



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

2024 Request for Proposal

General Information

Proposal ID: 2024-241

Proposal Title: Jones Lake Restoration Project

Project Manager Information

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Project Basic Information

Project Summary: The Jones Lake Restoration project will provide critical local and regional water quality and flood protection, habitat preservation, and recreational opportunities for the City of New Brighton.

Funds Requested: \$725,000

Proposed Project Completion: December 31, 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): Metro

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

Region(s): Metro

When will the work impact occur?

In the Future

Narrative

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

Intense rainfall in the summer of 2011 led to severe flooding in northern Minneapolis, with the Cities of New Brighton, St. Anthony, and Roseville, among the communities most affected. These communities include those identified by the MPCA as Environmental Justice Areas of Concern (EJAC). EJAC areas include areas in which at least 40% of people reported income less than 185% of the federal poverty, and/or communities comprised of 50% or more people of color. Additionally, 36% of residents in New Brighton are over 55, and 20% are under 17, which provides a unique opportunity to serve these communities with high quality natural resources. The City of New Brighton has identified Jones Lake as a known flood damage problem location as part of their Basic Water Management Project for the Ramsey County Ditches 2, 3, and 5 public drainage systems. The Jones Lake Restoration project aims to address the severe flooding by providing necessary flood storage to preserve the lake, as well as preserve wildlife habitat, improve water quality and recreational access for future generations.

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.

The City of New Brighton seeks funding from this LCCMR grant to acquire land easements and/or fee title from 6 parcels to address the flooding concern, improve wildlife habitat, water quality and create accessible recreational opportunities. This application is being procured at the beginning of the multi-phase project. Future phases of this project will include removing accumulated sediment, increasing the dead storage of the pond and lowering the normal water level (NWL) which will provide critical flood storage. The project also includes modifications to the existing outlet control structure, and to the ditch RCD 5 which discharges into the Jones Lake. Lastly, the lake lacks existing infrastructure and access for recreational opportunities like walking and biking. New Brighton is home to many communities of color and communities reporting income less than 185% of the federal poverty level. The last phase of the project includes the implementation of walking trails, park areas, cycle tracks and fishing piers in order to provide access for all residents.

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 provide critical flood storage and protection that will mitigate downstream flooding of local streets, businesses and residential areas including MPCA identified Environmental Justice Areas of Concern. This project will also benefit Long Lake and Rice Creek water quality, which are impaired waters downstream of Jones Lake. It will restore the existing resource by improving water quality and habitat via sediment reduction and enhance the quality of the region through the introduction of new parks, trails, and green spaces surrounding the lake.

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Easement and Land Acquisition for Jones Lake

Activity Budget: \$725,000

Activity Description:

Acquisition for land or easements necessary for providing the critical flood protection, improving habitat, restoration, water quality improvements and creating accessible recreational opportunities.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Acquisition of Easements or Fee Title	December 31, 2025

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Nick Tomczik	Rice Creek Watershed District	Ditch and Watershed Authority	No
-	City of Roseville	Benefitted Community	No
-	City of St. Anthony	Benefitted Community	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?

The Jones Lakes Restoration Project is a long-term project with multiple phases that will be completed over the next few years. Funding for the larger project will come from eligible grants received, State and Federal allocations, Rice Creek Watershed District, and from the City of New Brighton. Once this project is completed, the City of New Brighton will be responsible for maintaining the lake, the outlet structure and the surrounding recreational areas.

Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

Project Manager Name: Craig Schlichting

Job Title: Director of Community Assets and Development

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

Craig Schlichting, P.E. has served the City of New Brighton as the Director of Community Assets and Development for the past 8 years. He is responsible for the Public Works, Engineering and Economic Development sectors for the City. Previously, he was the Senior Engineering Supervisor, leading feasibility studies, plans and specifications and construction administration for the City of New Brighton. Before that he worked at Plowe Engineering as a Senior Project Engineer for 12 years, giving him the qualifications of managing design teams, watershed, agency, and government approvals, working on single family development and commercial and industrial buildings. He is experienced in developing and maintaining relationships with other governmental units, various stakeholders and private developers. He has experience in working with watersheds and other environmental regulatory agencies to preserve, restore, and enhance local water resources.

Organization: City of New Brighton

Organization Description:

Welcome to the City of New Brighton: the city that works for you! New Brighton is a community of 23,454 people. It is ideally located equidistant from the downtowns of Minneapolis and St. Paul, a 30-minute ride from the Twin Cities International Airport. By working in partnership with our citizens, we are committed to guaranteeing that their investment in New Brighton will be protected and will be returned to them in financial and social dividends.

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								
							Sub Total	-
Acquisitions and Stewardship								
	Fee Title Acquisition	Acres: 10 Parcels: 6						\$630,000
							Sub Total	\$630,000
Travel In Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Travel Outside Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Printing and Publication								
							Sub Total	-

Other Expenses								
		Legal, Appraisals, Administration	Professional fees necessary to negotiate and obtain purchase of land and/or easements.					\$95,000
							Sub Total	\$95,000
							Grand Total	\$725,000

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	-

Acquisition and Restoration

Parcel List

Name	County	Site Significance	Activity	Acres	Miles	Estimated Cost	Type of Landowner	Easement or Title Holder	Status of Work
23023130013 - Lakes Run LP	Ramsey	Shoreline restoration, sediment removal, fishing pier installation, walking trail installation	Fee Title	3.77	-	-	Private	City of New Brighton	Has Not Begun
323023120007 - Armstrong Rigging Erecting Inc	Ramsey	Shoreline restoration, sediment removal, fishing pier installation, walking trail installation	Fee Title	3.98	-	-	Private	City of New Brighton	Has Not Begun
323023120021 - Armstrong Rigging Erecting Inc	Ramsey	Shoreline restoration, sediment removal, fishing pier installation, walking trail installation	Fee Title	3.14	-	-	Private	City of New Brighton	Has Not Begun
323023120022 - Warkirkpatrick LLC	Ramsey	Shoreline restoration, sediment removal, fishing pier installation, walking trail installation	Fee Title	5.29	-	-	Private	City of New Brighton	Has Not Begun
323023130010 - Sherwood Lake Properties LLC	Ramsey	Shoreline restoration, sediment removal, fishing pier installation, walking trail installation	Fee Title	1.98	-	-	Private	City of New Brighton	Has Not Begun
323023130012 - City of New Brighton	Ramsey	Existing Lake parcel. Shoreline restoration, sediment removal, fishing pier installation, walking trail installation	Fee Title	26.43	-	-	Public	City of New Brighton	Has Not Begun
323023140005 - City of New Brighton	Ramsey	Shoreline restoration, sediment removal, fishing pier installation, walking trail installation	Fee Title	9.94	-	-	Public	City of New Brighton	Has Not Begun
323023140012 - Fulford Family Partnership LP	Ramsey	Shoreline restoration, sediment removal, fishing pier installation, walking trail installation	Fee Title	5.29	-	-	Private	City of New Brighton	Has Not Begun
323023420017 - City of New Brighton	Ramsey	Shoreline restoration, sediment removal, fishing pier installation, walking trail installation	Fee Title	3.71	-	-	Public	City of New Brighton	Has Not Begun
Totals				63.53	0	-			

Easement (Other) Acquisition

1. Describe the selection process for identifying and including proposed parcels on the parcel list, including an explanation of the criteria and decision-making process used to rank and prioritize parcels.

Parcels were identified based on the proximity of the existing Jones Lake, existing county ditches, and potential for future restoration and recreation efforts. Four of the nine parcels identified on the parcel map are already owned by the City of New Brighton and will not require acquisition. Parcels were also identified based on the proximity to Ramsey County Ditch 2, leaving the lake and Ramsey County Ditch 5 which discharges to the lake. Additionally, future improvements requiring land, such as flood storage, park areas, fishing piers, walking trails and bike trails were considered when identifying the proposed parcels. Acquisition of these parcels will provide high quality natural resources that provide multiple habitat, water quality, flood mitigation and recreational benefits.

2. List all adopted state, regional, or local natural resource plans in which the lands included in the parcel list are identified for the acquisition purposes you propose. Include the URL to the plan if one is available.

The City of New Brighton Comprehensive Plan including the Surface Water Management plan will be implemented. The City of New Brighton 2040 Park & Trail System Plan also encompasses the future Jones Lake Park.

<https://www.newbrightonmn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/370/New-Brighton-Comprehensive-Plan-No-Appendices-PDF>
<https://www.newbrightonmn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/633/2040-Parks-and-Trail-System-Plan-PDF?bidId=>

3. For any parcels acquired in fee title, a restoration and management plan must be prepared. Summarize the components and expected outcomes of restoration and management plans for parcels acquired by your organization, how these plans are kept on file by your organization, and overall strategies for long-term plan implementation, including how long-term maintenance and management needs of the parcel will be financed into the future.

Expected long-term restoration efforts include improving the water quality of Jones Lake, increasing the flood storage to protect local communities, providing increased and improved wildlife habitat through the deepening of the lake and expanded parks and green space. A restoration and management plan will be prepared for each of the parcels acquired in fee title. All studies and documentation will be held by the City of New Brighton for long-term implementation. The City of New Brighton will be responsible for maintaining the parcels with their own public works staff or through contractors.

4. For each parcel to be conveyed to a State of Minnesota entity (e.g., DNR) after purchase, provide a statement confirming that county board approval will be obtained.

No parcels conveyed to a State of Minnesota entity.

5. If applicable (see M.S. 116P.17), provide a statement confirming that written approval from the DNR Commissioner will be obtained 10 business days prior to any final acquisition transaction.

Not applicable

Attachments

Required Attachments

Map

File: [518e116c-9e5.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Map

An aerial location map of Jones Lake with surrounding parcels as well as MPCA Environmental Justice Areas of Concern....

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
Resolution No.23-032	98784a9f-534.pdf

Optional Attachments

Support Letter, Photos, Media, Other

Title	File
Letter of Support Jones Lake	05bf7fe0-6f3.pdf

Administrative Use

Does your project include restoration or acquisition of land rights?

Yes: Easement (Other) Acquisition,

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

Does your project include the design, construction, or renovation of a building, trail, campground, or other capital asset costing \$10,000 or more?

No

Is the purpose of the acquisition for construction of a building(s), trail, campground, or other capital asset costing \$10,000 or more, either now or in the future?

No

Do you propose using an appropriation from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to conduct a project that provides children's services, as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 299C.61 Subd.7?

No

