

ABSTRACT

Regional Trailhead Building
5(n) \$135,000 MFRF
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Completed construction of the Itasca County Regional Trailhead Building located at the Fairgrounds in Grand Rapids, MN. The facility is approximately 5000 square feet in size and is designed to function as a multi-purpose trail user information center, including external and internal kiosks, a contact station, handicapped accessible restrooms, a multi-purpose meeting room for trail user groups, training needs, and other activities. The facility also provides an office space for the County Park System and the Itasca County Agricultural Association. Grand Rapids is a popular tourist area for thousands of visitors. Many visitors are including recreational trail use in their vacation plans. This facility is the starting/ending point for several well known and popular public recreational trails.

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The Itasca County bike trail running 6 miles north to Gunn Park located along the Highway 38 National Scenic Byway and,

The Mesabi Bike Trail (bituminous), currently being developed from Grand Rapids to Ely, connecting 20 plus Iron Range communities (132 miles in length). As this trail gains more popularity, this facility will be made available to thousands of visitors to the Itasca County area. This facility is the first of several main trailheads which are planned to be located along the Mesabi Bike Trail.

This project completed June 30, 2003.

LCMR Abstract

2001 Project Abstract

For the period ending June 30, 2003

PROJECT TITLE:

Regional Trailhead Building, Grand Rapids, MN

Project Manager: Roger Clark, Park System Manager

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Fund: Minnesota Resource Fund Project

Legal Citation: ML 2001, [Chap. 02 ___], Sec.[14 ___], Subd. 05n ____.

Appropriation Amount: \$ 135,000.00

Overall Project Outcome and Results

We have successfully completed the construction of the Itasca County Regional Trailhead Building located at the Fairgrounds in Grand Rapids, MN. The facility is approximately 5000 square feet in size. This facility is designed to function as a multi-purpose trail user information center, including external and internal kiosks, a contact station, handicapped accessible restrooms, a multi-purpose meeting room for trail user groups, training needs, and other activities; and office space for the County Park System and the Itasca County Agricultural Association. Grand Rapids is a popular tourist area for thousands of visitors. Many visitors are including recreational trail use in their vacation plans. This facility is the starting/ending point for several well known and popular public recreational trails

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Project Results Use and Dissemination

Primary results; this facility is providing

1. Community information, (hotels, motels, food, directions, and other services to enhance the trail user experience. Current counts for the Mesabi Trail are around 400 to 800 users per week entering and exiting the trailhead area.
2. Improved overall user safety, information and experience for all.
3. Trail interpretation, as these trails traverse mining and timbered areas of Northeast Minnesota.
4. A learning center to bring user groups together for safety training, environmental education, and trail user activities.

Currently several groups have been scheduled to make use of the facility, they include the:

International Snowmobile Hall of Fame

DNR Trails and Waterways Grooming Demo

North Country National Scenic Trail Open House

DNR staff Training and MCC program Training

4H Horse Clinic

Itasca County Fair

Chippewa National Forest Planning Committee

Itasca County Sheriff/DNR ATV Training Course

Congressman Jim Oberstar's 2003 Bike Ride

Itasca County Vintage Car Show and Swap Meet

Local meeting groups include: Horse clubs, Fairboard, County Park Commission, Car Club, Kiwanis Club, 4H, Family Reunions, and Baby Showers.

We would like to thank you for your participation with this project and we invite your staff to stop in and visit the facility while you are in the Grand Rapids area. You will also be receiving an invite to a picnic lunch at the New Trailhead Building for Congressman Jim Oberstar's Annual Bike Ride on August 23rd, 2003. The Itasca County Trails Task Force will be providing the lunch at the end of the ride.

LCMR Work Program Final Report

Date of Report:

~~February 26, 2003~~; **June 19, 2003**

LCMR Final Work Program Report

Date of Next Status Report:

~~January 30, 2002; July 30, 2002; January 30, 2003; June 30, 2003~~; **Final Report**

Date of Work program Approval:

July 01, 2001

Project Completion Date:

June 30, 2003

LCMR Work Program 2001

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Total Biennial Project Budget:	\$ 135,000.00
\$ LCMR Appropriation	0.00; \$135,000.00 to be paid
- \$ Amount Spent:	0.00; <u>\$135,000.00</u>
= \$ Balance:	\$ <u>135,000.00</u>; 0.00

Legal Citation: ML 2001, [Chap. 02], Sec. [14], Subd. 05n.

Appropriation Language:

\$ 135,000.00 is from the future resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Itasca County Land Department to complete construction of a trailhead building at the Itasca County Fairgrounds to serve regional trail users.

II. And III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY:

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IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

Result 1: Professional Services; total \$39,313.99

Other Funds: \$ 36,794.55 plus Misc. @ \$2,519.44 for a total of \$39,313.99

Balance: \$0.00

Personnel \$ 0.00

Equipment \$ 0.00

Development \$ 36,794.00 construction design plans.

\$39,313.99 Paid by other Funds

Acquisition \$ 0.00

Other Plus \$2,519.44 for Misc. such as advertisements, soil boring and fuel tank setup.

Completion Date: ~~August 2001 Sept. 2002~~ Feb.03, 2003

Result Status: **Architect continued with the project throughout the construction phase. Savings were made possible by having County staff available to help with construction supervision and inspection. Change orders created an additional work load for the Architect which**

exceeded the estimated contract. Change orders were also kept down to a minimum on this project.

Result 2: Site Work; \$19,666.00 Total
Other Funds: \$19,666.00 (paid with other funds)
Balance: \$0.00

Personnel \$ 0.00
Equipment \$ 0.00
Development \$ \$19,666.00 Excavation, filling, grading.
Acquisition \$ 0.00
Other LCMR Funds: \$0.00

Completion Date: ~~June 2002~~ August 2002

Result Status: Contract saving and deducts were made possible by using County staff and work crews to complete final landscapes and erosion control measures. Seeding was replaced by sod due to the late growing season and to enhance the final visual results.

Result 3: Building Construction; \$418,327.00
Other Funds: \$283,327.00
LCMR Funds: \$ 135,000.00 To be paid
Balance: 0.00

Personnel \$ 0.00
Equipment \$ 0.00
Development \$418,327.00 Building Construction and materials. (\$437,993.00 total contract with Hawk Construction minus earth work of \$19,666.00)
Acquisition \$ 0.00
Other

Completion Date: June 19, 2003

Result Status: Due to \$13,093.00 in change orders the original contract with Hawk Construction went from \$424,900.00 to \$437,993.00. On a project this size we were able to keep change orders down to a minimum. The final product was further enhanced by improved landscaping and the addition of a basement which improved the placement of utilities and any future technological additions which may be needed for kiosk and visitor information. The Itasca County Park System will be expending funds from our account to take care of the overage that was not covered by other grants during the planning of this project. Please see the attached Abstract for additional information as to the success of this project.

V. TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET:

\$ 135,000.00 from LCMR will be used for the construction of the facility. Total project cost to be **\$477,306.99**

All Results: Personnel: \$

All Results: Equipment: \$

All Results: Development: \$477,306.99

All Results: Acquisition: \$

All Results: Other: \$

TOTAL BUDGET: \$

Building construction

(Restrooms, office, multi-purpose meeting room, kiosk and visitor information) **Actual**

2872 sq. ft. @ \$126/sq. ft. **\$418,327.00** (\$135,000.00 from LCMR with \$283,327.00 from other funds)

Site Work **\$ 19,666.00** (other funds)

Professional services **\$ 36,794.55** (other funds)

Other Cost **\$ 2,519.44** (other funds)

Total Cost \$477,306.99

A. SEE ATTACHMENT A and Billing Data Sheet at the end of this report.

VI. PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE SPENDING:

A. Past Spending:

Land owned by Itasca County

Preliminary architectural services paid by Itasca County in 2000 -\$1,500

B. Current and Future Spending:

Current Funding includes:

Itasca County Challenge Grant	\$ 62,896.00	In hand
Blandin Foundation	\$150,000.00	In hand
Federal Highway recreation grant	\$ 90,000.00	In hand
Volunteers for the Handicapped	\$ 7,215.00	In Hand
Multiple Sclerosis Society	\$ 10,000.00	In Hand
LCMR	\$135,000.00	Pledged
Grand Rapids Township	\$ 5,000.00	In hand
Itasca Co. Trails Task Force	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>In hand</u>
	<u>\$470,111.00</u>	

Minus \$8,550.00 to Fair Board from Blandin Grant for grant writing = \$461,561.00 Total Budget

C. Project Partners:

Project Partners: At no cost to the project. @

Itasca County	\$ 62,896	
Blandin Foundation, Liam Clark	\$ 150,000	
MN-DNR Trails & Waterways, Bob Moore	\$ 90,000	(Federal Highway Grant)
Volunteers for the Handicapped	\$ 7,215	
Multiple Sclerosis Society	\$ 10,000	
Grand Rapids Township	\$ 5,000	
LCMR	\$ 135,000	Pledged
Itasca Co. Trails Task Force	\$ 10,000	
Fair Board, Ron Oleheiser		Support
Park & Rec. Commission, Michelle Heiker		Support
City of Grand Rapids, Marilyn Isaacs		Support
G. R. Chamber of Commerce, Sue Helmbrecht		Support
G. R. Convention/Visitors Bureau, Cheri Bialke		Support
St. Louis/Lake RRA, Bob Manzoline		Support
Mesabi work Group, Cavour Johnson		Support

D. Time: June 2001 to June 2003

VII. DISSEMINATION: The Grand Rapids Trailhead Building is the first of several large and small trailheads which will be placed along the Mesabi Bike Trail. The large sites will include Grand Rapids, Hibbing, Chisholm, Virginia, and Ely. Smaller communities along the trail will have small stop-in kiosk trailheads to serve the trail users. All of these sites will be identified on the Mesabi Trail Web page and all printed maps. The Grand Rapids Visitor and Convention Bureau will be provided trail maps and Trailhead information to distribute. The County and Fair Board will be renting out the meeting room for community events.

VIII. LOCATION:

Itasca County Fairgrounds
1336 NE 3rd Ave.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Itasca County is the owner of the property and the Itasca County Fair Board manages the property and will also be a partner in the management and maintenance of the new trailhead building. Please see the attached map.

IX. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

**Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than
January 30, 2002**

July 30, 2002

January 30, 2003

A final work program report and associated products will be submitted by August 6, 2003, or by the completion date as set in the appropriation.

X. RESEARCH PROJECTS: N/A

EXHIBIT B (Include the attachment in all future update reports.) Use as many results as necessary. Landscaping on legal size paper to fit in all the columns may be helpful.

The commission will not allow office space rental fees or salary payments to officers or directors, this applies to ALL PROJECTS. See page 9 for Eligible and Ineligible expenses. GENERAL OTHER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. BE SPECIFIC AND USE AS MANY LINES AS NECESSARY.

Project Title: Regional Trailhead Building

Project Number: REC 46

LCMR Recommended Funding:
\$135,000.00

Attachment A Deliverable Products and Related Budget

2001 LCMR Project Biennial Budget												Objective/ Result			
Budget Item (Title of Result)	Result 1 Budget:	Result 1 Current Invoice:	Result 1 Balance:	Result 2 Budget:	Result 2 Current Invoice:	Result 2 Balance:	Result 3:	Result 3 Current Invoice:	Result 3 Balance:	PROJECT TOTAL:					
										\$460,000.00 \$477,306.99					
	Design and Engineering			Excavation, filling, and grading contract			Title Building Contractor for Construction			BUDGET TOTAL: \$461,561.00	CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL	Balance Total			
Wages, salaries & benefits - Be specific on who is paid \$															
Contracts															
Professional/technical (with whom?) With Roger Saccoman Architecture for \$28,500.00 Plus expenses. Plus Misc. @ \$2,519.44	\$61,748.00 \$36,764.55 Roger Saccoman Arch. Other funds not LCMR	\$0.00 \$36,764.55	\$61,748.00 \$0.00							\$61,748.00 \$36,794.55	\$36,794.55 paid by other funds	\$61,748.00 \$0.00			
Other contracts (with whom?) Construction Contractor not known to date. Contract with Hawk construction of grand Rapids, MN \$424,900.00 Plus \$13,093.00 for change orders.							\$135,000.00 LCMR \$283,327.00 Other Funds Contract for the Construction of a 2872 sq. ft. building with restrooms, office, multi use meeting room, kiosk, and visitor information center	\$283,327.00 paid from other funds With \$135,000.00 expended from County Funds and billed to LCMR at this time.	\$361,972.00 \$28,220.00 Plus \$406,780.00 not billed to LCMR on the Jan-03 Report- \$135,000.00 billed to LCMR with final report	\$361,972.00 \$416,163.00 \$418,327.00	\$0.00 \$386,833.00 \$283,327.00 paid by other funds \$135,000.00 billed to LCMR	\$361,972.00 \$28,220.00 Plus \$406,780.00 not billed to LCMR on the Jan-03 Report- 0.00 when paid by LCMR			
Other land improvement (for what?) Contract with Hawk construction of Grand Rapids, MN				\$36,187.00 \$21,420.00 \$19,666.00 Excavation, filling, grading, utilities Other funds not LCMR	\$0.00 \$16,760.00 \$19,666.00 other funds	\$36,187.00 \$4,670.00 \$0.00				\$36,187.00 \$21,420.00 \$19,666.00 savings due to using county crew to finish.	\$0.00 \$16,760.00 \$19,666.00 paid by other funds	\$36,187.00 \$4,670.00 \$0.00			
Miscellaneous (for what?) Fuel tank and soil boring										Other expenses \$2,519.44	Other expenses \$2,519.44	\$2,519.44 Fuel Tank and Soil Boring	\$0		
COLUMN TOTAL	\$81,748.00 \$36,764.55			\$36,187.00 \$21,420.00 \$19,666.00				\$361,972.00 \$416,163.00 due to change orders \$418,327.00		Other expenses \$2,519.44 \$477,306.99	\$442,996.00 from other \$135,000.00 from LCMR	\$15,745.99 Over Budget			