

1993 Project Abstract

Abstract for the period ending June 30, 1995. This project was supported by the Natural Resources Trust Fund.

TITLE: Shingle Creek Trail Improvement
Program Manager: Andrew J. Lesch
Organization: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Legal Citation: ML 93 Chpt. 172, Sec. 14, Subd. 10 (H)

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES:

To develop trail connections between Minneapolis Shingle Creek Trail and Brooklyn Center.

RESULTS:

Paths have been connected at 53rd Avenue North between Shingle Creek Trail and the Brooklyn Center trails. A drinking fountain well, information kiosk, rest area, and planting were installed at 51st Avenue North and Morgan Avenue North. Various accessible pedestrian curb ramps at intersections, stop signs for bicyclists and path repairs were made along the length of Shingle Creek Trails. New accessible tables and grills were added to Webber Park with repaired and extended walkways. The edge of Webber Pond was lined with new sand. A pedestrian bridge and connecting accessible paths now link the Camden bridge to Shingle Creek Trails and the Camden Boat Launch.

PROJECT RESULTS - USE AND DISSEMINATION:

The trail and other site improvements have been in use now for 18 months. School children as well as the general public use the trails for educational purposes and walking, running, jogging, bicycling, picnicking, rollerblading, cross-country skiing and bird watching. Accessibility to the Mississippi River has been made at the Camden Bridge area where none existed. Erosion of former soil trails has been controlled.

LCMR Final Work Program Update Report

I. Project Title: Shingle Creek Trail Improvement

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A. Legal Citation ML 93 Chpt.172, Sec.14, Subd. 10 (h)

Total LCMR Budget \$130,000
Balance -0-

Appropriation Language as drafted 7/27/92

(n) R3/5-14 SHINGLE CREEK TRAIL IMPROVEMENT

This appropriation is from the trust fund to the Commissioner of Natural Resources for a contract with the Metropolitan Council for a subgrant to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to develop the Shingle Creek Trail connection between Minneapolis and Hennepin County Regional Trail.

B. LMIC Compatible Data Language

N.A.

C. Status of Match Requirement

N.A.

II. Narrative

Develop trail connections between Minneapolis Shingle Creek Trails and Brooklyn Center. Will enhance open space and recreational opportunities including connections with local, Hennepin County Regional Trails and national park systems.

III. Statement of objective

Develop trail connections between Minneapolis Shingle Creek Trails and Brooklyn Center.

IV. Objectives

Implement trail improvements

A. Title of Objective
Trail Improvements

- 1. Narrative: Trail connections and repairs, accessible site amenities, planting, signage, will be implemented.
2. Procedures: Citizen participation with planning staff and consultants will design improvement concepts, bid construction and install.
3. Budget: Total Biennial LCMR Budget: \$130,000; Balance: -0-; Cutoff 6-17-94
4. Timeline: July 93 1/94 6/94 1/95 6/95
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Design, bid, contract trail improvements.
5. Status: Project installation is 100% complete.
6. Benefits: The improvements would provide barrier-free accessible site amenities, path connections, enhanced wildlife habitat, and subsequent viewing and educational opportunities while encouraging alternate forms of transportation and recreation.

V. Evaluation:

After trail improvements are completed, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will conduct user surveys to determine number of users, destinations and characteristics. The trail will also be included in any regional park survey that might be conducted by the Metropolitan Council.

VI. Context:

- A. Existing paths lack proper connections to Brooklyn Center, awkward street crossings, inadequate signage, inaccessible picnic facilities, replacement trees and shrubs are needed.
- B. Trail improvements will connect and augment existing paths and site amenities.
- C. The most recent path and landscaping improvements were in 1978. Shingle Creek School is a participant and partial recipient of a \$780,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education in 1991 to develop an urban environmental education curriculum and utilize adjacent park land. Future LCMR funds may be requested for adjacent North Mississippi Regional Park.

VII. Qualifications:

- 1. Program Manager - Andrew Lesch, Landscape Architect I - B.S. Landscape Architecture.
Familiarity with the area, wrote Master Plan report, "Shingle Creek Trails."
- 2. N.A.

VIII. Reporting Requirements:

Semi-annual status reports will be submitted not later than January 1, 1994, July 1, 1994, January 1, 1995, and a final status report by June 30, 1995.