Date of Report: July 1, 1995

LCMR Work Program 1993

I. PROJECT TITLE: Lake Minnetonka Water Access Acquisition

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A. Legal Citation: M.L. 93, Chpt. 172, Art. 1, Sect. 14, Subd. 10(n)

Total LCMR Budget:

\$944,000

Balance:

\$0

Appropriation Language: This appropriation is from the future resources fund to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire land for a water access site on Maxwell and Crystal bays in Lake Minnetonka.

B. Legal Citation: M.L. 1994, Chapter 580, Section 6.

Appropriation Language: Lake Minnetonka Water Access Acquisition. This amount is added to the appropriation contained in Laws 1993, chapter 172, section 14, subdivision 10, paragraph (n). Of this amount, \$154,000 is from the Minnesota future resources fund and \$696,000 is from the environmental trust fund.

Total LCMR Budget:

\$850,000

Balance:

\$0

- C. LMIC Compatible Data Language: Not applicable
- D. Status of Match Requirement: Not applicable
- II. NARRATIVE: This program will fund land acquisition on Maxwell and Crystal bays to begin meeting the water access goals identified in the Lake Minnetonka Management Plan in cooperation with the city of Orono, and the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD).
- III. STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES: Acquisition of land for a water access site on Lake Minnetonka will include a boat access, fishing pier, and/or a shorefishing area, and other public use areas as appropriate.

IV. O BJECTIVES

- A. Title of Objective: Acquire land for a water access site on Lake Minnetonka.
 - A1. Narrative: Adequate public access to Lake Minnetonka has been a need for many years. Two task forces (1983 and 1986), and the LMCD in its recently completed Lake Management Plan, recommended 700 car/trailer parking spaces for Lake Minnetonka. This program will provide a water access site that will help achieve the lake's access goals.
 - A2. Procedures: The project area includes a gas station, marina, and three lots with small houses or cabins located on Maxwell Bay in the City of Orono.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in cooperation with the city, and with support from the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) will acquire the land.

A3. Budget:

A4.

a. 1993 Appropriation: \$944,000

b. Balance: \$0

a. 1994 Appropriation: \$850,000

b. Balance: \$0

Timeline: July Jan June Jan June

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- A5. Status: Four parcels have been purchased including the gas station, the marina, and the two adjacent lots. One parcel is being negotiated and state bonds funds appropriated in 1994 will be used if the negotiation is successful. Development of the site is planned for the summer of 1996 with or without the last parcel since it is a small lot on the east end of the project area.
- A6. Benefits: By providing boat access, shorefishing opportunities all accessible to people with disabilities, the elderly, children, and the disadvantaged. A premier public use area would be provided on this lake which would vastly enhance public lake recreation.
- V. EVALUATION: The project will be evaluated on the timely completion of purchasing land for a water access site on Lake Minnetonka. For it to be successful, continued cooperation of the LMCD, the city of Orono, and the DNR is necessary.

VI. CONTEXA

- A. This project fits the goals of the Water Access Program in the metropolitan area. Lake Minnetonka has been identified as a top priority for access since 1979.
- B. This specific project will be accomplished in two years.
- C. Funding for the purchase of the last parcel and construction of the water access facility will be from state bonding and, if needed, water recreation account.
- D. DNR staff are working closely with the City of Orono on the development of the site to ensure local involvement and cooperation.

VII. QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. <u>Program Manager</u>: Michael T. Markell, Supervisor, Water Recreation Section, Trails and Waterways Unit
- a. B.S. Forestry, University of Minnesota, 1967.
- b. The Program Manager has been in this position since 1979. He has overseen the construction of over 400 access sites and the purchase of over 200 new access sites. He also implemented the design and construction of fishing piers. Previously, he worked in land acquisition as an appraiser/negotiator for the DNR.
- 2. <u>Cooperators/Other Investigators</u>: Not applicable

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Semiannual 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.

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