres of land along the Glacial Lakes State Trail. The acquisition of these properties will provide for a separated grade (bridge) crossing of railroad near Paynesville, which will allow us to complete development of the last undeveloped segment of the Glacial Lakes State Trail between Willmar and Cold Spring.

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Appraise Parcels	December 31, 2014
2. Negotiate Acquisition Amount	June 30, 2015
3. Acquire Parcels	June 30, 2017

Activity 5: Goodhue-Pioneer State Trail Acquisition

Budget: \$1,000,000

The DNR proposes to acquire approximately 82 acres of land along the Goodhue-Pioneer State Trail. The acquisition of these properties is needed to address gaps in the state trail corridor between Hay Creek and south of Goodhue. Additional acquisitions will be needed to close the gap completely.

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Appraise Parcels	December 31, 2014
2. Negotiate Acquisition Amount	June 30, 2015
3. Acquire Parcels	June 30, 2017

Activity 6: Gateway State Trail Acquisition

Budget: \$100,000

The DNR proposes to acquire approximately 0.8 acres of land along the Gateway State Trail. This property is the final parcel needed to make the connection between Scandia and William O'Brien State Park, a high priority trail development project that connects a community to a state park.

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Appraise Parcels	December 31, 2014
2. Negotiate Acquisition Amount	June 30, 2015
3. Acquire Parcels	June 30, 2017

III. PROJECT STRATEGY

A. Project Team/Partners: The Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota works collaboratively with the DNR to secure property located within the state park system.

B. Timeline Requirements: All projects will be completed by June 30, 2017. Timing depends heavily on the length of negotiations and the acquisition process. Funding will be used for land costs, appraisals, professional services, and site restoration costs as time and funding allows.

C. Long-Term Strategy and Future Funding Needs: To acquire critical in-holdings within state park boundaries and along authorized state trail corridors. The DNR owns approximately 84% of the 275,500 acres within state park and state recreation areas and have yet to acquire 50% of the 2,695 miles of authorized state trails.

2014 Detailed Project Budget

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IV. TOTAL ENRTF REQUEST BUDGET 2 years

<u>BUDGET ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements): Propose acquiring approximately 256 acres in Fee Title, Permanent Easements and/or Undivided Interest	\$ 2,144,414
Additional Budget Items: Professional services and charges for proposed land acquisition transaction related items such as appraisal, survey and title work.	\$ 50,500
Direct and Necessary Services to Support the Appropriation.	\$ 5,086
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND \$ REQUEST =	\$ 2,200,000

V. OTHER FUNDS

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>Status</u>
Other State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period: NA`	\$ -	
Remaining \$ from Current ENRTF Appropriation (if applicable): The Division of Parks and Trails has funds remaining from M.L.2011 and M.L. 2013	\$ 1,841,000	<i>Indicate: Acquisitions in Progress--some funds are encumbered and some funds unspent</i>
Funding History: M.L. 2013 \$1,000,000 M.L. 2011 \$3,000,000 M.L. 2010 \$2,200,000 M.L. 2009 \$1,590,000 M.L. 2008 \$1,500,000 M.L. 2007 \$ 750,000	\$ -	

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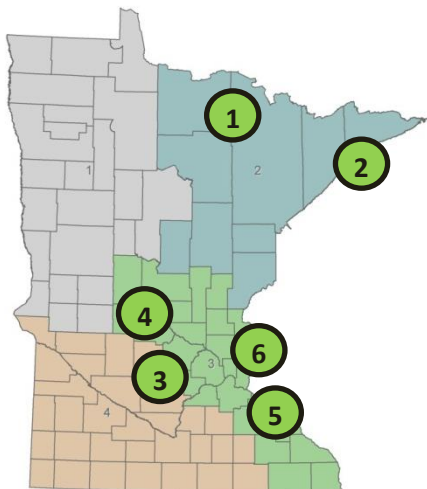
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Project Manager Name: Dana Vanderbosch

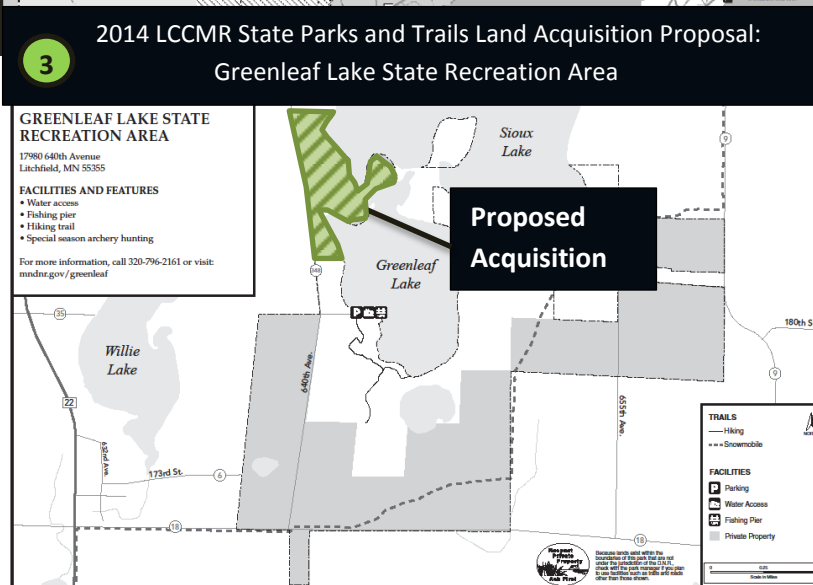
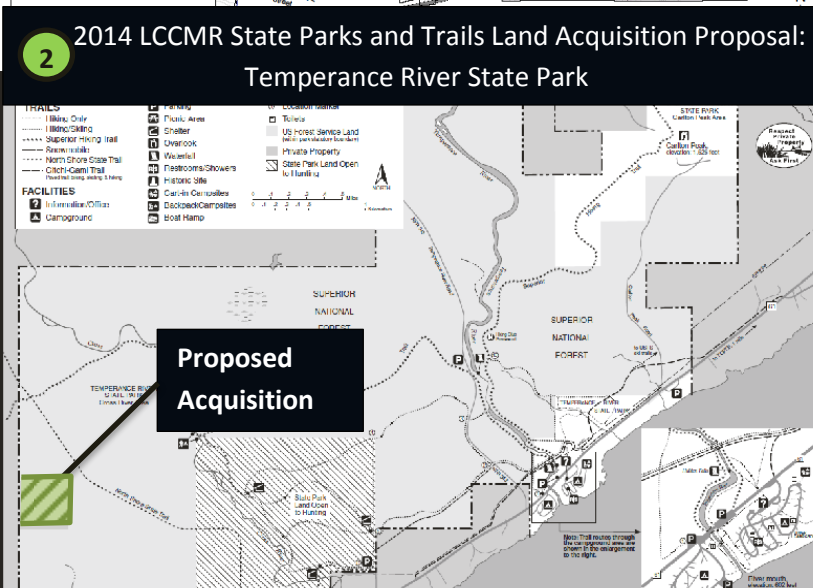
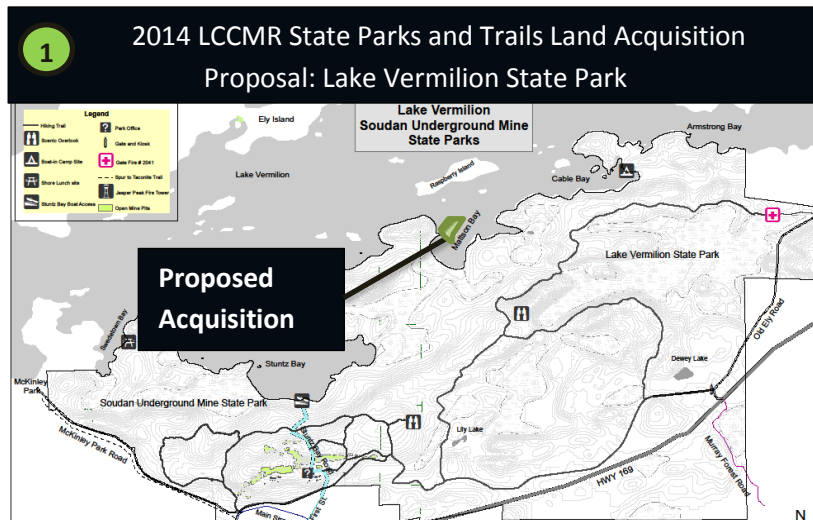
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#	Acquisition Parcel Name	Geographic Coordinates Format: [Deg.]° [Min.]' [Sec.]" [Hemis.]		County	Estimated Cost	Ecological Significance	Activity Description	# of Acres	# of Shoreline Miles	Type of Landowner	Proposed Fee Title or Easement Holder (if applicable)
		Latitude	Longitude								
1	Lake Vermilion SPK	57° 50' 30.1" N	92° 13' 5.2" W	St. Louis	\$510,000	Undeveloped forested island in Mattson Bay of Lake Vermilion.	Fee Title Acquisition	7.7	0.5	Private individual	MnDNR
2	Temperance River SPK	47° 33' 18.2" N	90° 56' 5.5" W	Cook	\$80,000	This parcel is part of a large undeveloped tract of northern hardwood forest with high biodiversity.	Fee Title Acquisition	40	NA	Private individual	MnDNR
3	Greenleaf SRA	45° 0' 55.9" N	94° 28' 46.2" W	Meeker	\$410,000	Primarily undeveloped lakeshore on Greenleaf Lake.	Fee Title Acquisition	110	1.5	Private individual	MnDNR
4	Glacial Lakes ST	45° 23' 13.4" N	94° 45' 23.7" W	Stearns	\$100,000	Previously pastureland.	Fee Title Acquisition	15	NA	Private individual	MnDNR
5	Goodhue-Pioneer ST	44° 24' 39.9" N	92° 38' 7.8" W	Goodhue	\$1,000,000	Wooded bluffs, former railroad grade, and ag land ideal for trail development, preservation, and restoration.	Fee Title Acquisition	82	NA	Private individual	MnDNR
6	Gateway ST	45° 14' 14.0" N	92° 47' 46.8" W	Washington	\$100,000	Agriculture land with gentle topography ideal for trail development.	Fee Title Acquisition	0.8	NA	Private individual	MnDNR
NOTES:											

Land Acquisition Proposed Projects



Map #	Facility Name	County
1	Lake Vermilion State Park	St. Louis
2	Temperance River State Park	Cook
3	Greenleaf Lake State Recreation Area	Meeker
4	Glacial Lakes State Trail	Stearns
5	Goodhue Pioneer State Trail	Goodhue
6	Gateway State Trail	Washington



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Project Manager Qualifications

As Manager of Acquisition and Development for the Division of Parks and Trails, Dana Vanderbosch provides leadership and oversight to the division's acquisition planning process for parcels within state park statutory boundaries and within statutory designated state trail corridors to ensure acquisition of critical parcels that further the conservation of Minnesota's natural and cultural resources and provide outdoor recreation opportunities.

Organization Description

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails operates 67 state parks, 8 state recreation areas, 575 miles of surfaced state trail, 1,610 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.