

1993 Project Abstract

For the period ending June 30, 1995

This project was supported by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

Title: Lilydale/Harriet Island Regional Park Trail
Program Manager: Timothy Agness
Organization: City of Saint Paul
Division of Parks and Recreation
Legal Citation: M.L.93, Chpt. 172, Sect. 14, Subd. 10(i)
Appropriation Amount: \$246,000.00

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

To implement a project for construction of a pedestrian-bicycle trail in the Lilydale/Harriet Island Regional Park.

OVERALL PROJECT RESULTS

A project design was prepared which selected a trail alignment through the park with good access, high scenic quality and no conflict with existing wetland areas. The trail was constructed 12 feet wide, connecting to existing trails at Harriet Island and proceeding into Lilydale Park to the recently completed boat launch site, a distance of nearly two miles.

PROJECT RESULTS USE AND DISSEMINATION

The trail is being used extensively and has been mentioned in several newspaper articles concerning activities and improvements on the riverfront in Saint Paul. Public response to the project has been enthusiastic and supportive.

LCMR FINAL WORKPROGRAM UPDATE REPORT

I. Project Title: 10(i) LILYDALE/HARRIET ISLAND REGIONAL PARK TRAIL

Program Manager: Tim Agness
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A. Legal Citation: M.L.93 Chpt.172, Sect.14, Subd.10(i)

Total Biennial LCMR Budget: \$246,000.00
Balance: \$ -0-
Encumbered: \$ -0-

Appropriation Language as drafted 7/27/92: This appropriation is from the trust fund to the Commissioner of Natural Resources for a contract with the Metropolitan Council for a contract with the City of Saint Paul to plan and construct a pedestrian and bicycle trail in the Lilydale/Harriet Island Regional Park.

B. LMIC Compatible Data Language: Not applicable.

C. Status of Match Requirement: Not applicable.

II. Narrative: To prepare and implement plans for a pedestrian/bicycle trail in Lilydale/Harriet Island Regional Park.

III. Statement of Objectives: To prepare and implement pedestrian/bicycle trail plans providing increased recreational opportunity.

IV. Objectives:

A. Prepare trail plan

A.1. Narrative: Provide data collection, field work and research to map trail route options, and select preferred route and prepare plans.

A.2. Procedures: Use professional services to conduct a thorough analysis, review and assemble data needed to select a trail route, and prepare necessary permit applications, plans and specifications.

A.3. Budget:

a. Amount Budgeted: \$27,149.16
b. Balance: \$-0-
c. Financial Cutoff: June 30, 1995

A.4. Timeline

Table with 5 columns (7/93, 1/94, 6/94, 1/95, 6/95) and 5 rows (Inventory and analysis, Route selection, Plan preparation, Permit applications, Status report) showing activity markers like 'xxx', 'x', 'xxxx'.

A.5. Status: Construction plans and specifications completed. Permit applications completed.

A.6. Benefits: The trail route selection will be made to take advantage of park's unique natural resources (bluff, lake, wetlands, Mississippi River) while preserving and protecting area's natural resources. Permit applications (DNR, U.S. COE), plans and specifications will be completed.

B. Implement trail plan

B.1. Narrative: The construction of approximately 2.5 miles of 10 ft. wide pedestrian/bicycle trail and trail signage.

B.2. Procedures: The plans and specifications prepared under Objective A will be bid through the City's Purchasing Division. Permit applications will be submitted to the DNR and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Upon approval of permits and receipt of bids, a construction contract will be awarded.

B.3. Budget:

a. Amount Budgeted: \$218,850.84
b. Balance: \$ -0-
c. Financial Cutoff: June 30, 1995

B.4. Timeline:

Table with 5 columns (7/93, 1/94, 6/94, 1/95, 6/95) and 5 rows (Bidding, Permit approval, Status reports, Construction 50%, Construction 50%, Final report) showing activity markers like 'xxx', 'x', 'xxxx', 'xxxxx'.

B.5 Status: Construction contract let August 24, 1994. Work complete.

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B.6 Benefits: New trail opportunities will be provided in a highly populated and currently under-served area. Access to and use of the Lilydale/Harriet Island Regional Park and the Mississippi River Corridor will be improved.

V. Evaluation:

This project will be evaluated by the amount of use the trail receives. Evaluation will be accomplished through regular visual surveys and a record will be maintained of public responses to the project.

VI. Context:

A. There are virtually no existing trails in Lilydale/Harriet Island Regional Park or the surrounding communities. This situation severely limits access or use of the park. Unless the trail is installed, the park will be under-utilized and current demand for trail use will remain unmet.

B. Not applicable.

C. An approved 1993/94 flood control project with federal and city financing will provide approximately 4/5 of a mile of trail in Harriet Island Park beginning at the Wabasha Street bridge and running upstream. The combination of these two projects will provide trail opportunities from Lilydale to the Wabasha Street bridge in downtown Saint Paul. Future proposals may include expanding the trail system in the park, providing a trail head, wetland restoration and specific interpretive walks.

VII. Qualifications:

1. Program Manager:

- a. Registered Landscape Architect, License No. 12165
- b. Landscape Architect III, City of St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation

The program manager has 20 years of experience providing site analysis, technical plans and specifications and project management for parks, recreation, environmental and transportation projects. This experience includes many successful trails.

2. Cooperators/Other Investigators:

- a. Edward L. Olsen, Environmental Coordinator
- b. City of St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation

VIII. Reporting Requirements: Semiannual status reports will be submitted not later than January 1, 1994, July 1, 1994,

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