

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund  
2016 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

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**Project Title:**

**ENRTF ID: 182-G**

Otter Tail River Protection and Recreation Trail Acquisition

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

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**Total Project Budget:** \$ 500,000

**Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested:** 1 year, July 2016 to June 2017

**Summary:**

One million dollar purchase of 16.624 acres of former MidAmerican Dair property, currently partially industrial and agricultural. For tot lot, Barefoot Park expansion, splash plad and river protection.

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**Location**

**Region:** Central

**County Name:** Otter Tail

**City / Township:** City of Fergus Falls

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**Alternate Text for Visual:**

The map shows the property bounded on the north by the Ottertail Valley Railroad and the south by the Ottertail River. Map shows 8.321 acres of park expansion area (75 wide), trail (25 wide), shoreland protection area (hatched), a tot lot location, and the remaining area of which an additional 8.312 acres will be purchased to best augment and/or protect the earlier identified projects.

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



## Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

### 2016 Main Proposal

Project Title: *Otter Tail River Protection and Recreation Trail Acquisition*

#### PROJECT TITLE: OTTER TAIL RIVER PROTECTION AND RECREATION TRAIL ACQUISITION

#### I. PROJECT STATEMENT

The project needs to be implemented because a former dairy site of 28.91 acres is now available, portions of which are in dilapidated condition. It is for sale at \$1,850,000. It has 3,476 lineal feet of frontage on the Otter Tail River's north shore. The City wishes to acquire 16.624 acres to protect the river and provide recreational opportunities. This would help the City to steer the course of the remaining land's redevelopment. That and the land proposed for purchase is surrounded by residential developments long pressed by inappropriate legacy land uses. The future river use /reservoir use/ nearby parks use would contribute an additional 64.64 acres to this recreational potential.

The main goal would be the improvement of the water quality of the Otter Tail River to the benefit of Fergus Falls and downstream communities/counties/states/countries. It would serve a regional purpose for recreation and a cleaner river.

The project will achieve that goal by putting in place environmental buffers, recreational paths, park expansion, tot lot development, splash pad location, and other lands to enhance the other afore mentioned activities.

#### II. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

##### Activity 1: Acquisition of Property

**Budget: \$1,000,000**

*The property to be acquired is composed of parts of four Otter Tail County parcels. The land to be acquired by the City of Fergus Falls is land from the high water mark up onto a river bluff and land to augment the trail, tot lot, splash pad, park expansion, and to buffer the same.*

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Acquired Property – 16.624 acres	July 2017

#### III. PROJECT STRATEGY

##### A. Project Team/Partners

*The City of Fergus Falls, which also acts as the Fergus Falls Port Authority, will receive the money from the Environment and Natural Resources trust Fund. The Community Development director will complete the acquisition and proper paperwork. His name is Gordon Hydukovich, the City Finance Director, Bill Sonmor, will handle receipts and disbursements. The City Attorney, Rolf Nycklemoe, will advise the process and prepare purchase documents.*

##### B. Project Impact and Long-Term Strategy

The project will be a first step, by the City, in Otter Tail River property acquisition. It is hoped that the remaining 12.28 acres could be purchased in the future. However, funding sources for future efforts have not been identified.

##### C. Timeline Requirements

The acquisition of the 16.624 acres will be complete by July 2017.

## 2016 Detailed Project Budget

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### IV. TOTAL ENRTF REQUEST BUDGET - 1 year

BUDGET ITEM	AMOUNT
Personnel: NA	NA
Professional/Technical/Service Contracts: NA	NA
Equipment/Tools/Supplies: NA	NA
Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements): The total \$1,000,000 is the cost of the land. 16.624 acres will be purchased. The fee title owner will be the City of Fergus Falls.	\$500,000
Travel: NA	NA
Additional Budget Items: NA	NA
<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND \$ REQUEST =</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNT	Status
Other Non-State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period: <i>The City of Fergus Falls will provide \$500,000 from a local source and/or bonding.</i>	\$500,000	Pending
Other State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period: NA	NA	NA
In-kind Services To Be Applied To Project During Project Period: <i>The City and Port Authority staff will provide all time necessary for free to effect the project completion. That project is to acquire the land for \$1,000,000.</i>	NA	Secured
Funding History: NA	NA	NA
Remaining \$ From Current ENRTF Appropriation: NA	NA	NA

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund  
2016 Proposed Acquisition/Restoration List**

Otter Tail River Protection And Recreation Trail Acquisition  
 Gordon Hydukovich, Community Development Director  
 City Of Fergus Falls  
 \$500,000

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LCCMR RECREATIONAL PROJECT  
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**Legend**

- 25' Recreational River Trail
- 75' R/W - Park Expansion
- 50' x 50' Tot Lot Playground
- Enviromental Strip

NO SCALE  
5/5/15



### **Project Manager Qualifications for Otter Tail River Protection & Recreation Trail Acquisition**

Gordon Hydukovich is an American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certified planner. He is a founding member of the (AICP). He is the past president (10 years) of the Minnesota Planning Association of which he was a member for thirty years. He has a Master's of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) and has been a practicing planner for nearly forty years. A former member of the West Central Regional Development Commission (land use, grant writing, economic development planning, manpower planning), he has worked for the City of Fergus Falls for 32 years as its Planner, Community Development Director, Port Authority Executive Director, and advisor to the Minnesota Community Capital Fund, the Western Minnesota Industries, and Business Development of Fergus Falls. Gordon is skilled in the use of many and various funding mechanisms/sources.

Gordon Hydukovich, will complete the purchase of the identified property and assure proper recording and paperwork.

### **Description of Applicant Organizations**

The City of Fergus Falls is a Charter City and has existed since 1872. It has utilized all its powers since that time. The Fergus Falls Port Authority was formed in 1986 and has utilized all of its powers since that time with the exception of being a limited partner. Yet that is a possibility on the 12.286 acres to be left for private development.