



Memo

To: Princeton City Council

From: Gina Hugo, Sherburne County Parks Coordinator

Date: January 27, 2022

Subject: Great Northern Trail Master Planning

The Great Northern Trail Partnership Committee (the Committee) has solicited proposals for master planning, public engagement, and Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails designation application. Proposals were scored and ranked by the Committee and the top scoring proposal came from Damon Farber.

Based on the MOU entered into by all partner agencies, the Committee discussed a fair cost sharing model to recommend to respective Boards and Councils. The recommendation for this project is based on percentage of trail owned by each LGU. In addition, the share for Mille Lacs County was split equally between Sherburne County and the Cities of Princeton, Zimmerman, and Elk River:

Partner	% ownership	Share of Mille Lacs	Individual Share	Total Commitment
Sherburne	0.3084	\$4,704.03	\$14,198.43	18,902.46
Mille Lacs	0.4087	n/a	n/a	n/a
Princeton	0.1264	\$4,704.03	\$5,819.33	10,523.36
Elk River	0.1041	\$4,704.03	\$4,792.66	9,496.69
Zimmerman	0.0524	\$4,704.03	\$2,412.44	7,116.48
Total Project Cost				46,039.00

Master Planning and Regional Designation by the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission is a critical goal for the Committee to attain eligibility for Legacy Funds. Once designated the Committee will focus on connecting the trail between Zimmerman and Princeton through Legacy grants provided through the Clean Water Fund.