

Final Abstract

Final Report Approved on December 19, 2025

M.L. 2022 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2025

Project Title: Silver Lake Trail Connection

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Funding Source:

Fiscal Year:

Legal Citation: M.L. 2022, Chp. 94, Sec. 2, Subd. 09I

Appropriation Amount: \$727,000

Amount Spent: \$721,271

Amount Remaining: \$5,729

Sound bite of Project Outcomes and Results

The Silver Lake Trail Connection helps protect Minnesota's natural beauty by giving people a safe, scenic way to walk and bike instead of driving. The trail connects parks, lakes, and neighborhoods, encouraging outdoor recreation, cleaner air, and healthy living while conserving and enhancing the area's land, water, and wildlife.

Overall Project Outcome and Results

The Silver Lake Trail Connection project has successfully advanced the City of Virginia's long-term goal of creating a safe, accessible, and environmentally responsible trail system. The Silver Lake Trail Connection is now complete, with major grading, base construction, surfacing, and final paving finished in May 2025. In June 2025, signage, two bike racks, two benches, and native grasses were added in disturbed areas to restore habitat and enhance the appearance of the corridor. A total of 1,050 feet of 10-foot-wide paved trail was constructed as part of this phase.

This project connects the existing Silver Lake Trail to the Bailey Lake Trail and Mesabi Trail, establishing an important non-motorized transportation and recreation corridor, directly linking five city parks, two schools, healthcare facilities, the Miners Event and Convention Center, and multiple neighborhoods. Since the start of the overall trail initiative, more

than 2.5 miles of trail have been built. Eighteen new lights—five along Silver Lake and thirteen along Bailey Lake—improve safety, accessibility, and year-round usability.

The connection provides residents and visitors with safe, convenient access to parks, schools, and community destinations while reducing vehicle dependency and emissions. By encouraging walking and biking, the project supports healthy lifestyles, clean transportation alternatives, and improved air quality, helping reduce the city's overall carbon footprint. It also enhances appreciation for Minnesota's natural resources by improving access to lakes, parks, and wildlife areas within an urban setting.

Community engagement played a central role in project development. City staff collaborated with residents, civic groups, and local organizations to share updates and incorporate feedback, resulting in strong public support and increased trail use. Overall, the Silver Lake Trail Connection strengthens neighborhood connectivity and enhances quality of life.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

Project information is shared through the City's website, social media, and public meetings. The Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENTRF) is acknowledged on all print and electronic materials, construction signage, and permanent trail signs per ENTRF guidelines. New wayfinding signs around Baileys Lake and Silver Lake also include ENTRF recognition. Local civic groups helped promote trail use and environmental benefits. The City will continue acknowledging the Trust Fund through news releases, community events, and digital platforms to encourage trail use and highlight its role in conserving Minnesota's natural resources.



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

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General Information

Date: December 19, 2025

ID Number: 2022-143

Staff Lead: Tom Dietrich

Project Title: Silver Lake Trail Connection

Project Budget: \$727,000

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Project Reporting

Final Report Approved: December 19, 2025

Reporting Status: Project Completed

Date of Last Action: December 19, 2025

Project Completion: June 30, 2025

Legal Information

Legal Citation: M.L. 2022, Chp. 94, Sec. 2, Subd. 09I

Appropriation Language: \$727,000 the second year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the city of Virginia to design, engineer, and construct a multiuse trail that will connect Silver Lake Trail to a new Miners Entertainment and Convention Center and provide lighting on Bailey Lake Trail.

Appropriation End Date: June 30, 2025

Narrative

Project Summary: This project consists of construction of a multi-use trail that will connect to the existing Silver Lake Trail. The trail will begin at Lakeside Park and end at Twelfth Avenue.

Describe the opportunity or problem your proposal seeks to address. Include any relevant background information.

The City of Virginia has been undertaking the design and construction of a city-wide trail system, over the past 10 years, to make the vast portion of the City accessible for pedestrian, bike and non-motorized traffic. The City has recently completed the Bailey Lake Trail and is currently working on the Silver Lake Trail. There are currently areas in the City that are not accessible, in a safe manner, by non-motorized traffic. Much of the non-motorized traffic must use busy streets that have a large amount of truck and car traffic which makes it difficult and unsafe for walkers, bikers, strollers and other users. Most of the City's retail, governmental offices, healthcare facilities, parks and schools are only accessible by motorized vehicles.

What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? Introduce us to the work you are seeking funding to do. You will be asked to expand on this proposed solution in Activities & Milestones.

The City is planning to construct the Silver Lake Trail Connector which will provide a safe, non-motorized options for residents and visitors to access a variety of City services including parks, the new Miners Entertainment and Convention Center, the shopping mall, Pine Mill housing development, schools, churches, the City's downtown, healthcare facilities and governmental offices. This connector trail will begin at the Silver Lake Trail at Lakeside Park and will end on 12th Avenue West (See Attached Visual). This trail will provide a connection to the Silver Lake Trail, the Bailey Lake Trail and the Mesabi Trail. The trail will also connect to the City's sidewalk system along 9th Avenue West and 12th Avenue West which were newly constructed in the last several years. The trail will be partially constructed with concrete and partially with bituminous overlay. This project also will include providing additional lighting on the Bailey Lake and the Silver Lake Trails (See Attached Visual). The completion of this trail/project will provide a safe, healthy and non-motorized corridor for people to access much needed amenities throughout the City.

What are the specific project outcomes as they relate to the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's natural resources?

The completion of the Silver Lake Trail Connection will provide outdoor activities, within a city setting, that can be enjoyed by all residents and visitors. These amenities will complement all of the outdoor attractions within the city including the park system, trail system, school playgrounds, picnic areas, ballfields, tennis courts, skating rinks and other fishing locations within the city. The trail will also provide a non-motorized alternative to access a wide variety of locations within the city and will promote active, healthy living.

Project Location

What is the best scale for describing where your work will take place?

Region(s): NE

What is the best scale to describe the area impacted by your work?

Region(s): NE

When will the work impact occur?

During the Project

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Project Engineering and Construction Administration

Activity Budget: \$99,999

Activity Description:

The engineer will be responsible for project design, project administration, plans/specifications, bidding documents, survey, staking, permits, material testing, onsite observation and public meeting/communications.

Activity Milestones:

| Description | Approximate Completion Date |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Design Start | August 31, 2022 |
| Design Completion | December 31, 2022 |
| Site design, plans, and construction administration plan approved | January 31, 2023 |
| Construction Administration | December 31, 2024 |

Activity 2: Project Construction - Phase I

Activity Budget: \$1

Activity Description:

Project construction in Phase I was planned for clearing, grubbing, signage, light relocations, lighting additions to the Bailey Lake and Silver Lake Trails, concrete pavement, bituminous pavement, curb/sidewalk/bituminous removal, geotextile fabric, excavation, borrow, aggregate base, timber replacement on bridge, traffic control, storm drainage protection, crosswalk striping and bicycle racks. Due to cut in funding that was requested, the City had to remove commodities such as digital signs that were to be located at Silver Lake (2), Baileys Lake (2), and MECC Area (2). Lighting was removed including 4 light poles with bases, electrical conduit, and utility connection along SILVER TRAIL NORTH, 11 light poles with bases along BAILEY LAKE, and 6 Light poles at MECC Building Area Trail were removed. Bike racks were removed - 1 at Silver Lake and 2 at MECC Building Area. Work in Phase I was scaled back to include Sidewalk/Trail Construction along 9th Avenue from Silver Lake Trail to 5th Street South (MECC Building Area) And one Bike Rack on Silver Lake. As of April 2024, Phase 1 (sidewalk section) was deemed not possible at this time due to easements. No further expenses will be incurred in this Phase.

Activity Milestones:

| Description | Approximate Completion Date |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Funds sufficient to pay for construction secured | January 31, 2023 |
| Project Bid | February 28, 2023 |
| Construct Approx 1000' of Sidewalk along 9th Ave to make a 10' Wide Sidewalk Trail | June 30, 2023 |
| Construction - Relocate Existing Signage and Add 1 Bench on Silver Lake Trail | August 31, 2023 |
| Replace Existing Signage Removed for Trail Construction- Add 1 Bike Rack at Silver Lake | September 30, 2023 |

Activity 3: Project Construction - Phase 2 - 9th Ave to 12th Ave

Activity Budget: \$627,000

Activity Description:

As Phase I (Activity 2 of this grant) was determined not feasible, the City will pursue Phase II of this project and formally requests to utilize allocated funds to complete Phase II. Phase II includes the construction of a 10' Wide Multimodal Trail

for approx 1000' of paved trail from the south east end of the Frontage Road, along the East Two River to 12th Avenue. The existing 5th Street South from 9th Avenue to the Frontage Road will be converted to one-way traffic only, allowing for approx a 450' mutlimodal trail that will connect with the new paved trail. See Exhibit "Trail Map 06.2024"

Activity 3 Project construction includes clearing, grubbing, signage, light relocations, concrete pavement, bituminous pavement, curb/sidewalk/bituminous removal, geotextile fabric, excavation, borrow, aggregate base, timber replacement on bridge, traffic control, storm drainage protection, crosswalk striping and bicycle racks. As bids from our contractor came in favorable, the commodities that were removed from our plans in Activity 2 of this grant, such as digital signs, lighting additions to the Bailey Lake and Silver Lake Trails and addition of Bike Racks, will be allocated in this phase. See Mar 2024 update & New Activity 3.

Activity Milestones:

| Description | Approximate Completion Date |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Council Awards Phase II (Activity 3) Contract | July 31, 2024 |
| Construction Starts on Phase II (Activity 3) | August 31, 2024 |
| Construct Approx 1000' of ADA Compliant 10' Wide Multimodal Trail along E Two River | October 31, 2024 |
| Create & Paint Approx 450' Bike Lane/Trail along 5th St S to Frontage Road | October 31, 2024 |
| Add Fencing, New Signage, New Lighting, and New Benches to Trail System | November 30, 2024 |

Project Partners and Collaborators

| Name | Organization | Role | Receiving Funds |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|
| City Comprehensive Plan Committee | City of Virginia | Future Planning and Project Development | No |
| City Park and Recreation Committee | City of Virginia | Future Planning and Project Development | No |
| Brian Silber | Parks and Recreation Director, City of Virginia | Trail Maintenance | No |
| Mayor and City Council | City of Virginia | Project Administration | No |

Dissemination

Describe your plans for dissemination, presentation, documentation, or sharing of data, results, samples, physical collections, and other products and how they will follow ENRTF Acknowledgement Requirements and Guidelines.

City has promoted project by attending civic meetings and updating residents on project. Prior to plans beginning for this project, City Staff has engaged numerous civic groups including our local Rotary Club, the Soroptimists Club, and user groups to discuss the project. Many comments of approval to make this area more easily accessed by all levels of mobility. The trails in town continue to see increased use after the COVID Pandemic. Outdoor nature seems to be a way of life for many of the City residents and visitors. City Council has publicly discussed the project at their regular meetings. Promotion of the project is updated on City website at <https://virginiamn.us/silverlaketrail/index.php>. Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund has been acknowledged through use of the trust fund logo or attribution language on project print and electronic media, publications, signage, and other communications per the ENTRF Acknowledgment Guidelines. Bid documents for the construction portion of the project require the Contractor to place ENTRF required signage on site at all times during construction. Once the City receives a set construction date, news articles and press releases will be issued to notify the public of the upcoming construction.

Long-Term Implementation and Funding

Describe how the results will be implemented and how any ongoing effort will be funded. If not already addressed as part of the project, how will findings, results, and products developed be implemented after project completion? If additional work is needed, how will this work be funded?

The City of Virginia will be budgeted annually to maintain and repair the connector trail as they do with all City infrastructure within the City. Additional funding will be sought for any additions to the City's trails, parks or any additional activities undertaken to compliment this project.

Other ENRTF Appropriations Awarded in the Last Six Years

| Name | Appropriation | Amount Awarded |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Bailey Lake Trail and Fishing Pier | M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09k | \$550,000 |

Budget Summary

| Category / Name | Subcategory or Type | Description | Purpose | Gen. Ineligible | % Benefits | # FTE | Classified Staff? | \$ Amount | \$ Amount Spent | \$ Amount Remaining |
|--|---------------------|---|---------|-----------------|------------|-------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Personnel | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - | - | - |
| Contracts and Services | | | | | | | | | | |
| S.E.H. Engineering | Service Contract | Engineer will oversee all aspects of design and construction administration. Engineer will be selected through a qualifications process. | | | | 6 | | \$100,000 | \$100,000 | - |
| Mesabi Bituminous - General Contractor | Service Contract | General Contract will oversee all aspects of the project construction. General Contractor will be selected through a competitive bid process. | | | | 6 | | \$627,000 | \$621,271 | \$5,729 |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | \$727,000 | \$721,271 | \$5,729 |
| Equipment, Tools, and Supplies | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - | - | - |
| Capital Expenditures | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - | - | - |
| Acquisitions and Stewardship | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - | - | - |
| Travel In Minnesota | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - | - | - |
| Travel Outside Minnesota | | | | | | | | | | |

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|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - | - | - |
| Printing and Publication | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - | - | - |
| Other Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Sub Total | - | - | - |
| | | | | | | | Grand Total | \$727,000 | \$721,271 | \$5,729 |

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

| Category/Name | Subcategory or Type | Description | Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------|--|
|---------------|---------------------|-------------|--|

Non ENRTF Funds

| Category | Specific Source | Use | Status | \$ Amount | \$ Amount Spent | \$ Amount Remaining |
|-----------|-----------------|-----|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| State | | | | | | |
| | | | State Sub Total | - | - | - |
| Non-State | | | | | | |
| | | | Non State Sub Total | - | - | - |
| | | | Funds Total | - | - | - |

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [3dd02cb8-f56.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

Visual Shows Trail Location and Work to be performed...

Board Resolution or Letter

| Title | File |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Resolution of City Council | 5c3d523b-9bf.docx |

Supplemental Attachments

Capital Project Questionnaire, Budget Supplements, Support Letter, Photos, Media, Other

| Title | File |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Background Check Certification Form | 1669084e-aa5.pdf |
| Bid Tab | 36300a2b-21a.pdf |
| Existing Trail Conditions Photos 06.2024 (BEFORE) | 73f451db-910.pdf |
| Silver Lake Trail Connection Map - Phase 1, 2, and 3 | dad530db-437.pdf |
| Trail Map 06.2024 | b415ff16-f5f.pdf |
| Permanent Signage - Silver Lake Trail | 460cece7-761.pdf |
| Silver Lake Construction Sign | 9b282401-d63.jpe |
| Winter Trail | 5e5d5db7-364.jpe |
| Bench on Trail - Silver Lake Trail Connection | 3f801af7-5a4.jpe |
| Native Grass Re-establishment | 4e92487d-54c.jpe |
| Native Tree Planting - after Construction | b211baf8-279.jpe |
| Silver Lake Trail Connection Updated Photos | e0c128a7-1b7.pdf |

Difference between Proposal and Work Plan

Describe changes from Proposal to Work Plan Stage

Due to cut in funding that was requested, the project scope has been decreased. Commodities were removed such as digital signs that were to be located at Silver Lake (2), Baileys Lake (2), and MECC Area (2). Lighting was removed including 4 light poles with bases, electrical conduit, and utility connection along SILVER TRAIL NORTH, 11 light poles with bases along BAILEY LAKE, and 6 Light poles at MECC Building Area Trail were removed. Bike racks were removed - 1 at Silver Lake and 2 at MECC Building Area. The portion of trail that was to be constructed along the MECC Building Area has been removed and will be reevaluated in another fiscal year

Additional Acknowledgements and Conditions:

The following are acknowledgements and conditions beyond those already included in the above workplan:

Do you understand and acknowledge the ENRTF repayment requirements if the use of capital equipment changes?

N/A

Do you understand that travel expenses are only approved if they follow the "Commissioner's Plan" promulgated by the Commissioner of Management of Budget or, for University of Minnesota projects, the University of Minnesota plan?

N/A

Does your project have potential for royalties, copyrights, patents, sale of products and assets, or revenue generation?

No

Do you understand and acknowledge IP and revenue-return and sharing requirements in 116P.10?

N/A

Do you wish to request reinvestment of any revenues into your project instead of returning revenue to the ENRTF?

N/A

Does your project include original, hypothesis-driven research?

No

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No

Do you understand that a named service contract does not constitute a funder-designated subrecipient or approval of a sole-source contract? In other words, a service contract entity is only approved if it has been selected according to the contracting rules identified in state law and policy for organizations that receive ENRTF funds through direct appropriations, or in the DNR's reimbursement manual for non-state organizations. These rules may include competitive bidding and prevailing wage requirements

Not acknowledged

Work Plan Amendments

| Amendment ID | Request Type | Changes made on the following pages | Explanation & justification for Amendment Request (word limit 75) | Date Submitted | Approved | Date of LCCMR Action |
|--------------|-------------------|---|---|-------------------|----------|----------------------|
| 1 | Amendment Request | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget - Professional / Technical Contracts | LCCMR Staff Request to update with contractors name. S.E.H Engineering was selected by City as Engineering Firm to complete Design Work, Specifications for Project, Bidding, Permitting, and Construction Management | September 1, 2023 | Yes | October 6, 2023 |
| 2 | Amendment Request | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Dissemination Activities and Milestones Budget - Professional / Technical Contracts Attachments | Activity 2 Construction - Contractor name updated to Mesabi Bituminous. Project scope changed from Phase I to Phase II due to lack of ability to obtain temporary construction easements. Bids received were favorable, thus items removed from original scope of work by amendment will be added back into the budget to complete the project. | June 17, 2024 | Yes | June 20, 2024 |
| 3 | Completion Date | Previous Completion Date: 12/31/2024 New Completion Date: 06/30/2025 | Due to winter weather conditions, City needs more time to secure and place final amenities including signage, benches, garbage cans, and bike racks. | February 14, 2025 | Yes | February 20, 2025 |

Status Update Reporting

Final Status Update August 14, 2025

Date Submitted: December 5, 2025

Date Approved: December 15, 2025

Overall Update

Significant progress was made toward achieving the outcomes outlined in the Narrative. The Silver Lake Trail Connection is now complete, with major grading, base construction, initial surfacing, and final paving and signage finished in May 2025. In June 2025, signage, 2 bike racks, and 2 benches were installed, and native grasses were planted in disturbed areas to enhance the appearance of the corridor. A total of 1,050 feet of a 10-foot-wide paved bituminous trail was constructed as part of this phase of the overall project. Additionally, five lights were installed along the Silver Lake Trail and thirteen along the Bailey Lake Trail, improving safety and usability. The trail is already seeing use by residents and visitors, providing safe, non-motorized access to parks, schools, and recreation areas. Since the start of the overall project, more than 2.5 miles of trail have been built, directly linking five city parks, two schools, and multiple neighborhoods. Public feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many noting increased opportunities for walking, biking, and outdoor activity. Overall, the project is actively advancing the city's goals of promoting healthy lifestyles and sustainable transportation.

Activity 1

As of the final project update, Activity 1 is now 100% complete. Since the February 2025 update, the Engineering Firm has finalized all remaining construction management tasks, including post-construction inspections and warranty compliance verification. These final reviews, completed in Spring 2025, confirmed that all construction work met the required specifications and standards outlined in the original design and contractual documents. Cumulatively, Activity 1 has encompassed all phases of project design, permitting, plan development, bidding assistance, construction administration, and ongoing communication with stakeholders. The engineer's responsibilities—including surveying, staking, material testing, and on-site observation—were completed on schedule and within scope. Final documentation has been submitted, and no outstanding engineering tasks remain open.

(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)

Activity 2

This activity was previously marked complete.

(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)

Activity 3

As of June 30, 2025, Activity 3 of the Silver Lake Trail Connection Project is fully complete. Since the March 2025 update, all remaining construction and amenity installation has been finalized. Signage has been successfully installed at Silver Lake, Baileys Lake, and the MECC area. Bike racks have also been placed at both Silver Lake and the MECC Building Area.

Cumulatively, Activity 3 delivered all planned infrastructure and enhancements: over 1,000 feet of ADA-compliant, 10-foot-wide multimodal trail along the East Two River; a 450-foot bike lane/trail along 5th Street South; and added safety and user features including new signage, fencing, lighting, benches, and crosswalk striping. With the favorable bid environment, previously removed features from Activity 2—such as signage and lighting—were incorporated into this phase. See photos: "Bench on Trail - Silver Lake Trail Connection", "Native Grass Re-establishment", and "Native Tree Planting - after Construction".

The trail is now fully operational year-round, including ongoing snow removal by City crews. All deliverables and supporting documentation, including final photos, have been uploaded to the Attachments page. The project has

successfully met

(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)

Dissemination

Promotion of the project is updated on City website at <https://virginiamn.us/silverlaketrail/index.php>. Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund has been acknowledged through use of the trust fund logo or attribution language on project print and electronic media, publications, signage, and other communications per the ENTRF Acknowledgment Guidelines. Bid documents for the construction portion of the project required the Contractor to place ENTRF required signage on site at all times during construction (see Attachment; Photo - Silver Lake Trail Construction Sign).

Additionally, the trail is signed as the Silver Lake Trail with the ENTRF Acknowledgment. City has secured new trail signs to designate the new trail system funded by LCCMR around Baileys Lake and Silver Lake, including special points of interest in the City. This new wayfinding signage will include the ENTRF Acknowledgment.

Status Update Reporting

Status Update March 1, 2025

Date Submitted: February 27, 2025

Date Approved: March 11, 2025

Overall Update

As of 02/28/2025, Activity 1 is 95% completed. Activity 1 included the Design Work, Engineering, and Construction management of the trail. As the bulk of construction is done, this phase is nearly completed. Activity 2 is 100% completed. Activity 3 of the Silver Lake Trail Connection Project is 80% completed as of 03/1/2025. Construction crews have completed the physical construction of the bituminous multi modal trail along 9th Avenue roadway, connecting to 12th Avenue. New light poles have been installed on Baileys Lake, Silver Lake and the newly created Silver Lake Trail Connection. The remaining items to be completed in Activity 3 are the ancillary item placement such as garbage cans, bike racks, and benches. Final completion of the Silver Lake Trail Connection is planned for late May/early June 2025 depending on in ground frost conditions. Compliments have been received by many public users of the trail on the quaint, countrylike setting of the trail in town. It has been rewarding to hear this.

Activity 1

As of 02/28/2025, Activity 1 is 95% completed. Activity 1 included the Design Work, Engineering, and Construction management of the trail. Since the update of September 2024, the selected Engineering Firm completed the majority of the construction management duties. As the bulk of construction is done, this phase is nearly completed. The remaining 5% of work will be completed in Spring when the Engineering Firm verifies that the work that has been completed in 2024 has upheld and is in compliance with any warranties provided during construction.

Activity 2

This activity was previously marked complete.

(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)

Activity 3

Activity 3 of the Silver Lake Trail Connection Project is 80% completed as of 02/14/2025. Construction crews have completed the construction of the bituminous multi modal trail along 9th Avenue roadway, connecting to 12th Avenue. New light poles have been installed on Baileys Lake, Silver Lake and the newly created Silver Lake Trail Connection. The trail is open all year with City crews completing snow removal. Please see attached photos entitled "Winter Trail". The remaining items to be completed as of 02/14/2025 include installation of the digital signs at Silver Lake (1), Baileys Lake (1), and MECC Area (1), as well as the placement of the bike racks at Silver Lake and the MECC Building Area. City staff has begun to work on procurement of these items and expects to have them in place by late May 2025 or early June 2025, after the frost has left the ground. Staff is still seeking a vendor for the digital displays and due to lack of broadband option in the area, we are struggling to find a vendor. We expect to have a solution for the digital displays by the end of May 2025.

Dissemination

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Additionally, the trail will be signed as the Silver Lake Trail with the ENTRF Acknowledgment. City has secured new trail

signs designate the new trail system funded by LCCMR around Baileys Lake and Silver Lake, including special points of interest in the City. This new wayfinding signage will include the ENTRF Acknowledgment.

Additional Status Update Reporting

Additional Status Update February 14, 2025

Date Submitted: February 27, 2025

Date Approved: March 11, 2025

Overall Update

The City & its Consultant Engineers have received competitive bids for Phase II of the planned project (See Visual Aid Silver Lake Trail Connection Phase 1 and 2 Project Exhibit) .Bids for Phase II were opened online via QuestCDN at 10:00 a.m. on February 7, 2024, for this project. The low bid was submitted by Mesabi Bituminous of Gilbert, Minnesota in the amount of \$464,645.00. See Visual Aid " Bid Tab." Construction work began in July 2024.

Activity 3 of the Silver Lake Trail Connection Project is 80% completed as of 02/14/2025. Construction crews have completed the construction of the bituminous multi modal trail along 9th Avenue roadway, connecting to 12th Avenue. New light poles have been installed on Baileys Lake, Silver Lake and the newly created Silver Lake Trail Connection. The remaining items to be completed are the ancillary item placement such as garbage cans, bike racks, and benches. Final completion of the Silver Lake Trail Connection is planned for late May/early June 2025 depending on in ground frost conditions.

Activity 1

A preliminary design was provided to adjacent landowners, who needed to provide permanent easements for City use since the proposed trail was much wider than the existing trail. The City, with assistance from the Engineer and City Attorney, attempted to obtain all the necessary temporary and permanent easements but was unsuccessful. In order to keep the project moving, the City asked the engineer to proceed with the full project design (Phase I and Phase II), as well as bidding documents and permitting for Phase II. The City had contracted with S.E.H. to obtain all required permits needed to work on and near waterways, as the trail was planned to run adjacent to a creek. The Engineer worked with the MN DNR to secure the proper permits, such as erosion, stormwater, and wetland impact permits. Design work was completed in February 2024, and bids were opened on February 7, 2024. While our selected contractor was completing construction, the Engineer transitioned to the construction administration phase of their contract to oversee the construction project and ensure its completion. Construction management is 95% completed and will be complete by May 2025 when all phases are complete.

Activity 2

This activity was previously marked complete.

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Activity 3

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Dissemination

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Additionally, the trail will be signed as the Silver Lake Trail with the ENTRF Acknowledgment. City has secured new trail signs designate the new trail system funded by LCCMR around Baileys Lake and Silver Lake, including special points of interest in the City. This new wayfinding signage will include the ENTRF Acknowledgment.

Status Update Reporting

Status Update September 1, 2024

Date Submitted: September 24, 2024

Date Approved: October 28, 2024

Overall Update

Our original plans for this project included phasing this project into two phases. The City and adjacent land owners were not able to secure required temporary easements for construction nor permanent easement from one owner for Phase I (Activity 2) thus this phase was deemed not feasible at this time. Thus the City & its Consultant Engineers have received competitive bids for Phase II of the planned project (See Visual Aid Silver Lake Trail Connection Phase 1 and 2 Project Exhibit) .Bids for Phase II were opened online via QuestCDN at 10:00 a.m. on February 7, 2024, for this project. The low bid was submitted by Mesabi Bituminous of Gilbert, Minnesota in the amount of \$464,645.00. See Visual Aid " Bid Tab." Construction work began in July 2024.

As of 09/24/2024, the final remaining construction items to be completed to include fencing, lighting, and placement of sod. City will continue to purchase the related ancillary items such as garbage cans, picnic tables, benches, and wayfinding signage in winter of 2024. Final completion of the Silver Lake Trail Connection is planned for May 2025.

Activity 1

A preliminary design was provided to adjacent landowners, whom need to provide permanent easements for City use as the proposed trail is much wider than the existing trail. The City, with assistance from the Engineer and City Attorney, attempted to obtain all the necessary temporary and permanent easements but to no avail. In order to keep the project moving, the City did ask engineer to proceed with full project design (Phase I and Phase II) as well as bidding documents, and permitting for Phase II. City had contracted with S.E.H. to obtain all required permits needed to work on and near waterways - as this trail will run adjacent to a creek. Engineer worked with MN DNR to obtain the proper permits such as erosion permits, Stormwater permits, and wetland impact permits. Design work was completed in February 2024, bids were opened on February 7, 2024. Once selected contractor began his work, the Engineer moved to the construction administration phase of their contract to oversee the construction project and the construction work through completion.

Activity 2

Completion of Design was completed for both Phase I and Phase II by Dec 2023. Engineer has obtained proper permits such as erosion permits, Stormwater permits, and wetland impact permits for Phase II of the project. Because the Phase I was deemed not feasible due to lack of obtaining easements, permits were not needed for Phase I. As of April 2024, Phase 1 of Construction, (sidewalk section) was deemed not possible at this time due to easement issues. Construction bids for Phase II were received and a contractor has been selected and anticipates work to begin in July 2024. City will pursue this phase at a later date if the parties who are required to grant an easement express the desire to work with the City.

(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)

Activity 3

Activity 3 of the Silver Lake Trail Connection Project is 75% completed as of 09.24.2024. Construction crews have completed clearing and grubbing for the trail site, removal of existing curb/sidewalk/bituminous has been completed in order to construct the trail, the addition of concrete pavement pedestrian ramps and connections to roadways has been completed, bituminous pavement to create the trail has been placed, the replacement of timber on the foot bridge has been completed. The construction crews mitigated traffic through signage control system as required, provided storm drainage protection as required by MN DNR, and has completed the new crosswalk striping and bike lane pavement markings. The remaining items to be completed include placement of new lighting, placement of digital signs at Silver

Lake (2), Baileys Lake (2), and MECC Area (2), as well as the addition of bike racks at Silver Lake and the MECC Building Area.

Dissemination

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Status Update Reporting

Status Update March 1, 2024

Date Submitted: June 17, 2024

Date Approved: June 20, 2024

Overall Update

Our original plans for this project included phasing this project into two phases. The funding received by LCCMR was for Phase I, which is located along City owned 9th Avenue. The City and its consultants had been working with private property owners on easement acquisition and design. All parties that are impacted were part of the discussions to design this trail as it will impact their adjacent properties. The City and adjacent land owners were not able to secure required temporary easements for construction nor permanent easement from one owner. Phase I (Activity 2) was deemed not feasible. Thus the City & its Consultant Engineers have received competitive bids for Phase II of the planned project (See Visual Aid Silver Lake Trail Connection Phase 1 and 2 Project Exhibit) .Bids for Phase II were opened online via QuestCDN at 10:00 a.m. on February 7, 2024, for this project. The low bid was submitted by Mesabi Bituminous of Gilbert, Minnesota in the amount of \$464,645.00. See Visual Aid " Bid Tab." Engineer is working on setting a construction begin date and expects this will be in July 2024.

Activity 1

A preliminary design has been provided to adjacent landowners, whom need to provide permanent easements for City use as the proposed trail is much wider than the existing trail. The City continues to obtain the necessary temporary and permanent easements but to no avail. In order to keep the project moving, the City did ask engineer to proceed with full project design (Phase I and Phase II) as well as bidding documents, and permitting for Phase II. City has contracted with S.E.H. to obtain all required permits needed to work on and near waterways - as this trail will run adjacent to a creek. Engineer is working with DNR to obtain the proper permits such as erosion permits, Stormwater permits, and wetland impact permits. While we are waiting for the permits, S.E.H has continued on bidding and construction documents. Bids were open on 02/7/24 and City anticipates construction management services from S.E.H. to begin at time of construction start, which is July 2024.

Activity 2

Activity 1 was temporarily delayed due to inability to successfully obtain temporary construction easements and one permanent easement for the portion of the trail known as Phase I. Activity 2 - Completion of Design was completed for both Phase I and Phase II by Dec 2023. Engineer has obtained proper permits such as erosion permits, Stormwater permits, and wetland impact permits for Phase II of the project. These permits are not needed for Phase I. As of April 2024, Phase 1 of Construction, (sidewalk section) was deemed not possible at this time due to easement issues. Construction bids for Phase II were received and a contractor has been selected and anticipates work to begin in July 2024.

ACTIVITY 3 UPDATE

(This activity marked as complete as of this status update)

Dissemination

Promotion of the project is updated on City website at <https://virginiamn.us/silverlaketrail/index.php>. Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund has been acknowledged through use of the trust fund logo or attribution language on project print and electronic media, publications, signage, and other communications per the ENTRF Acknowledgment Guidelines. Bid documents for the construction portion of the project require the Contractor to place ENTRF required signage on site at all times during construction. Once the City receives a set construction date, news articles and press releases will be issued to notify the public of the upcoming construction.

Status Update Reporting

Status Update September 1, 2023

Date Submitted: September 1, 2023

Date Approved: October 6, 2023

Overall Update

The City and its consultants have been working with private property owners on easement acquisition and design. All parties that are impacted have been part of the discussion to design this trail as it will impact their adjacent properties. See Visual Aid "Design" Engineer is working on plans, specifications, and bidding documents. We expect to submit this project for bid by contractors in Fall/Winter 2023 with construction to be completed by Summer 2024.

Activity 1

A preliminary design has been provided to adjacent landowners, whom need to provide permanent easements for City use as the proposed trail is much wider than the existing trail. The engineer continues to currently working on project design as well as bidding documents, and permitting. City has contracted with S.E.H. to obtain all required permits needed to work on and near waterways - as this trail will run adjacent to a creek. Engineer is working with DNR to obtain the proper permits such as erosion permits, Stormwater permits, and wetland impact permits. While we are waiting for the permits, S.E.H has continued on bidding and construction documents.

Activity 2

Due to delay in Activity 1, Activity 2 - Completion of Design has not been completed. It is expected this will be completed by Fall 2023. Engineer is working with DNR to obtain the proper permits such as erosion permits, Stormwater permits, and wetland impact permits. While we are waiting for the permits, S.E.H has continued on bidding and construction documents and these are also expected to be completed by Fall 2023.

Dissemination

A pre-design meeting was held on March 19, 2023 and April 3, 2023 with public invited to attend. . Promotion of the project is updated on City website at <https://virginiamn.us/silverlaketraill/index.php>. Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund has been acknowledged through use of the trust fund logo or attribution language on project print and electronic media, publications, signage, and other communications per the ENTRF Acknowledgment Guidelines.

Status Update Reporting

Status Update March 1, 2023

Date Submitted: April 14, 2023

Date Approved: May 9, 2023

Overall Update

Plans are being completed by Engineer. Meeting with adjacent property owners is scheduled for March 3, 2023 to discuss trail construction and any potential impact to them.

Activity 1

Design has been started by contractor - Short Elliot Hendrickson (S.E.H). Design work and plans will be presented to affected community members by 05/02/2023 to discuss any impacts, comments, and suggestions. Revisions will be made as needed.

Activity 2

Construction has not yet begun

Dissemination

It is anticipated that Dissemination and Promotion of the new trail connector will begin immediately after revisions are made, once we have met with affected community members.