



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

2021 Request for Proposal

General Information

Proposal ID: 2021-428

Proposal Title: Rocori Trail Phase 3

Project Manager Information

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Project Basic Information

Project Summary: This project consists of the design and construction of Phase 3 of the Rocori Trail along the old BNSF rail corridor and will connect Cold Spring, Richmond and Rockville.

Funds Requested: \$1,260,000

Proposed Project Completion: 2022-06-30

LCCMR Funding Category: Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation (G)

Project Location

What is the best scale for describing where your work will take place?

Region(s): Central

What is the best scale to describe the area impacted by your work?

Statewide

When will the work impact occur?

During the Project

Narrative

Describe the opportunity or problem your proposal seeks to address. Include any relevant background information.

The planning, design and construction of the Rocori Trail has been a collaborative effort with support from the Rocori Trail Committee, City of Rockville, City of Cold Spring, City of Richmond, Cold Spring 20/20, Stearns County, MN DNR, National Parks Service, Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota, the Rocori Area Community Foundation, Schools, and the residents of the participating communities. The total estimated cost of Phase 3 of the Rocori Trail is estimated to be \$2,437,270. The RTCB has expended \$365,000 to date on the project. The RTCB received \$812,270 from the MN Department of Transportation through its FY'21 Transportation Alternatives Program eligible for construction and is requesting \$1,260,000 from the LCCMR for the balance of the project cost. The Rocori Trail provides connections to many area features/attractions along the trail route including recreational facilities, historical and natural resources, elementary and secondary schools, commercial, industrial, and retail businesses, and specifically, the Sauk River, Historic Downtowns, Cold Spring Dam and Falls, Scenic and Recreational Parks, Rockville Granite Quarry, Eagle Park, Scenic Rural Countryside Vistas and the Rockville County Park.

What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? i.e. What are you seeking funding to do? You will be asked to expand on this in Activities and Milestones.

The Rocori Trail Construction Board (RTCB) is applying to the LCCMR for funds to complete the design and construction of Phase 3 (2.3 miles) of the Rocori Trail. The trail will be constructed on the former BNSF railroad corridor along Trunk Highway 23 in Stearns County and will connect the cities of Richmond, Cold Springs, Rockville and two adjoining Townships. The entire Rocori Trail corridor is owned by the Rocori Trail Construction Board. Upon completion of Phase 3, the trail will be approximately 7 miles long, 10 feet wide, paved and ADA compliant (See attached map). Phases 1 and 2 have been completed with local, state and federal dollars.

What are the specific project outcomes as they relate to the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's natural resources?

The primary users of the Rocori Trail will be pedestrians, bicyclists, roller bladers and will be accessible for wheelchair use in and around the cities of Richmond, Cold Springs, Rockville, the Townships of Wakefield and Munson, and most of Stearns County. The Rocori Trail is also connected to the Glacial Lakes State Trail that runs approximately 50 miles from Willmar to Richmond. Future links include connections to the Lake Wobegon Trail (St. Joseph/Todd County), Central Lakes Trail (Fergus Falls/Alexandria), Lake Koronis Trail (Paynesville) and Beaver Island Trail (St. Cloud) which would create over 100 miles of trail connectivity.

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Project Engineering

Activity Budget: \$368,270

Activity Description:

Design, Wetlands Permitting and Mitigation, Material Testing, Staking, Inspection and Construction Administration of Phase 3.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Completion Of Plans and Specifications	2020-08-31
Final Design Review	2020-09-30
Complete Bidding Documents	2020-11-30

Activity 2: Project Construction

Activity Budget: \$891,730

Activity Description:

Construction of the Rocori Trail Phase 3

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Project Bid	2021-01-31
Construction Start	2021-05-31
Construction Complete	2022-06-30

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
MNDNR Staff	MNDNR	Funder	No
MNDOT Staff	MNDOT	Funder	No
General Contractor	General Contractor Hired Through A Competitive Bidding Process	Responsible For All Project Construction	Yes
Engineering Firm	Engineering Firm Selected Through A Qualifications Process	Project Design and Construction Administration	Yes
Rockville Elected Officials	City of Rockville	Project Oversight	No
Cold Spring Elected Officials	City of Cold Spring	Project Oversight	No
Richmond Elected Officials	City of Richmond	Project Oversight	No

Long-Term Implementation and Funding

Describe how the results will be implemented and how any ongoing effort will be funded. If not already addressed as part of the project, how will findings, results, and products developed be implemented after project completion? If additional work is needed, how will this be funded?

The operation and maintenance of all phases of this project is under the auspices of the Rocori Trail Construction Board (RTCB) and the cities of Richmond, Cold Springs, and Rockville have agreed to share on the maintenance for the RTCB for a minimum of 20 years. The trail will be constructed with materials that require a low level of maintenance over the next 20 years. The cities annually evaluate the condition and operations of the trail. Seasonal maintenance (mowing, weed control, sweeping, trail repair, etc.) is estimated to be \$15,000 annual for all three phases of the project. This will be a line item in each of the cities' annual budget.

Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

Project Manager Name: Kevin Mooney

Job Title: Board Chair - Rocori Trail Construction Board - Applicant

Provide description of the project manager's qualifications to manage the proposed project.

The overall project manager for this project will be the Rocori Trail Construction Board (RTCB) in cooperation with the member communities (Richmond, Cold Spring, Rockville) councils and staff. Additional project management and oversight will come from the consulting engineering team. All of these entities have been involved in the planning and construction of all three phases of this project. This team has successfully designed, funded and constructed phases 1 and 2 of this overall trail and are very capable of completing phase 3. The RTCB and its management team have many years of project oversight and project funding administration.

Organization: Rocori Trail Construction Board

Organization Description:

The cities of Richmond, Cold Spring and Rockville have created the Rocori Trail Construction Board through a Joint Powers Agreement (Attached) authorized by the laws of Minnesota. The RTCB consists of two representatives of each of the member cities. Each representative have a single vote and shall serve without compensation. The administrators of the member Cities serve as non-voting representations. A new chair is appointed annually by the voting members of each City. The RTCB purpose is to acquire trail right of way, design, construct and fund the Rocori Trail.

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
							Sub Total	-
Contracts and Services								
Engineering Firm Hired Through A Qualifications Process	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Engineering Firm Will Be Responsible For Project Design and Construction Administration				4		\$368,270
							Sub Total	\$368,270
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies								
							Sub Total	-
Capital Expenditures								
							Sub Total	-
Acquisitions and Stewardship								
							Sub Total	-
Travel In Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Travel Outside Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-

Printing and Publication								
							Sub Total	-
Other Expenses								
		General Contractor Hired Through A Competitive Bidding Process	Responsible For All Aspects Of The Project Construction					\$891,730
							Sub Total	\$891,730
							Grand Total	\$1,260,000

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request
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Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	Amount
State				
Cash	MNDNR	Project Design and Construction	Secured	\$224,000
			State Sub Total	\$224,000
Non-State				
Cash	MNDOT - Transportation Alternatives Program (Federal Funds)	Trail Construction	Secured	\$953,270
			Non State Sub Total	\$953,270
			Funds Total	\$1,177,270

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [5e4698d8-015.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

Visual Shows Trail Location

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
Resolution	58ea2972-817.pdf

Optional Attachments

Support Letter or Other

Title	File
Organization Documents	9dc0620f-fd4.docx

Administrative Use

Does your project include restoration or acquisition of land rights?

No

Does your project have patent, royalties, or revenue potential?

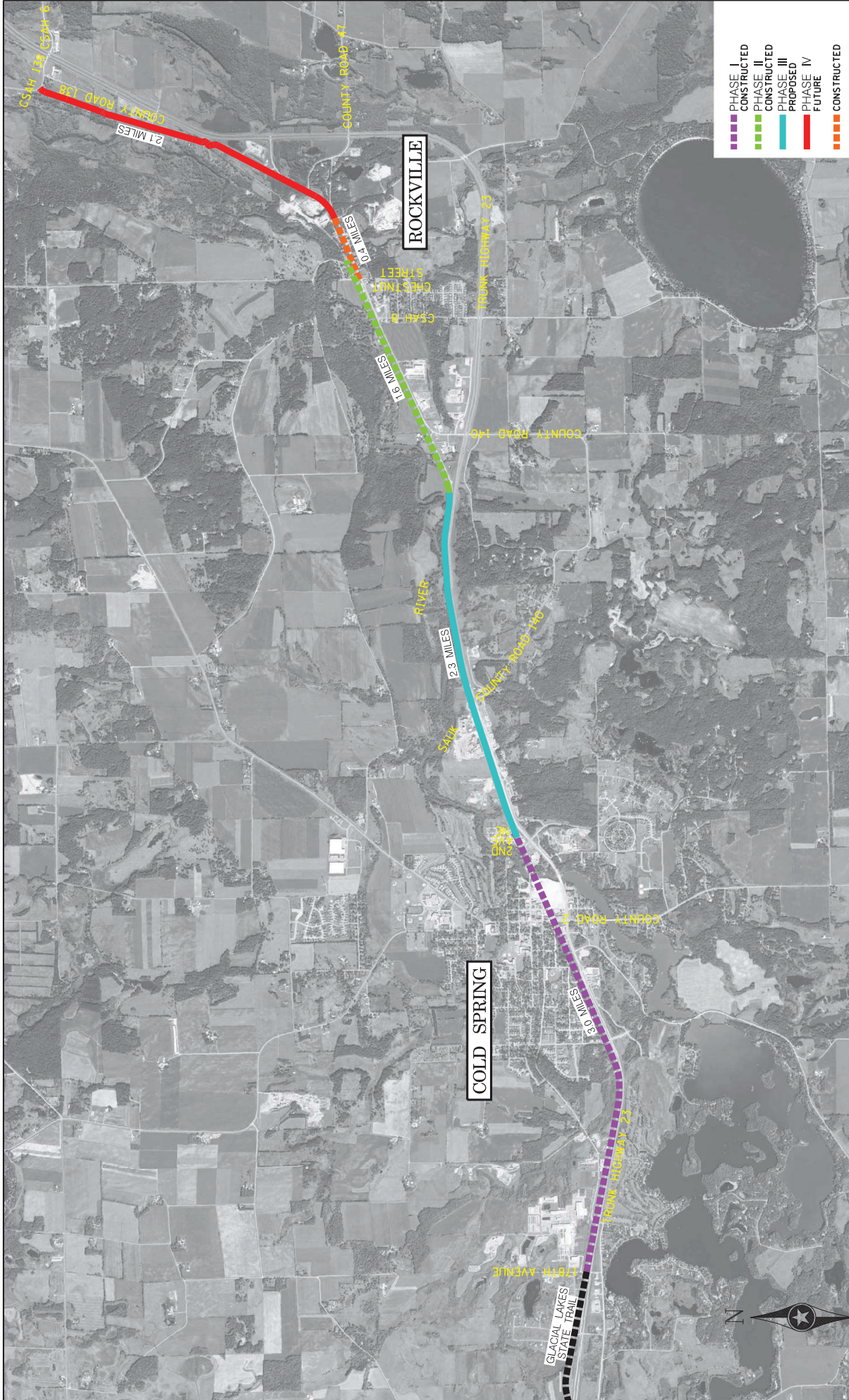
No

Does your project include research?

No

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No



- PHASE I CONSTRUCTED
- PHASE II CONSTRUCTED
- PHASE III CONSTRUCTED
- PHASE IV PROPOSED
- FUTURE
- CONSTRUCTED

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