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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein  
Representative Mark Born

Date: December 18, 2023

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval – DNR

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the Department of Natural Resources, received on December 18, 2023.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Marklein** or **Representative Born** no later than **Monday, January 8, 2024**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

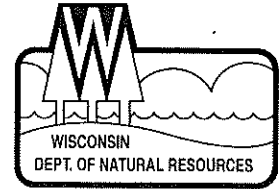
Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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December 13, 2023

The Honorable Howard Marklein Co-Chair  
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The Honorable Mark Born, Co-Chair  
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Dear Senator Marklein and Representative Born:

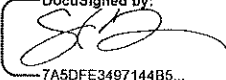
Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Committee on Joint Finance of a proposed development grant to the City of River Falls for the Mann Valley Recreation Trail development project using grant funds in the amount of \$305,954.00 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. The proposed grant award represents 34 % of the estimated project costs. This parcel is located in the City of River Falls, St. Croix County.

The proposed project will be the development of the Mann Valley Recreation Trail. This will be a multi-use paved trail with rest areas and lighting.

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a), Wis. Stats., if the Department does not receive notification of the scheduling of a hearing from either of the Joint Committee on Finance co-chairpersons within 14 working days from today, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Steven Little  
Deputy Secretary

**CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 13, 2023

**TO:** Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

**FROM:** Steven Little, Deputy Secretary

**SUBJECT: Request for approval of stewardship development grant exceeding \$250,000**

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant in the amount of \$305,954.00 to the City of River Falls for the Mann Valley Recreation Trail development project. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

**I. PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** City of River Falls

**Grant Subprogram:** Stewardship Local Assistance; Acquisition and Development of Local Parks

**Location:** The Mann Valley Recreation Trail will be located in the City of River Falls, St. Croix County.

**Project Description:** The proposed project will develop a multi-use recreation trail through a newly created Mann Valley Corporate Park. The trail will be paved and include rest areas and lighting. Allowable trail uses include walking, running/jogging, snowshoeing, in-line skating and biking. A map and conceptual site plan for this project is attached.

**Public Benefit:** The proposed multi-use trail will provide a connection between an existing city park, planned multi-family residential development, conservancy area and Mann Valley Corporate Park. The trail design has taken all ability levels into consideration to provide an inclusive outdoor recreation experience.

**Coordination with recreational planning:** This project will advance the purposes of the Stewardship Local Assistance, Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP) grant program and objectives of local and regional recreation planning efforts. Specifically, the project is supported in the City of River Falls Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2023-28). Per the purposes of the Stewardship ADLP grant program, the trail development will provide a new public nature-based outdoor recreation facility and implement recommendations from the Kinnickinnic River Corridor Plan and the River Falls Bike and Pedestrian Plan supporting trail connections and developments.

**Public Access:** The Mann Valley Recreation Trail will be available to the public year-round, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. Users will be able to walk, run/jog, snowshoe, in-line skate and bike on the trail, with trail lighting extending the use into the evening hours.


**Property Management:** The City will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the trail as part of their regular maintenance schedule. The project will be designed and constructed to reduce future maintenance costs and the City plans to utilize their park fund to perform long-term maintenance.

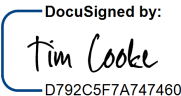
**Timetable:** Construction is scheduled to begin mid-summer of 2024 and is estimated to be completed and fully open to the public by the summer of 2025.

**II. PROJECT FINANCES:**

City of River Falls (local funds)	\$ 607,777.00
Proposed Stewardship grant	<u>\$ 305,954.00 (34%)</u>
Total project costs	\$ 913,731.00

**III. RECOMMENDED:**

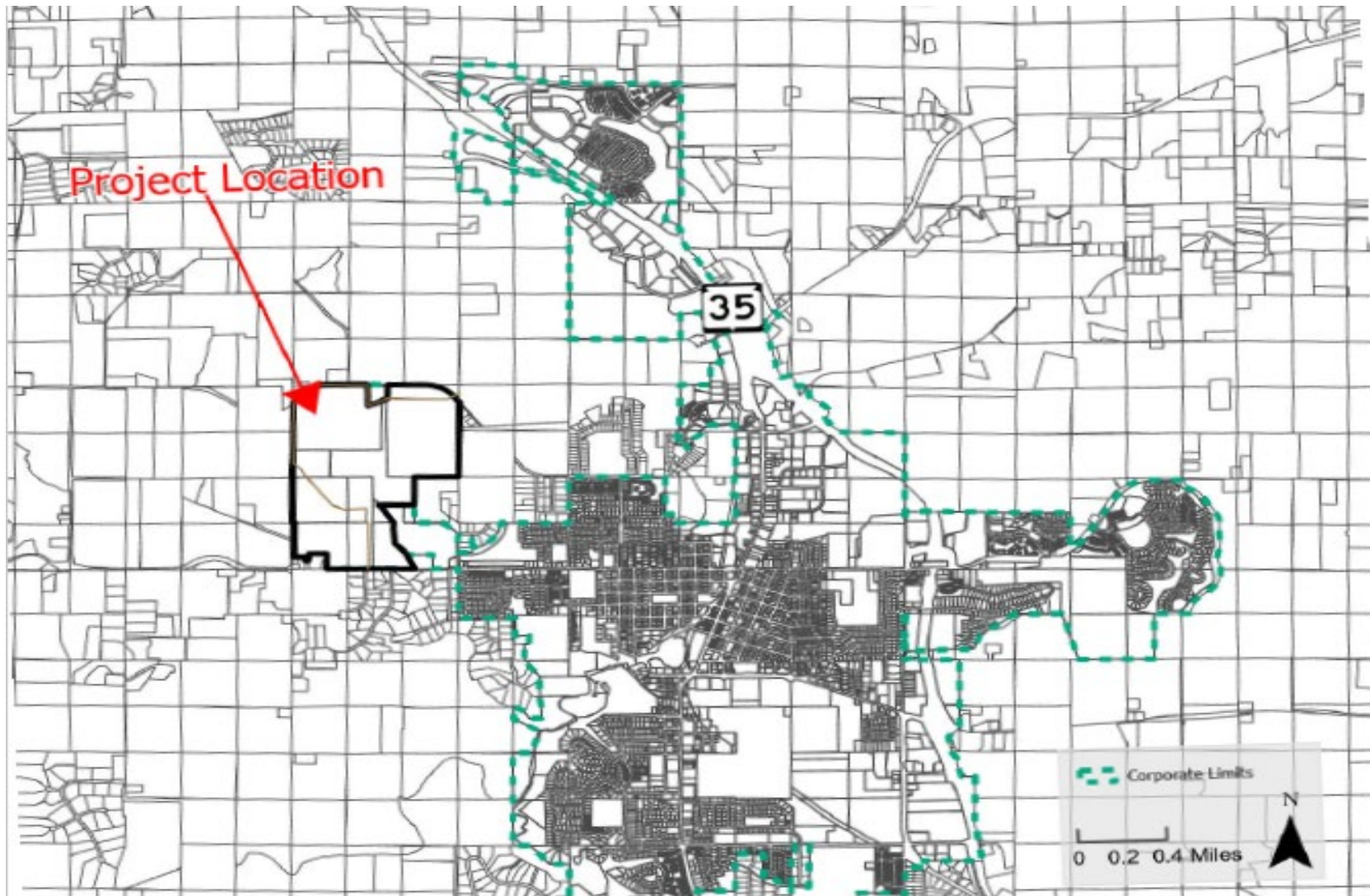
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Tim Cooke, Administrator Date  
Division of Internal Services

Attachments: Appendix A – Location Map and Conceptual Site Plan

## APPENDIX A

### Location Map – City of River Falls – Mann Valley Trail Development Project



# Site Plan - City of River Falls - Mann Valley Trail Development Project

