

*Aerial Photo of Redhead Mountain Bike Park
(Public Recreation Area adjacent to MDC).*

Replacing outdated existing infrastructure and constructing new infrastructure at state-owned asset – Minnesota Discovery Center.

\$10.155 million
Capital Budget Request



The Museum of the Iron Range
and Home of the Redhead Mountain Bike Park Trailhead.

FY24 Capital Budget Request

The Museum of the Iron Range

The AAM Code of Ethics for Museums states that “Museums in the United States are grounded in the tradition of public service. They are organized as public trusts, holding their collections and information as a benefit for those they were established to serve.” Museums rely on the public and are one of the most trusted institutions in society, therefore they need to maintain the highest level of accountability and transparency.”

Critical Infrastructure Need: Archive/Repository Protection

Visual of Project Area



Project Priorities

13,900 sq. ft. of existing space will be reconfigured, repurposed, remodeled, furnished and equipped allowing more efficient and compliant/accessible visitor spaces including replacing wet suppression fire systems and outdated HVAC/climate controls in the MDC archival and records repository.

24,000 sq. ft. of new space will create more inclusive and accessible public spaces for archival research and educational programming as well as increase archival capacities allowing for archive and record repository growth in terms of collections.

13, 900 Sq. Ft.

Existing Infrastructure Improved

24,000 Sq. Ft.

New Energy Efficient Construction

This project aligns well with the Governor's strategic priorities in that it preserves and upgrades 13,900 sq. ft. of existing state-owned infrastructure, increasing efficiencies and lowering operating costs. This project makes public resources more accessible to those with disabilities and allows MDC to archive more MN history. This project protects existing repository records and historical artifacts in addition to growing programming opportunities and creating new revenue that can be reinvested into future facility needs.

HVAC/Fire Systems State Archives



ADA compliance/Upgrades



Increase Capacity/Programming Space



Critical Infrastructure Benefits:

Preserving Existing Assets, Increased Safety & Efficiency

Impacts

We are committed to ensuring these state-owned assets represent the best of Minnesota to the thousands of annual visitors from around the world.

- 1 Increase efficiencies.**
Maximizes existing targeted footprint to capacity and makes existing and new infrastructure more efficient putting our project in line with One MN Strategy. This project would produce energy savings and facility efficiencies in addition to creating new space to grow programming and drive revenue once complete.
- 2 Quality of life.**
The project significantly enhances quality of life in the region in that we will be able to connect more Minnesotans with their history and offer new immersive educational programming.
- 3 Improve safety & accessibility.**
Improves staff and visitor safety and makes our facilities more accessible to those with disabilities.

Efficiency, Improved Infrastructure, Increased Accessibility

30%
Increase in facility efficiencies

37,900 Sq. Ft.
More Energy Efficient & Revenue Oriented

13,900 Sq. Ft.
Preserved, repaired, and made more efficient.

75%
Increases programming, accessibility, and archival space significantly.

One Minnesota Alignment

Alignment

Museums consistently rank among the most trusted institutions in the US. Research commissioned by AAM in 2001 found almost 9 of 10 Americans find museums to be trustworthy –and no other institution rated a similar level of trust.

1 Life and Safety Issues

Significantly improve life related issues for both our staff and guests by having quality facilities and learning/activity/creative spaces. Additionally, safety will be significantly improved for staff and guests by making our facility more accessible and compliant.

2 Children & Families

This project will increase opportunities for children and families on the Iron Range and across Minnesota by providing more access to educational resources and programing in a safe space that is free and open to the public.

3 Healthy Minnesotans

Improves staff and visitor safety and makes our facilities more accessible to those with disabilities. Also, creates a safer controlled environment in which we can continue to work toward lessening the impact COVID-19 has had on our staff, visitors, and community.

4 Historical & Systemic Disparities & Inequities

This project significantly address disparities in that our campus is not 100% ADA compliant, and this project will help reach our compliance goals much quicker. Additionally, as a non-profit museum, we follow a code of ethics in which we are mandated to be inclusive and trustworthy institution. To uphold that code, MDC wants to create culturally welcoming spaces that all demographics of people can enjoy regardless of physical abilities, gender, geography, or economic status.

MDC One MN Priorities

SAFETY

**CHILDREN &
FAMILIES**

HEALTHY MN

EQUITY/INCLUSION



Thank you!

For Preserving Assets for
Minnesota's
FUTURE and Creating
Healthy and Vibrant
Communities Across
Minnesota!

