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LAKE WACONIA REGIONAL PARK

2023 STATE BONDING REQUEST - \$2.25M



CARVER
COUNTY



FUNDING REQUEST

- \$2.25M in general obligation bonds to complete Phase III, new picnic shelter, playground trails and site amenities at Lake Waconia Regional Park in Carver County

OVERVIEW

- Carver County is undertaking a multi-phased development of Lake Waconia Regional Park on the mainland and on Coney Island of the West. Phase 1 included site grading, utilities, parking and a new DNR boat landing is complete. Phase 2 included a new waterfront service center building that will provide event and classroom space with restrooms, rental equipment as well as enhanced beach access. Phase 3 provides a picnic shelter, a new playground, trails, lighting and site amenities.

PHASE 3 TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$4.5M

- Picnic Shelter: \$1M
- Creative Playground: \$1M
- Parking, Trails and Lighting: \$2.2M
- Concrete walkways & Site Amenities: \$300,000

FUNDING TO DATE:

- \$2.25M Carver County
- \$2.25M Gap

ABOUT LAKE WACONIA REGIONAL PARK

- Regional tourism destination for water based recreation (swimming, boating, fishing)
 - Second largest lake in metro area (3000+ acres)
 - Attracts 200,000 visitors annually
 - 160 acre park (including mainland and Coney island of the West)

HISTORY

- Planning work for the Park 1975-2017
- Acquisition of 160 acres and 1.5 miles of shoreline including Coney Island of the West completed
- Partnerships forged to relocate roads, construct trail underpass, and acquire land for DNR public water access
- 2012: Governor's Fishing Opener held at the park
- 2018: \$1.5M of State Bonds matched with \$1.5M of County funds to design, construct sewer and water lines, site grading for picnic areas, construct roads and parking lots
- 2019: In partnership with MN DNR, Carver County lead the construction of a state watercraft access in conjunction with park construction activities
- 2020: \$2.5M of State Bonds matched with \$6.2M of County funds to design, and equip waterfront pavilion with restrooms and concession building

OTHER PROJECT BENEFITS

- Makes use of previous State and County investments
 - Roads and parking lots
 - Water and sewer utilities
 - Site grading for picnic and beach area
- Construction of Waterfront Service Center is underway
- Sheltered space for picnicking
- New playground to promote social interaction and physical activity
- Contributes to day long activities in the park and opportunity to access the historical Coney Island of the West

