2005 Project Abstract
For the Period Ending June 30, 2010

**PROJECT TITLE:** Paul Bunyan State Trail Connection in Bemidji  
**PROJECT MANAGER:** Tony Walzer  
**AFFILIATION:** Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources  
**MAILING ADDRESS:** 3296 State Park Road NE  
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**FUNDING SOURCE:** Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund  
**LEGAL CITATION:** ML 2005, First Special Section, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 11, Subdivision 6h.  

**APPROPRIATION AMOUNT:** $400,000

**Overall Project Outcome and Results**
The City of Bemidji acquired approximately 7.42 acres of land in the Wye area from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. The DNR acquired approximately 4 acres of the Wye area from the City for $845,000. $400,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund was used to acquire the portion of the Wye area needed for the Paul Bunyan State Trail corridor from the City. The DNR used 2006 bonding funding to supplement the acquisition of this property.

The Wye area will be used to accommodate the trail corridor and future trail bridge over TH 197, along with trail amenities such as a parking lot and rest area. The City of Bemidji and DNR will continue to work together to cooperatively develop this area. Additional property rights will need to be acquired from the City, as it continues to work with CP Railway and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway and other residential property owners along the trail route. The Wye area corridor will connect the south lake Bemidji area trail corridor to the Clausen Avenue trail corridor.

This land acquisition and future trail construction will help to provide a major connection for the trail through the City and an amenity to the City’s south shore economic development project. Future funding will be required to construct a bridge over TH 197. Once these projects are completed, a continuous paved trail will be provided from Lake Bemidji State Park to Crow Wing State Park.

**Project Results Use and Dissemination**
Information about the project has primarily been disseminated through the local media in relation the City’s south shore development project. The Bemidji City Manager and City Council used this information as part of their overall development project, since the City was relying on the DNR acquisition funds to help with their south shore development project.
No articles appeared in the paper specific to the DNR acquisition of the City property, except for when the project was referenced in relation to the City's overall development project and reliance on the acquisition funds as part of that project. Once the trail is constructed, a news release will be submitted indicating the funding sources for the acquisition and construction.

An article did appear in the Bemidji Pioneer on August 13, 2008, pertaining to an LCCMR visit to Bemidji to get an update on the project, along with others in the area. See attached article for details.
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Location: Paul Bunyan State Trail within the City of Bemidji  

Total Biennial LCMR Project Budget: $400,000.00  
LCMR Appropriation: $400,000.00  
Minus Amount Spent: $400,000.00  
Equal Balance: $0  

Legal Citation: M L 2005, First Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 11, Subdivision 6h.  

Appropriation Language: $200,000 the first year and $200,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire land to connect the Paul Bunyan State Trail within the City of Bemidji.  

Money appropriated under Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1, article 2, section11, subdivision 6, paragraph (h), for the Paul Bunyan State Trail connection is available until June 30, 2008; adopted into ML 2007 Chapter 57.  

II. and III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY:  

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IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS. All funds have been expended from the Minnesota Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund grant administered by LCCMR for the acquisition of the state trail parcel.

Result 1: The highest priority was to establish a trail corridor through the south side of Bemidji and to acquire various parcels of land to assemble this corridor.

Description: Acquired approximately 4 acres of land in the Wye area from the City of Bemidji that will connect the south Lake Bemidji trail corridor with the Clausen Avenue trail corridor and allow for a future trail bridge to be constructed across TH 197.

Various other small parcels will need to be acquired from the City of Bemidji and combined with other public rights-of-way to provide a continuous trail corridor from Rako Street north to TH 197. Parks & Trails will continue to work with the City of Bemidji to acquire the necessary properties for a trail corridor.

Summary Budget Information for Result 1: LCMR Budget $400,000.00
Balance 0
Completion Date: June 30, 2007 (Extension requested until June 30, 2009)
Result Status as of (Date of First Update Report): January 1, 2006
Result Status as of (Date of Second Update Report): July 1, 2006
Result Status as of (Date of Third Update Report): April 12, 2007 (No report submitted in January 2007)
Result Status as of (Date of Fourth Update Report): July 20, 2007
Result Status as of (Date of Fifth Update Report): July 8, 2008
Result Status as of (Date of Sixth Update Report): January 26, 2009
Result Status as of (Date of Seventh Update Report): November 19, 2010

Final Report Summary: 3 to 5 years

Result 2: Continue to acquire parcels of land along the established Paul Bunyan State Trail corridor in the City of Bemidji as various segments become available and funding allows.

Description: Work with the City of Bemidji to identify various parcels of land to acquire to assemble all the necessary property rights to construct the paved state trail. Although no funding is available for additional acquisitions at this time, funding is available to develop 1.25 miles of paved multi-use trail along the south and southeast shore of Lake Bemidji. This result is not part of this LCCMR project but is offered as next steps to completion of this project and is expected to be constructed in the summer of 2011.

Summary Budget Information for Result 2: LCMR Budget $0
Balance $0
Completion Date: 3 to 5 years
Result Status as of (Date of First Update Report):  
Result Status as of (Date of Second Update Report):  
Result Status as of (Date of Third Update Report):  
Result Status as of (Date of Fourth Update Report):  

Final Report Summary:

V. TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET: $400,000.00
Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than $3,500: The DNR has expended the entire amount of the project budget for the acquisition of land for the state trail along the south and southeast shore from the City of Bemidji.

VI. OTHER FUNDS & PARTNERS:

   A. Project Partners:
      a. City of Bemidji (John Chattin)
      b. Minnesota Department of Transportation (Lynn Eaton)
      c. Bemidji Area Paul Bunyan State Trail Committee (Jerry Downs)

   B. Other Funds being spent during the Project Period: Funding has been expended by the DNR and City of Bemidji to conduct investigative work in relation to environmental issues and possible remediation efforts. This work has been completed and the City has conducted the necessary environmental remediation for the upland areas with additional work to be done for the lakebottom for future recreational use.

   C. Required Match (if applicable): DNR funding was used for the balance of the acquisition cost.

   D. Past Spending: The City of Bemidji has spent $505,093.50 for acquisition of the right-of-way in the vicinity of the Wye area and nearly $300,000 for the two residential properties and the City Trail property. The DNR has only acquired the necessary property from the City to accommodate the trail in this area.

   E. Time: 1-4 years to acquire / 3-5 years to develop
## Proposal Title:
Fill in your proposal title and Proposal # (A-01)

**Paul Bunyan State Trail #A-01**

## Project Manager Name:
Fill in your name.

**Tony Walzer**

## LCMR Requested Dollars:
Fill in the dollar amount you are requesting.

$400,000.00

1) See list of non-eligible expenses, do not include any of these items in your budget sheet

2) Remove any budget item lines not applicable

### 2005 LCMR Proposal Budget

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| Printing |
| Other Supplies (list specific categories) |
| Travel expenses in Minnesota |
| Travel outside Minnesota (where?) |
| Construction (for what?) |
| Other land improvement (for what?) |
| Other (Describe the activity and cost) be specific |

| COLUMN TOTAL | 400,000 | 400,000 | 0 |  |

$(Equals total LCMR appropriation amount)$
2005 LCCMR Acquired Property
State Trails Land Acquisition

Paul Bunyan State Trail
City of Bemidji
South Lake Bemidji Segment

Lake Bemidji
Paul Bunyan State Trail Corridor
South Lake Bemidji Area
Future Bridge

2005 LCCMR Acquired Property

LEGEND
- Paul Bunyan State Trail Corridor
- LCCMR Acquired Property
- Existing Paved Trail
Commission tours local natural resource projects

By Brad Swenson
Pioneer Political Editor

In four or five years, a bicyclist will be able to ride 110 miles of paved Paul Bunyan State Trail from Crow Wing State Park to Lake Bemidji State Park.

In fact, all will be paved except the portion through the city of Bemidji in two years, state Department of Natural Resources officials said Tuesday morning.

“Seventy miles has bituminous surface, and in the next two years 30 miles will be done using state Department of Transportation enhancement funds,” said Kent Skaa, natural resources program consultant for the DNR’s Trails and Waterways Division in St. Paul.

Five miles along the east side of Lake Bemidji to Lake Bemidji State Park is paved, leaving the segment of the Paul Bunyan Trail that enters the city at the south and then through the city’s new southeast shore development area.

Paul Bunyan Trail: See Page A7

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Punishment for Russia