

# Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

## Funding Report

### General Section

Park or Trail Name: Quarry Hill Park & Nature Center

Park ID: 14-016D      Funding Application #: 15-040F

Date Designated: 2015-10-07      District6

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Project Name: Prairie House - Educational Building

### Project Description:

Phase 1 of Quarry Hill Park and Nature Center Master Plan identifies the construction of a new education building within Quarry Hill Park. Construction of a satellite educational building annexed a short distance north of the main nature center building is being proposed to meet the increasing demand of additional programming space as well as to provide opportunities for new educational programs. The site was chosen for its magnificent natural beauty in the prairie habitat, as it is located far enough away from the main building to provide a sense of "getting away" from urban settings. Traveling to the site will be an integral part of the intended experience of being immersed in a natural, serene setting. The space will allow for an interior capacity of 75 people plus support spaces, as well as outdoor gathering spaces. Design goals for this space, known as the Prairie House, include complementing the natural landscape, welcoming visitors, and immersing visitors in the natural surroundings of the prairie habitat. The space will be beautiful, warm, casual and comfortable. Central to the experience of the space will be the views and a design that successfully weaves together indoor and outdoor spaces. Minimal impact on the local landscape, green practices such as composting toilets, water reclamation, and solar electrical generation are integral to the design. Additional design elements include: \* Construction method will accommodate use in all seasons \* Passive solar heating with supplemental wood burning \* Air conditioning will be natural ventilation \* Construction materials should withstand the elements and provide for security \* Outdoor gathering space that is tied to the design of the building See master plan for additional details and concept designs. Due to the schedule in the park and the nature center the construction activities will commence immediately but the timing of completion will need to work around the schedules in place for school and programming..

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Project Cost Breakdown: Building Construction \$405,000 - See attached cost breakdown. Construction Management, Permitting, fees/Charges, inspections, Watermain extension - \$100,000

Grant Funding Request: 400000

Local Match: 105000 Funder: City of Rochester/Friends of Quarry Hill

Local Match: 0 Funder:

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Total Funding: 505000 Percentage of Local Match: 20.8%

Completion Timeframe: 19 months