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February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf the Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners for the 4.2 mile extension of the Glacial Lakes Trail. This project will ensure completion of the multi-year effort to connect Sibley State Park to New London.

The citizens of Kandiyohi County and surrounding communities discovered how important it is to have exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities during these times of COVID-19. This trail system will provide a safe biking and walking route for our citizens.

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

- ⬇ 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 agreement with the DNR has been entered, to construct the critical river crossing necessary for construction.

Sincerely,

  
George "Corky" Berg  
Kandiyohi County Chairman



## *City of New London*

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February 2, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

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

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,

John Bergman, Mayor  
City of New London





**WILLMAR**  
*Lakes Area*  
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

February 1, 2022

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

RE: Glacial Lakes State Trail Extension

Dear Sibley State Park Improvement Association,

As the Executive Director for the Willmar Lakes Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, I am writing you today to convey my support of the Glacial Lakes State Trail extension. Specifically, the pursuit of securing funding to complete the remaining 4.2-mile segment to fill the gap between Sibley State Park and the City of New London.

This project is ready to go. Three miles of trail within Sibley State Park has been completed, the tunnel under US Highway 71 is built, the land for the project has been acquired and design and engineering have been funded and are underway. The time is now to finish the project and complete the remaining 4.2 miles.

When completed, this extension will support major improvements to the Glacial Lakes State Trail. It will connect Sibley State Park to the communities of New London, Spicer, Willmar, and beyond, creating a network of trail opportunities for visitors and residents alike. It will provide enhanced year-round access for hikers, bikers, snowmobilers, and others seeking outdoor recreational opportunities in the Willmar Lakes Area. Our area hotels, resorts, restaurants, and businesses will see increased revenue and our communities will benefit from this economic development.

Completion of this extension is critical to Kandiyohi County's success in bringing travel and tourism back to pre-pandemic levels. Thank you for your consideration of including the Glacial Lakes State Trail extension in the bonding bill

Sincerely,

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