Project Title: Rocori Trail Phase 3

Category: G. Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation

Total Project Budget: $1,260,000

Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested: June 30, 2023 (3 yrs)

Summary:
This project consists of the design and construction of Phase 3 of the Rocori Trail along the old BNSF rail corridor and will connect Cold Spring, Richmond and Rockville.

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Sponsoring Organization: ROCORI Trail Construction Board

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Location: Cold Spring, Richmond, Rockville

Region: Central

County Name: Stearns

City / Township:

Alternate Text for Visual:
Visual shows the trail route.

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ENRTF ID: 279-G
PROJECT TITLE: Rocori Trail Phase 3

I. PROJECT STATEMENT
The Rocori Trail Construction Board (RTCB) is applying to the LCCMR for funds to complete the design and construction of Phase 3 (2.3 miles) of the Rocori Trail. The trail will be constructed on the former BNSF railroad corridor along Trunk Highway 23 in Stearns County and will connect the cities of Richmond, Cold Spring, Rockville and two adjoining Townships. The entire Rocori Trail corridor is owned by the Rocori Trail Construction Board. Upon completion of Phase 3, the trail will be approximately 7 miles long, 10 feet wide, paved and ADA compliant (See attached map). Phases 1 and 2 have been completed with local, state and federal dollars.

The primary users of the Rocori Trail will be pedestrians, bicyclists, roller bladers, snowmobilers, and will be accessible for wheelchair use in and around the cities of Richmond, Cold Springs, Rockville, the Townships of Wakefield and Munson, and most of Stearns County. The Rocori Trail is also connected to the Glacial Lakes State Trail that runs approximately 50 miles from Willmar to Richmond. Future links include connections to the Lake Wobegon Trail (St. Joseph/Todd County), Central Lakes Trail (Fergus Falls/Alexandria), Lake Koronis Trail (Paynesville) and Beaver Island Trail (St. Cloud) which would create over 100 miles of trail connectivity to the region. User of the trail will also be able to view the various wildlife along the trail route including deer, fox coyote, rabbits, eagles, geese, grouse, hawks, pheasants and turkeys as well as a wide variety of wild flowers and plants.

The Rocori Trail provides connections to many area features/attractions along the trail route including recreational facilities, historical and natural resources, elementary and secondary schools, commercial, industrial, and retail businesses, and specifically, the Sauk River, Historic Downtowns, Cold Spring Dam and Falls, Scenic and Recreational Parks, Rockville Granite Quarry, Eagle Park, Scenic Rural Countryside Vistas and the Rockville County Park.

The planning, design and construction of the Rocori Trail has been a collaborative effort with support from the Rocori Trail Committee, City of Rockville, City of Cold Spring, City of Richmond, Stearns County, MN DNR, National Parks Service, Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota, the Rocori Area Community Foundation, Schools, and the residents of the participating communities.

The total estimated cost of Phase 3 of the Rocori Trail is estimated to be $2,437,270. The RTCB has expended $365,000 to date on the project. The RTCB received $812,270 from the MN Department of Transportation through its FY’21 Transportation Alternatives Program eligible for construction and is requesting $1,260,000 from the LCCMR for the balance of the project cost.

II. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

Activity 1 Title: Project Engineering

ENRTF BUDGET: $368,270

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Activity 2 Title: Project Construction
Description: Construction of Rocori Trail Phase 3

ENRTF BUDGET: $891,730

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III. PROJECT PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS:
Rocori Trail Construction Board
City of Richmond Elected Officials and Staff
City of Cold Spring Elected Officials and Staff
City of Rockville Elected Officials and Staff
Stearns County Staff
MN Department of Transportation Staff
MN Department of Natural Resources
Rocori Area Community Foundation

IV. LONG-TERM IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:
The operation and maintenance of all phases of this project is under the auspices of the Rocori Trail Construction Board (RTCB) and the cities of Richmond, Cold Spring, and Rockville have agreed to share on the maintenance for the RTCB for a minimum of 20 years. The trail will be constructed with materials that require a low level of maintenance over the next 20 years. The cities annually evaluate the condition and operations of the trail. Seasonal maintenance (mowing, weed control, sweeping, trail repair, etc.) is estimated to be $15,000 annual for all three phases of the project. This will be a line item in each of the cities’ annual budget.

V. SEE ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL COMPONENTS:
   A. Proposal Budget Spreadsheet
   B. Visual Component or Map
   F. Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description
   G. Letter or Resolution
   H. Financial Capacity/Joint Powers Agreement
**Attachment A: Project Budget Spreadsheet**

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund**

**M.L. 2020 Budget Spreadsheet**

**Legal Citation:**

Project Manager: Pete Weber  
Project Title: Rocori Trail Phase 3  
Organization: Rocori Trail Construction Board  
Project Budget: $1,260,000  
Project Length and Completion Date: 3 years - June 2022  
Today’s Date: March 5, 2019

### ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET

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### SOURCE AND USE OF OTHER FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT

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Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description

Project Manager Qualifications

The overall project manager for this project will be the Rocori Trail Construction Board (RTCB) in cooperation with the member communities (Richmond, Cold Spring, Rockville) councils and staff. Additional project management and over-sight will come from the consulting engineering team. All of these entities have been involved in the planning and construction of all three phases of this project. This team has successfully designed, funded and constructed phases 1 and 2 of this overall trail and are very capable of completing phase 3. The RTCB and its management team have many years of project oversight and project funding administration.

Organizational Description

The cities of Richmond, Cold Spring and Rockville have created the Rocori Trail Construction Board through a Joint Powers Agreement (Attached) authorized by the laws of Minnesota. The RTCB consists of two representatives of each of the member cities. Each representative have a single vote and shall serve without compensation. The administrators of the member Cities serve as non-voting representations. A new chair is appointed annually by the voting members of each City. The RTCB purpose is to acquire trail right of way, design, construct and fund the Rocori Trail.