



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

2023 Request for Proposal

General Information

Proposal ID: 2023-249

Proposal Title: Maplewood State Park Trail Segment

Project Manager Information

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Project Basic Information

Project Summary: Construction of the Maplewood State Park Segment (4.2 miles) of the 32-mile Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail that will connect the City of Pelican Rapids to Maplewood State.

Funds Requested: \$2,514,000

Proposed Project Completion: December 31, 2024

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): Central

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

Region(s): Central

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.

In partnership with the MN DNR, this proposal specifically aims to expand outdoor recreational opportunities by connecting the communities of Pelican Rapids, Perham and surrounding areas to Maplewood State Park via a recreational trail. It will also expand existing state trail systems by connecting the Central Lakes and Heartland Trails in the future. Otter Tail County is in a beautiful part of Minnesota with an abundance of lakes, wetlands, rolling hills and agricultural areas. Outdoor recreation is an important part of the quality of life and the tourism economy in Otter Tail County.

This proposal also improves access to outdoor recreational opportunities to diverse and changing populations. Racial and ethnic minority populations tend to participate less in most nature-based outdoor recreation activities, including visiting state parks and trails. In fact, according to a DNR report, only 2.8 percent of state park visitors identified themselves as non-white. Pelican Rapids is the most diverse community in Otter Tail County and one of the most diverse rural communities in Minnesota. This project will afford outdoor recreational opportunities to members of racially and ethnically diverse cultures who have not traditionally benefited from the park's facilities and resources.

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.

LCCMR funding will be used to construct the Maplewood State Park Segment of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail - a 10-foot wide, 4.2-mile bituminous multi-use trail entirely within Maplewood State Park. This project will complete the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail by connecting an existing trail segment at the west boundary of Maplewood State Park on CSAH 3 to an existing trail segment on the north boundary of Maplewood state Park on State Highway 108.

There has been considerable collaboration and coordination with the MN DNR to establish an acceptable trail route, with an emphasis on protecting the natural, cultural and archeological resources. Nearly 75% of the corridor design is complete and over 50% of the environmental review and permitting is complete. We anticipate being shovel ready by August 2022.

There is considerable momentum for the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail. The East Segment was constructed last year. The West Segment is under construction with anticipated completion July 2022. The Silent Lake and McDonald Segments are also underway with anticipated completion by September 2022.

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 project will expand outdoor recreational opportunities through additions and connections to state, regional, or local parks and trails to members of racially and ethnically diverse cultures who have not traditionally benefited from the park's facilities and resources.

This project will also fill a critical gap in the state and regional trail system by eventually connecting the Central Lakes Trail to the Heartland Trail. Both existing state trails are located within or adjacent to Otter Tail County. Their connection will create one of the most impressive trail systems in the country.

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Construction of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail (Maplewood Segment)

Activity Budget: \$2,514,000

Activity Description:

LCCMR funding will be used to competitively bid and construct a 10-foot wide, 4.2-mile bituminous multi-use trail entirely within Maplewood State Park. This project will complete the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail by connecting an existing trail segment at the west boundary of Maplewood State Park on CSAH 3 to an existing trail segment on the north boundary of Maplewood state Park on State Highway 108.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Completion of Final Design and Specifications	August 31, 2022
Construction Bidding	July 31, 2023
Initiate Construction	September 30, 2023
Complete Construction	September 30, 2024

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
PartnerSHIP4Health	PartnerSHIP4Health	Helped to develop the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail Master Plan.	No
West Central Initiative	West Central Initiative	Helped to develop the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail Master Plan.	No
Minnesota Department of Natural Resource	State Agency	Helped to develop the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail Master Plan.	No
City of Pelican Rapids	Municipal City	Helped to develop the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail Master Plan.	No
City of Perham	Municipal City	Helped to develop the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail Master Plan.	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 work be funded?

Despite being in a state park, this will be a regional trail through an easement granted by the MN DNR. Once the project is completed, Otter Tail County will assume financial responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the trail. The trail will be maintained to the DNR's standards. The ability to complete and maintain the project long-term is of utmost importance. Per the attached resolution, the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners have approved this grant application for the Maplewood Segment.

Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

Name	Appropriation	Amount Awarded
Perham To Pelican Rapids Regional Trail (McDonald Segment)	M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 09a	\$2,245,000
Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail (West Segment)	M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 5, Sec. 2, Subd. 09n	\$2,600,000

Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

Project Manager Name: Nicholas Leonard

Job Title: Deputy Administrator

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

Kevin Fellbaum and Nicholas Leonard, Ph.D. will serve as the project managers for the Maplewood State Park Trail Project. Kevin is the Otter Tail County Parks and Trails Director, responsible for implementing the county's long-range strategic plan, ensuring access to recreational opportunities for all county residents. Nicholas is the Deputy County Administrator for Economic Growth and Community Investment. In this capacity, he will facilitate the necessary county departments and state agencies to implement the project.

Organization: Otter Tail County

Organization Description:

Otter Tail is a county located in West Central Minnesota. It has over 10% of Minnesota's beautiful lakes and boasts many miles of scenic highways, rolling hills, and is home to two Minnesota State Parks (Glendalough and Maplewood) as well

as historic Phelps Mill County Park. Otter Tail County's mission is to enrich lives, innovate services and enhance resources so people can live their best life here. You can find our long-range strategic plan here:
https://ottertailcountymn.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Otter-Tail-County-Long-Range-Strategic-Plan_FINAL.pdf.

Otter Tail County is dedicated to developing a robust park and trail network to expand outdoor recreational opportunities and enhance the quality of life as well as economic opportunities. A detailed master plan for the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail (which includes the Maplewood State Park Trail Segment) is available online:
https://ottertailcountymn.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Perham-to-Pelican-Rapids-Regional-Trail-Master-Plan_final_201409231151227452.pdf.

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
							Sub Total	-
Contracts and Services								
							Sub Total	-
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies								
							Sub Total	-
Capital Expenditures								
		Construction Costs - Contractor selected through competitive bid process	Construct a 10-foot wide; 4.2-mile bituminous trail					\$2,514,000
							Sub Total	\$2,514,000
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	\$2,514,000

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	2020 Capital Bonding Bill	Pre-design and design for engineering and all environmental review and permitting costs	Secured	\$375,000
			State Sub Total	\$375,000
Non-State				
Cash	Otter Tail County	Design Engineering and all Environmental Review and Permitting Costs	Secured	\$75,000
Cash	Otter Tail County	Construction engineering, materials testing, and administration	Secured	\$120,000
Cash	Otter Tail County	Wetland mitigation costs	Secured	\$100,000
			Non State Sub Total	\$295,000
			Funds Total	\$670,000

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [79d7acfa-e1b.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

Exhibit details the segments of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail, highlighting the proposed Maplewood Segment....

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
Board of Commissioner Resolution	fceb9dd4-332.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?

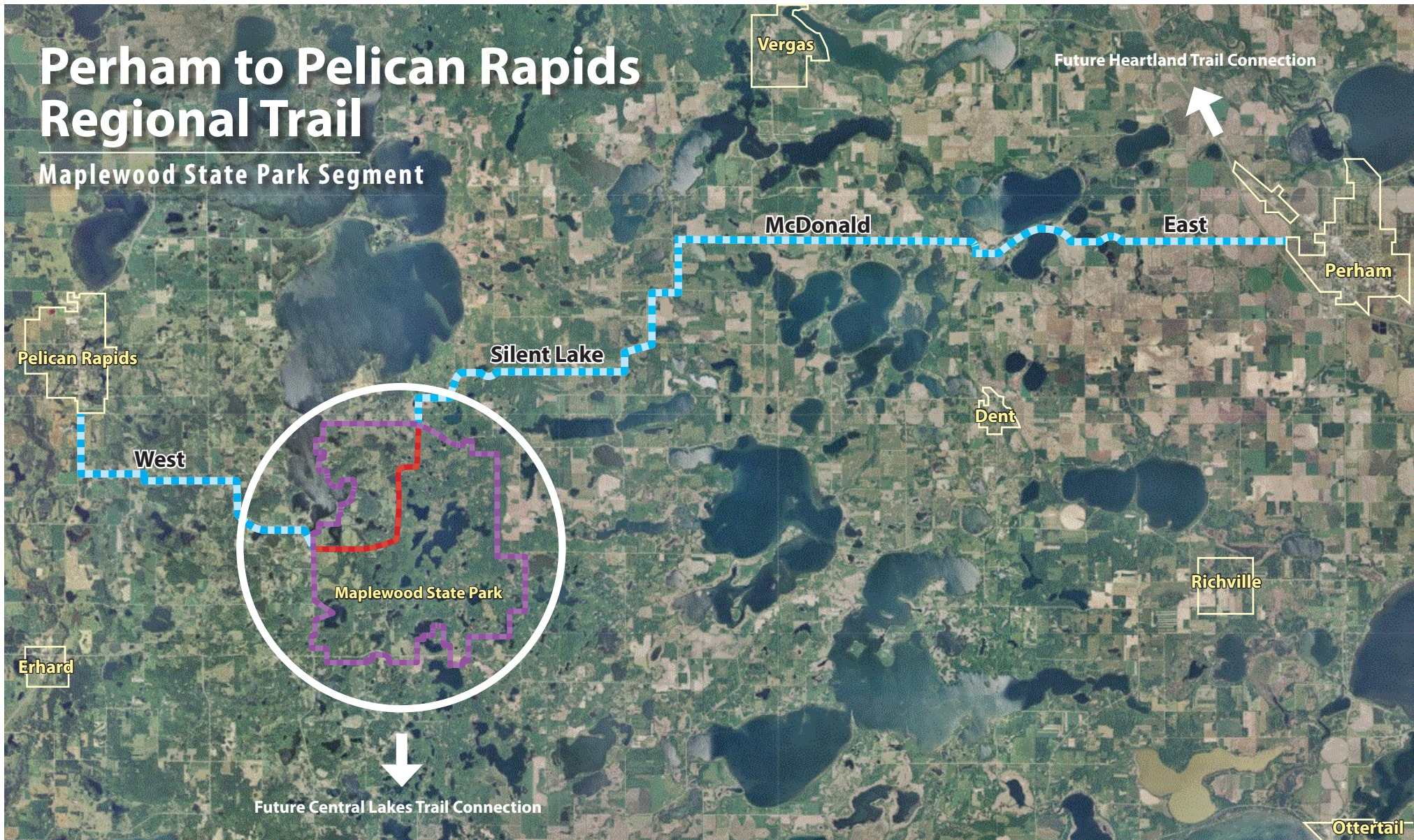
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Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No

Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail

Maplewood State Park Segment



SEGMENT

STATUS

West (7.02 miles)	Underway – Estimated Completion July 2022
Silent Lake (8.11 miles)	Underway – Estimated Completion August 2022
McDonald (5.83 miles)	Underway – Estimated Completion September 2022
East (6.41 miles)	Completed
Maplewood (4.20 miles)	\$2.514M LCCMR Request



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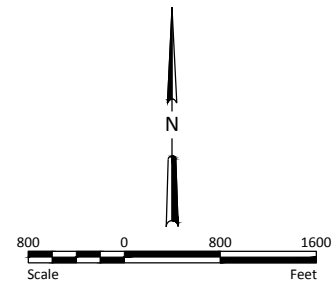
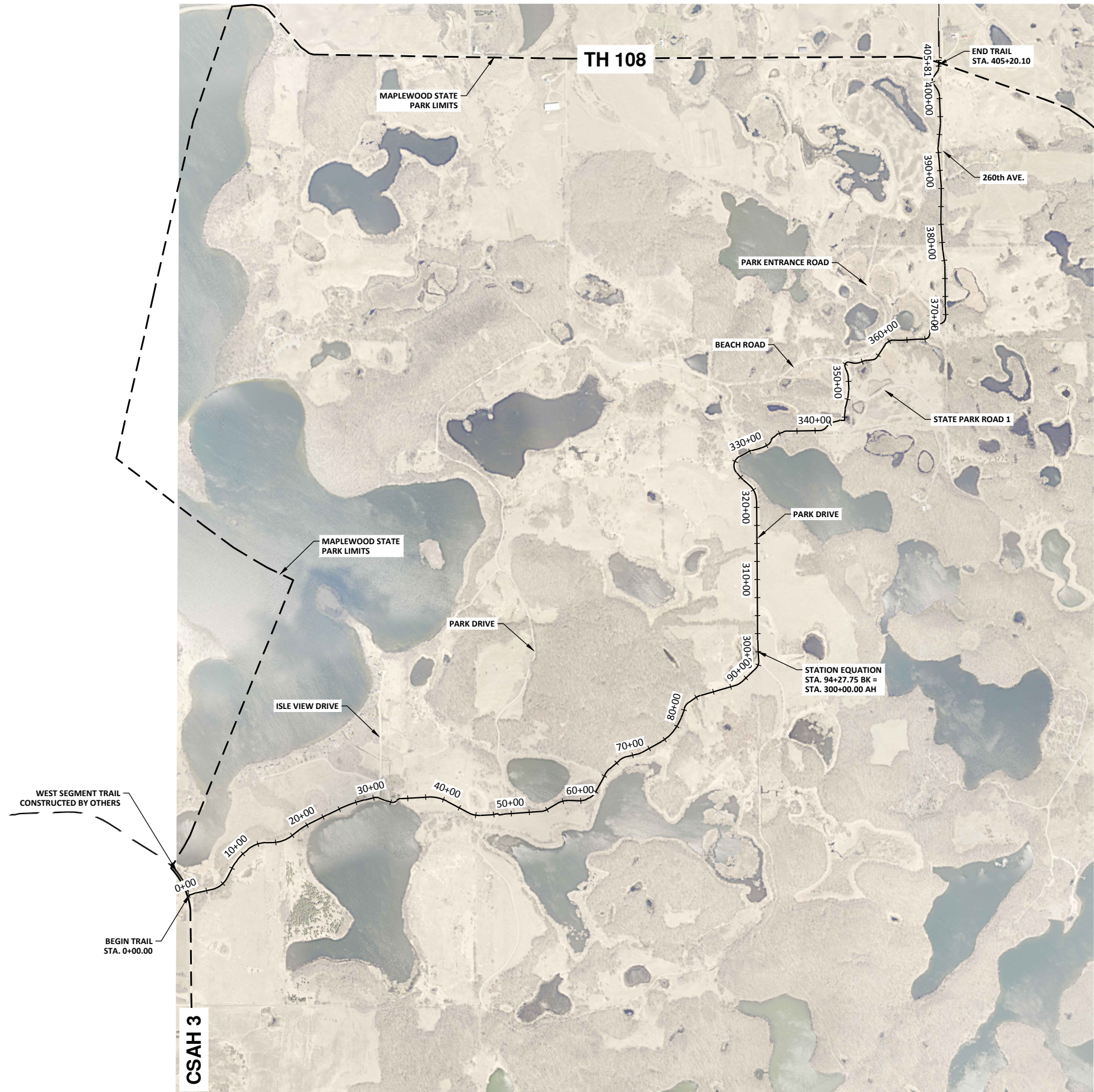
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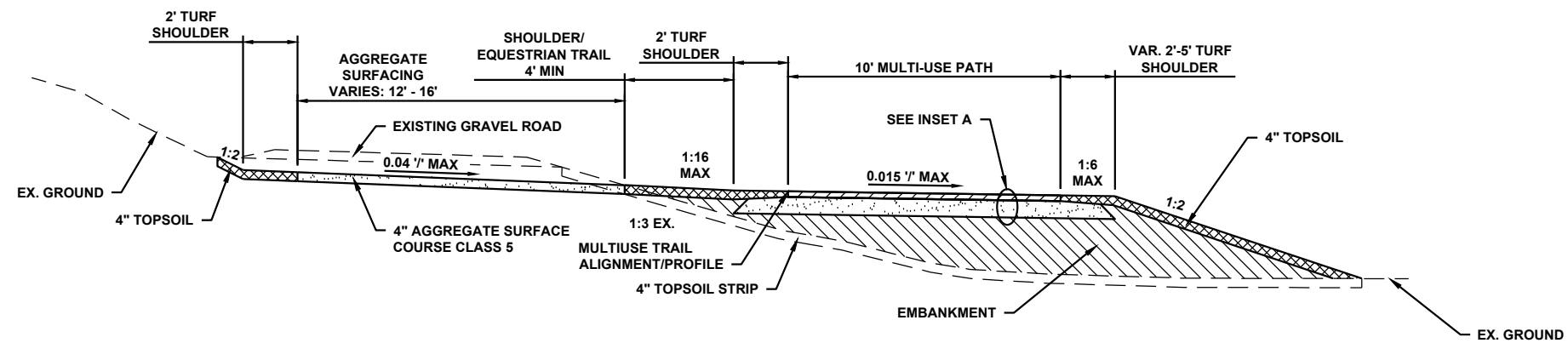
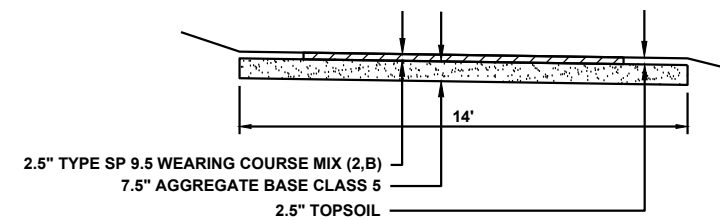
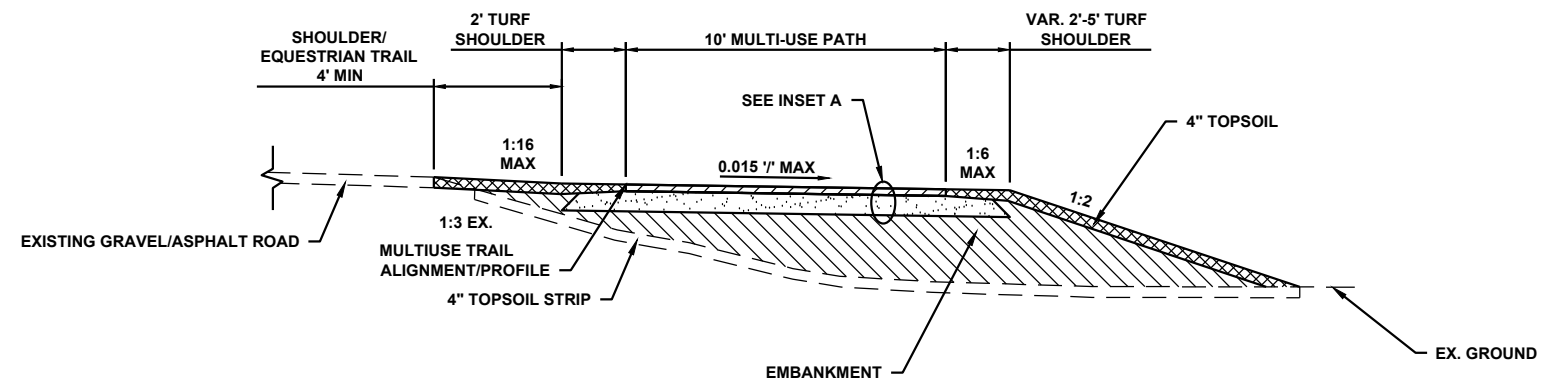


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MULTIUSE TRAIL, GRAVEL SURFACING, GRADING & DRAINAGE		No.	Revision	Date	By
OTTERTAIL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
SCOPE OF WORK					
		Drawn By JDE			
		Checked By AMR			
		Date X-XX-XX			
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