

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund  
2019 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

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**Project Title:**

**ENRTF ID: 262-G**

Rainy Lake Recreational Access and Boat Wash Station

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

**Sub-Category:**

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**Total Project Budget: \$** 511,710

**Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested:** June 30, 2022 (3 yrs)

**Summary:**

To enhance and increase public access to Rainy Lake by providing an adequate ADA compliant recreational parking lot, ADA compliant public restroom and AIS boat wash station.

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**Sponsoring Organization:** City of Ranier

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**Location**

**Region:** Northeast

**County Name:** Koochiching

**City / Township:** RANIER

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**Alternate Text for Visual:**

The visual document is an architectural drawing of the recreational parking lot with an AIS boat wash station, public restroom and proposed transient dock.

_____ Funding Priorities	_____ Multiple Benefits	_____ Outcomes	_____ Knowledge Base
_____ Extent of Impact	_____ Innovation	_____ Scientific/Tech Basis	_____ Urgency
_____ Capacity Readiness	_____ Leverage	_____ TOTAL	_____ %
_____ If under \$200,000, waive presentation?			



**PROJECT TITLE: RAINY LAKE RECREATIONAL ACCESS AND BOATWASH STATION**

**I. PROJECT STATEMENT**

The overall goal of this project is to increase public access for boat recreation on Rainy Lake, provide modern adequate parking for vehicle and boat trailers and reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species. In order to achieve these goals, the City of Ranier is proposing the construction of a Transient Boat Dock/Marina at Spruce Street Landing (see Map/Plat). This facility will accommodate large vessels of 26 feet or greater for limited stays of 15 days or less and offer amenities such as water, electricity, waste pump out, and lighting. Rainy Lake is home to Voyageurs National Park (on the east end of Rainy Lake more than 15 miles away) which provides individual mooring spots in the park for houseboats. However, there are over 100 vessels larger than 26 feet on Rainy Lake. A public facility on the west end of Rainy Lake at Ranier would provide a mooring spot to accommodate these larger vessels in addition to other smaller boats. Ranier is pursuing a grant from the USFWS Boating Infrastructure Grant Program to help fund the Transient Boat Dock Marina portion of the project.

The other important piece of this project which will enhance public access to Rainy Lake is to provide modern adequate ADA compliant recreational parking for boat trailers which will include an ADA compliant restroom and AIS boat washing station. This project will be developed in phases beginning with the recreational parking, public restroom and AIS boat wash station.

**Phase I** of this overarching project is to:

- 1) Expand public access to Rainy Lake** by constructing a modern adequate parking lot that can accommodate at least 15 vehicle and boat trailer parking spaces;
- 2) Prevent the spread of Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species** to and from Rainy Lake by offering a state of the art permanent boat wash station in the recreational parking lot; and
- 3) Construct an ADA compliant public restroom** in the recreational parking lot.

**II. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES**

**ACTIVITY 1: Construction of a new vehicle and trailer parking lot.** This new parking lot will provide adequate ADA compliant vehicle and trailer parking spaces. Additionally, the new construction will protect the surrounding environment by providing graveled and/or paved access and parking with appropriate curbing and grading to prevent water accumulation, rutting, erosion and soil run-off.

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Acquire parcels	8/31/2019
Obtain requisite environmental, historical and land use permitting	8/31/2019
Conduct land survey and initial site preparation	10/15/2019
Install appropriate water, sewer and electrical connections	8/15/2020
Finalize site prep. pave alley and parking lot, install curb and gutter	10/15/2020



**ACTIVITY 2: Construction of an Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species (AIS) Boat Wash Station.** The environmental benefits of this aspect of the project are obvious and foremost in the protection of not only Rainy Lake / Rainy River, but all other Minnesota natural water resources by the prevention of the spread of aquatic invasive species. Boat owners/users, for a nominal fee, will be able to wash their boats prior to entering and after leaving Rainy Lake/Rainy River. The Wash Station infrastructure will comply with the “Best Practices” as identified by the MNDNR for wash procedure (pressure and temperature standards etc.), engineering for access, water handling and traffic flow.

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
ID and procure appropriate / state of the art IS boat wash apparatus	9/31/2019
Accept delivery of IS Apparatus	4/30/2020
Install / Construct IS Apparatus on-site	6/30/2020
IS Boat Wash Station is fully operational and in use	10/15/2020

**ACTIVITY 3: Construction of ADA Compliant Public Restrooms.** The provision of sanitary ADA Compliant public restrooms in vicinity of the boat trailer parking lot and boat wash station is in keeping with federal standards of the planned Transient Dock/Marina and in keeping with public sanitation standards.

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Obtain requisite environmental, historical and land use permitting	8/31/2019
Conduct land survey and initial site preparation	10/15/2019
Install appropriate water, sewer and electrical connections	8/15/2020
Finalize site prep. construct and install ADA Compliant restrooms	10/15/2020

**III. PROJECT PARTNERS:**

**A. Partners receiving ENRTF funding**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Role</b>

**B. Partners NOT receiving ENRTF funding**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Role</b>

**IV. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:**

The city of Ranier is applying for funding from the US Fish and Wildlife Services Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIGP) to finance the greater share of the overarching Transient Boat Dock Marina up to the amount of \$1.5M. After all Activities and Outcomes are completed, the City of Ranier will assume full fiscal responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the parking lot, restrooms and Invasive Species Boat Wash Station as well as the Transient Boat Dock Marina.

## 2019 Proposal Budget Spreadsheet

**Project Title: RAINY LAKE RECREATIONAL ACCESS AND BOATWASH STATION**

### IV. TOTAL ENRTF REQUEST BUDGET THREE years

BUDGET ITEM (See "Guidance on Allowable Expenses")	AMOUNT
<b>Professional/Technical/Service Contracts: Professional Services \$10,950:</b> Engineering \$4,000, Const. Mgt \$4,000, Survey \$2,250, Permitting \$700. <b>Construction \$425,260 :</b> Mob. \$25,000, Traf. Control \$130, Road Maint. \$130, Parking Lot & Road \$250,000, Boatwash Station w/ Restrooms \$150,000,	\$ 436,210
<b>Equipment/Tools/Supplies:</b> Two Animal Proof Trash Receptacles \$6,000 (two at \$3,000 Each) ,	\$ 6,000
<b>Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements):</b> Property acquisition for recreational parking lot and AIS boat wash station.	\$ 40,000
<b>Travel:</b> Proj. Mgr (or designee) Mileage to and from meetings with MNDNR Officials, Engineers, and Constr. Mgrs. To include lodging and meals based on meeting loc. or duration.	\$ 2,000
<b>Additional Budget Items:</b> Utility Installations \$17,500: Water \$3,750, Sanitary Sewer \$3,750, Electric \$10,000, Informational Kiosks and directional signage at city Boat Ramp and Parking Lot \$10,000.	\$ 27,500
<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND \$ REQUEST =</b>	<b>\$ 511,710</b>

### V. OTHER FUNDS (This entire section must be filled out. Do not delete rows. Indicate "N/A" if row is not applicable.)

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNT	Status
<b>Other Non-State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:</b> Ranier City Council authorized \$5,000, Koochiching Community Development Association provided \$5,000 and Koochiching County granted \$5,000 from its AIS fund to support preliminary engineering costs.	\$15,000	<i>Secured</i>
<b>Other State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:</b>	N/A	
<b>In-kind Services To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:</b> The Ranier City Administrator will serve as the Project Manager, IN-KIND, for this project. .01% FTE for 3 years @ \$17,940	\$17,940	<i>Secured</i>
<b>Past and Current ENRTF Appropriation:</b>	N/A	
<b>Other Funding History:</b> Pending Application to USFWS for Boating Infrastructure Grant Program to expand existing Spruce Street Dock into a Safe Harbor / Transient Boat Dock/Marina	\$ 1,500,000	<i>In progress. Applying 4/30/18</i>



**HELP STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**

To avoid spreading aquatic invasive species  
**BEFORE launching ... BEFORE leaving:**

- Clean off aquatic plants and aquatic animals
- Drain lake or river water away from the landing
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash

**It's the Law:**

- You may not transport aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other



## PROJECT MANAGER QUALIFICATION & ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

**Project Manager:** Ms. Sherril Gautreaux, Ranier City Administrator. Ms. Gautreaux is an attorney with extensive case and document management experience and organizational skills.

**Team Partners:** City of Ranier will be the recipient of the grant and own the ramp, aquatic invasive species boat wash station, parking lot and dock in partnership with MNDNR through a cooperative agreement. Koochiching County has contributed funds and will assist in managing the aquatic invasive species boat wash station. Koochiching County Development Association contributed funds for preliminary engineering and design work.

**Organization:** City of Ranier, Koochiching County

**Project Impact and Long Term Strategy:** The impact of the project is provide suitable boat access to Rainy Lake in Ranier; provide a boat wash station to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species into Rainy Lake and to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species to other Minnesota lakes; and provide suitable ADA compliant parking for vehicles and boat trailers and a public restroom. These suitable amenities do not currently exist in Ranier which is a gateway to Rainy Lake and Voyageurs National Park. The long term strategy is to revitalize Ranier's Rainy Lake waterfront by enhancing recreational opportunities in the construction of a transient boat dock and enhance adjoining amenities including the public boat access ramp, public recreational parking and restroom and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

**Timeline Requirements:** The project proposed in this application is to be completed by 2022.