

# Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application



**Name of Organization** – Bottineau County

**Federal Tax ID#** - 45-6002201

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**List names of co-applicants if this is a joint proposal** – Not Applicable

**Major Directive** –

- Directive D. – Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

**Additional Directive** –

- Directive A. – Providing access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen.

**Type of organization** – Political Subdivision

**Project Name** – Lake Metigoshe Narrows Improvements

**Abstract/Executive Summary –**

Bottineau County is requesting support to develop a turnout that will expand the general public's access and enhance a scenic overlook of Lake Metigoshe at an area referred to as the "Narrows".

Lake Metigoshe, located in the Turtle Mountains approximately 15 miles north of Bottineau is in a region of North Dakota that is a popular year-round destination for outdoor recreation. Shoreline along the Lake is mostly privately held except for three points of public access. One is Lake Metigoshe State Park, another is a Forest Service campground at Hahn's Bay. The third is a small County Park located in area known as the Narrows,

The Narrows is an area where the Lake Loop Road, that provides access to Lake Metigoshe, passes through a stretch that separates the north and south portions of the Lake. In this area the County has developed Hoffas County Park, with a children's playground, a public restroom, public boat ramp, and ND Game and Fish provided fishing piers that are also maintained by the County. In addition this area is a trailhead for a shared used path. Hoffas Park is an ideal spot for the public to have scenic view of both the north and south portions of the Lake and gain access to the Lake without having to enter the State Park or the Forest Service campground.



At various times during the year, this area is also used as a staging area for ice fishing tournaments, and a temporary vending area for food trucks associated with other events at Lake Metigoshe.

Bottineau County is proposing to enhance the public's opportunity to utilize this point as a safe place to turn off the road to access the public amenities and to have a scenic view of Lake Metigoshe. The proposed improvements will extend the viewing area into the Lake by adding 10,000 cubic yards of fill and riprap – and developing a graveled parking area. The project design will take into

account the aesthetic nature of a lake setting and include landscaping features to beautify the area.

During peak times of usage, the Narrows is congested with patrons maneuvering and launching watercraft at the boat ramp while being in potential conflict with traffic on the Lake Loop Road and the shared use path which are both in very close proximity. This area is also utilized during the winter season as a staging area for snowmobile traffic and ice fishermen accessing the Lake.

These proposed improvements will provide the public, that doesn't have access to the privately owned portions of the Lake, to better view and safer access to Lake Metigoshe – and allow single-day patrons who do not wish to utilize the fee based amenities associated with the State Park or the Forest Service the opportunity to experience the recreational opportunities.

**Project Duration –**

The proposed improvements would be scheduled for construction during the summer of 2019. The project would be considered a long-term enhancement to the Narrows area of Lake Metigoshe that would provide a safe environment to the public for accessing the Lake and adjoining shared use path.

**Amount of Grant request – \$143,561.00**

**Total Project Costs – \$218,082.00**

**Matching Funds – \$74,521.00 (34%)**

**Source(s) of Matching Funds –**

| Amount of Match | Funding Source   | Type of Match                                                                                               |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$74,521.00     | Bottineau County | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect |

**Certifications –**

- ⊗ I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.
- ⊗ I certify that if awarded grant funding none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions as outlined in the OHF program guidelines.



**Narrative –**

**Organization Information –**

Bottineau County’s Park Board consists of the five commissioners and two appointed members. The County Auditor, with support from the Park Board, oversees the three County Parks including Carbury Dam, Mystical Horizons and Hoffas Park at the Lake Metigoshe narrows. Camping is available at Carbury Dam and is a very popular spot to get away from the more populated camping areas. The Park Board is responsible for making sure the parks are mowed, maintained, and safe for everyone to enjoy. Funding for maintenance of the County Parks comes from the County’s General Fund.

**Purpose of Grant – Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program –**

The Turtle Mountain region of North Dakota has consistently seen substantial outdoor recreation use for many years. It is truly a “four season” destination for hunting/fishing, boating/camping, hiking/biking, and skiing/snowmobiling. The beautiful setting, amenities and facilities at Lake Metigoshe cater to all these activities. Bottineau County has participated in helping to provide some of these opportunities. The project being proposed at Hoffas County Park will match two of the directives of the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

The Major directive outlined in “D”, providing the establishment and development of parks and recreation areas. This directive will be met by the enhancement of the existing turnout at the Metigoshe Narrows with additional space for viewing and accessing the Lake while alleviating the congestion and conflicts with the existing County Road, shared use path, boat ramp and playground all of which are within close proximity to one another.

The additional directive outlined in “A”, providing access to sportsmen, will also be met by providing the enhanced access to both the summer and winter fishermen. There are two fishing piers located here, one on each side of the road – a boat ramp allowing access to the Lake (and temporary parking) – and ice fishermen who use this area for motorized access to the Lake. In addition the Lake hosts ice fishing tournaments that utilize this area as a staging point – one being the National Blue Gill Ice Fishing Tournament.

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| Please list the counties that would be impacted by this project:<br><br>Bottineau County                                                                                              |
| Is this project part of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan?<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, If yes, provide copy of plan with the application. |

**Management of Project – Provide a description of how you will manage and oversee the project to ensure it is carried out on schedule and in a manner that best ensures its objectives will be met. –**

Bottineau has successfully developed recreational sites in the past - a campground at Carbury Dam, a shared use path at Lake Metigoshe, and a Mystical Horizons tourist site in the Turtle Mountains. County staff are experienced in maintaining these recreational sites and Commissioners and Park Board members will utilize construction managers for implementation and development of the proposed project.

**Evaluation – Describe your plan to document progress and results. –**

The project concept and plan has been developed by qualified consultants and project implementation will involve permitting and evaluation by regulatory agencies to insure design and construction is sound and environmentally compatible.

The project goal is to provide the general public enhanced access to Lake Metigoshe for recreational usage and scenic vistas in a safer environment. If this achieved then the project is a success.

**Financial Information**

**Project Budget –**

| Project Expense      | OHF Request  | Applicant's Match Share (Cash) | Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind) | Applicant's Match Share (Indirect) | Other Project Sponsor's Share | Total Each Project Expense |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Project Construction | \$143,561.00 | \$46,076.00                    |                                   |                                    |                               | \$189,637.00               |
| Project Engineering  | \$0.00       | \$28,445.00                    |                                   |                                    |                               | \$28,445.00                |
|                      |              |                                |                                   |                                    |                               |                            |
|                      |              |                                |                                   |                                    |                               |                            |
|                      |              |                                |                                   |                                    |                               |                            |
| Total Costs          | \$143,561.00 | \$74,521.00                    |                                   |                                    |                               | \$218,082.00               |

I certify that a project budget will be sent to the Commission



## Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost

Lake Metigoshe Narrows

OHF Application

DATE: 11/27/2017

Prepared By: KDI

| Spec | Code | Description                               | Units | Estimated Quantity | Estimated Unit Cost | Total Cost   |
|------|------|-------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 103  | 0100 | Contract Bond                             | L SUM | 1                  | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ 2,000.00  |
| 203  | 0140 | Borrow - Excavation                       | CY    | 10,000             | \$ 8.00             | \$ 80,000.00 |
| 216  | 0100 | Water                                     | MGAL  | 20                 | \$ 50.00            | \$ 1,000.00  |
| 256  | 0200 | Riprap Grade II                           | CY    | 756                | \$ 40.00            | \$ 30,240.00 |
| 261  | 0112 | Fiber Rolls 12IN                          | LF    | 425                | \$ 5.00             | \$ 2,125.00  |
| 262  | 0100 | Flotation Silt Curtain                    | LF    | 400                | \$ 25.00            | \$ 10,000.00 |
| 262  | 0101 | Remove Flotation Silt Curtain             |       | 400                | \$ 5.00             | \$ 2,000.00  |
| 302  | 0356 | Aggregate Surface Course CL 13 (Modified) | Ton   | 605                | \$ 20.00            | \$ 12,100.00 |
| 702  | 0100 | Mobilization                              | L SUM | 1                  | \$ 40,000.00        | \$ 40,000.00 |
| 704  | 0100 | Flagging                                  | MHR   | 200                | \$ 30.00            | \$ 6,000.00  |
| 704  | 1067 | Tubular Markers                           | EA    | 20                 | \$ 10.00            | \$ 200.00    |
| 704  | 1000 | Traffic Control Signs                     | UNITS | 380                | \$ 3.00             | \$ 1,140.00  |
| 709  | 0155 | Geosynthetic Material Type RR             | SY    | 944                | \$ 3.00             | \$ 2,832.00  |

**Construction Total \$ 189,637.00**

**Engineering \$ 28,445.00**

OHF Funds (66%) \$ 143,561.00

Local Funds (34%) \$ 74,521.00



**Sustainability – Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years. –**

Hoffas Park at the Lake Metigoshe narrows is a part of the Bottineau County park system, and as such the Bottineau County Park Board assumes all responsibility for maintaining the parks within their system. County personnel perform upkeep, mowing/trimming, garbage disposal, snow removal, and toilet maintenance as needed. The Bottineau County Commission annually budgets for the needed upkeep and maintenance.

**Partial Funding – Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested. –**

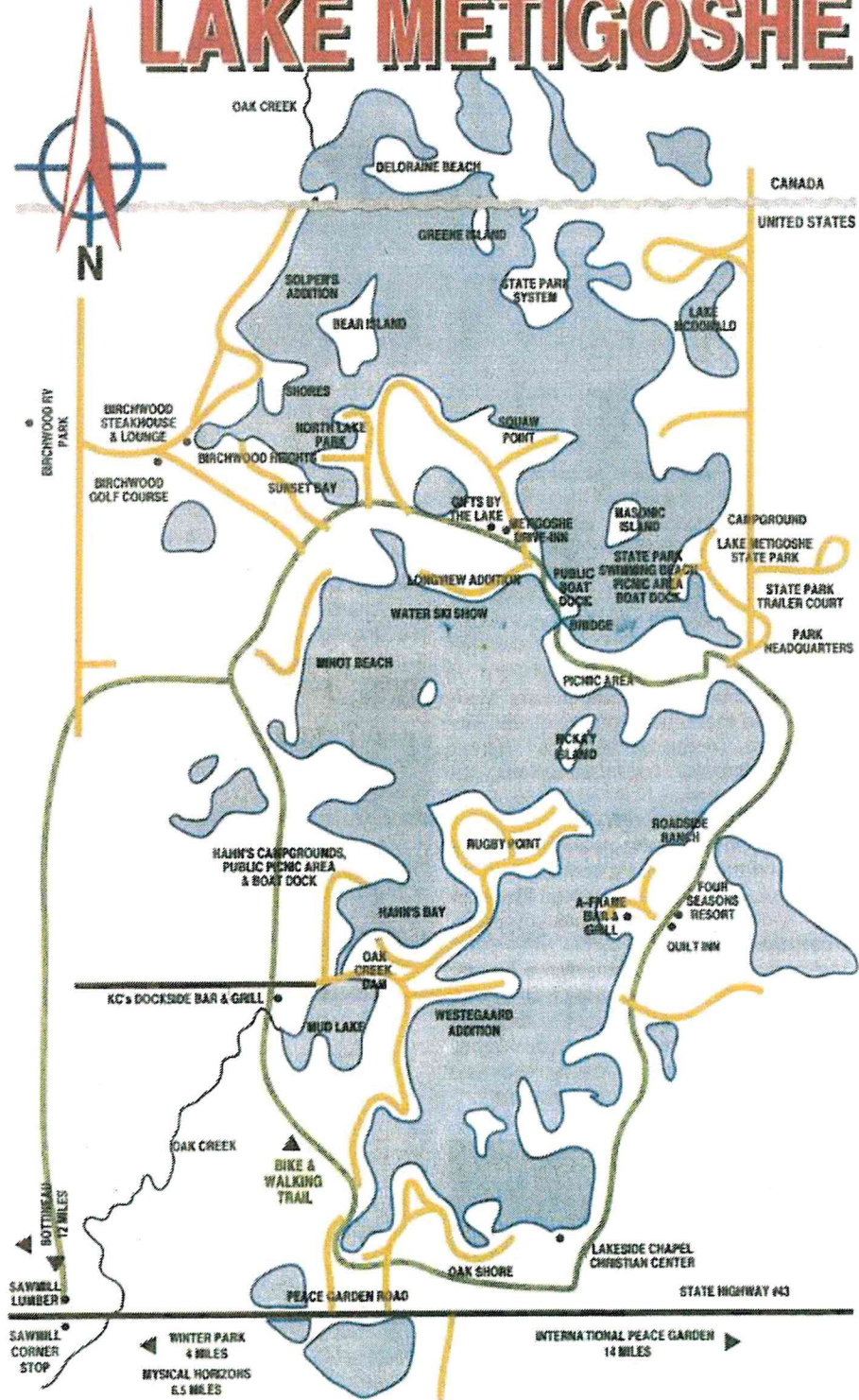
If less than the amount requested from the Outdoor Heritage Fund is granted, Bottineau County will reevaluate the project options. The first priority will be to complete the project as presented by seeking to enhance the project budget from additional resources to be determined. The second priority will be to complete as much of the proposed project as funds will allow, and to seek additional resources in the future to complete the project. In each scenario the County is committed to develop and complete this project as intended.

**Partnership Recognition - If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership? –**

The Bottineau County Commission will include in any planned signage at Hoffas Park funding recognition to the Outdoor Heritage Fund. The Fund will also be publically recognized in any local media coverage of any groundbreaking or dedication ceremony or event.



# LAKE METIGOSHE







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August 23, 2018

RE: Bottineau County Park District Lake Metigoshe Narrows Project

As Director, I am writing on behalf of the Bottineau Area Chamber of Commerce in support of Bottineau County's proposal for a grant to fund a turnout at the Lake Metigoshe Narrows. We strongly support the application and the focus on developing a parking area and enhancing the lake access.

In the past two years during our annual community events at Lake Metigoshe, we have experienced the challenge of not having enough parking space for those attending these growing events. As well, lake businesses have approached our organization with the concern of day tourists taking up the parking spaces for their patrons, since space is very limited for the tourists to park without paying a fee.

We are fortunate to live in a year-round vacation destination and Lake Metigoshe offers many popular outdoor activities. As our local tourism increases, having a larger usable space at the Narrows will provide better access to the lake, as well as safer access to the shared hiking/biking path, making any visit to Lake Metigoshe a better one.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration and attention to this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Best regards,

Trudy Marum  
Director

Lake Metigoshe Rec Service District (LMRSD)

#24 Longview Rd E

Bottineau, ND 58318

To: Bottineau County

Subject: The Narrows Expansion

Enhancing and expanding The Narrows would be very beneficial for the public that utilizes that area for swimming, boating, biking, hiking and just enjoying the outdoors at beautiful Lake Metigoshe.

The congestion at the Narrows from Memorial Day through Labor Day is growing each year as the popularity of Lake Metigoshe increases, causing more pedestrian and vehicle traffic through this area. The Narrows has even become a bit congested in the winter months due to the large number of people using it to enter and exit the lake with their fish houses. Having more space at the Narrows would make it more enjoyable and safer for the public that use it.

LMRSD owns and operates the public wastewater system around Lake Metigoshe, we use the narrows very frequently in the spring, summer and fall to fill tanks with lake water so we can flush sewer lines. So we know firsthand how busy this area of the lake gets and how dangerous it can be if people aren't watching out for the kids, pets, hikers and bikers.

Regards,

LMRSD



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July 13, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

A plan to increase usable space for the public to appreciate and enjoy the beauty of Lake Metigoshe is a plan worth pursuing.

Over its 120 years of development and use, the majority of accessible shoreline property is under private ownership. This limits the ability of casual visitors and day-trippers to enjoy the pleasures of a visit to Lake Metigoshe. There are limited areas where the road allows any views of the lake, much less any place to stop and park along the shoreline.

The Roland Township Board supports Bottineau County's proposal to expand access for the general public in the Narrows area of Lake Metigoshe.

  
Vern Jacobson, Chairman

  
Glenore Gross, Clerk

# LAKE METIGOSHE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

August 23, 2018

This letter is in support of the proposed turnout that will expand the general public's access and enhance a scenic overlook of Lake Metigoshe at an area referred to as the Narrows.

The Narrows as it is right now is too narrow to maneuver backing your boat or pontoon into the lake. Each person when launching or pulling their water vessel out has to block the lake loop road to line up to back into the dock area this is very dangerous to driver and oncoming traffic. Bottineau Counties proposed expansion of this area would correct this problem. The area proposed is also a high usage fishing area for the public more vehicle parking is greatly needed.

The Lake Metigoshe Improvement Association is a non-profit organization with approximately 900 members that are working for the betterment of fish, wildlife, and water conservation of the area. We are also very concerned about the safety of our residents and guests. This new venture that Bottineau County has proposed will help the safety issues in this area.

The Lake Metigoshe Improvement Association strongly supports this new venture by Bottineau County Park District.

Lake Metigoshe Improvement Association Board of Director's

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LMIA Board Member*