

Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

Funding Report

General Section

Park or Trail Name: Bertram Park

Park ID: 14-010D Funding Application #: 15-006F

Date Designated: 2015-10-07 District4

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Project Name: Bertram Acquisition - Phase 10

Project Description:

The first in a series of incremental purchases for Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park was completed in 2008. This impressive area encompasses 1,075 acres of land, including the entire lake shore of four completely undeveloped lakes, located in Monticello Township, Wright County, Minnesota. In 2008, Wright County and the City of Monticello were awarded funds from the Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources and the Metro Greenways Grant Program to assist with the first of a series of land purchases from the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Minneapolis. This first purchase was completed and included 319 acres of land and water bordering Long Lake. Between the years of 2009 and 2015, a combination of funding sources, including the Local Funds, Non-Metro Regional Park Grant Program, Park and Trails Legacy Grant Program and the Metro Greenways Grant Program, assisted with additional phases of acquisitions which have expanded the park to its current size of 872 acres with the completion of 9 Phases. Phase 10 acquisition consists of 203 acres, completing the passive use area of Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park. As Wright County's population growth continues, this property has become a key element in preparations to meet the demand for public open space and outdoor recreational opportunities, as well as a key element in efforts to preserve a relatively untouched but beautiful and natural area located right in our midst.

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Project Cost Breakdown: The entire acquisition of the Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park is estimated to be around \$20.5 million. Funding for this project to date has been obtained through grants, and local contributions as shown below. Wright County Local Contribution \$3,774,508 City of Monticello. Local Contribution \$3,774,508 LCCMR/Environmental Trust Fund \$1,749,628 LAWCON \$1,267,640 Outdoor Recreation Program \$469,713 Park and Trail Legacy \$4,904,925 TOTAL FUNDS TO DATE \$15,940,922

Grant Funding Request: \$2,839,000

Local Match: \$345,000 Funder: Wright County

Local Match: \$345,000 Funder: City of Monticello

Local Match: 0 Funder:

Local Match: 0 Funder:

Local Match: 0 Funder:

Total Funding: \$3529000 Percentage of Local Match: 19.6%

Completion Timeframe: June of 2017