**PROJECT TITLE:** RANIER SAFE HARBOR/TRANSIENT DOCK ON RAINY LAKE

**I. PROJECT STATEMENT**

The City of Ranier, MN is constructing a new dock facility in order to enhance public recreational access to Rainy Lake at a state water-access site. There is a need to construct a facility for recreational boats 26 feet or longer due to a growing demand for recreational access of large boats. Ranier is situated at the confluence of Rainy Lake and Rainy River and is considered the gateway to Voyageurs National Park (VNP), Minnesota’s only national park. This project is needed to accommodate the more than 150 houseboats, sailboats and other vessels longer than 26 feet either privately or commercially owned on Rainy Lake. Construction of the dock will enhance VNP by creating a docking space for the VNP large tour boat. A total of 18 overnight and eight daytime slips will be provided. Amenities will be provided to accommodate transient boaters’ needs including electrical services, sewage pump-out station and freshwater services.

**II. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES**

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| **Activity 1 Title: Engineering design, survey, plans and construction management.****Description:**Complete engineering design of 278’ boat dock with final construction documents. Complete bathymetric survey of bottom of Rainy Lake in area of construction. Complete land topographic survey and soil/bedrock exploration. Obtain professional engineering assistance with MNDNR and US Army Corp of Engineers permitting process.**ENRTF BUDGET:**  | **$150,000** |

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| **Outcome:**  | **Completion Date:**  |
| *1.* **Plans, specifications, bid documents for construction** | *12/2021* |
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| **Activity 2 Title: Dock Construction.****Description:**The dock will be constructed by a responsible contractor selected through appropriate bidding process. At the successful conclusion of this project, the Port of Ranier will have an ADA compliant transient dock facility with 18 overnight, protected slips and eight daytime slips located on public property, owned and managed by the City of Ranier, MN. This marina will provide overnight transient boaters with water, electricity, and sewage pump out services.**ENRTF BUDGET:**  | **$612,650** |

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| **Outcome:**  | **Completion Date:**  |
| *1.* **Construction of 278 foot bin-wall designed dock facility** | *12/2023* |
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**III. PROJECT PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS:** City of Ranier will be the recipient of the grant. The city of Ranier and Koochiching County Development Association contributed funds for preliminary engineering and design work.

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

An expanded facility in Ranier would bring other opportunities for boaters and enhance the recreational boating experience on Rainy Lake and Voyageurs National Park. The designed dock will provide continuity of public access to the shore since 1896. This will be the only western access point to Rainy Lake for larger boats. The new transient boat marina and facilities will provide tastefully lighted, safe overnight dockage and land-based comforts never previously available. The addition of this facility will also support other local marinas (in the US and Canada) and provide a long overdue alternative for transient boaters not seeking a strictly “wilderness” experience in Voyageurs National Park. The dock will be sufficient to moor the Voyageurs National Park tour boat giving another access point to visitors on Rainy Lake and other potential tour operators enhancing recreational access to Rainy Lake.

**V. SEE ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL COMPONENTS:**

**A. Proposal Budget Spreadsheet – SEE ATTACHED**

**B. Visual Component or Map – SEE ATTACHED**

**C. Parcel List Spreadsheet – N/A**

**D. Acquisition, Easements, and Restoration Requirements – N/A**

**E. Research Addendum – N/A**

**F. Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description – SEE ATTACHED**

**G. Letter or Resolution – SEE ATTACHED**

**H. Financial Capacity – N/A**