

# Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

## Funding Report

### General Section

Park or Trail Name: Lake Wobegon Trail

Park ID: 14-019D      Funding Application #: 15-010F

Date Designated: 2015-10-07      District4

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Project Name: Lake Wobegon Trail Extension

### Project Description:

The Lake Wobegon Trail currently consists of 62 miles of paved trail that provides year around use for a multitude of outdoor recreational activities. However, the current terminus of the trail is located in St. Joseph and thus falls just short of providing a safe and separated connection to the 100,000 plus residents of the greater St. Cloud area, which includes the cities of St. Cloud, Sartell, Waite Park and Sauk Rapids. Currently, residents from the previously listed cities have to ride, walk or run on busy and dangerous county highways and roads to access the trail without putting their bikes into a vehicle and transporting them to the St. Joseph trailhead. The completion of the Lake Wobegon Trail to Waite Park creates trailhead access, with parking facilities for over 100,000 in the St. Cloud area. Currently, the closest trailhead to the St. Cloud area residents and it's visitors is in St. Joseph. The current Lake Wobegon Trail attracts local users and tourists from Minnesota, the United States and from foreign countries. The ten foot wide extension of the Lake Wobegon Trail into Waite Park places a trailhead within close proximity to the Crossroads Shopping Center, restaurants, bed and breakfasts and hotels in St. Cloud and Waite Park. It provides a lighted trailhead at Waite Parks, Rivers Edge Park, with accessible parking, bathrooms, water, a splash pad and ball fields. This planned 10 foot wide paved trail will also connect to the existing Harold P. Nelson Healthy Living Trail and will be a multi-use, year around trail that is open for bicycles, walking, snowmobiles (without studs), and inline skaters. It is a rail with trail project and it will be an important component in providing the first safe and separated pedestrian/bicycle corridor for non-motorized transportation going east to west across St. Cloud. The primary goal of these funds is to assist with construction, however some of the received funds may be needed for acquisition, completing the design and engineering, engineering construction management, wetland credits, railroad crossing arms, the bridge, and/or other project related costs of the 3.2 mile Lake Wobegon Trail extension. This project is a key step in connecting the existing 62 mile long Lake Wobegon Trail to the Mississippi River in downtown St. Cloud. It is also an important step in connecting to the Glacial Lakes, ROCORI and Beaver Island trails.

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Project Cost Breakdown: Estimated Project Cost Design and Engineering - \$160,771 Acquisition - \$1,173,500 Bridge - \$722,098.65 Railroad Crossing Arms - \$250,000 Wetland Impact Credits - \$120,000 Appraisals - \$25,000 Construction Phase I - \$251,594 Construction Phase II - \$1,659,737.90 Total Estimated Cost - \$4,362,701.55 Current Funding Legacy - \$1,000,000 (Design and Engineering and Acquisition) Legacy - \$250,000 (Acquisition and Construction) Federal TAP - \$922,678 (Construction) Federal Recreation Trail - \$150,000 (Acquisition) St. Joseph Township - \$10,000 City of St. Joseph - \$200,000 (Upon Project Completion) Community Foundation - \$9,000 Total Funding = \$2,541,678 Total non-state Funding - \$1,291,678

Grant Funding Request: 750,000

Local Match: 300,000 Funder: From Received 2018 Federal TAP Funds (\$300,000 of \$922,678 has been committed to match this grant application)

Local Match: 0 Funder:

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Total Funding: 1050000 Percentage of Local Match: 28.6%

Completion Timeframe: Summer 2018