**Environment Trust Fund 2020 Project Proposal**

Project Title: Enhancing Bat Recovery and Survival by Optimizing Artificial Roosting Structures

##### Project Manager Qualifications

Ed Quinn oversees the natural/cultural resource management program for the Division of Parks & Trails. He provides direction for and coordination of 18 Parks & Trails resource management specialists and technicians. The program is responsible for protecting, managing and restoring natural/cultural resources on division-administered lands. Annually the division restores approximately 800 acres of prairie, forest & wetlands, conducts prescribed burns on about 6,000 acres and manages invasive species on approximately 11,000 acres.

Ed has worked in the natural resource field for over 35 years. He has been employed as a naturalist, wildlife biologist and natural areas manager. He has overseen the MNDNR Parks & Trails resource program since 1998. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Fish & Wildlife from Michigan State University and a master’s degree from the University of Minnesota. He has been a certified wildlife biologist since 1994.

# Organization Description

The Department of Natural Resources-Division of Parks and Trails operates 67 state parks, 9 state recreation areas, 25 state trail segments, 1,496 water access sites, 33 water trails and 8 state waysides throughout Minnesota. The Division is responsible for protecting, managing & restoring natural and cultural resources and providing outstanding park, trail and water recreation experiences for visitors.