**Environment Natural Resources Trust Fund - 2020 Project Proposal**

###### Project Title: Minnesota State Parks and State Trails In-holdings

##### Project Manager Qualifications – Jennifer Christie

As the Land Acquisitions and Real Estate Consultant for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources-Parks and Trails Division, Jennifer Christie manages the statewide land acquisition prioritization, planning and transaction process for property located within legislatively-defined State Parks, State Recreation Areas, State Trails and Public Water Access systems from willing sellers. She strives to ensure successful acquisitions of high priority, critical in-holdings that provide protection of Minnesota’s natural and cultural resources, promote positive economic impacts and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities for all the citizens of Minnesota to enjoy and appreciate.

Jennifer has over 25 years of knowledge and experience from working in the Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources field and the Real Estate industry.

She has worked in various parks, and outdoor recreation capacities from numerous front-line, seasonal and full-time park positions including: Gate, Boat Rental and Concession Attendant, Lifeguard, Camp Counselor Team Leader, Summer Site Coordinator, Intern, to Park Manager, Parks and Natural Resources Project Coordinator and her current position for the past 11 years as the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources-Parks and Trails Division Land Acquisition and Real Estate Consultant.

Jennifer has also worked seven years in the private sector real estate industry as a Mortgage Underwriter, Title Closer, Construction Finance Administrator and Valuations Supervisor.

Jennifer has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services Management.

# Organization Description

The Department of Natural Resources-Division of Parks and Trails manages and operates 66 State Parks, 9 State Recreation Areas, 26 State Trails, 1,610 Public Water Access Sites, 35 State Water Trails and 9 State Waysides throughout Minnesota.

The vision of the Parks and Trails Division is to create unforgettable park, trail and water recreation experiences that inspire people to pass along the love for the outdoors to current and future generations.

The Parks and Trails Division connects people to the state’s natural and cultural resources through natural and cultural resource restoration and management, and providing access to conservation education and outdoor recreation opportunities.