

2019 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2023

PROJECT TITLE: Grants for Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09b as extended by M.L. 2022, Chp. 94, Sec. 2, Subd. 19 (c.1) [to June 30, 2023]

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$ 3,000,000

AMOUNT SPENT: \$ 2,850,000

AMOUNT REMAINING: \$ 150,000

Sound bite of Project Outcomes and Results

Provide 20 matching grants to local units of government for local parks, acquisition of locally significant natural areas and trails to connect people safely to desirable community locations and regional or state facilities. Park development includes nature-based recreation facilities and does not include playgrounds, sports courts or sport fields.

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The primary project results include,

- 7 Outdoor Recreation grants to provide nature based outdoor recreation opportunities including park trails, natural resource interpretive opportunities, picnic facilities, river overlooks, boating and fishing facilities opportunities.
- 4 Natural and Scenic Area grants to help protect 158.6 acres of significant natural and scenic areas in Mendota Heights and Washington County through fee title and permanent conservation easement.
- 9 Local Trail Connection grants to provide safe, accessible trails to parks, schools, and other significant locations.
- Project administration for the grants was completed for \$75,000. Two application cycles were completed, applications reviewed and selected for grants. Active projects were monitored, financial review completed, grantees reimbursed, final site visits completed as needed, projects close, land acquisition report filed.

The Outdoor Recreation (Local Parks), Natural and Scenic Area and Local Trail Connections Grant Programs provide competitive matching grants for local parks, natural areas and trails to local governments for land acquisition and improvements related to parks and trails. Many projects include renovation of existing facilities to improve safety and accessibility, acquisition of locally significant natural and scenic areas, completion of trail linkages to safely connect where people live to desirable locations within the community and/or connecting local trails to regional or state facilities.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

A Request for Proposal is announced for the programs in December of each year through our park and trail contacts e-mail list and regional and statewide organization. Regional and Statewide organizations are

encouraged to forward to their members. Program information and applications are available to download on the [DNR Recreation Grants webpage](#) under each specific program. A list of the awarded projects is posted on the program webpages under recent grants.



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

M.L. 2019 ENRTF Work Plan Final Report (Main Document)

Today's Date: July 21, 2023

Final Report

Date of Work Plan Approval: June 5, 2019

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2023

Does this submission include an amendment request? N

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Appropriation Language: \$3,000,000 the first year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to solicit, rank, and fund competitive matching grants for local parks, trail connections, and natural and scenic areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019. The appropriation is for local nature-based recreation, connections to regional and state natural areas, and recreation facilities and not for athletic facilities such as sport fields, courts, and playgrounds.

M.L. 2022 - Sec. 2. ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND; EXTENSIONS. [to June 30, 2023]

I. PROJECT STATEMENT:

Provide approximately 21 matching grants to local units of government for local parks, acquisition of locally significant natural areas and trails to connect people safely to desirable community locations and regional or state facilities. Local park development will not include playgrounds, sports courts or sport fields.

The Outdoor Recreation (Local Parks), Natural and Scenic Area and Local Trail Connections Grant Programs provide competitive matching grants for local parks, natural areas and trails to local governments for land acquisition and improvements related to parks and trails statewide as authorized under MN Statutes 85.019. Many projects include renovation of existing facilities to improve safety and accessibility, acquisition of locally significant natural and scenic areas, completion of trail linkages to safely connect where people live to desirable locations within the community and/or connecting local trails to regional or state facilities.

Outdoor Recreation (Local Park) Grants: Local governments are struggling to acquire, develop and redevelop their local and community parks. The goal of this program is increase and enhance close to home recreation facilities to provide safe and accessible recreation facilities. This aim is achieved through competitive, matching grants that provide financial incentive and ensure the parks acquired and developed under this program are retained for public use in perpetuity. The Outdoor Recreation Grant Program requires a 50% match and the local government recipients are responsible for the ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

Natural and Scenic Area Grants: Opportunities for local governments and school districts to acquire and protect natural and scenic areas statewide are diminishing due to development, especially in high growth areas, shore lands, bluff tops and areas where land use changes may limit future opportunities. The goal of this program is to ensure protection of natural and scenic resources by helping and encouraging local governments to acquire and protect such land for appropriate public use, protection of natural communities, species protection, appreciation of scenic vistas, and scientific and environmental education purposes. The immediate goal is to acquire threatened land, conduct any necessary measures to stabilize its ecological resources, and make it available for public use. Therefore, the majority of funds will be used for acquisition costs with minor amounts available for ecological stabilization, as necessary. This aim is achieved through competitive, matching grants that provide financial incentive and ensure that the land acquired and natural resources are retained for public use in perpetuity. These areas complement state protected areas and provide close-to-home natural resource-based benefits. The Natural and Scenic Area grants require a 50% local match and the local government recipients are responsible for the ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

Local Trail Connections Grants: Local Trail Connections grants fund projects to acquire, develop and re-develop local trail connections across Minnesota. The projects are primarily for shorter distance connections between residential areas, schools, businesses, parks, and regional and/or state facilities. These projects help to expand the connections between individuals and the outdoors by providing funding for local outdoor recreation infrastructure that also provides for alternative transportation options and decrease greenhouse gas emissions. The Local Trail Connections grants require a 25% local match and the local government recipients are responsible for the ongoing operations and maintenance costs for trail development projects a minimum of 20 years. Land acquisition is permanent.

II. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

First Update March 1, 2020

FY2020 Application round deadline was March 29, 2019. 105 applications were received for the Outdoor Recreation and Local Trail Connections Grant programs requesting \$ 14.5 million in grant assistance. 36 projects were awarded grants with \$5.9 million in available federal and state funding. 35 percent of the applications received were awarded grants. For this application round \$1,950,000 in LCCMR funding under this work program, was awarded to 14 projects, 6 Outdoor Recreation and 8 Local Trail Connections projects. No applications were received for the Natural and Scenic Area grant project this round. Timing for acquisitions can

vary and does not always work into the application cycle. The remaining balance of \$975,000 will be awarded this summer during our current application cycle.

Second Update March 1, 2021

FY2021 Application round deadline was March 29, 2020. 74 applications were received for the Outdoor Recreation, Natural and Scenic Area and Local Trail Connections Grant programs requesting \$ 10.66 million in grant assistance. 25 projects were awarded grants with \$4.37 million in available federal and state funding. 34 percent of the applications received were awarded grants. For this application round, \$943,802 in LCCMR funding under this work program, was awarded to 7 projects, 1 Outdoor Recreation, 2 Natural and Scenic Area and 4 Local Trail Connections projects.

A total of 21 projects have been awarded, 7 OR, 2 NS and 12 LTC. Two projects are complete, North Mankato completed and closed under budget by \$827.00 and Washington County. An appropriation balance of \$32,745 will be awarded to a project this year. Attached is a listing of grant awards and current status.

Third Update March 1, 2022

One project withdrew, City of Victoria and another closed under budget, City of Watertown. An encumbrance balance of \$214,498.87 was awarded to two FY22 Natural and Scenic projects in Washington County that are set to close by June 30, 2022, pending landowner negotiations.

A total of 22 projects have been awarded, 7 OR, 4 NS and 11 LTC. 12 projects are closed as of this report. An extension has been requested pending legislative approval. There are a couple of trail connection projects that have had difficulties completing their project with COVID delays.

Update as of June 30, 2022:

Project extended to June 30, 2023 by LCCMR 6/30/22 as a result of M.L. 2022, Chp.94, Sec. 2, Subd. 19, legislative extension criteria being met.

Fourth Update as of March 1, 2023:

One project remains active, Shingobee Township, \$150,000 and is scheduled to be complete by 6/30/23. An addition project withdrew, additional 2019 funding was added to the two NS projects in Washington County. All land acquisition reports have been submitted.

Amendment Request as of 3/1/2023: The final acquisition and development budget has changed. As indicated in the previous updates there have been projects that have withdrawn and/or come in under budget and additional projects awarded. This changed the final budget numbers. The change in projects awarded also impacted the estimated number of projects funded by each program.

The amended budget shows an increase in the construction costs and a decrease in acquisition costs. The final budget proposed shows the accurate costs expended in each category. An overall increase in the original approved construction budget and decrease in the original approved acquisition costs. An amendment is needed to adjust the construction amount from the originally approved \$1,925,000 to \$2,258,201 and Acquisition/Fee Title from \$975,000 to \$666,799.

Budget amendment and additional edits made the project statement and outcome tables to match the number of grants actually made in each category approved by LCCMR 3/27/2023.

The changes were identified in the work plan updates but the budget was updated without processing amendments. **(LCCMR updated the budget to reflect this amendment request)**

Final Report as of June 30, 2023 (to be submitted before August 15, 2023): One project withdrew at the project end date, Shingobee Township for \$150,000. They were unable to complete the project within the project period. Additional funding was allocated through MNDOT that is not available for a couple of years. All remaining projects were complete, see attached project spreadsheet. Project administration costs and DR costs were expended in full.

III. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1 Title: *Grants for the Local Parks, Natural and Scenic Areas and Trail Connections*

Description: This funding will provide approximately 21 matching grants to cities and counties for acquisition, development and/or redevelopment of local parks, natural and scenic areas and trail connections. Two grant rounds are proposed. The local match for each project will meet or exceed the match required under the specific program that the project was funded. The required match for each program is listed above and in [MN Statutes 85.018](#). It is expected that the match level would exceed \$2 million.

ACTIVITY 1 ENRTF BUDGET: \$2,925,000

ENRTF Committed: \$2,925,000

ENRTF Spent/ Reimbursed to grantee: \$2,775,000

ENRTF Balance to reimburse: \$150,000.00

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Provide approximately 7 matching grants for Local Parks.	Fall 2020
2. Provide approximately 4 matching grants for Natural and Scenic Areas.	Fall 2020
3. Provide approximately 10 matching grants for Trail Connections.	Fall 2020

First Update March 1, 2020

In the FY2020 application round \$1,950,000 million in ENRTF19 funding was awarded to 14 projects, 6 Outdoor Recreation and 8 Local Trail Connections. No Natural and Scenic Area projects were awarded in 2019.

FY2020 Application Round Projects

Prog	Recipient	Title	Scope	Total Cost	LCCMR20 Portion	Match
OR	City of Princeton	Riverside-Riebe Park	Develop trails, ADA pier, natural fishing area, canoe/kayak launch, furnishings and vault restroom.	\$440,000.00	\$129,000.00 (Plus \$83,425 ENRTF 18, \$7,575 LIL)	\$220,000.00
OR	City of North Mankato	Bluff Park	Develop observation deck with interpretive signs and natural restoration.	\$172,000.00	\$86,000.00	\$86,000.00
OR	City of Orono	Big Island	Redevelop trails, restrooms and picnic facilities, install interpretive signs and trail gates.	\$400,000.00	\$100,000.00 (Plus \$100,000 in LWCF)	\$200,000.00
OR	City of Shakopee	Ridge Creek Park	Develop trail, boardwalk, picnic shelters, outlook	\$500,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00

Prog	Recipient	Title	Scope	Total Cost	LCCMR20 Portion	Match
			platforms, landscaping and wetland restoration.			
OR	Sherburne County	Bridgeview Regional Park Reserve	Develop two scenic overlooks of the Mississippi River, trails, parking, access road and educational signs (kiosk).	\$500,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
OR	City of Waconia	Brook Peterson Park	Redevelop restrooms, pedestrian access points, multi-use trails and develop picnic shelter and lighting.	\$320,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
LTC	City of Moose Lake	City Loop Trail	Develop 1.1 miles of trail to close the gap on connecting all existing trails surrounding the City and providing a trail to the new Moose Lake schools.	\$1,208,500.00	\$84,500.00 (Plus \$65,500 ENRTF 18)	\$1,050,000.00
LTC	City of Orono	East Long Lake Trail	Convert of a section of East Long Lake Road to a multimodal trail including the removal of the existing roadway pavement, construction of a 10ft paved trail, drainage improvements, plantings, and addition of elements such as benches and fishing spots.	\$410,520.00	\$50,000.00 (Plus \$100,000 in General Fund)	\$260,520.00
LTC	City of Red Wing	Riverfront Trail Connection	Construct a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the CPR's RR tracks with a trail segment of approximately 750 feet which will provide a connection to the riverfront system.	\$2,638,967.00	\$150,000.00	\$2,488,967.00
LTC	Sherburne County	Great Northern Trail Connection	Construct a 4.0 mile paved, multi-use trail from Elk River north border to Main Street in Zimmerman.	\$1,531,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$1,381,000.00

Prog	Recipient	Title	Scope	Total Cost	LCCMR20 Portion	Match
LTC	Shingobee Township	Shingobee Connection Trail Underpass	Construct a paved pedestrian/bicycle underpass/box culvert under the high-volume Highway 371 as a safety enhancement to the existing completed 7 mile Shingobee Connection Trail currently crossing the highway.	\$483,368.00	\$150,000.00	\$333,368.00
LTC	City of Wadena	Leaf River Recreation Trail	Replace the structurally deficient and deteriorating timber bridge (Bridge # R0398) that spans Union Creek with a prefabricated bridge.	\$300,000.00	\$90,500.00	\$209,500.00
LTC	City of Waseca	Clear Lake Trail Connector	Construct bituminous trail to connect Clear Lake Trail System with Northeast Park and the rest of the City's trail system.	\$246,600.00	\$150,000.00	\$96,600.00
LTC	City of Watertown	Luce Line Trail Connection	Construct new 10-foot wide shared-use trail on east side of TH 25 between Hutchinson Street and Luce Line Trail to connect to the planned TH 25 trail to the north.	\$303,300.00	\$150,000.00	\$153,300.00

Totals: \$9,454,255.00 \$1,950,000.00 \$7,139,255.00

Second Update March 1, 2021

In the FY2021 application round \$943,082.00 million in ENRTF19 funding was awarded to 7 projects, 1 Outdoor Recreation 2 Natural and Scenic Areas and 4 Local Trail Connections. A balance of \$32,745 will be awarded this spring.

FY2021 Application Round Projects

Prog	Recipient	Title	Scope	Total Cost	LCCMR20 Portion	Match
OR	City of Orr	Orr Bog Walk	Redevelop a half mile bog walk through an ash bog, outdoor recreation area and to the shoreline of the Pelican River.	\$392,000.00	\$166,000.00 (Plus \$20,000 LIL)	\$186,000.00
NS	City of Mendota Heights	Pilot Knob	Acquire a 0.94-acre addition to the 25-acre Historic Pilot Knob Park.	\$385,000.00	\$192,500.00	\$192,500.00
NS	Washington County	Afton Conservation Area	Acquire a permanent conservation easement on a 31-acre adjacent to 1,500 acres protected by Belwin Conservancy that will provide public space, scenic views and low impact activities including a trail.	\$580,000.00	\$169,300.00 (Plus \$120,000.00 in ENRTF 18)	\$290,000.00
LTC	City of Monticello	Fenning Ave/ CR118 Trail Connection	Develop an off-road trail connecting two existing trail segments.	\$265,467.00	\$102,282 (Plus 112,300 LIL)	\$115,467.00
LTC	City of Moose Lake	Soo Line Trail Reconstruction	Reconstruct 2,800 feet of the Soo Line Trail through Moose Lake.	\$200,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$50,000.00
LTC	City of Victoria	Bavaria Trail East	Develop 5000 linear feet of trail that will complete a trail connection between the Lake Minnetonka Regional trail and the Mississippi River Bluffs Regional Trail.	\$650,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$500,000.00
LTC	City of Brooklyn Park	Lakeland Trail Connections	To connect broader community of Lakeland Park via a new connection from Crystal Lake Regional Trail to a new loop trail within Lakeland Park	360,600.00	13,000.00 (Plus 137,000 GF)	210,600.00

Totals: \$2,833,767.00 \$943,082.00 \$1,565,267.00

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Year	Proj_#	Recipient	Title	ENRTF 2019	Local Match	Status	Begin	End
2020	C001-19-3B	Orono	East Long Lake Trail	50,000	260,520	Closed	07/21/20	06/30/21
2020	C004-19-2D	Moose Lake	City Loop Trail	84,500	1,058,500	Closed	07/21/20	06/30/22
2021	C005-20-3B	Brooklyn Park	Lakeland Trail Connections	13,000	210,600	Closed	05/20/21	06/30/22
2020	C006-19-1A	Shingobee	Shingobee Connection Trail Underpass	150,000	333,368	Active	07/20/20	06/30/22
2021	C009-20-3A	Monticello	Fenning Ave/ CR118 Trail Connection	102,282	115,467	Active	04/15/21	06/30/22
2021	C012-20-2D	Moose Lake	Soo Line Trail Reconstruction	150,000	50,000	Closed	12/03/20	06/30/22
2020	C014-19-4C	Waseca	Clear Lake Trail Connector	150,000	96,600	Closed	03/16/20	06/30/21
2020	C021-19-3B	Watertown	Luce Line Trail Connection	118,246	118,246	Closed	10/17/19	06/30/21
2020	C022-19-1A	Wadena	Leaf River Recreation Trail	90,500	209,500	Active	07/06/20	06/30/22
2020	C026-19-3A	Sherburne	Great Northern Trail Connection	150,000	1,381,000	Closed	06/17/20	06/30/21
2020	C027-19-3C	Red Wing	Riverfront Trail Connection	150,000	2,488,967	Closed	06/26/20	06/30/21
2020	LW27-01433	Orono	Big Island	100,000	230,988	Active	09/23/19	12/31/21
2021	NS21-001	Mendota Heights	Pilot Knob	192,500	192,500	Active	07/15/20	06/30/22
2021	NS21-002	Washington	Afton Conservation Area	169,300	290,000	Closed	07/01/20	06/30/21
2022	NS22-001	Washington	Valley Creek Ecological Area	31,724	260,500	Active	08/16/21	06/30/22
2022	NS22-004	Washington	Carnelian Creek Ecological Area	182,775	361,500	Active	08/16/21	06/30/22
2020	OR20-006	North Mankato	Bluff Park	85,173	85,173	Closed	08/14/19	06/30/21
2020	OR20-008	Princeton	Riverside-Riebe Park	129,000	220,000	Active	07/01/19	06/30/21
2020	OR20-010	Shakopee	Ridge Creek Park	250,000	250,000	Active	07/01/19	06/30/22
2020	OR20-011	Sherburne	Bridgeview Regional Park Reserve	250,000	250,000	Active	07/01/19	06/30/21
2020	OR20-012	Waconia	Brook Peterson Park	160,000	160,000	Closed	07/01/19	06/30/21
2021	OR21-003	Orr	Orr Bog Walk	166,000	206,700	Closed	07/10/20	06/30/22

Total Projects 22

Total Dollars: 2,925,000 8,830,129

Update as of June 30, 2022:

Project extended to June 30, 2023 by LCCMR 6/30/22 as a result of M.L. 2022, Chp.94, Sec. 2, Subd. 19, legislative extension criteria being met.

Fourth Update as of March 1, 2023:

One project withdrew, City of Wadena. An additional encumbrance balance was added to the Natural and Scenic projects in Washington County.

A total of 21 projects have been awarded, 7 OR, 4 NS and 10 LTC. 20 projects are closed as of this report. The total grants awarded are \$2,925,000, match amount is \$8,612,709.

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2020	C001-19-3B	Orono	East Long Lake Trail	50,000	260,520	Closed	07/21/2020	06/30/2021
2020	C027-19-3C	Red Wing	Riverfront Trail Connection	150,000	2,488,967	Closed	06/26/2020	06/30/2021
2020	C026-19-3A	Sherburne	Great Northern Trail Connection	150,000	1,381,000	Closed	06/17/2020	06/30/2021
2020	C006-19-1A	Shingobee	Shingobee Connection Trail Underpass	150,000	333,368	Active	07/20/2020	06/30/2023
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2021	NS21-001	Mendota Heights	Pilot Knob	184,580	184,580	Closed	07/15/2020	06/30/2022
2021	NS21-002	Washington	Afton Conservation Area	169,300	290,000	Closed	07/01/2020	06/30/2021
2022	NS22-004	Washington	Carnelian Creek Ecological Area	285,625	361,500	Closed	08/16/2021	06/30/2023
2022	NS22-001	Washington	Valley Creek Ecological Area	27,294	260,500	Closed	08/16/2021	06/30/2022
2020	OR20-006	North Mankato	Bluff Park	85,173	85,173	Closed	08/14/2019	06/30/2021
2020	LW27-01433	Orono	Big Island	100,000	230,988	Closed	09/23/2019	12/31/2021
2021	OR21-003	Orr	Orr Bog Walk	166,000	206,700	Closed	07/10/2020	06/30/2022
2020	OR20-008	Princeton	Riverside-Riebe Park	129,000	220,000	Closed	07/01/2019	06/30/2021
2020	OR20-010	Shakopee	Ridge Creek Park	250,000	250,000	Closed	07/01/2019	06/30/2022
2020	OR20-011	Sherburne	Bridgeview Regional Park Reserve	250,000	250,000	Closed	07/01/2019	06/30/2021
2020	OR20-012	Waconia	Brook Peterson Park	160,000	160,000	Closed	07/01/2019	06/30/2021

Final Report as of June 30, 2023 (to be submitted before August 15, 2023): One project withdrew at the project end date, Shingobee Township for \$150,000. They were unable to complete the project within the project period. Additional funding was allocated through MNDOT that is not available for a couple of years. All remaining projects were complete, see attached project spreadsheet.

ACTIVITY 2: Grant Program Administration

Description: The funding will be used to support Parks and Trails, Grant Specialist, personnel costs for administering the grant programs including DNR direct and necessary costs associated with this funding. Grant staff persons are involved in grant solicitation, evaluation and ranking, grant agreement management, project billings, project inspections, compliance monitoring and project close out.

As shown in the Detailed Project Budget, work program approval is requested for personnel expenses to be incurred by DNR classified staff involved in administering these grant programs. The requested amount represents approximately 2.3% of the project budget equivalent to approximately 0.25 FTE per year over the three year period.

ENRTF BUDGET: \$75,000 (\$67,971 Program Administration, \$7,029 DNR Direct and Necessary Costs)

ENRTF Committed: \$75,000

ENRTF Spent: \$75,000

ENRTF Balance: \$0

Outcome	Completion Date
1. Administer RFP, application process and grant contracts.	June 30, 2022

First Update March 1, 2020

The FY20 application process is complete, contracts are executed and/or underway. The FY21 application cycle is underway with an application deadline of March 27, 2020.

Second Update March 1, 2021

The FY20 and FY21 application process is complete, contracts are executed and/or underway. Reimbursement requests and project closeouts are being processed.

Third Update March 1, 2022

All contracts are executed and/or underway. Reimbursement requests and project closeouts are being processed.

Update as of June 30, 2022:

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Fourth Update as of March 1, 2023:

All contracts are executed and/or underway. Reimbursement requests and project closeouts are being processed.

Final Report as of June 30, 2023 (to be submitted before August 15, 2023): All contracts are closed with the one exception of the withdrawn project that was canceled. Reimbursement requests and project closeouts are complete. Initial land acquisition reports have been submitted.

IV. DISSEMINATION:

Description: A Request for Proposal is announced for the programs in December of each year through our park and trail contacts e-mail list and regional and statewide organization. Regional and Statewide organizations are encouraged to forward to their members. Program information and applications are available to download on the [DNR Recreation Grants webpage](#) under each specific program. A list of the awarded projects will be posted on the program webpages.

The Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) will be acknowledged through use of the trust fund logo or attribution language on project print and electronic media, publications, signage, and other communications per the [ENRTF Acknowledgement Guidelines](#).

First Update March 1, 2020

FY20 Grant awards are posted on the above website for public view.

Second Update March 1, 2021

FY21 Grant awards are posted on the above website for public view.

Third Update March 1, 2022

FY22 Grant awards are posted on the above website for public view, including the two additional NS grants funded with this appropriation.

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V. ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFORMATION:

A. Personnel and Capital Expenditures

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$5,000: Capital expenditures related to the development of park and trail facilities. All trails will be maintained for a minimum of 20 years. All park facilities must be maintained for their useful life and the park area retained and maintained solely for outdoor recreation use into perpetuity.

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff: Classified positions paid for with LCCMR funds will either be 1) backfilled with a new position or 2) the work previously done by this position will be delayed, eliminated, or completed by the start of the project.

Total Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Directly Funded with this ENRTF Appropriation:

Enter Total Estimated Personnel Hours for entire duration of project: 1560 Hours	Divide total personnel hours by 2,080 hours in 1 yr = TOTAL FTE: .75
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Total Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Estimated to Be Funded through Contracts with this ENRTF Appropriation:

Enter Total Estimated Contract Personnel Hours for entire duration of project: N/A	Divide total contract hours by 2,080 hours in 1 yr = TOTAL FTE: N/A
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VI. PROJECT PARTNERS:

A. Partners outside of project manager’s organization receiving ENRTF funding: Partners are local governments, primarily counties and cities. They will acquire, own, develop, and manage the parks or trails. The local governments will provide at least \$2 million match with approximately \$1.6 million in cash match and approximately \$400,000 in in-kind services. In addition, they cover the costs of appraisals, land transaction costs, and required archeological/historical surveys and assume all ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

B. Partners outside of project manager’s organization NOT receiving ENRTF funding: N/A

VII. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING: The local government recipients are responsible for the ongoing operations and maintenance costs. All property acquired must be kept for public outdoor recreation purposes permanently.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- Project status update reports will be submitted March 1 each year of the project
- A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2023

IX. SEE ADDITIONAL WORK PLAN COMPONENTS:

A. Budget Spreadsheet

B. Visual Component or Map - Statewide maps will be provided after each application round showing project locations by program.

C. Parcel List Spreadsheet

D. Acquisition, Easements, and Restoration Requirements

Attachment A: Final
 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
 M.L. 2019 Budget Spreadsheet
 Legal Citation: M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09b
 Project Manager: Audrey Mularie
 Project Title: Grants for Local Parks, Trails and Natural Areas
OTHER FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT
 Project Budget: \$3,000,000
 Project Length and Completion Date: 4 years, June 30, 2023
 Today's Date: July 1, 2023



ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Amended Budget 3/27/23	Amount Spent	Balance
BUDGET ITEM			
Personnel: .25 FTE Grant Specialist position each year for the three year project period. Includes salary and benefits.	\$ 67,971	\$ 67,971	\$ -
Capital Construction Costs: Development/ Redevelopment of Parks and Trails. Estimated amount, final amount TBD based on grant applications.	\$ 2,258,201	\$ 2,108,201	\$ 150,000
Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements): Acres and grantees to be determined through the application process each grant cycle. Estimated amount, final amount TBD based on grant applications.	\$ 666,799	\$ 666,799	\$ -
Additional Budget Items: To support the costs related to the program administration *Direct and Necessary expenses: HR Support (~\$1108), Safety Support (~\$230), Financial Support (~\$872), Communication Support (~\$1,251), IT Support (~\$2,510), and Planning Support (~\$1,059) necessary to accomplish funded programs/projects.	\$ 7,029	\$ 7,029	\$ -
COLUMN TOTAL	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 2,850,000	\$ 150,000

*Direct and Necessary expenses include Department Support Services (Human Resources, IT Support, Safety, Financial Support, Communications Support, and Planning Support). Department Support Services are described in the agency Service Level Agreement and billed internally to divisions based on rate that have been developed for each area of service. These services are directly related to and necessary for the appropriation. Department leadership services (Commissioner's Office and Regional Directors) are not assessed. Those elements of individual projects that put little or no demand on support services such as large single-source contracts, large land acquisitions, and funds that are passed through to other entities are not assessed Direct and Necessary costs for those activities.

OTHER FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT	Status (secured or pending)	Budget	Spent	Balance
Non-State: Local Government Match	Pending	\$ 1,600,000	\$ -	\$ 1,600,000
State:				
In kind: Force account (Grantee) and volunteer including labor, equipment, and materials.	Pending	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000

PAST AND CURRENT ENRTF APPROPRIATIONS	Amount legally obligated but not yet spent	Budget	Spent	Balance
Current appropriation: M.L. 2018, Chp. 214, Art. 4, Sec. 02, Subd. - Grants for Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,211,200	\$ 788,800
Past appropriations: Past Closed Appropriations: ML 2011 04d Regional Park, Trail, and Connections Acquisition and Development Grants - \$2 million, ML 2011 04k Natural and Scenic Area Acquisition Grants - \$1 Million, ML 2008 03j Local Initiative Grants Regional Parks and Natural Areas - \$1 million, ML 2007 04g Non Metro Regional Paks and Natural and Scenic Area Acquisition - \$1 million, ML 2005 06j Local Initiative Grants Parks and Natural Areas - \$1.2 million, ML 2005 06l Local and Regional Trail Grant Initiative - \$700,000, ML 2003 06c Local Initiative Grants Parks and Natural Areas - \$2.5 million, ML 2003 06e Local and Regional Trail Grant Initiative Program - \$320,000				

2019 ENRTF Grants for Local Parks, Trails

Year	Proj_#	Recipient	Title
2021	C005-20-3B	City of Brooklyn Park	Lakeland Trail Connections
2021	C009-20-3A	City Of Monticello	Fenning Ave/ CR118 Trail Connection
2020	C004-19-2D	City of Moose Lake	City Loop Trail
2021	C012-20-2D	City Of Moose Lake	Soo Line Trail Reconstruction
2020	C001-19-3B	City of Orono	East Long Lake Trail
2020	C027-19-3C	City of Red Wing	Riverfront Trail Connection
2020	C026-19-3A	County of Sherburne	Great Northern Trail Connection
2020	C006-19-1A	Township of Shingobee	Shingobee-Connection Trail-Underpass
2020	C014-19-4C	City of Waseca	Clear Lake Trail Connector
2020	C021-19-3B	City of Watertown	Luce Line Trail Connection
2021	NS21-001	City of Mendota Heights	Pilot Knob
2021	NS21-002	County of Washington	Afton Conservation Area
2022	NS22-004	County of Washington	Carnelian Creek Ecological Area
2022	NS22-001	County of Washington	Valley Creek Ecological Area
2020	OR20-006	City of North Mankato	Bluff Park
2020	LW27-01433	City of Orono	Big Island
2021	OR21-003	City of Orr	Orr Bog Walk

2020	OR20-008	City of Princeton	Riverside-Riebe Park
2020	OR20-010	City of Shakopee	Ridge Creek Park
2020	OR20-011	County of Sherburne	Bridgeview Regional Park Reserve
2020	OR20-012	City of Waconia	Brook Peterson Park

7/21/2023

Scenic and Natural Areas Final Project List

Scope	County	2018 ENRTF	2019 ENRTF
To connect broader community of Lakeland Park via a new connection from Crystal Lake Regional Trail to a new loop trail within Lakeland Park	Hennepin		\$13,000
To construct of off-road trail connecting two existing trail segments. Construction is proposed with reconstruction of County Road 118, located	Wright		\$102,282
Develop 1.1 miles of trail to close the gap on connecting all existing trails surrounding the City and providing a trail to the new Moose Lake schools.	Carlton	\$65,500	\$84,500
To reconstruct 2,800 feet of the Soo Line Trail through Moose Lake.	Carlton		\$150,000
To convert of a section of East Long Lake Road to a multimodal trail including the removal of the existing roadway pavement, construction of a 10ft paved trail, drainage improvements, plantings, and addition of elements such as benches and fishing spots.	Hennepin		\$50,000
To construct a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the CPR's RR tracks with a trail segment of Tapproximately 750 feet which will provide a connection to the riverfront system.	Goodhue		\$150,000
To construct a 4.0 mile paved, multi-use trail from Elk River north border to Main Street in Zimmerman.	Sherburne		\$150,000
To construct a paved pedestrian/bicycle underpass/box culvert under the high-volume Highway 371 as a safety enhancement to the existing completed 7 mile Shingobee Connection Trail currently crossing the highway.	Cass		\$0
To construct bituminous trail to connect Clear Lake Trail System with Northeast Park and the rest of the City's trail system.	Waseca		\$150,000
To construct new 10-foot wide shared-use trail on east side of TH 25 between Hutchinson Street and Luce Line Trail to connect to programmed TH 25 trail to the north.	Hennepin		\$118,246
Acquire a 0.94-acre residential property as an addition to the 25-acre Oheyawahe Historic Pilot Knob and restoration measures needed to stabilize the site, ensure safety of the users and restoration that significantly improves the site's natural resource values.	Dakota		\$184,580
Acquire a permanent conservation easement on a 31-acre parcel for sale on Valley Creek in Afton adjacent to 1,500 acres protected by Belwin Conservancy that will provide public space, scenic views and low impact activities including a trail.	Washington	\$120,700	\$169,300
Acquire a permanent conservation easement on approximately 79 acres that will protect open space, scenic views, habitat, surface water, likely groundwater and other high quality natural features on four parcels fully or partially located in a Washington County top ten high priority protection area called the Carnelian Creek Corridor.	Washington		\$285,625
Acquire a permanent conservation easement that will protect approximately 18 acres of steep forested bluffs, lowlands and open water, including two ponds fed by a spring and Valley Creek, on five parcels in a Washington County high priority Regionally Significant Ecological Area encompassing Valley Creek, a tributary to the St. Croix River.	Washington	\$233,206	\$27,294
Develop observation deck with interpretive signs and natural restoration.	Nicollet		\$85,173
Redevelop trails, restroom and picnic facilities, install interpretive signs and trail gates.	Hennepin		\$100,000
The City of Orr will redevelop a half mile bog walk through an ash bog, outdoor recreation area and to the shoreline of the Pelican River.	St. Louis		\$166,000

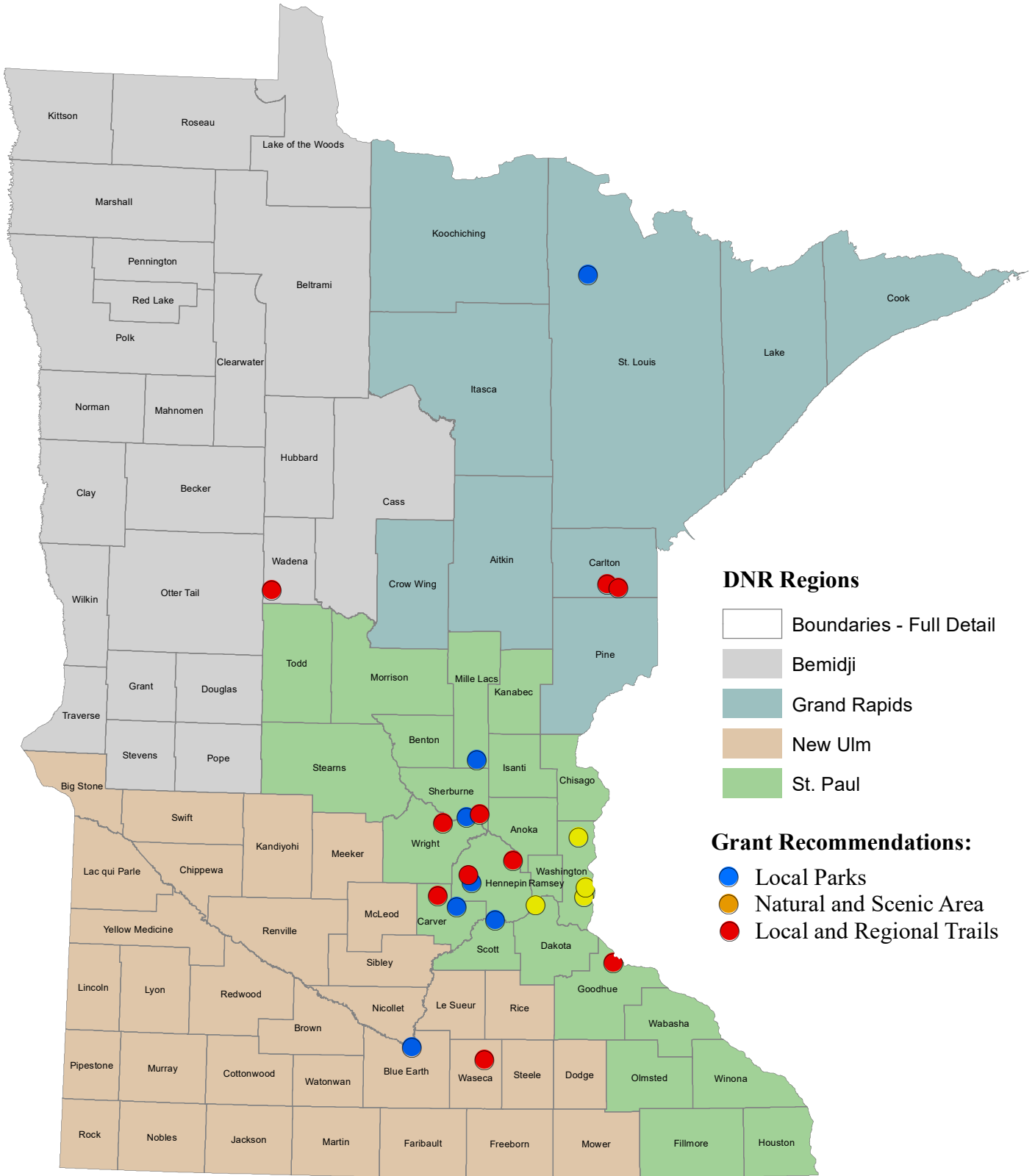
Develop trails, ADA pier, natural fishing area, canoe/kayak launch, furnishings, vault restroom.	Mille Lacs	\$83,425	\$129,000
Develop trail, boardwalk, picnic shelters, outlook platforms, landscaping and wetland restoration	Scott		\$250,000
Develop two scenic overlooks of the Mississippi River, trails, parking, access road and educational signs (kiosk).	Sherburne		\$250,000
Redevelop restrooms, pedestrian access points, multi-use trails and develop picnic shelter and lighting.	Carver		\$160,000

Total Projects	\$502,831	\$2,775,000
Returned		\$150,000
Appropriation		\$2,925,000

Local	Status	Begin	End
\$210,600	Closed	05/20/2021	06/30/2022
\$115,467	Closed	04/15/2021	06/30/2022
\$1,058,500	Closed	07/21/2020	06/30/2022
\$50,000	Closed	12/03/2020	06/30/2022
\$260,520	Closed	07/21/2020	06/30/2021
\$2,488,967	Closed	06/26/2020	06/30/2021
\$1,381,000	Closed	06/17/2020	06/30/2021
\$0	Withdrawn	07/20/2020	06/30/2023
\$96,600	Closed	03/16/2020	06/30/2021
\$118,246	Closed	10/17/2019	06/30/2021
\$184,580	Closed	07/15/2020	06/30/2022
\$290,000	Closed	07/01/2020	06/30/2021
\$361,500	Closed	08/16/2021	06/30/2023
\$260,500	Closed	08/16/2021	06/30/2022
\$85,173	Closed	08/14/2019	06/30/2021
\$230,988	Closed	09/23/2019	12/31/2021
\$206,700	Closed	07/10/2020	06/30/2022

\$220,000	Closed	07/01/2019	06/30/2021
\$250,000	Active	07/01/2019	06/30/2022
\$250,000	Closed	07/01/2019	06/30/2021
\$160,000	Closed	07/01/2019	06/30/2021

\$8,279,341



Note: Projects selected for ENRTF funding were natural resource local parks, trails and natural and scenic areas within a set of funded projects. Additional projects were funded throughout the state with other state and federal grant dollars.