

**STATE OF MINNESOTA/DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
SUBGRANT AGREEMENT UNDER THE FEDERAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM  
PROJECT AGREEMENT #0033-I4-4D**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the State of Minnesota acting by and through the Commissioner of Natural Resources (hereinafter "Grantor") and the **City of Northfield** (hereinafter the "Sub grantee");

WHEREAS, Grantor has been granted funds by the United States Federal Highway Administration (hereinafter "FHWA") under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) enacted in 2012 (hereinafter the "Fund"); and

WHEREAS, 2014 Minnesota Statute 84.085, Subd. 1(c) the commissioner of natural resources, on behalf of the state, may accept and use grants of money or property from the United States or other grantors for conservation purposes not inconsistent with the laws of this state. Any money or property so received is hereby appropriated and dedicated for the purposes for which it is granted, and shall be expended or used solely for such purposes in accordance with the federal laws and regulations pertaining thereto, subject to applicable state laws and rules as to manner of expenditure or use providing that the commissioner may make subgrants of any money received to other agencies, units of local government, private individuals, private organizations, and private nonprofit corporations, appropriate funds and accounts shall be maintained by the commissioner of management and budget to secure compliance with this section; and

WHEREAS, the FHWA has authorized Grantor to make sub grants of the federal funds to qualifying recipients; and

WHEREAS, Sub grantee has made application to Grantor for a portion of the funds granted and has proposed **to construct new trail that will connect with the existing city trail and Mill Towns State Trail.** in the manner described in Sub grantee's Application (hereinafter the "Project") which is incorporated by reference and attached hereto as Attachment A;

WHEREAS, the Project Environmental Assessment has been approved;

WHEREAS, the application has been approved by the Sub grantee's appropriate governing entity as

evidenced by Attachment "B" which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, Grantor has approved the Project as set forth in Sub grantee's Application;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**1.0 The Grant.**

- 1.1** The Grantor agrees to disburse funds to Sub grantee pursuant to this Agreement on a reimbursement basis. Grantor agrees to reimburse Sub grantee seventy-five (75) percent of its allowable costs, up to a maximum of **\$120,000**.
- 1.2** Sub grantee shall perform the work as outlined in its Application and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement from the legally effective date of this Agreement to **June 30, 2018**. Any material change in the scope of the Project, budget or completion date shall require the prior written approval of Grantor. Where provisions of the Sub grantee's Application, that include but are not limited to project scope, budget, timeline, completion date are inconsistent with other provisions of the Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall take precedence over the provisions of the Application.
- 1.3** Funds made available to Sub grantee pursuant to this Agreement shall be used only for allowable expenses incurred in performing and accomplishing the purposes and activities specified herein. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, it is understood that any reduction or termination of funds allocated to Grantor by the FHWA may result in a reduction of funds to Sub grantee.
- 1.4** Sub grantee agrees to provide to Grantor sufficient written evidence of its authority to enter into this Agreement and be bound thereby on or before the date it signs this Agreement.

**2.0 Applicability of Laws.**

- 2.1** Sub grantee acknowledges that the funds it is receiving under this Agreement are proceeds from the Fund, which are subject to certain legal restrictions and requirements. Sub grantee agrees to abide by those and all other relevant State and Federal laws and

regulations in the fulfillment of the Project.

**2.2** The following Federal cost principles, administrative and audit requirements apply to this Sub grant and are incorporated by reference:

a. For local governments, the following apply:

- (i) 2 CFR 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments;
- (ii) 2 CFR Part 225, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments; or
- (iii) 2 CFR Part 200, Audits of States and Local Governments.
- (iv) Sub grantee must submit one copy of the financial or compliance audit to:

Daniel Golner, Trail Grant Coordinator  
Division of Parks and Trails  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
500 Lafayette Road, Box 39  
St. Paul, MN 55155

AND TO:

Office of the State Auditor  
Single Audit Division  
Suite 400, 525 Park Street  
St. Paul, MN 55103

b. For nonprofit organizations, the following apply:

- (i) 2 CFR Part 215, Uniform Administrative Requirements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Nonprofit Organization.
- (ii) Cost Principles:
  - a. 2 CFR Part 220, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions;
  - b. 2 CFR Part 230, Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations; or

- c. 2 CFR Part 200 Audits of Institutions of Higher  
Education and Other Nonprofit Institutions.

- (iii) Sub grantee must submit one copy of the financial or compliance  
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**2.3** Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -  
Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

- a. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this agreement, that  
neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment,  
declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by  
any Federal department or agency.
- b. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the  
statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an  
explanation to this agreement.

**2.4** Sub grantee agrees that in the conduct of the Project it will not engage in discriminatory  
employment practices and will comply with Minn. Stat. {181.59 and 363.03 (1992)},  
subsequent amendments thereto and all applicable rules.

**2.5** Sub grantee agrees that in the conduct of the Project it will comply with the provisions  
for workers compensation set forth in Minn. Stat. {176.181-.182 (1992)}, subsequent  
amendments thereto and all applicable rules.

- 2.6 Sub grantee shall include in any contract or subcontract such provisions as to assure contractor and subcontractor compliance with applicable State and Federal laws.
- 2.7 Sub grantee agrees to comply with all applicable local laws in the performance of this Agreement. Sub grantee is responsible for obtaining all applicable permits, permission and/or interests in property necessary for the performance of this Agreement. It is expressly understood that this Agreement does not in any way alter or diminish Sub grantee's obligation to comply with said laws or to obtain said permits or permission and/or property interests.
- 2.8 In the event of conflict between provisions of this Agreement and the Application, the provisions in this Agreement shall govern.
- 2.9 Accessibility: Structural and nonstructural facilities and programs must meet all state and federal accessibility laws, regulations, and guidelines. Copies of accessibility guidelines can be downloaded off the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines website at <http://www.access-board.gov>

### **3. Costs.**

#### **3.1 Reimbursable Costs.**

Eligible costs shall be those costs directly incurred by the Sub grantee in preparation of and the actual conduct of the Project. Eligible shall be based upon the approved Application and can include the following types of costs provided they are solely related to and necessary for the completion of the Project:

- 3.1.1 Advertising costs solely for (1) Recruitment of personnel; (2) Solicitation of bids; and (3) Disposal of scrap materials;
- 3.1.2 Capital and labor expenditures for facilities, equipment and other capital assets and/or the maintenance of real or personal property which is the subject of the approved Application;
- 3.1.3 Communication costs incurred for telephone calls and postage;

- 3.1.4 Materials and supplies;
- 3.1.5 Freight transportation expenses; and
- 3.1.6 Professional services and administrative costs for the "Project" provided they do not exceed 20% of the total cost of the Project; and
- 3.1.7 Land (including permanent easements) whose value does a licensed appraiser establishes and whose conclusions of value are certified by the state.

Any cost not defined as an eligible cost or not included in the approved Application shall not be paid from the funds received by Sub grantee under this Agreement.

**3.2 Non-reimbursable Costs.**

Non-eligible costs for reimbursement means all costs not defined as eligible costs, including but not limited to the following that applies to sub-grantee and their associated trail club/organization or project partner:

- 3.2.1 Any expenditure that occurs before the effective date of this agreement;
- 3.2.2 Fund raising;
- 3.2.3 Taxes, except sales tax on goods and services;
- 3.2.4 Insurance, except title insurance;
- 3.2.5 Attorneys fees;
- 3.2.6 Loans, grants, or subsidies to persons or entities for development;
- 3.2.7 Bad debts, late payment fees, finance charges or contingency funds;
- 3.2.8 Interest, investment management fees;
- 3.2.9 Lobbyists;
- 3.2.10 Political contributions;
- 3.2.11 Wages and expenses of Sub grantee's employees;
- 3.2.12 Fringe benefit costs of Sub grantee's employees; and
- 3.2.13 Land appraisals;
- 3.2.14 Entertainment, gifts and prizes, food and refreshments;

- 3.2.15 Purchase of phones, computers, tablets or audiovisual equipment;
- 3.2.16 Memberships (including subscriptions and dues), publications, periodicals and other subscription fees
- 3.2.17 Agency advertising and marketing expenses
- 3.2.18 Office Rental Fees, and Overhead and Indirect Expenses (including, but not limited to office or storage space rental, utility expenses, copier rental, phone bills, office materials and supplies).

#### **4.0 Accounting, Audit and Reimbursement.**

- 4.1 Sub grantee shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to the costs and expenses of implementing this Agreement to the extent and in such detail that will accurately reflect the total cost of the Project and all net costs, direct and indirect, of labor, materials, equipment, supplies, services, and other costs and expenses. Sub grantee shall use generally accepted accounting principles. All records shall be retained for three (3) years after completion of the Project, except that the records shall be retained beyond that period if audit findings have not been resolved. Sub grantee is authorized to substitute microfilm copies in lieu of original records.
- 4.2 The State, the Legislative Auditor, the Secretary of Transportation, the Comptroller General of the United States and any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have the right to examine Sub grantee's books, records, documents, and other evidence and accounting procedures and practices, sufficient to reflect properly all direct and indirect costs. Sub grantee shall make available at all reasonable times adequate facilities for such examination and audit.
- 4.3 Sub grantee shall not, prior to twenty years after the date of completion of the project, at any time convert any property acquired or developed pursuant to this Agreement to uses other than those specified in this Agreement without the prior written approval of Grantor. The Sub grantee must maintain property developed as per this agreement in a

manner consistent with the original purpose of this grant.

- 4.4** To obtain reimbursement under this Agreement, Sub grantee shall provide Grantor with sufficient evidence that the costs have been incurred. Grantor will make the final determination whether the expenditures are eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement and verify the total amount requested. Sub grantee shall be limited to no more than four payment requests during the period covered by this Agreement. The Financial Management Manual that is attached as Attachment "C" and incorporated by referenced herein will govern reimbursement under this Agreement.
- 4.5** Prior to reimbursement for land acquisition, the Sub grantee shall submit a certified appraisal for approval by the State for value and the Sub grantee must file a perpetual easement with the county recorder and provide a copy of the same to the Grantor as referenced in Paragraph 10.1 herein below for the general public to use the subject property for recreational trail activities.
- 4.6** Sub grantee shall submit a final billing within 60 days of the end of the Project period. Sub grantee shall certify in writing to Grantor that the work as conducted conforms to the approved Application. Said Certification must be filed with Grantor before the Grantor makes final payment.
- 5.0 Facility Operation and Inspections.**
- 5.1** Sub grantee shall operate and maintain, or cause to be maintained, the property or facilities acquired and/or developed pursuant to this Agreement. Sanitation and sanitary facilities shall be maintained in accordance with the applicable public health standards. Properties and facilities shall be kept reasonably safe for public use. All State and Federal accessibility laws, regulations and standards shall be adhered to. Fire prevention, lifeguards and similar safeguards and use supervision shall be provided to the extent feasible. Buildings, roads, trails and other structures and improvements shall be kept in reasonable repair throughout their estimated lifetime to prevent undue deterioration and

to encourage recreational use of the Project and associated facilities. Failure to adhere to the requirements set forth in this section may result in the withholding by Grantor of any current or future payments to Sub grantee related to this or any other grant project and may result in ineligibility of Sub grantee to receive any future Federal Recreational Trails Program grants.

- 5.2** Sub grantee shall keep the facility open to the general public at reasonable hours and at times of the year consistent with the purpose and type of facility.
- 5.3** Grantor's authorized representatives shall be allowed to conduct periodic site visits and inspections to ensure work progress in accordance with this Agreement, including a final inspection upon Project completion. Following closure of the Project, Grantor's authorized representatives shall be allowed to conduct post-completion inspections of the site to ensure that the site is being properly operated and maintained and that no conversion of use has occurred.

**6.0 Termination.**

If Grantor finds that there has been a failure on the part of the Sub grantee to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, that reasonable progress has not been made, or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled, Grantor may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota and, if applicable, the United States, including, but not limited to, the refusal to disburse additional funds, requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed and/or the retaking of all equipment and capital assets purchased by Sub grantee with funds provided to Sub grantee under this Agreement.

**7.0 Liability.**

- 7.1** Each party agrees that it will be responsible for its own acts and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law and shall not be responsible for the acts of the other party and

the results thereof. The provisions of the Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minn. Stat. Section 3.736, and other applicable law shall govern the State's liability.

**8.0 Effective Date.**

**8.1** The Grant Agreement shall become effective on **July 26, 2016**, or the date the State obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subdivision 2, whichever is later, and shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2018**. The Grantee must not begin work under this grant contract until this contract is fully executed and the Grantee has been notified by the State's Authorized Representative to begin the work. No Grant reimbursements will be made until or upon the date this contract is fully executed.

**9.0 Amendments.**

**9.1** Any amendment to this grant contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original grant contract, or their successors in office.

**10.0 Antitrust Provision.**

**10.1** Sub grantee hereby assigns to the State of Minnesota any and all claims for overcharges as to goods and/or services provided in connection with the Agreement resulting from antitrust violations that arise under the antitrust laws of the United States and the antitrust laws of the State of Minnesota. For all lands purchased for the Project and reimbursed by the Grantor, the Sub grantee agrees to grant to the State a perpetual easement for the general public to use the property for recreational trail purposes.

**11. Assignment.**

**11.1** This Agreement cannot be assigned by Sub grantee without the prior written consent of Grantor.

**12. Tax Identification Number.**

**12.1** Sub grantee is required by Minn. Stat. Section 270.66 to have a Minnesota tax identification number or federal taxpayer identification number.

### **13 Invasive Species Prevention**

The DNR requires active steps to prevent or limit the introduction, establishment, and spread of invasive species during work. The Grantee and/or contractor shall prevent invasive species from entering into or spreading within a project site by cleaning equipment prior to arriving at the project site.

If the equipment, vehicles, gear, or clothing arrives at the project site with soil, aggregate material, mulch, vegetation (including seeds) or animals, it shall be cleaned by Grantee and/or contractor furnished tool or equipment (brush/broom, compressed air or pressure washer) at the staging area. If the material cannot be disposed of onsite, secure material prior to transport (sealed container, covered truck, or wrap with tarp) and legally dispose of offsite. Note that transporting noxious weeds requires a permit from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

The Grantee and/or contractor shall ensure that all equipment and clothing used for work in infested waters has been adequately decontaminated for invasive species (ex. zebra mussels) prior to being used in non-infested waters. All equipment and clothing including but not limited to waders, tracked vehicles, barges, boats, turbidity curtain, sheet pile, and pumps that comes in contact with any infested waters must be thoroughly decontaminated.

### **14 Contact Persons.**

The authorized agent for Grantor is:  
**Daniel Golner, Trail Grant Coordinator**  
Division of Parks and Trails  
Department of Natural Resources  
500 Lafayette Road, Box 39  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4052

The authorized contact person for Sub grantee is:  
**Benjamin S. Martig, Northfield City Administrator**  
City of Northfield  
801 Washington Street  
Northfield, MN 55057

The authorized fiscal agent for Sub grantee is:  
**Benjamin S. Martig, City Administrator**  
City of Northfield  
801 Washington Street  
Northfield,, MN 55057

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement intending to be bound thereby.

**1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION**

*Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as  
Required by Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05.*

Signed: APK/Kane

Date: 7/27/16

Grant Contract No. 113167

Purchase Order No. 3-100340

**2. GRANTEE**

The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s)  
Have executed the grant contract on behalf of the Grantee  
as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. STATE AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(with delegated authority)

Title: Director, Division of Parks and Trails

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment A: Application

Attachment B: Resolution

Attachment C: Financial Management Manual – see website referenced in cover letter

# ATTACHMENT A

<b>Project #</b>	0033-14-4D
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## FEDERAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM 2014 Trail Grant Application

### 1) GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Grant Applicant (Unit of Government Required):	City of Northfield
Contact Person:	Tim Madigan
Contact Title:	Northfield City Administrator
Mailing Address:	801 Washington Street Northfield, MN 55057
Phone:	507-645-3009
E-mail address:	<a href="mailto:Tim.Madigan@ci.northfield.mn.us">Tim.Madigan@ci.northfield.mn.us</a>
<i>If the project has a trail club, organization, or project partner, please include below:</i>	
Organization/Club Name:	
Contact Person:	
Contact Title:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	
E-mail address:	

### 2) GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Cannon River Regional Park
Project Summary (30 words or less):	The project will help fund a 2.6 mile trail that connects with an existing City trail and a regional State trail.
Project Completion Date:	6/2015

### 3) FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Grant Request:	<b>\$120,000</b>	Source of Cash Match (describe below in the box next to \$ amount):	Are these match funds secured? (Check below):	
			YES	NO
Matching Funds (25% match required):	\$40,000	Parks General Fund	X	
	\$274,500	Trail Legacy Grant	X	
	\$30,500	Municipal TIF District	X	
Total Project Cost:	\$465,000	(Grant Request + Matching Funds must = Total Project Cost)		
If this project has received federal funding through the Enhancements Program or Transportation Alternative Program, please indicate which year the project is programmed for construction?			FFY:	

**4) PROJECT LOCATION:**

County Project is Located:	Rice County
State Legislative (House) District:	20B
State Senate District:	20
State House Representative:	David Bly
State Senator:	Kevin L. Dahle
Congressional District:	Minnesota Congressional District 2

**5) MEASURABLE TARGETS/OUTCOMES:**

It is now required that measurable targets and outcomes be collected for your project. Complete the boxes below on the right with exactly how many miles of trail that will be acquired, newly developed or existing trail miles improved, along with the number of trailhead facilities, bridges, and/or culverts that will be developed or restored as part of the project. After the project is complete the measurable outcome will be compared with the target you include here.

Trail Miles to be Acquired:	0
New Trail Miles to be Developed/Created:	2.6
Existing Trail Miles to be Restored or Improved:	0
Number of Trailhead Facilities to be Developed or Restored:	0
Number of Trail Bridges/Culverts to be Developed or Restored:	3
Existing Trail Miles to be Maintained:	0

**6) RECREATIONAL USES FOR PROJECT:**

**6A)** Below, indicate which primary and secondary recreation uses will directly benefit from the proposed project:

Primary Use	Secondary Use	
X		Walking/Hiking
X		Bicycling
		Mountain Bicycling
		Horseback Riding
		Cross-Country Skiing
X		In-Line Skating
		Snowmobiling
		ATV Riding
		Off-Highway Motorcycling
		Off-Road Vehicles (4x4, Jeep, etc.)
		Other (specify):

**6B)** Describe/Justify how each of the above identified primary and/or secondary trail user groups will benefit from the project. Response required for each identified use above. Letters of support attached to this application for both primary and secondary usage strongly encouraged. See manual for secondary usage criteria.

The Cannon River Regional Park will consist of 147 acres of land that abuts an existing City of Northfield trail and connects with the Mill Towns State Trail system, creating a loop. Trail construction is planned as an at-grade, ten-foot-wide, bituminous surface trail designed for use by pedestrians walking, jogging, hiking, bicycling, or in-line skating. Snow removal in the winter months will allow these activities to continue year-round. The trail will be designed to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines, including no grades over six percent, to allow access for all users.

**6C)** Will this project provide year round trail use? If it is planned to provide year round use, outline which users indicated above will benefit and how the facility will be maintained for those uses.

The Northfield City Council has recently passed a motion mandating the removal of snow on all trails managed by the City; this will allow the use of this trail year-round. Trail maintenance and snow removal will be conducted by the City of Northfield Streets and Parks Division.

## 7) PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Provide a description sufficient enough to understand the project. Indicate prominently whether this is primarily a new trail or facility development request, an enhancement to an existing trail or facility, or an acquisition. Make sure to include the design specifics of the project, such as the trail width (paved multi-use bicycle/pedestrian trails must be at least 10 feet wide). Include how this project will be immediately available for use by the general public. If this project is a phase of a larger project, very briefly describe how it fits into the larger plan, however, focus specifically on how the grant funds will be used for this project. Also, briefly explain why it is important for this project to be funded. Use the box below.

The Cannon River Regional Park is located within the Cannon River Wild and Scenic River Corridor. The park is located across the river from the Mill Towns State Trail, which is a regional bike trail connecting river towns along the Cannon River through cycling and their common mill history. The trail proposed for the park will connect to the Mill Towns Trail creating a 6-mile bike loop between Northfield and Dundas.

This park will serve the cities of Northfield and Dundas, as well as our surrounding townships. It will have a regional draw from the citizens of Rice and Dakota counties. We expect that it will have an even broader draw from the many bicycle and nature enthusiasts that frequent this area. For example, the Defeat of Jesse James Days Bike Tour anticipates ridership in excess of 1,200 riders annually and features several routes of varying distances. The organizers of this event are eager to take advantage of this new trail.

This regional park will provide a variety of nature based recreational activities. The keystone amenity of the park will be a bicycle/walking trail. The trail will serve as the main access through the park and to the amenities, allowing visitors to slow down and experience nature. This section of the Cannon River is used by canoe and kayakers and serviced by GearSource Outfitters of Northfield. Canoe landings already exist just upstream and downstream of the proposed park. The preservation of this river corridor will go a long way to ensure that those using the river continue to see Bald Eagles and other wildlife.

Trail construction is planned as an at-grade, ten-foot-wide, bituminous surface trail designed for year-round use. The trail will be designed to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines, including no grades over six percent, to allow access for all users. With a planned surface at roughly the same elevation as adjacent ground surfaces, the trail will not impede water flow or wildlife movement. To further minimize environmental effects, the construction is planned within a limited corridor, ranging from 22 feet to 30 feet in width, so vegetation disturbance will be minimized. The final trail alignment will be located, and field adjusted as necessary, to avoid the loss of any mature, native trees greater than six inches in diameter.

Funding for this project is necessary due to some unforeseen circumstances associated with a 2009 Trail Legacy Grant the City was awarded. One of the parcels that the trail will be constructed on had a proposed wetland mitigation site on it. The owner of the parcel failed to properly file administrative paperwork associated with the wetland banking process, and things were held up administratively. Through the process of purchasing that parcel via a Legacy Park Grant, the City will forego any attempt to enter the wetland into the banking system. This will expedite the environmental permitting process delays we were experiencing previously. The said 2009 Trail Legacy Grant will be expiring on June 30, 2014. Funding from this grant program will allow us to extend the completion date to June 30, 2016, ensuring trail completion

and providing citizens with a large regional park and trail within close proximity to a local population epicenter.

This grant will be used in conjunction with a 2009 Legacy Trail grant in the amount of \$274,500 with a \$30,500 City match. Funds from this grant will be used exclusively for the construction of the trail along the East shore of the Cannon River.

**8) PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN:**

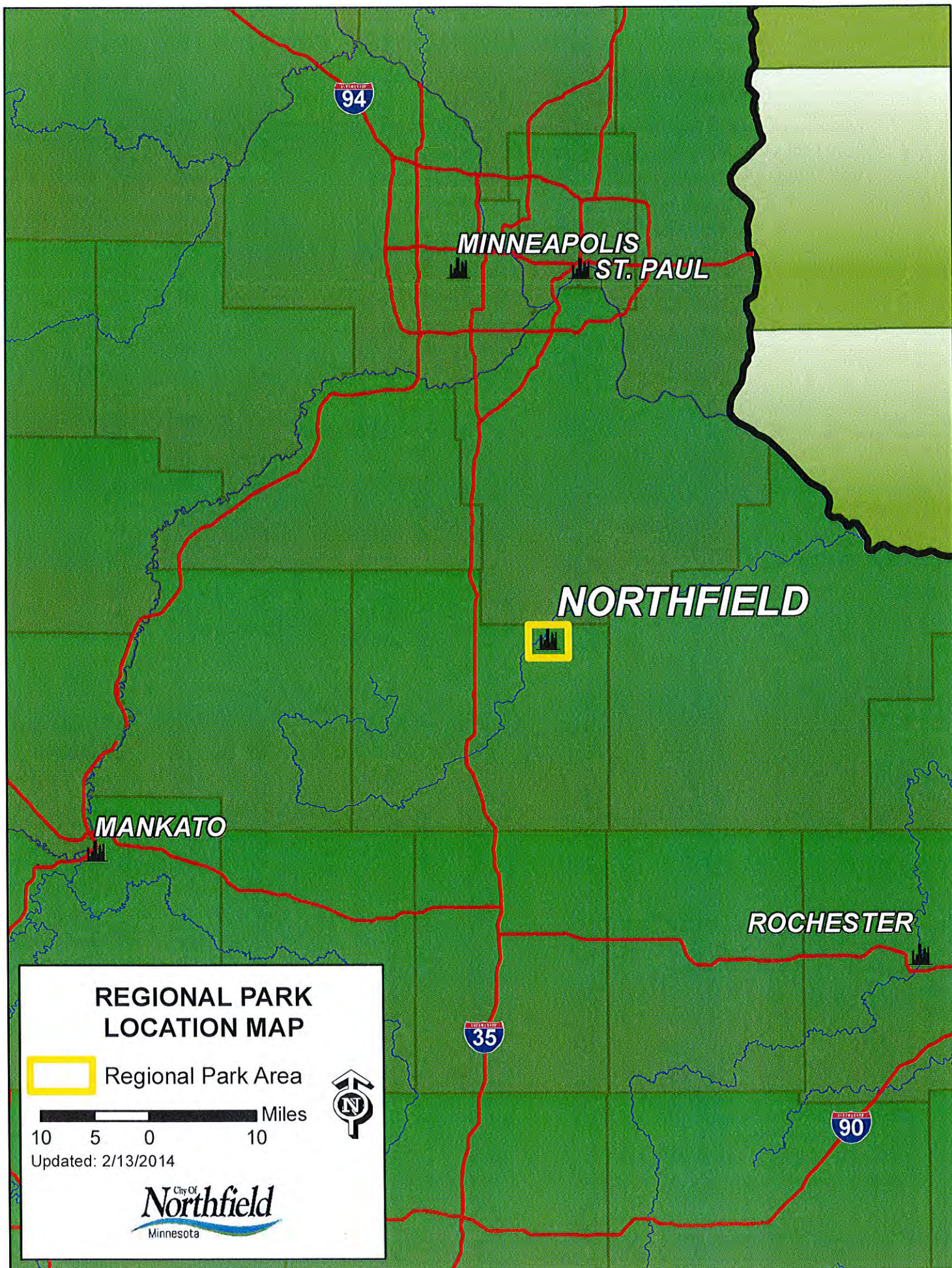
Identify each recreational trail/facility being proposed for funding. Provide a short quantitative description of the facility (linear feet, dimension of structures, number of components, etc.), the total estimated cost and the expected completion date for each. Include materials, landscaping, design/engineering services, contract service, etc. Add or delete rows in the text boxes below as appropriate. For acquisition projects, fill out the acquisition table.

<b>Trail/Facility</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Expected Completion Date</b>
Site Preparation		\$30,000	6/2015
Subbase		\$35,000	6/2015
Trail Surfacing		\$400,000	6/2015
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$465,000</b>	

<b>ACQUISITION (if applicable):</b>			
<b>Description of Parcel</b>	<b>Acres or Miles of Trail</b>	<b>Reasonable Market Value Estimate</b>	<b>Expected Acquisition Date</b>
<b>Total</b>			

**9) PROJECT LOCATION MAP:**

It is important for reviewers to have an idea of where in the state and/or your region the project being proposed is located. This map must be 8 ½" X 11" in size ONLY, should be in color, and be able to show where the project is generally located within the state or region. So typically the scale of this map is very large. Insert the map here.



**MINNEAPOLIS**  
**ST. PAUL**

**NORTHFIELD**

**MANKATO**

**ROCHESTER**

# REGIONAL PARK LOCATION MAP

 Regional Park Area

10 5 0 10 Miles

Updated: 2/13/2014



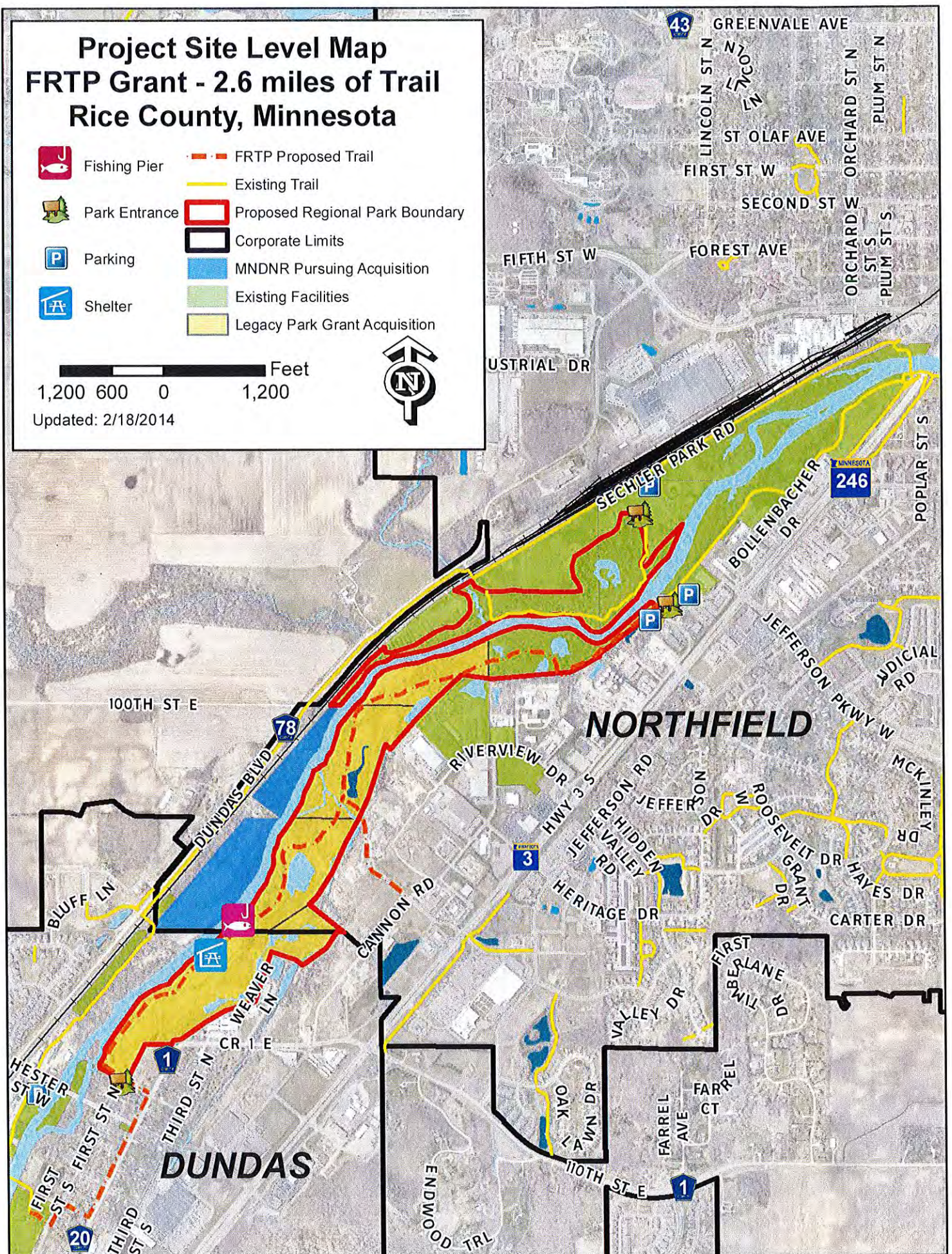
**10) PROJECT SITE LEVEL MAP:**

It is also important for the reviewers to be able to see where the project is located within the context of a city, county, park, etc. This map must be 8 ½" X 11" in size ONLY, should be in color, and should be very effective at showing how the project fits within its specific context. The map must show existing trails/facilities, proposed trails/facilities as directly proposed as part of the project, and future trail/facility development/acquisition plans. Make sure to include a key to the map. A clear and high quality map is very important in explaining the project. The scale of this map is usually small. Insert the map here.

# Project Site Level Map F RTP Grant - 2.6 miles of Trail Rice County, Minnesota

-  Fishing Pier
-  Park Entrance
-  Parking
-  Shelter
-  F RTP Proposed Trail
-  Existing Trail
-  Proposed Regional Park Boundary
-  Corporate Limits
-  MNDNR Pursuing Acquisition
-  Existing Facilities
-  Legacy Park Grant Acquisition

1,200 600 0 1,200 Feet  
Updated: 2/18/2014



**11) SITE AND PROJECT QUALITY:**

What considerations have been given to the needs of the intended trail user groups and are they appropriate for the location? What attractive features exist on site or within view of the proposed project that may bring in potential user groups to this project location? What other facilities (if any) are on site or within the trail corridor that enhances this project? Describe what attractive features exist on the site or within view. Use the box below.

The trail user groups that are intended to use the trail consist of all citizens of Northfield and Dundas, along with any regional visitor or tourist. The trail will be located in an environmentally specialized area, allowing people to stop and enjoy nature at its fullest capacity.

The Cannon River is located throughout the park and along the trail. The Cannon River contains 42 species of fish above Lake Byllesby, including the following game fish; Walleye, Large and Smallmouth Bass, Catfish and Northern Pike. (Cannon River Watershed Partnership Signs of Progress report) Paddlers between Faribault and Northfield often sight Bald Eagles and a variety of waterfowl, with a well-known eagle's nest located just south of the park in Dundas. White-tail deer are also native to this area.

The ecosystem of the park area is a floodplain forest. Based on our 2008 Comprehensive Plan Natural Resources Inventory Study, the park area consists of good to moderate natural community quality.

The wetlands within the evaluation area were delineated and classified during a site visit on July 6 and 7, 2010. The wetland delineation was established according to the Routine On-Site Determination Method specified in the 1987 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1987) and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Midwest Region (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2010). As the state looks at moving toward a "One Watershed" model for stormwater management, the creation of this park will enhance the ability of Northfield and Dundas to work collaboratively on issues of water resources management.

**12) PROJECT READINESS:**

What is the current status of the project? Can the project begin immediately? What major activities must still be accomplished before the project can begin? Will the project be completed within the appropriation timelines? At a minimum, please reference land acquisition requirements, status of engineering/design, and relevant permits and approvals that have/have not been obtained for the project. Is there urgency to move ahead with this project now, and what consequences are looming if it is not funded? Use the box below.

The current status of the project is active. The land acquisition should be completed by June 2014, and then the appropriate environmental permitting can be completed. Once the environmental permitting is completed, some administrative work must be done, and then construction will follow shortly. Work has already been completed by BARR Engineering, Inc. to permit the trail project and to complete a feasibility study and alternatives analysis for trail alignment. The trail corridor has been field aligned and flagged, but may be adjusted in the field at the time of construction based on environmental and site characteristics. The trail is scheduled for completion by June of 2015, but has a high likelihood of being completed in the fall of 2014 if land acquisition is accomplished sooner than expected. There have been appraisals for the

parcels to be acquired and negotiations have started with the landowners. This project is by all means ready for completion. There is a definite urgency involved with the funding from this grant. This grant will afford the City of Northfield the ability to extend the existing \$274,500 Legacy Trail Grant to a completion date of June 30, 2016. If this grant is not awarded, it is highly likely that the City of Northfield will lose the 2009 Legacy Trail Grant and the completion of the trail may be in jeopardy of being completed and delayed indefinitely.

### **13) ACCESSIBILITY (ADA):**

All facilities that are developed, or portions thereof, using these funds must be accessible for persons with disabilities or be eligible for an exemption. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has developed guidelines for outdoor developed areas, buildings and facilities and is available at [www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov). Will the project facilitate and/or improve ADA access to existing trails or trail related facilities? Describe how the trail or facility is designed for use by persons of all abilities and takes into consideration ADA design standards. If your project will not be ADA accessible, list the specific exemption permitted in ADA guidelines. Use the box below.

This trail will increase the ability for safe travel from the downtown area of Northfield, to Dundas and the Mill Towns Trail. Currently the closest existing route is to walk or bike on the shoulders of State Highway 3, a heavily traveled road with speed limits up to 55 mph.

The trail will be designed to be accessible to all types of users by following the ADA guidance for outdoor developed areas. The trail will be designed as a hard bituminous surface with minimal slopes. In addition, the trail will contain no grades over six percent.

The City of Northfield has also passed a resolution stating that all trails the City builds will be accessible to all people regardless of disability.

**14) CONNECTIVITY (If applicable):**

**14A)** Describe how the trail project will connect multiple destinations and/or communities. Use the box below.

This park is located in the Cannon River Wild and Scenic River Corridor, connecting the park via waterway to Northfield and Cannon Falls. It is across the river from the Mill Towns State Trail, a regional bike trail connecting the river towns along the Cannon River through cycling and their common mill history. The trail proposed for the park will connect to the Mill Towns Trail creating a 6-mile bike loop between Northfield and Dundas. This trail will also connect with the City of Northfield's network of trails, leading to additional parks and to Downtown shops.

**14B)** Does the trail project connect directly to an existing state or regional trail? Check all that apply to the right and describe in the box below if applicable.

Connects to Designated and Existing State Trail:

X

Connects to Designated and Existing Regional Trail:

**14C)** Does the trail project connect directly to an existing state park, state recreation area, regional park, high quality natural resource, local recreation area, or local park? Check all that apply to the right and describe in the box below if applicable.

Connects Directly to a State Park or State Recreation Area:

Connects Directly to a Regional Park or Regional Recreation Area:

X

Connects Directly to a Local Park or Recreation Area:

X

Connects Directly to a High Quality Natural Resource (not included above):

**14D)** Describe how the trail project contributes to the overall connectivity of the trail system in the area. Specifically, how well does the project connect existing trail networks or fill critical gaps within the trail system? How well does the project help promote connectivity among trail networks statewide? Use the box below.

This trail will serve the cities of Northfield and Dundas, connecting their trail systems and leveraging both systems. The trail's connection with the Mill Towns State Trail will contribute to regional connectivity and with the planned expansion of the Mill Towns State Trail, the accessibility options will stretch from Mankato to Red Wing. The proposed trail will be part of the Cannon River Regional Park, which will be completed in 2016 using a Legacy Park Grant, and will also connect directly to the local parks Campostella, Babcock, and Sechler through existing trails.

**15) NATURAL RESOURCE IMPACT:**

Describe the potential impact to natural resources by the project and efforts to avoid or mitigate adverse effects. This includes considerations for trail design and construction practices, noise, odors, dust control measures, surface erosion, fish and wildlife populations, damage to wetlands or other ecologically sensitive natural resources, landscaping that includes native planting, and historical/archaeological sites. Also, demonstrate the compatibility of the proposed project with existing adjoining land uses. To the extent possible, all landscaping or plantings that are done in the project area must be native to Minnesota and preferably of the local ecotype, and describe below how this project will comply with this requirement.

This regional park will contain numerous wetlands. We see this as a great educational tool for the public, which may not have typical access to these types of environments normally. The trail construction will displace a small area of wetland, which will be mitigated accordingly based on State regulations. Trail construction is planned as an at-grade, ten-foot-wide, bituminous surface trail designed for year-round use. With a planned surface at roughly the same elevation as adjacent ground surfaces, the trail will not impede water flow or wildlife movement. To further minimize environmental effects, the construction is planned within a limited corridor, ranging from 22 feet to 30 feet in width, so vegetation disturbance will be minimized. The final trail alignment will be located, and field adjusted as necessary, to avoid the loss of any mature, native trees greater than six inches in diameter. The City of Northfield is a MS4 City and abides by regulations set forth by the EPA and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding storm and surface water management. Surface erosion and nutrient outputs will be closely monitored throughout the project. Any landscaping will consist of eco-region friendly native plants, and will be planted with a diversity to help reduce potential pest and disease issues in the future.

**16) COMMUNITY COMMITMENT TO TRAIL USE:**

Identify steps that your community has taken to improve the conditions for trail users accommodated by this proposed trail development or enhancement project. Examples would include safety education, enforcement, signing, fund raising, comprehensive barrier identification/removal, trail vehicle parking opportunities, etc.

The City of Northfield is a very trail-user friendly city. We pride ourselves as being an epicenter for walkers, runners, and bikers. Trails are clearly marked in the city and we even have a police force that patrols on bike, so safety is paramount. Numerous local organizations are very active in fund raising and have dedicated funding to this project, including the Northfield Rotary Club. One of Northfield's charter schools is located near the park and will use the trail to access the park for educational purposes. This regional park and trail will have adequate parking available, being accessible from all sides utilizing existing parking locations.

## ATTACHMENT CHECKLIST

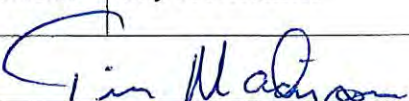
<b>REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS (All attachments MUST be 8 ½ by 11 ONLY)</b>	
X	<b>Attachment A – Required Certifications</b> The first signature block is to be signed by the proper authority for the grant applicant. The specific manager of the facility that is being rehabilitated, enhanced or developed should sign the second section. If the proposed project will utilize public land that is not under the jurisdiction of the grant applicant, the proper authority must sign the final section in order to assure that they are both aware and supportive of the project.
X	<b>Attachment B – Resolution Supporting Application</b> The application must be accompanied by either a copy of a resolution, council minutes or some other official documentation that demonstrates that the local unit of government supports the proposed project and the consequent application. The resolution does not need to have a specific form or specific language, as long as it satisfies what was outlined in the previous sentence. A sample resolution has been included. The sample resolution is a combination type resolution example. It shows support of the grant application (as required above), and if the project is awarded, it includes language to support accepting the grant award, names the fiscal agent, and states that the facility or trail will be maintained for no less than twenty years. This combination resolution helps eliminate the need for an additional resolution for this project in the future, if awarded a grant.
X	<b>Attachment C – 20 Year Operations and Routine Maintenance Plan</b> Outline how this project will be maintained after the grant is completed. How often will maintenance occur? What funding sources will be used to ensure that this project is available for public use for the next 20 years?
<b>ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS (if applicable)</b>	
X	<b>Attachment D – Letters of Support</b> Letters of support are an important factor for reviewers when selecting projects. There should be an effort to solicit letters from specific groups that will derive a direct benefit from the project, especially from the primary and secondary user groups you identify in Question 6. The applicant is also welcome to provide letters of support from all other sources as well. There is no limit on how many letters may be submitted, and diversity is favorable.
	<b>Attachment E – Transportation Funding Award Letter</b> If this project is scheduled to receive Federal Transportation funds, then your local MnDOT district should have notified you in some manner. Please attach this notification and fill in the year in which you are scheduled to receive the funding under question 3.
	<b>Attachment F – Grant-in-Aid Award Letter</b> If the proposed project is also receiving funding from one of the DNR grant-in-aid programs (snowmobile, cross-country ski, all-terrain vehicle, off-highway motorcycle, or off-road vehicles), typically the recipients are notified by the DNR, Parks and Trails Area Supervisor with an award letter. Copy the letter and provide as attachment F if applicable.

**Attachment A – REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS**

Complete the Required Certifications form below with original signatures.

**For Grant Applicants:**

"I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I recognize that in the event of the proposed project being funded, this document will be used as an addendum to the agreement between the sponsoring unit of government and the state to guide project scope and reimbursement. I also acknowledge that all work must be completed by **June 30, 2016**, and no reimbursement will be sought for an in-house labor services and/or to meet existing payroll. I also preliminarily agree with plans to develop the proposed trail related project on land administered by my agency."

Name:	Tim Madigan	Title:	City Administrator
Unit of Government:	City of Northfield		
Signature:		Date:	2.18.14

**For Trail and Park Administrators (if applicable):**

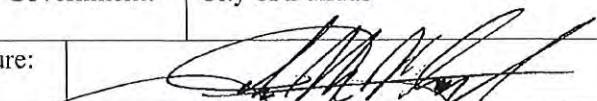
"I substantially agree that the proposed trail related project will be mutually beneficial to the local community, as well as to the goals and purposes for which this recreation unit was established. I will cooperate in its provision if the project proposal should be funded."

Name:		Title:	
Unit of Government:			
Signature:		Date:	

**For All Administrators of Public Lands Crossed/Utilized in the Proposed Linkage**

(Required only if the proposed project will utilize public land that is not under the jurisdiction of the grant applicant):

"I preliminarily agree with plans to develop the proposed trail related project on land administered by my agency, and I will cooperate in seeking more formal authorization in the event the project proposal is authorized for reimbursement."

Name:	John McCarthy	Title:	City Administrator
Unit of Government:	City of Dundas		
Signature:		Date:	14 FEB 20 14

**Attachment B – City Council Resolution**

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD**

***TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS***

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Northfield, Minnesota, hereby certify as follows:

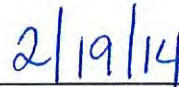
1. The attached copy of:

**RESOLUTION 2014-024 - A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - FEDERAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM GRANT**

Is a true and exact copy of the original on file in the City Clerk's office.



City Clerk



Date

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2014-024  
FEDERAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM GRANT  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION  
TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS, supports the grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Recreational Trail Program (F RTP). The application is to construct 2.3 miles of paved trail located within the Cannon River Regional Park, and;

WHEREAS, the grant will be used in conjunction with the 2009 East Cannon River Trail Project Legacy Trail Grant and the 2014 Legacy Regional Park Grant

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

if the City of Northfield is awarded a grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural resources, the City of Northfield agrees to accept the grant award, and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project. The City of Northfield will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements and regulations as stated in the grant agreement, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

the City of Northfield hereby assures the East Cannon River Trail will be maintained for a period of no less than 20 years.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 18th day of February 2014.

ATTEST



City Clerk



Mayor

VOTE:    Y GRAHAM    N DELONG    N LUDESCHER    Y NAKASIAN  
             Y PETERSON WHITE    Y POWNELL    Y ZWEIFEL

### **Attachment C – 20 Year Operations and Routine Maintenance Plan**

1. Crackfill Trail – 3 Year Rotation (\$0.38/ foot crack)
2. Seal Coat Trail – 5 year Rotation (\$1.40/foot trail)
3. Repave – 15 year Rotation (\$317,660)
4. Light and Fixture Maintenance - \$250/year
5. Landscape/Turf Maintenance - \$750/year
6. Labor - \$2000

This type of maintenance will be included in our annual park and trail maintenance plan and will have a specific budget line item. Items such as the repaving in 15 year rotation will be included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan. Labor will be completed by existing Street and Park Department Staff or seasonal City employees.

## **Attachment D – Letters of Support**

SENATOR KEVIN L. DAHLE  
District 20  
75 Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
State Capitol Building  
St Paul, Minnesota 55155



**Senate**

**State of Minnesota**

Dear Ms. Vibo,

I am writing in support of an application submitted by the City of Northfield for a federal recreation trail grant. Northfield is seeking funds to create a 2.3 mile trail that will connect with existing local and state trail systems, forming a six mile loop. The trail will be located in a newly created 147 acre park along the Cannon River.

Northfield prides itself on a strong support system for walkers and bikers. Existing trails are marked and maintained well and patrolled by police. The area is popular with bikers already; for example, about 1200 riders participate in the Defeat of Jesse James Days Bike Tour every year. In addition, there is a lot of local support for this project, as the Northfield Rotary Club has helped with fundraising. The location of the new park will also be very advantageous to one of Northfield's charter schools.

The City of Northfield is especially interested in increasing regional connectivity. The proposed trail will connect with the Mill Towns State Trail, which is also planning to expand in order to connect Northfield, Cannon Falls and Faribault. Northfield hopes that this trail will have both local and regional draw, and will pave the way for future trail expansions in the greater area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

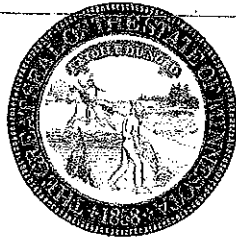
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin L. Dahle".

Kevin Dahle



**David Bly**  
State Representative

District 20B  
Le Sueur and Rice Counties



## Minnesota House of Representatives

Traci Vibo  
Grant Coordinator  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Dear Traci,

I am writing in support of the City of Northfield's federal recreational trail program grant application. Northfield is seeking funds that would help create a 2.3 mile trail that will connect with their existing City trail system and a regional State trail forming a six mile family friendly trail loop.

As the State Representative for Northfield and the surrounding area I have been a strong supporter of trails in particular the Mills Town Trail which this trail will connect with and will contribute to regional connectivity. The planned expansion of the Mill Towns State Trail will provide accessibility options to Cannon Falls and Faribault. And from there connections can be made to trails stretching from Mankato to Red Wing.

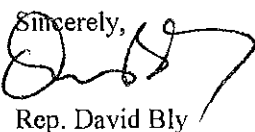
This proposed trail will be located in Northfield's newly created Cannon River regional park consisting of 147 acres along the wild and scenic portion of the Cannon River. This park and the proposed trail will serve the cities of Northfield and Dundas, as well as our surrounding townships. It would have a regional draw from the citizens of Rice and Dakota counties. I expect that it will have an even broader draw from our many bicycle and nature enthusiasts that frequent this area. For example, the Defeat of Jesse James Days Bike Tour anticipates ridership in excess of 1,200 riders annually and features several routes.

The City of Northfield is a very trail-user friendly city and residents pride themselves at being an epicenter for walkers, runners, and bikers. Trails are clearly marked in the city and even the police force patrols on bike, so safety is paramount. The six mile loop that would be created by the addition of this trail would offer a safe traffic separated option for families and other recreational trail users.

The Northfield Rotary club has been very active in fund raising and they have dedicated funding to this project.

One of Northfield's charter schools, Arcadia Charter School, is located near the park and will use the trail to access the park for educational purposes. Arcadia has a project based May term that allows students to work on a single project. Trail access to the new regional park would expand the nature-based options for these projects.

I strongly support this grant request and will actively support their efforts to complete the project.

Sincerely,  
  
Rep. David Bly





Traci Vibo  
Grant Coordinator  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Dear Traci Vibo:

I'm writing this letter in support of the City of Northfield federal grant application for creation of a regional trail along the Cannon River. Arcadia Charter School is a project-based middle school and high school program that has students working hands-on in their community and with projects to fulfill Minnesota State Standards. The regional trail would be located near our school at 1719 Cannon Road in Northfield. A park with trails and access to the river would be utilized by our school programming much of every year. Our school programs would utilize the park and trail in our curriculum on water cycles, water quality, community engagement, and much more.

One unique program we have at Arcadia is our May Term at the end of each school year. The last three weeks of the school year, our students sign up for one course of study that they focus on all day for three weeks. Many times our courses take us out into the community, looking at sustainable systems and how we can be stewards for the environment. We have utilized the Cannon River for many of our science courses and a regional trail along the river, so close to our school would be invaluable.

Thank you for considering the City of Northfield's application and helping make the creation of this trail come to fruition.

Sincerely,

Ryan Krominga  
Executive Director



# The Gear Resource

## OUTFITTERS

### RENTALS, GUIDED TRIPS, & MORE

200 DIVISION ST. S. SUITE 250 NORTHFIELD, MN 55057

To whom this may concern,

We, the owners of The Gear ReSource Outfitters, wish to voice our strong support and encouragement to the city of Northfield to pursue the Cannon River Regional Park Legacy Grant to purchase riverfront property for the purpose of the establishment of a community park and recreation area.

As facilitators of a significant portion of the outdoor recreational activities along the Cannon River, we feel that the conversion of the riverfront land between Dundas and Northfield would lead to a higher degree of appropriate use of the river in a sustainable manor that would promote both outdoor recreational use, and significant protection to the river itself. As the main provider of kayak rentals along the Cannon River, we observe daily the effects of positive use versus neglect or abuse of unregulated private and public lands that are included in the proposed recreation site, and as such, can speak from first-hand experience as to the positive potential effect of the proposed regional park.

By providing increased but regulated access to the Cannon River, recreational users will be able to thoroughly enjoy a scenic and beautiful part of their community that is not currently public access. Allowing access to this area would promote both local residents and visitors to take part in the beauty and the history of the Cannon River without creating destruction, damaging sensitive wetland and shoreline buffer zones, or causing unnecessary shoreline erosion.

Circa 1998 the first pair of bald eagles established a nest in Dundas along the Cannon River. According to local sources, these were the first eagles to be sighted in decades, indicating a change in overall river health. In a recent count conducted by The Gear ReSource Outfitters in March 2013, over 23 individual eagles, many of them juveniles, were sighted along the Cannon River. These sightings are a constant reminder of the essential need for protection of the river front area, while still maintaining easy access to enjoy these rare and inspiring sites.

As leaders in our community in the areas of outdoor education, appreciation, and recreation, we also feel that establishing this regional park would be highly beneficial to the citizens of Northfield and Dundas in encouraging a lifestyle that revolves around being healthy through activity. We believe that exercise should be enjoyable and that often means finding a place with aesthetics that leads to an enjoyable experience. From our numerous trips along the Cannon River, we know well the beauty and potential of the land surrounding the Cannon River between Dundas and Northfield and we believe it will be an ideal location for residents to explore and create a healthy lifestyle in their local community.

In summary, we at The Gear ReSource Outfitters are very proud to be an active part of a conservation and recreationally minded community and are proud to have the opportunity to voice our enthusiastic support of the Cannon River Regional Park. Please notify us immediately if we can be of assistance to this project in any way.

Sincerely,  
Robert & Nicole Stai, Owners



*...protecting our water*

September 10, 2013

Dear Park Legacy Grants Committee

I am writing to express the strong support of the Cannon River Watershed Partnership (CRWP) for the joint application from the cities of Northfield and Dundas for a regional park. CRWP is a nonprofit organization that helps people take action for clean water. Our Board of Directors passed a resolution to support this project at our September 9, 2013 meeting. The Board of Directors includes County Commissioners, Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors and citizen members from the six counties that make up the Cannon River watershed.

Our 2011 Cannon River Watershed Strategy includes the priority of the expansion of a "green corridor" along the Cannon River through land conservation. This proposal for a regional park will help to ensure that critical land along the Cannon River will be protected and safe from development as well as building on an existing park and trail system. It will also provide better access to natural areas and to the Cannon River for fishing and boating. Opportunities to purchase such parcels as these do not come along every day. The need is there, the opportunity is there and we sincerely hope the funding will be there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Kallestad".

Beth Kallestad  
Executive Director

*Our Vision*

*We envision a healthy watershed with clean water that is fishable, swimmable, and drinkable.*

# **FEDERAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM 2014 Trail Grant Application**

**Submitted by: City of Northfield, Minnesota**

**Contact Info: Jasper Kruggel (507) 645-3027**

**Jasper.Kruggel@ci.northfield.mn.us**



