

Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

Funding Report

General Section

Park or Trail Name: Lake Brophy Park

Park ID: 15-002D Funding Application #: 16-008F

Date Designated: 2015-10-21 District3

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Project Name: Lake Brophy County Park development

Project Description:

Lake Brophy County Park development is just that. The development of an undeveloped park located just 2.5 miles west of Alexandria Minnesota in the heart of the Alexandria Lakes Area. The Central Lakes State Trail cuts through the center of the park as well as the Alexandria Chain of Lakes and the Long Prairie State Water Trail. This allows the most populous community in the area access to the park without the need to use a vehicle to get to the park. Through our master plan Douglas County has identified a number of projects that would allow the public to access the great natural recreation features including 9,000 feet of lake shore, hill tops that tower 200 feet above the lake, and the numerous forested valleys, upland hills and all the spaces in between. The back bone of any great park system is the infrastructure in place to allow the public access. In creating Brophy Park from the ground up a big part of our grant application is to bring in the infrastructure to allow for some modern amenities inside the park. The infrastructure would include bringing in the sewer lines from Alexandria Lakes Area Sanitary Sewer district, telephone (WI-FI) and electricity that would result in modern facilities throughout the park. The plan would be to bring the previously mentioned utilities to the beach house for immediate use and to stub them out in the area identified in the master plan for a future Visitor Center. Lastly we would pave parking lots and ADA accessible sidewalks that will link up the major features of the park, allowing for all ages and abilities to enjoy the property. The Parking would be size to accommodate winter snowmobile trailer parking in winter and provide a designated access point to the Central Lakes State Trail. In addition to the ADA accessible sidewalks that will link up the modern features of the park, natural surface hiking and mountain bike trails in summer that dual as Cross Country Ski trails and a sledding hill in winter has been planned throughout the park. The trails will take the public up and down hills through the forested, prairie and lakeshore regions of the park. Showcasing the natural diversity of the area and allow for wildlife viewing, sun rise/sun set views, family pictures, ect. This will complement the ADA sidewalks as an alternative to those looking to use the park for exercise and adventure. These trails are identified in the North Trail development zone of the Master

Plan. This will bring a number of outdoor recreation opportunities to a regional and tourist center. Beach creation: As mentioned before Lake Brophy Park contains 9000 feet of pristine Central Minnesota Lake shore. Identified in park plan as the Beach development zone, Douglas County plans to develop a 400 feet of beach on Lake Brophy. This section of lake shore has been previously altered for creation of a cabin and access road to the cabin. That cabin and access road was purchased by Douglas County in 2016. The 400 feet will create public access to water to swim, paddle, snorkel etc. This beach area will serve as a launching point for many activities and the need for a beach house. The beach house proposed in the master plan will serve as a place for rentals, programming, life guard station, public restrooms, Wi-Fi, and showers. This will be the largest public beach in the Alexandria Lakes Area, instantly making it a go to destination for tourists visiting the 3rd most visited place in Minnesota. Also located in this zone will be an ADA accessible fishing pier. The park is located with 3 miles of Alexandria with the Central Lakes State Bike Trail going right through it. This not only provides kids with a spot to bike to, but gives seniors a place to fish, while providing all with intergenerational recreation. The other 8,600 feet of lake shore is a beautiful mix of shore land habitat that will be left as a natural playground for those paddle boarding, kayaking, canoeing. The chain of lakes is connected via the Long Prairie State Water trail; this park provides access to the water trail on the upstream end of the chain of lakes. Because of the quality of habitat there is significant wildlife diversity. This has become rare in Minnesota as more and more lakes are developed, and extremely rare to find it right next to a regional center like Alexandria.

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Project Cost Breakdown: Sections refer to place in master plan where information is being taken from. Section A. A.1. Main entrance and parking lots: Heavy duty asphalt paving, Concrete curb and gutter, Storm water improvements, signage, parking lot striping. \$494,230.00 A.4. Utilities: Sanitary Sewer, Water, Site Electrical. \$379,515.00 Section A Total: \$873,745.00 Section B. B.1. Entrance Drive to beach and Parking Lots: Heavy duty asphalt paving, Concrete Curb and gutter, Storm water, Signage, Parking lot striping. \$168,755.00 B.2. Trails and walkways: Bituminous Trails (12ft wide), Concrete walks. \$126,552.00 B.3. Building: Beach House/Restroom, Picnic Shelter. \$770,000.00 B.4. Utilities: Sanitary Sewer, Water, Site/building electric. \$122,300.00 B.5. Beach: Sand blanket, umbrellas. \$28,000 B. 6. Site Amenities: Benches (8), Grills (3), Docks (3), Picnic Shelter, Playground, Canoe kayak outdoor storage. \$320,800. B.7. Signage: Wayfinding/Interpretive, Park entrance Sign: \$42,500. B.8. Restoration/Landscaping: Trees, general landscaping, Reforestation, Turf Seeding, Native Seeding. \$83,250.00 Section B Total: 1,662,807.00

Grant Funding Request: \$2,311,522.00

Local Match: \$225,000.00	Funder: Douglas County
Local Match: \$0.00	Funder:
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Total Funding: \$2,536,522 Percentage of Local Match: 8.9%

Completion Timeframe: