

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
2010 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

LCCMR ID: 225-G

Project Title:

Cooperative Development of Fishing Piers

LCCMR 2010 Funding Priority:

G. Creative Ideas

Total Project Budget: \$ \$700,000

Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested: 3 years, 2010 - 2013

Other Non-State Funds: \$ \$0

Summary:

Cooperative agreements between the DNR and local units of government provide 18 fishing piers and 2 shore fishing sites. The goal is to improve fishing opportunities with accessible facilities.

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Location:

Region: Statewide

County Name: Statewide

City / Township:

_____ Knowledge Base	_____ Broad App.	_____ Innovation
_____ Leverage	_____ Outcomes	
_____ Partnerships	_____ Urgency	_____ TOTAL

MAIN PROPOSAL

PROJECT TITLE: Cooperative development of fishing pier and shore fishing sites with local units of government

I. PROJECT STATEMENT

The overall goal of the fishing pier grant program is to improve fishing opportunities, especially for children, elderly, people with disabilities and those without a boat. On many lakes public shoreline areas open to angling opportunities are limited. Fishing piers and developed shore fishing areas support the recruitment and retention new and existing anglers. Fishing is a life-long activity that connects participants with the outdoors. Fishing also encourages environmental stewardship and support of Minnesota's natural resource programs.

A survey of east metro lakes in 2003 showed that lakes that had fishing piers averaged 207 angler hours per acre from May through October. This was 33% higher than lakes that did not have piers, which averaged 138 hours per acre. Piers provide a means for anglers to cast into deeper water and into areas with good fish habitat.

Presently there are 305 fishing piers and 35 shore fishing sites statewide. 20% of the piers are aging beyond repair and becoming unsafe. Many of them will need to be removed if they are not replaced soon. There are 72 project applications for new and replacement fishing piers.

Fishing piers provide many positive impacts. They facilitate use by disabled anglers, elderly, and parents or grandparents with young children. They provide a safe and convenient place to fish, instead of from bridges, steep/rocky embankments or fragile shorelines. Piers can eliminate shoreline erosion from foot traffic and allow native aquatic habitat and vegetation to thrive. Fishing piers can easily facilitate fishing clinics such as those offered through MinnAqua and Fishing in the Neighborhood programs, which enhances the Departments outreach efforts. Piers can also be the heart of a community as a magnet for tourists and residents or a main component of a state, county or city park. Fishing piers can also help reduce the carbon footprint by providing an area for people to fish close to home or without a boat.

This request will provide 20 fishing piers and shore fishing sites state wide (half of these will be replacements). The DNR enters into cooperative agreements with the local units of government who provide the accessible walkway/path, accessible parking space and 20 years of ongoing maintenance while the state constructs the shore fishing site or provides the fishing pier.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT RESULTS

Result 1: Install New Piers or Shore Fishing Areas Deliverable

Budget: \$ 350,000
Completion Date

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| 1. 54' Pier, Lake Osakis, Todd Co. (Battle Point Park) | Summer 2011 |
| 2. Shore, Mississippi River, City of Sauk Rapids, Benton Co | Summer 2011 |
| 3. 104' Pier, White Bear Lake, City of White Bear Lake, Ramsey Co | Summer 2011 |
| 4. 64' Pier, Bingham Lake, Cottonwood Co (near city of Windom) | Summer 2011 |
| 5. Shore, Red Lake River, Crookston, Polk Co | Summer 2011 |
| 6. 64' Pier, Lake Benton, Lincoln Co | Summer 2012 |
| 7. 104' Pier, Lake Hiawatha, Mpls Park & Rec., Hennepin Co | Summer 2012 |

8. 104' Pier, Lake Pulaski, City of Buffalo, Wright Co	Summer 2012
9. 64' Pier, Mississippi River (Sylvan Bay), Grand Rapids, Itasca Co	Summer 2012
10. 84' Pier, Round Lake, City of Andover, Anoka Co.	Summer 2012

Result 2: Replacement of Existing Aging Piers

Budget: \$ 350,000

Deliverable

Completion Date

1. 84' Pier, Lake Belletaine, City of Nevis, Hubbard Co	Summer 2011
2. 64' Pier, Snelling Lake, Fort Snelling State Park, Hennepin Co	Summer 2011
3. 84' Pier, Swan Lake, McLeod Co (near city of Sliver Lake)	Summer 2011
4. 104' Pier, Pelican Lake, City of Orr, St. Louis Co	Summer 2011
5. 84' Pier, Pebble Lake, City of Fergus Falls, Otter Tail Co	Summer 2011
6. 84' Pier, Lake Marion, McLeod Co (near city of Brownton)	Summer 2012
7. 104' Pier, Birch Lake, City of Hackensack, Cass Co	Summer 2012
8. 84' Pier, Warroad River, City of Warroad, Lake of the Woods Co	Summer 2012
9. 84' Pier, Lake Kohlmeir, City of Owatonna, Steele County	Summer 2012
10. 84' Pier, St. Louis River, City of Duluth, St. Louis Co. (Boy Scout)	Summer 2012

(Projects in this proposal may be revised during the funding cycle due to issues such as an inability to provide the match (path) or changing conditions of existing piers.)

III. PROJECT STRATEGY AND TIMELINE

A. Project Partners

Local Units of Government including Township, City & County, and local organizations such as lake associations, Lions Clubs, Kiwanis, angling associations, etc.

All of the individual projects have local unit of government (LUG) and/or local organizations as partners. The DNR enters into cooperative agreements with the local units of government who agree to provide the accessible walkway/path, accessible parking space and 20 years of ongoing maintenance at the site. In return the state will construct the shore fishing site or purchase and install the fishing pier. Often the partners are able to donate money towards the purchase of the pier or provide additional in kind services such as plantings, litter pick-up, picnic tables, benches, restrooms, or lighting.

B. Time

Funding required is \$700,000 or \$350,000 per year. 10 piers or shore fishing sites will be completed each year for a total of 20 sites. Cooperative agreements and purchase orders for the fishing piers will be completed in the winter months and the piers will be installed or shore fishing sites constructed during the summer months.

C. Long-Term Strategy

The DNR will continue to seek money from capital funding sources to ensure the long-term viability of the program. The popularity of the fishing pier program has been constant since 1984. It has resulted in the DNR granting 340 fishing piers and shore fishing sites statewide with 72 pending project applications.

Project Budget

Cooperative development of fishing piers and shore fishing sites with local units of government

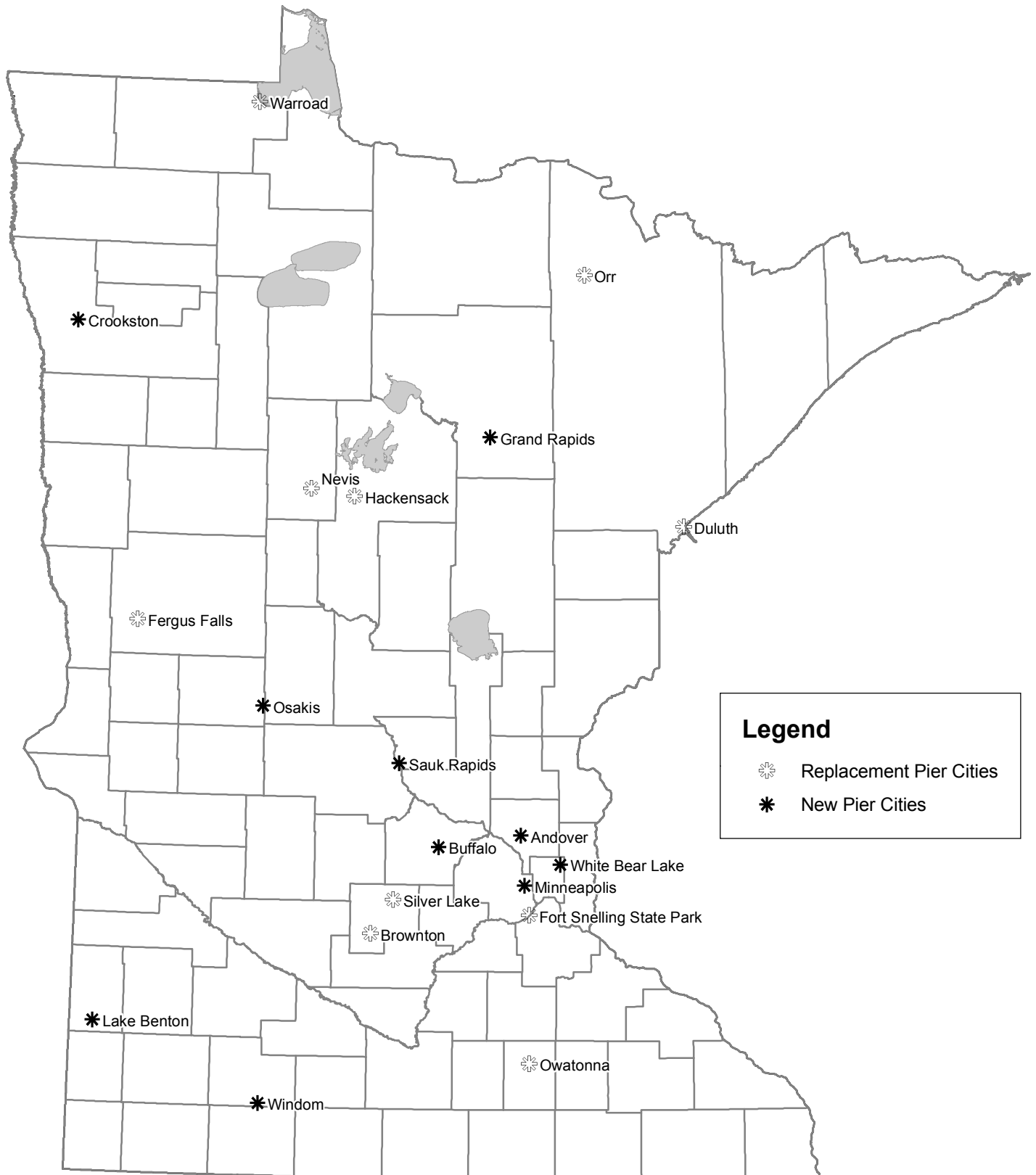
IV. TOTAL PROJECT REQUEST BUDGET (2.25 years)

<u>BUDGET ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Personnel: DNR, Division of Parks and Trails employees will handle all administration of cooperative agreements, procurement and installation of fishing piers.	\$0
Contracts: NA	\$0
Equipment/Tools/Supplies: NA	\$0
Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements): NA	\$0
Travel: NA	\$0
Additional Budget Items:	\$0
18 Floating Fishing Piers	\$580,000
2 Shore Fishing Sites	\$60,000
Freight Charges and Tax	\$60,000
Total	\$700,000

V. OTHER FUNDS

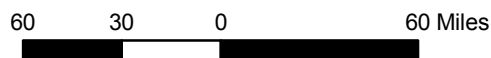
<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>Status</u>
Other Non-State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period: Possibility of cash contributions from LUG's or cash donations from local organizations.	\$50,000	Pending
Other State \$ Being Applied to Project During Project Period: Game and Fish Fund for DNR crews installing the fishing piers	\$43,200	Secured
In-kind Services During Project Period: Per the cooperative agreements that will be developed, LUG's will install the accessible path and parking area and perform the daily and yearly maintenance on the piers (for 20+ years). Local groups can also assist with the above as well as provide litter removal, vegetative management, lighting, restrooms and informational kiosks. It is difficult to estimate the value.	\$65,000	
Remaining \$ from Current Trust Fund Appropriation (if applicable): NA	\$0	
Funding History: For fiscal year 2008/2009: Bonding: \$50,000 Contributions from LUG's: \$24,000 Donations from local organizations: \$19,000	\$93,000	

LCCMR 2010 Cooperative Fishing Pier and Shore Fishing Sites



Legend

- ❄ Replacement Pier Cities
- * New Pier Cities



Project Manager Qualifications

As Planning, Acquisition, and Development Manager for the Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Trails, Stan Linnell oversees the acquisition of lands, cooperative agreements with local units of government and the development of new facilities.

Organization Description

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails operates 66 state parks, 7 state recreation areas, 575 miles of surfaced state trail, 1610 water access sites, 316 fishing piers and 27 shore fishing areas, 30 water trails and 9 state waysides throughout Minnesota. The Division connects people to the state's natural resources by providing access to outdoor recreation, conservation education and natural resource restoration and management.

Our mission is to create outstanding outdoor recreation and education experiences, support healthy people and communities, and conserve Minnesota's unique natural and cultural resources.