

Contract No. 002-023

“Centennial Park Woodland Trail and Souris River Recreational Access Plan”

Submitted by Minot Park District Foundation

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PARTICIPANTS

Sponsor	Cost Share	
Unknown	\$246,000	
Minot Area Community Foundation	<u>\$ 83,000</u>	
Subtotal Cash Cost Share		\$329,000
North Dakota Industrial Commission	<u>\$305,000</u>	
Total Project Cost	\$634,000	

Project Schedule – 12 months

Contract Date – 10/3/2014

Start Date – 10/1/2014

Completion Date – 10/31/2015*

Project Deliverables:

Status Report: December 31, 2014 ✓

Status Report: March 31, 2015 ✓

 Status Report: June 30, 2015 ✓

Status Report: September 30, 2015* ✓

Final Report: October 31, 2015* ✓

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:

This project will create access and develop two trail segments to the Centennial Park and Souris River Recreational area:

- A three-quarter mile looped aggregate trail from visitor parking area to an improved shoreline fishing area & seasonal fish pier, and
- A one-mile loop mowed trail with removable floating segment over an existing oxbow.

STATUS:

The Foundation originally requested \$551,000. The Commission awarded \$305,000 for Phase I of the project. In addition the Commission stipulated that no OHF dollars may be used for administrative costs or legal fees. The applicant has not informed the Commission of the impact of the reduced funding level. Contract 002-023 has been signed.

12/31/2014 - Status report received. Status report stated, The Centennial Park Woodland Trail and Souris River Access Plan is currently in the design phase. Park District staff have walked the trail with the KLJ Architects and the route has been marked for the least disturbance to the natural setting of the trail. It will be a scenic nature trail where we are excited to offer year round use. It is the perfect location for a summer nature walk or birding enthusiasts. It is also ideal for cross country skiing with protection from the winter winds.

This is an exciting process and we hope to have the project bid out in late March. As we look at the timeline of this project we would like to start construction this spring. The next month will be spent finalizing the design and getting the project ready for bid.

We continue to look for grant funding for phase two of the trial. We are hopeful with the start of phase one there will be more interest for phase two of the project. (Pictures of the marking of the trail are available in the Commission files and on the website.)

5/8/2015 - Status report received. The Centennial Park Woodland Trail and Souris River Access Plan is currently out for bids. Bids will be opened on the project on May 28, 2015 with a completion date on the project of August 7, 2015. Park District staff has been working with the KLJ Architects and are very pleased with the plan as we move forward with the project.

7/8/2015 - Status report received. The Centennial Park Woodland Trail and Souris River Access Plan preconstruction meeting will be held on July 8th. At that time we will know when construction will begin on the trail. Bids were opened on May 28th and the low bid was accepted from Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$178,080.40. The project is to be completed the first week in September.

We continue to look for grant funding for phase two of the trail. We are hopeful with the start of phase one there will be more interest for phase two of the project.

9/28/2015 - Status report received. The status report stated the following:

The Woodland Trail project is near completion and we are extremely happy with the end result. We already have patrons using the trail and have received many encouraging compliments. We believe this trail will be used by people of all ages. It is great access to nature within the city's limits and has already proven to be a successful bird watching refuge. We are planning a ribbon cutting for the trail in October. Pictures have been posted on the website. The Foundation did request a one-month no-cost extension as they are waiting for the final billing on the project. An amendment to the contract has been sent to the Foundation granting their request. (An asterisk notes where there has been a change.)

The amendment to the contract granting the extension has been fully executed.

11/5/2015 - The Foundation submitted documentation for their final payment. The costs for Phase I came in substantially under budget. The Foundation is returning their commitment of \$128,244.86 for this project. The Foundation has indicated that they will be requesting funding for Phase II of this project during an upcoming grant round.

This contract is now closed with a total of \$176,755.14 being expended on Phase I of the Centennial Park Woodland Trail and Souris River Recreation Access Plan. Photos of the ribbon cutting and signage recognizing the Outdoor Heritage Fund are now posted on the website.

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