



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

2022 Request for Proposal

General Information

Proposal ID: 2022-253

Proposal Title: City of Biwabik Recreation Area

Project Manager Information

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Organization: City of Biwabik

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Project Basic Information

Project Summary: Reconstruction & renovation of amenities and multi-modal pathways to, and within, the Biwabik Recreation Area which consists of the city campground, beach, boat access, fishing pier, and walking/biking trails.

Funds Requested: \$1,414,000

Proposed Project Completion: September 30 2023

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?

In the Future

Narrative

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

This area is a popular destination on Embarrass Lake for visitors from all over who come to stay at our city operated campground or other local establishments.

It is also an important amenity for local users who come to enjoy the swimming beach, fishing pier, or walking/biking trails. There is lot of vehicle traffic in and out the recreation area; much of it consisting of RVs, towed campers, or vehicles pulling boat trailers. Many people come in to the recreation area via the Mesabi Trail which runs along the north boundary of the area and connects in to our paths. Others visit via powerboats or canoes/kayaks from other areas of the lake. Many of the people who use this facility are either elderly or are families with smaller children.

The compact space results in pedestrian, bicyclists, and parents with strollers/wagons needing to maneuver around vehicular traffic coming and going as well as vehicles launching boats in to Embarrass Lake.

The bathroom/shower/changing room facilities are currently inadequate. The closest facilities to to the beach and public access areas with running water are over 700 feet away and uphill. That facility only has 4 toilets/sinks/showers.

What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? i.e. What are you seeking funding to do? You will be asked to expand on this in Activities and Milestones.

We are seeking funding to reconstruct the driving/biking/walking surfaces throughout the recreation area and construct new walkways connecting the existing amenities in the area. The parking lot would be reconstructed to reduce conflict between vehicle traffic, boat launching, and pedestrians.

We also plan to remove an old dilapidated concrete building that was formerly used as a bathroom facility, but has been out of use for several years use due to extensive costly repairs that are needed.

We intend to replace the old building with a new bathroom building which would provide safe, hygienic toilets, sinks, showers and changing rooms.

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 improvements allow users of all ages to safely use the area for a variety of outdoor recreational activities. The campsites, picnic shelters and grills, beach, playground, fishing pier, boat docks, volleyball court, basketball court, and trails will be more accessible to all users whether they arrive by vehicle off HWY 135, on foot or by bicycle from the Mesabi Trail, or by boat via Embarrass Lake.

The new bathroom building would provide safe, hygienic toilets, sinks, showers and changing rooms.

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Renovation and Reconstitution of Driving Lanes, Non-Motorized Pathways and Parking Area

Activity Budget: \$989,000

Activity Description:

We intend on resurfacing and properly signing the roadway and parking area to reduce conflict between motorized and non-motorized traffic as much as possible. We will have concrete walkways connecting amenities to increase the safety for all ages.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Install Concrete Walkways Connecting Amenities	October 31 2022
Resurface Driving Lanes	July 31 2023

Activity 2: Demolish Old Bathroom Facility

Activity Budget: \$25,000

Activity Description:

The old, unusable concrete block building would be removed to provide space for a new facility

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Demolish Old Bathroom Facility	October 31 2022

Activity 3: Construct New Bathroom Facility

Activity Budget: \$400,000

Activity Description:

We will construct a new bathroom building would provide safe, hygienic toilets, sinks, showers and changing rooms. The building will be centrally located very close to the beach, fishing pier, and boat launch.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Complete Construction of New Facility	September 30 2023

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 be funded?

The City of Biwabik will budget annually to maintain and repair the infrastructure and amenities within the recreation area.

Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

Project Manager Name: Jeff Jacobson

Job Title: City Administrator

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

Project Manager has been City Administrator of City of Biwabik for 14 years. Education consists of Bachelor's Degrees in Political Science/Public Administration and Economics along with Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Project Manager has extensive experience in project administration including large-scale street and utility reconstruction, residential, commercial, and public new development, and collaborative regional projects.

Organization: City of Biwabik

Organization Description:

The City of Biwabik is a small city in Northern St Louis County. We have a census population of 969 but, as a tourism and recreation destination, our seasonal population can easily double that during peak winter and summer seasons.

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
							Sub Total	-
Contracts and Services								
Consulting Engineer	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Firm will be responsible for design and construction administration. The engineer will be selected through a qualifications based selection process.				4		\$153,538
General Contractor Hired Through a Competitive Bid Process	Professional or Technical Service Contract	The general contractor will be responsible for all aspects of project construction.				-		\$1,096,700
							Sub Total	\$1,250,238
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								
		Contingency	Contingency is added to cover unforeseen items					\$163,762
							Sub Total	\$163,762
							Grand Total	\$1,414,000

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: [3e9ef6fc-bb9.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

Overhead view of entire recreation area showing areas to be resurfaced, the location of the new walkways, and the bathrooms to be demolished and replaced with new....

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
City Council Resolution	f232af04-71d.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

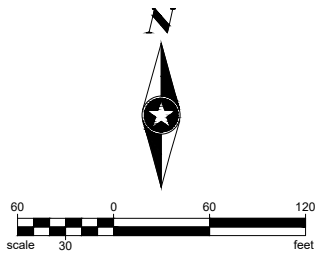
Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?

No

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No

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**CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
BIWABIK, MINNESOTA**

**EXHIBIT
NO. 1**