



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 21-0589R AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) FOR THE OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP (ORLP) PROGRAM FOR \$2,000,000 TO IMPLEMENT THE WAABIZHESHKANA: THE MARTEN TRAIL MINI-MASTER PLAN AND INTERPRETIVE PLAN

CITY PROPOSAL:

BE IT RESOLVED that City of Duluth act as legal sponsor for the project contained in the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership grant application to be submitted on 24 September 2021 and that Noah Schuchman, Chief Administrative Officer, is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Natural Resources for funding of this project on behalf of City of Duluth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Duluth has read the Conflict of Interest Policy and, upon discovery, certifies it will report to the State any actual, potential, or perceived individual or organizational conflicts of interest to the application or grant award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Duluth has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and it has the financial capability to meet the match requirement (if any) and ensure adequate construction, operation, maintenance and replacement of the proposed project for its design life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Duluth has not incurred any development costs and has not entered into a written purchase agreement to acquire the property described in the budget section on this application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of Duluth has or will acquire fee title or permanent easement over the land described in the site plan included in the application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon approval of its application by the State, City of Duluth may enter into an agreement with the State for the above-referenced project, and that City of Duluth certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the grant agreement including recording a restriction dedicating the park property into perpetuity for uses consistent with Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program on the property record.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution amends 21-0589R. The amendment includes two changes:

1. Additional standard application authorization language required of all applicants by the National Park Service and the Department of Natural Resources.
2. An increase in the amount of the request from \$1,120,000 to \$2,000,000 to reflect an increase in the estimated cost of trail construction and the addition of improvements to the public water access planned for Perch Lake.

In total, the grant would fund construction of one mile of the Marten Trail from Munger Landing to the shoreline south of Blackmer Park, improvements to public water accesses at Munger Landing and Perch Lake, and improvements to Blackmer Park in the Morgan Park neighborhood.

This is a federally funded grant program for which a 1:1 non-federal match is required. To meet this match requirement, the City has previously submitted Marten Trail funding requests for \$2,000,000 from the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) and \$286,800 from the Minnesota Historical Society.