



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

2023 Request for Proposal

General Information

Proposal ID: 2023-045

Proposal Title: MN River Valley State Trail, Appleton/Marsh Lake

Project Manager Information

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Project Basic Information

Project Summary: This project will complete a critical Minnesota River State Trail connection to the recently redeveloped Marsh Lake Recreation area.

Funds Requested: \$3,808,000

Proposed Project Completion: June 30, 2025

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

Project Location

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

Region(s): SW

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

Region(s): SW

When will the work impact occur?

During the Project and In the Future

Narrative

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

Implementing the Appleton to Marsh Lake Trail segment of the Minnesota River State Trail has taken over 10 years. Legislative funding was initially provided to the DNR but initial corridors identified for trail alignment proved problematic due to land acquisition. A new alignment was identified in conjunction with the opportunity to connect to the Marsh Lake Ecosystem Restoration Project, a cooperative project between the Corps of Engineers, the DNR, and the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District to "restore the aquatic and riparian ecosystems within the Marsh Lake project area, which is along the Minnesota River and within the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area (WMA) boundary. Marsh Lake is a 5,000 acre shallow reservoir along the Minnesota River in Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, and Swift Counties."

Due to the length of time to develop and secure funding for the Marsh Lake project and the impact to the trail corridor and connection points, the DNR worked cooperatively with Swift County to retain funding for the trail until the Marsh Lake Project was completed in 2021. Swift County is currently soliciting bids for the construction of the first segment of a trail to connect to the Marsh Lake project.

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

This proposal will complete the final 3 miles of a Minnesota River State Trail segment, and a necessary bridge, of a trail between Appleton and the Marsh Lake recreation area. The first 2 miles of this trail is being constructed through a partnership between Swift County and the DNR.

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?

This trail will provide a recreation enhancement to the Marsh Lake area and a critical segment of the Minnesota River state Trail corridor.

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Design and engineering

Activity Budget: \$480,000

Activity Description:

Design trail and bridge specifications

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Trail Design Completed	March 31, 2024
Environmental Review	June 30, 2024
Bid specifications	September 30, 2024

Activity 2: Construction

Activity Budget: \$3,200,000

Activity Description:

Construction of trail and bridge

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Bid award	November 30, 2024
Construction	June 30, 2025

Activity 3: Project Administration

Activity Budget: \$128,000

Activity Description:

Swift County will manage and oversee the design/engineering and construction of this project using county employees.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
procure design/engineering services	September 30, 2023
Oversee design/engineering and construction	June 30, 2025

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Kent Skaar	MN DNR	The DNR has led and developed all preliminary planning for the proposed trail segments and would remain a critical partner and participant in the successful completion of the project.	No
Andy Sander	Swift County	As county engineer Andy has worked with the DNR to manage the design, engineering and construction of the phase 1 portion of this trail corridor. The County will also oversee the design engineering and construction of this proposed phase.	Yes

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 work be funded?

Swift County has been a strong and willing partner with the DNR to implement this segment of the Mn River State Trail. Swift County has spent internal resources on staffing and administration of the first phase of this project and would expect to allocate or seek any additional resources needed to complete this project.

Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

Project Manager Name: Dawn Hegland

Job Title: Executive Director

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

The UMRDC provides technical consulting services to counties and cities. The UMRDC has a long standing relation with the planning and development of the Minnesota River Valley State Trail corridor and this specific trail segment. The UMRDC has expertise in grant management and administration of state and federal funding for a wide variety of project types including recreation improvements.

Organization: Swift County

Organization Description:

Swift County is a county in western Minnesota.

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
County Engineer		Oversee the design, engineering and construction of the project.			25%	0.5		\$128,000
							Sub Total	\$128,000
Contracts and Services								
TBD	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Design and engineering				5		\$480,000
TBD	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Construction of trail and bridge				-		\$3,200,000
							Sub Total	\$3,680,000
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								
							Sub Total	-
							Grand Total	\$3,808,000

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				
			State Sub Total	-
Non-State				
			Non State Sub Total	-
			Funds Total	-

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [05d07bd2-a22.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

Map of the trail corridor showing Phase 1 (currently out for bids) and the proposed phase 2 connection to the Marsh Lake Dam area...

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
Swift County Resolution	0ef90c2f-0fe.pdf

Administrative Use

Does your project include restoration or acquisition of land rights?

No

Does your project have potential for royalties, copyrights, patents, or sale of products and assets?

No

Do you understand and acknowledge IP and revenue-return and sharing requirements in 116P.10?

N/A

Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF?

N/A

Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?


No

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?


No


Appleton to Marsh Lake Dam Trail

Phase 1 (~2 miles)

 Phase 1

Phase 2 (~3 miles)

 Phase 2 (~3 miles)

 Marsh Lake Dam Recreation Area

Pomme de Terre Bridge

 bridge

