

Sibley State Park Improvement Association  
1806 Upper Trentwood Circle NE  
Willmar, MN 56201

To Whom It May Concern:

Kandiyohi County, the DNR, and many local organizations have worked tirelessly at developing safe, useful, and cost appropriate biking and pedestrian trails in the region. One such project is the extension of the Glacial Lakes State Trail that will connect Sibley State Park (Kandiyohi's most popular and utilized park) with the Glacial Lakes State Trail that passing through New London, MN.

The Glacial Lakes State Trail is an incredible asset in the region and is one of the top ten premier bike trails in the state of Minnesota. As Co-Chair of Willmar Bikes (an advocacy group in Willmar, MN) we are especially excited about this project as we have plans to start weekend biking trips for novice or intermediate bikers of the area. These trips include overnight stays at local parks.

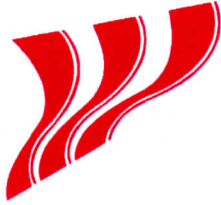
The current route between New London and Sibley state park requires biking on highways alongside transfer trucks and motorists that travel quite fast. With the completion of the Glacial Lakes State Trail connected to beautiful Sibley Park, we can travel safely and get many more people especially younger adults and children in the area involved in biking.

Thank you for reviewing this project, and we here at Willmar Bikes are in full support of the Glacial Lakes State Trail extension project. We hope that the extension suggested will be supported by Minnesota entities at the State, Regional, and Local level specifically in this bonding bill.

Sincerely,



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February 9, 2022

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The City of Willmar fully supports the Glacial Lakes Trail extension from Sibley State Park to New London. Research has shown that investments in quality of life and place, such as the extension of this trail system, add great value to a healthy, local economy. The Cities of New London, Spicer and Willmar are all connected by the Glacial Lakes Trail and annually during the month of May encourage everyone to come out and ride the trail during the Mayor's Bike Ride Event. This proposed extension will provide an additional link to something that has been in the works for a long time.

Kandiyohi County is fortunate to have many natural amenities that draw people to the area. Enhancing the trail system throughout the County not only increases the quality of life for residents, it also entices future employers and employees to want to make Kandiyohi County their place of business and home.

The City of Willmar strongly encourages the Sibley State Park Improvement Association to continue improving Kandiyohi County with the Glacial Lakes Trail extension. We all look forward to riding the trail one day soon.

Best regards,

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February 2, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the City of Spicer for the 4.2 mile extension of the Glacial Lakes Trail. This project will ensure completion of a multi-year effort to connect Sibley State Park to New London and the Glacial Lakes Trail that continues to Spicer.

Following are a few reasons why the extension is important to our community:

- Offers exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities
- Will connect the community to the park and the existing 22 mile segment of the state trail
- Enhance tourism for the community and the Park
- Offers economic opportunities for all the surrounding communities

This project is ready to go, with the land acquisitions complete, the design and engineering already funded and a joint powers agreement with Kandiyohi County has been entered, to construct the critical river crossing necessary for construction..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Baker".

Dennis Baker, Mayor  
City of Spicer