

Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

Funding Report

General Section

Park or Trail Name: Irving & John Anderson County Park

Park ID: 15-016D Funding Application #: 15-018F

Date Designated: 2015-10-12 District4

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Project Name: Pagel / Keen Acquisition

Project Description:

Acquisition of two properties adjacent to 174 acre Irving & John Anderson County Park. This proposal supports the "Acquire Land, Create Opportunities" pillar identified within the 25 Year Park & Trails Legacy Plan. Parcel #1 is known as the Pagel Property. This parcel totals 24.8 acres with 1,500' of undeveloped shoreline on Horseleg Lake and 1,800' of undeveloped shoreline on Horseshoe Lake. The property consists of native vegetation consistent with Irving & John Anderson County Park and the Anoka Sandplain including 8.8 acres of native remnant prairie and 16 acres of dry upland oak forest. Parcel #2 is known as the Keen Property. This parcel totals 55.04 acres with 1,450' of shoreline on Horseleg Lake. The property can be broken up into four different classifications with 16.04 acres of dry upland oak forest, 18 acres of tamarack bog, 20 acres of agricultural land, along with a 1 acre home site. Acquisition of these parcels would increase the total park to 253.84 acres. An additional 1.5 miles of multi-use trails would be added for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and cross country skiing. Potential exists on either parcel for the development of a swimming beach due to the sand bottom and gradual elevation to the water. The current trend of agricultural land conversion to residential use in areas of increasing development, like Isanti County, creates a further need for high-quality wildlife habitat to be restored and preserved. The proposed acquisition will increase the quality of the existing park and added lands, as larger, contiguous corridors of natural areas providing better habitat within an ecosystem, over smaller, separated patches.

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Project Cost Breakdown: Parcel #1 - Pagel Property - \$170,000 Parcel #2 - Keen Property - \$305,000

Grant Funding Request: \$325,000

Local Match: \$68,000 Funder: Isanti County Parks
Local Match: \$15,000 Funder: Oxford Township
Local Match: \$5,000 Funder: The Friends of Anderson Park
Local Match: \$47,000 Funder: Private Donation
Local Match: \$15,000 Funder: Private Donation

Total Funding: \$475,000 Percentage of Local Match: 31.6%

Completion Timeframe: Winter 2016