

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
2015 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

Project Title:

ENRTF ID: 135-F

Redwood/Renville County Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Master Plan

Category: F. Methods to Protect, Restore, and Enhance Land, Water, and Habitat

Total Project Budget: \$ 75,000

Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested: 2 years, July 2015 - June 2017

Summary:

Development of a Redwood/Renville County shared and managed outdoor recreation and conservation master plan to guide future development, while protecting cultural, historical, and natural resources, in the Minnesota River Valley.

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Location

Region: Central, SW

County Name: Redwood, Renville

City / Township:

Alternate Text for Visual:

Visual provides photos of recreational, historical, cultural, and natural resources found along the Minnesota River Valley in Redwood and Renville Counties.

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



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2015 Main Proposal

Project Title: Minnesota River Valley: Redwood/Renville County Recreation and Conservation Master Plan

I. PROJECT STATEMENT

The Minnesota River Valley shared by Redwood and Renville Counties is an asset to our citizens as well as the State of Minnesota. This project will create a locally driven and county managed master plan that will provide Redwood and Renville County strategies to guide development of a “shared landscape” through creation of a regional outdoor recreation and conservation area. The plan will help position Redwood/Renville County as a regional outdoor recreational destination by developing outdoor recreational uses and trail opportunities and creating awareness of our historical and cultural sites, while protecting and preserving the valley’s sensitive natural resources.

Project Goal: Develop a Redwood/Renville County shared and managed outdoor recreation and conservation master plan to guide future development of the Minnesota River Valley.

II. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

Activity 1: Develop a Minnesota River Valley Recreation and Conservation Master Plan. **Budget: \$75,000.00**

Outcome	Completion Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection, conservation, and connection of our natural, cultural and historical sites and features that tell the history of our area and connect people to the Minnesota River Valley. • Conservation and protection of sensitive natural resources, open space, and reduction of habitat fragmentation through low impact development of lands located within the Minnesota River Valley. • Development of land use performance standards and conservation strategies that complement existing land uses and direct public enjoyment of the lands away from highly sensitive ecological resources found in the Minnesota River Valley. • Creation of outdoor recreational uses and opportunities and conservation practices that attract diverse users, promote healthy lifestyles, and connect people to the environment. • Development of decision making tools to guide wise and sustainable capital improvement and investment decisions for outdoor recreational and conservation opportunities over the next 20 years. 	July 2017

III. PROJECT STRATEGY

A. Project Team/Partners

Project partners receiving ENRTF grant funding

- A landscape architect, to be selected through a request for qualification and interview process, will be hired and provide design services for the development of the master plan.



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Project partners providing in-kind services

- Renville County Division of Environment and Community Development – Project coordinator for Redwood and Renville Counties, conduct research and provide project background information, review plan design and provide feedback, logistics facilitation for public meetings and focus groups, and grant administration services.

Project partners not receiving ENRTF grant funding

- Redwood County Parks and Trails Committee – Plan design consultation
- Renville County Park Commission - Plan design consultation
- Renville County Trail Committee - Plan design consultation

B. Project Impact and Long-Term Strategy

The long-term strategy of the Minnesota River Valley Recreation and Conservation Master Plan is to position Redwood/Renville Counties as a regional outdoor recreational destination that will introduce new people to our area and the Minnesota River Valley, celebrate our counties history and culture, connect recreational, historical, and cultural sites to the Minnesota River national Scenic Byway, Minnesota State River Trail, and the Minnesota River State Trail, promote environmental education and incorporate conservation best management practices, and guide development for future recreation and conservation project opportunities.

C. Timeline Requirements

The Redwood/Renville County Recreation and Conservation Master Plan will be completed by July 2017.

2015 Detailed Project Budget

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IV. TOTAL ENRTF REQUEST BUDGET: 2 years

<u>BUDGET ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Contracts: A landscape architect will be contracted with, through a "request for proposal" and interview process, to develop a recreation and conservation master plan to help guide development in Redwood and Renville Counties that connects people to the natural, historic, cultural, conservation, and recreational resources of the Minnesota River Valley.	\$ 75,000
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND \$ REQUEST =	\$ 75,000

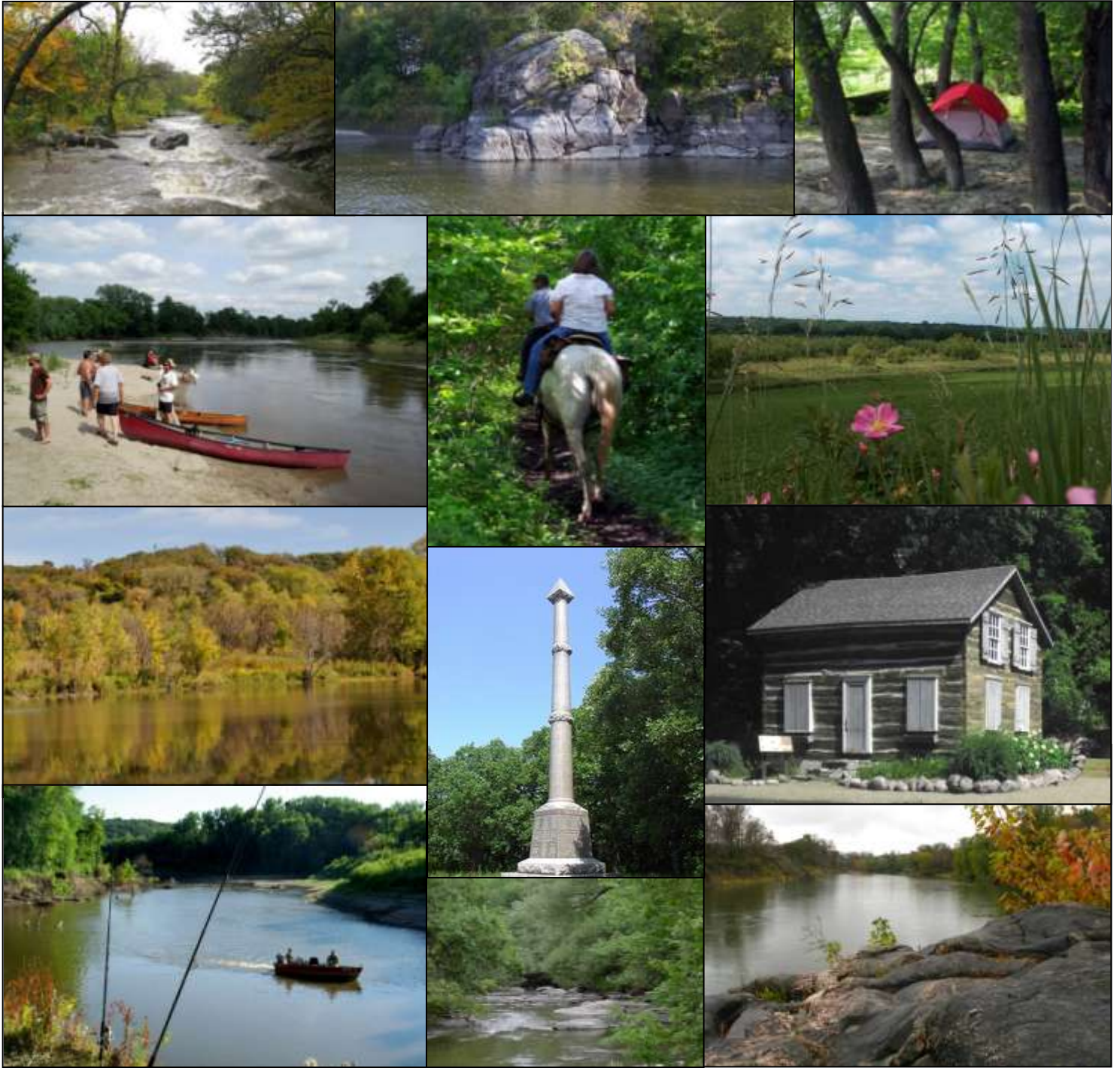
V. OTHER FUNDS

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>Status</u>
Other Non-State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:	N/A	N/A
Other State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:	N/A	N/A
In-kind Services To Be Applied To Project During Project Period: Renville County Division of Environment and Community Development will provide the following in-kind services: Historical data and information, plan design review and feedback, facilitation of logistics for public meetings and focus groups, travel, supplies, and grant administration services.	\$ 4,000	Secured
Funding History:	N/A	N/A
Remaining \$ From Current ENRTF Appropriation:	N/A	N/A

Minnesota River Valley

Redwood/Renville County

Recreation and Conservation Master Plan



"Development of outdoor recreational uses and trails, creating awareness of historical and cultural sites, while protecting and preserving the valley's sensitive natural resources."

Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description

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Project Manager will be responsible for research of county historical data and information, plan design review and feedback, facilitation of logistics for public meetings and focus groups, and administration of the grant for Redwood and Renville Counties.