



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

2024 Request for Proposal

General Information

Proposal ID: 2024-263

Proposal Title: Virginia All Wheel Park

Project Manager Information

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Project Basic Information

Project Summary: Construction of the Virginia All Wheel Park that is adjacent to and tied into the Silver Lake Trail providing a safe multi-modal recreational amenity to the public.

Funds Requested: \$1,210,000

Proposed Project Completion: October 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): NE

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

Region(s): NE

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 Virginia All Wheel Park will be located adjacent to Silver Lake, which is one of two lakes located in the center of the City of Virginia. With the recent improvements to The Silver Lake Trail and Baileys Lake Trail, we have seen an increase in the utilization of these two outdoor recreational amenities. The trail system is designed for multi-modal use and we have seen an increase in the number of bikers, rollerbladers, and skateboarders utilizing the trail system in addition to walkers and runners. This project will focus on providing a safe and fun amenity connected to the trail system for non-motorized wheeled devices to utilize and will allow for a safer utilization of the trail system for all users. The All Wheel Park will encompass amenities designed for many non-motorized wheeled devices to utilize in addition to areas that are specific to skateboarding and rollerblading. In addition, the park will be designed to allow different areas for those with different skill levels to utilize.

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.

By providing an amenity attached to the trail system that is designed specifically for non-motorized wheeled devices we will be able to provide a safer and more enjoyable outdoor experience for all users of the trail system. Construction of the Virginia All Wheel Park will provide a fun and challenging recreational experience for all skill levels and decrease some of the risky behaviors of wheeled device users when utilizing the trail system. The project would consist of several areas including a traditional Custom Concrete Skatepark which would be approximately 8000 square Feet. This area would feature a beginner skate zone, bowl and transition program, street style features, and mini ramp. Additionally a Asphalt Pump Track would be included which would be approximately another 8000 Square Feet. This feature has broad appeal to many wheel types. Typical design includes fun and flowy combinations of rollers and berm turns, wallrides, and opportunities to transfer between lines. The entire project would have a central point of entry and exit for park area and programs. Typical features include signage, art installations, bike fix/wash station, trash receptacle, seating, and shade.

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 completion of the Virginia All Wheel Park will provide outdoor activities, within a city setting, that can be enjoyed by all residents and visitors. These amenities will complement all of the outdoor attractions within the city including the park system, trail system, school playgrounds, picnic areas, ballfields, tennis courts, skating rinks and fishing locations within the city. The Virginia All Wheel Park will also promote active, healthy living allowing users to actively engage and connect to the outdoors.

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Project Design and Engineering

Activity Budget: \$220,000

Activity Description:

The engineer along with City Staff will be responsible for project design, project administration, plans/specifications, bidding documents, survey, staking, onsite observation, permitting, material testing and public meeting and communications.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Design Start	September 30, 2023
Design Completion	January 31, 2024

Activity 2: Project Construction

Activity Budget: \$990,000

Activity Description:

Project construction will include excavation, grubbing, clearing, grading, and bituminous and concrete installation, erosion control and final landscaping.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Approximate Completion Date
Project Bid	February 28, 2024
Construction Start	June 30, 2024
Construction Completion	July 31, 2025

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
City of Virginia Park and Recreation Commission	City of Virginia	Advisory - Future Planning and Project Development	No
Brian L Silber	City of Virginia	Parks and Recreation Director will oversee Trail and Park development, maintenance and utilization.	No
Britt See-Benes	City of Virginia	City Administrator - Overseeing daily operations of the City	No
Mayor and City Council	City of Virginia	Project Administration and Funding	No
Jeremy Jones	American Ramp Company	Consulting Designer - Role: Project Design	Yes
Matt Reid	S.E.H.	City Engineer of Record - Role: Construction Administration and Project Management.	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?

The City of Virginia will be budgeting annually to maintain and repair the All Wheel Park as we do for other amenities located within the Cities park system. Additional funding will be sought for any additional activities undertaken to compliment the All Wheel Park project and to enhance its use and that of the trails and lakes.

Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

Name	Appropriation	Amount Awarded
Bailey Lake Trail and Fishing Pier	M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09k	\$550,000
Silver Lake Trail Improvement Project	M.L. 2021, First Special Session, Chp. 6, Art. 6, Sec. 2, Subd. 09r	\$1,071,000
Silver Lake Trail Connection	M.L. 2022, , Chp. 94, Art. , Sec. 2, Subd. 09l	\$727,000

Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

Project Manager Name: Brian Silber

Job Title: Director of Parks and Recreation

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

The overall management for this project will be the City of Virginia under the direction of the Mayor/City Council and Park and Recreation Director Brian Silber. Additional project management and oversight will come from the consulting City Engineer of record. What qualifies Brian Silber to manage this project is his background and education in the Recreation and Leisure industry. Brian Silber has a Bachelor of Education in Therapeutic Recreation and a Master of Science in Recreation Administration. In addition to his education Brian has over 20 years experience working in the Recreation and Leisure industry in both the public and private sectors and has overseen multiple projects with a combined value of well over 40 million dollars. Additionally, the City of Virginia has many years of experience in overseeing large city construction projects.

Organization: City of Virginia

Organization Description:

The City of Virginia is located in Northeastern Minnesota in the center of St. Louis County's Mesabi Iron Range. Virginia is approximately 65 miles north of Duluth and is included in the Duluth Metropolitan Statistical Area. There are several nearby Iron Range communities all within ten miles, including: Aurora, Biwabik, Buhl, Eveleth, Gilbert, and Mountain Iron. The Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan area is about 200 miles south or three hours by car.

Virginia is also situated at the southern edge of the massive 3 million acre Superior National Forest, of which thirty-three percent is located in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Highways 169 and 53 are major access routes to these popular canoe and recreation areas and both pass through the City of Virginia.

The City of Virginia was incorporated in February 1895. Originally, it was established as a logging community to later transition into an iron ore mining town. Virginia is considered the commercial center of the Mesabi Range and, according to the 2020 census, has a population of 8,423. Virginia Parks and Recreation Department strives to meet the diverse recreational and leisure needs of the citizens of Virginia through our facilities and programs.

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
							Sub Total	-
Contracts and Services								
Design Firm	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Design of the Project				0		\$110,000
Engineering Firm	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Firm will be responsible for Construction Administration				0		\$110,000
							Sub Total	\$220,000
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								
		General Contractor hired through a competitive bidding process.	The General Contractor will be responsible for all aspects of the project construction.					\$990,000
							Sub Total	\$990,000
							Grand Total	\$1,210,000

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: [5a946c59-835.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

Preliminary site plan showing purposed location and example amenities....

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
2023 LCCMR Resolution	3388bfa9-ab1.docx

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

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

Yes

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?

Yes

Do you certify that background checks are performed for background check crimes, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.61, Subd. 2, on all employees, contractors, and volunteers who have or may have access to a child to whom children's services are provided by your organization?

Yes