

**City of Bottineau
Forestry Park
Recreational Trails Program
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Application Page

Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant awards are available to the State of North Dakota and its political subdivisions in order to assist in the development, maintenance or rehabilitation of recreational trails. The RTP is an assistance program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The program is administered by the Recreation Division of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department.

Project proposals must be approved at the state and federal levels. A Recreation Trails Committee of private, state and federal individuals evaluates and ranks the projects. Projects selected at the state level are submitted to the FHWA for federal review and approval.

RTP grants reimburse up to 80 percent of the cost for development, maintenance or rehabilitation of recreational trails. The maximum federal grant award is \$200,000. Engineering fees exceeding more than 20% of total project cost are not eligible for reimbursement. Project sponsors cannot be reimbursed for funds that are incurred before an application is approved and a local grant agreement is signed.

The application deadline is January 31st 2014 at 1:00pm CST. Applications must be submitted on or before that date and time. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

You may press SAVE at any time, as long as you have filled out a bare minimum of the application. A Red * will appear next to those fields that are required. Once you have successfully saved your application, you will be able to add federal and local funding sources by pressing the newly visible ADD FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCE and ADD LOCAL FUNDING SOURCE buttons located at both the top and bottom of the page. At this time you will also be able to upload documents to this application.

Trail Project Name:

Description of Proposed Project:

Property Location Information

Urban or Rural Development:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

Either Choose a City or Select 'Other' and Type one in the Box Provided:

If Other:

County:

State:

Either Choose a Zip Code or Select 'Other' and Type one in the Box Provided:

If Other:

Township: N

Range: W

Township Section:

Length of New Trail: (in miles) 0.33 MILES

Length of Total Trail (in miles) if Project is an Extension: 1.75 MILES

General Funding and Property Information

Total Cost: \$203,630.00

Fund Amount: \$162,904.00

Is this Project an Extension to an Existing Trail Project? Yes

Who Holds the Title to the Project Land?

NORTH DAKOTA FOREST SERVICE (please see attached lease)

Projects must be completed within 18 months of grant award to meet Federal Highway Administration Guidelines.

Estimated Start Date: JULY 1, 2014

Estimated End Date: JANUARY 1, 2016

Classification of Land:

State Federal Local Private

Check all of the uses the Project impacts:

Walking/Hiking Bicycling Horseback Riding Cross-Country Skiing In-line Skating Snowmobiling ATV Riding Off-road Motorcycling 4x4 Trucking Other:

Does the Project fall substantially within a federal highway right-of-way? No

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Federal Funding Sources

Local Funding Sources \$50,000.00 (City Council & Park District)

Adding sources to this section certifies that the sponsor has their share of money available and has earmarked these funds for use on this project. It is necessary to have 20% of the total project cost available.

**All RTP projects must meet accessibility guidelines in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Architectural Barriers Act. For more information refer to the U.S. Access Board at www.access-board.gov. Look for the Reg Neg Committee 1999 Report: Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas.

Requirement-

Each application must address each of the following requirements in the order they appear below:

- 1. A project description sufficient to understand the project. Indicate prominently whether this is primarily a maintenance request, an enhancement to an existing trail, new development, acquisition, length of trail etc. Please explain if the application is for one or more phases of a multi-phase project.
2. Clearly defined goals for the project (with a delineation of which user groups would benefit from the project).
3. Costs associated with the project (with estimates of the following components: material/service purchases including hardware, paint, lumber, sand/gravel concrete, landscape materials, signs, design/engineering services and contractor services).

- 4. Evidence of local/area support (e.g., council resolutions, minutes of public meetings, letters of support, etc).
Project sponsors that fall into one of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations' jurisdictions must provide evidence that their project is in compliance with the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan.
For Fargo area: <http://fmmetroco.org/>
For Bismarck-Mandan area: <http://www.bismarck.org/index.aspx?NID=133>
For Grand Forks area: <http://www.theforksmmpo.org/>
- 5. Availability/access to 20% match for eligible elements of the project proposal. Matching funds must not be from other federal sources such as Transportation Enhancement through the Department of Transportation. A resolution from the sponsor of the project regarding the availability of funds will be required prior to any award of a grant.
- 6. Identification of the sponsor of the project: This organization or unit of government will be legally responsible for the project.
- 7. Evidence of applicant capability (e.g., ability to carry out project, and for development projects, to operate, maintain, and protect trail and facilities when completed).
- 8. Written Assurances (if applicable). Produce leases or written assurances that the project will be open for public use.

Evaluation Criterion-

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- 2. **Public need for and benefit of project:** safety concerns, urgency of action, potential to lose the opportunity, number of people who would benefit from the project when compared to cost. Why should this project be funded? How many people could be expected to use the trail over the course of the year as a result of funding the project?
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Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying

Persons submitting this form should refer to the regulations referenced below for complete instructions:

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions – The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titles, “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transaction,” provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions. See below for language to be used; use this form for certification and sign; Certification Regarding Drug- Free Workplace Requirements-Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals) and Alternate II. (Grantees Who are Individuals) – (See Appendix C of Subpart D of 43 CFR Part 12)

Checking the boxes on this form and submitting it provides for compliance with certification requirements under 43 CFR Parts 12 and 18. The certifications shall be treated as a material

representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the funding agency determines to award the covered transaction, grant, cooperative agreement or loan.

PART A: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions

CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR A PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTION AND IS APPLICABLE.

1. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
 1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 3. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default
2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Part B: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions

CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR A LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTION AND IS APPLICABLE.

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Part C: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR AN APPLICANT WHO IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

1. The grantee certifies that it will or continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:
 1. (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee’s workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
 2. (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about-
 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 2. The grantee’s policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
 3. (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
 4. (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will –
 1. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 2. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
 5. (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working,

unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification numbers (s) of each affected grant;

- 6. (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted—
 - 1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - 2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- 7. (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a),(b),(c),(d),(e) and (f).
- 2. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant: Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City:

State:

Zip:

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here

Part D: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

CHECK IF THIS CERTIFICATION IS FOR AN APPLICANT WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

- 1. The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;
- 2. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to the grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number (s) of each affected grant.

Part E: Certification Regarding Lobbying

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative

CHECK IF CERTIFICATION IS FOR THE AWARD OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AND THE AMOUNT EXCEEDS \$100,000: A FEDERAL GRANT OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT; SUBCONTRACT, OR SUBGRANT UNDER THE GRANT OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.

CHECK IF CERTIFICATION IS FOR THE AWARD OF A FEDERAL LOAN EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000, OR A SUBGRANT OR SUBCONTRACT EXCEEDING \$100,000, UNDER THE LOAN

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- 1. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- 3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered unto. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

As the authorized certifying official, I hereby certify that the above specified certifications are true.

*Brian A. Knudson, Director Bottinaw
Park District*

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**City of Bottineau
Forestry Park
Recreational Trails Program
Application Narrative**

Description of the Proposed Project

The City of Bottineau is proposing to develop Phase 1 of a multi-use trail through a nature park located adjacent to residential properties on the community's west side. Forestry Park is 45 acres of prairie and woodland that is under a long-term lease to the Bottineau Park District from the North Dakota Forest Service. Phase 1 of the development of a trail system in the Park will be approximately one-third of a mile (1,750 linear feet), and will provide local residents a recreational trail while preserving the natural habitat that currently exists. See the attached map.

Each application must address each of the following requirements in the order they appear below.

1. A project description sufficient to understand the project. Indicate prominently whether this is primarily a maintenance request, an enhancement to an existing trail, new development, acquisition, length of trail etc. Please explain if the application is for one or more phases of a multi-phase project.

The North Dakota Forest Service has entered into a long-term lease of land with the Bottineau Park District for the purpose of operating, maintaining and developing a public park. The land, adjacent to the City, is 45 acres of prairie and woodland that has had minimal development. A majority of the area is not developed, but currently does offer some undeveloped biking and hiking opportunities. In the past, parts of the property were used as an arboretum and as the State Tree Nursery by the Forest Service. Today residents can still have memorial trees planted in the park.

The project being proposed will be Phase 1 of multi-use trail system within the Park. Additional phases will be developed as funding becomes available. This initial phase will develop a 1,750 linear feet of trail through the eastern areas of Forestry Park and will provide connectivity to one existing trail along the Highway 5 corridor through Bottineau and to future trail development in the northern part of the community. The trail in Forestry Park will be designed to be a ten foot wide concrete shared use path

2. Clearly defined goals for the project (with a delineation of which user groups would benefit from the project).

With regard to the development of Forestry Park, the goal is to provide citizens of the area public access to a nature park that can provide both active and passive activities. The Park is full of open space along with plenty of wooded areas for relaxation, adventure and recreation. Past uses of the property by the North Dakota Forest Service have provided this area with mature forested areas with a wide variety tree species and plantings. The Park also has large areas of grassland and wetlands that support an abundance of wildlife. Since 1999 the Forest Service has leased the property to the Bottineau Park District has put in place a children's playground, picnic shelters, and a disc golf course.

Future near-term development plans are to build approximately over 2 miles of trails in several additional phases that creates a nature trail through forest, grasslands and adjacent to wetlands that currently exist in this area of the community. The purpose of the trail is to provide recreation hiking and biking opportunities to the citizens of Bottineau, while still preserving the natural habitat. When completed, the trail design will allow for bird and wildlife observation with interpretive stations and overlooks to educate users about the importance of wetlands, bird habitat and wildlife preservation.

Long-term goals, as identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan, are to develop and connect the Forestry Park trails to the City's future trail system.

3. Costs associated with the project (with estimates of the following components: material/service purchases including hardware, paint, lumber, sand/gravel, concrete, landscape materials, signs, design/engineering services, and contractor services).

Forestry Park Development Budget

Activities	Recreational Trails Program	City of Bottineau Matching Funds	Totals
Forestry Park Trail Phase 1 Development	162,904.00	40,726.00	203,630.00
Trail System Connectivity to Hwy 5 Multi-Use Path	0.00	9,274.00	9,274.00
Totals	162,904.00	50,000.00	212,904.00

See the attached Engineer's Estimate for more detailed cost breakdown

4. Evidence of local/area support (e.g. council resolutions, minutes of public meetings, letters of support, etc.).

*City of Bottineau
ND Forest Service
Dakota College at Bottineau
Bottineau School District*

*Bottineau Park District
Bottineau Chamber of Commerce
Bottineau Economic Development Commission*

5. Availability/access to 20% match for eligible elements of the project as Transportation Enhancement through the Department of Transportation. A resolution from the sponsor of the project regarding the availability of funds will be required prior to any award of a grant.

See the attached Resolution/Meeting Minutes and match commitment letter from the Bottineau City Council.

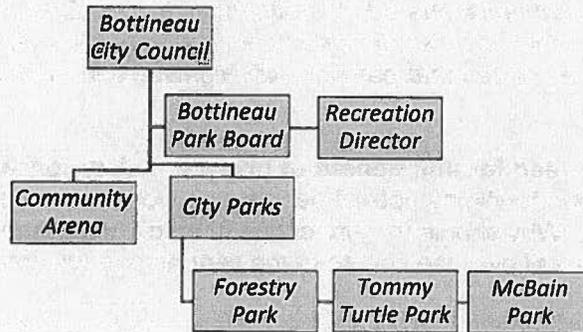
6. Identification of the sponsor of the project: This organization or unit of government will be legally responsible for the project.

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7. Evidence of applicant capability (e.g. ability to carry out project, and for development projects, to operate, maintain, and protect trail and facilities when completed.

The Bottineau Park Board was first established by Ordinance of the Bottineau City Council in 1964. The Bottineau Park Board oversees the management of the Bottineau Park District facilities, these facilities include the Bottineau Community Arena, Tommy Turtle Park, Forestry Park and McBain Park. The Park Board is independently elected and can levy funds for operations, but does receive some financial assistance from the Bottineau City Council. The two entities have a history of cooperation on various projects.

The Community Arena "Lumberdome" is one of the oldest ice arenas in the state of ND. The Arena plays host to boys & girls youth hockey club, Figure skating club, Bottineau/Rugby High School and Dakota College of Bottineau Lumberjacks. Children's Learn-To-Skate program, open public skating and adult recreation hockey are also available. There is also two outdoor ice arenas located adjacent to the Community Arena, one is for pleasure skating and the other is for hockey. The outdoor hockey arena has an asphalt surface for roller hockey and In-Line skating during the off ice arena season. In addition the Park District also oversees youth summer programs for soccer and t-ball.



8. **Written assurances (if applicable).** Produce leases or written assurances that the project will be open for public use.

See attached Lease Agreement between the North Dakota State Forester and the Bottineau Park District describing "the use of the properties for public outdoor recreational purposes"- and to also to "allow public access to the park throughout the year for recreational activities".

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1. **Site and project quality:** consideration of the needs of the intended trail user group(s); aesthetic quality of the trail location; appropriateness of the trail for intended or existing uses; clarity, detail, and quality of project plan/design; quality of existing development (if any) on site or in corridor; attention to safety, accessibility and health considerations.

The City of Bottineau recently completed a Comprehensive Plan (summer of 2013). The Plan was developed through a series of public input meetings and identified a number of issues related to park and trail development. These are excellent indicators of citizens identifying needs throughout the community. Some of specific goals from that Plan related to the proposed project include:

- *"Continue to support, enhance and expand upon the City's parks and recreation systems as an economic development tool."*
- *"Provide educational opportunities to inform the public about the area's environmental, historical, and other natural elements, using features such as interpretive panels or kiosks along trails and parks."*
- *"Identify areas for new parks with pedestrian and bicycle access."*

There is a local engineering firm that is providing technical assistance in project development. Wold Engineering in the past has designed and developed an eight mile shared use path for Bottineau County located at Lake Metigoshe. Wold has also designed and developed a shared use path for the City of Bottineau that parallels ND Highway 5 through the community of Bottineau.

2. **Public need for and benefit of project:** safety concerns, urgency of action, potential to lose opportunity, number of people who would benefit from the project when compared to cost. Why should this project be funded? How many people could be expected to use the trail over the course of the year as a result of funding the project?

Continuing the multi-use trails in and around the community was a goal identified by many participants at public input meetings in the development of City of Bottineau's Comprehensive Plan. Multi-use trails that offer recreational walking, running, and cycling opportunities are valuable assets to an overall recreational system. The City of Bottineau is a growing community and the area is noted as an outdoor recreation destination to others outside the community. The current population of Bottineau is estimated to be around 2,200, depending on a number

of economic scenarios population for Bottineau is projected to be between 2,800 and 3,440 over the next 30 years. A project such as being proposed would attract users from a more regional area.

- 3. Context of the project in a wider plan: demonstrated compatibility with local/region/area trail plans and the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. For proposed facilities, what relationship does the proposed development/acquisition have to other outdoor recreation facilities and trails?**

A review of the 2013-2017 North Dakota State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan for Recreational Trail Needs shows all of the State's eight regions ranked their primary need as non-motorized trails. Region 2 (where Bottineau County is located) had the highest percentage of all regions with 68% ranking "trails for walking, running, bicycling, or horseback riding" as the highest need. The proposed development of a trail system in Forestry Park fulfills that highest identified need.

The State Plan also listed that 72% of the households in Region 2 identified as an activity that "going to a park, natural areas, or green space" is their highest interest. The proposed project again endeavors to fulfill the highest identified need. Trail development in Forestry Park will meet the goals set forth in both the State's Outdoor Recreation Plan and the City's Comprehensive Plan.

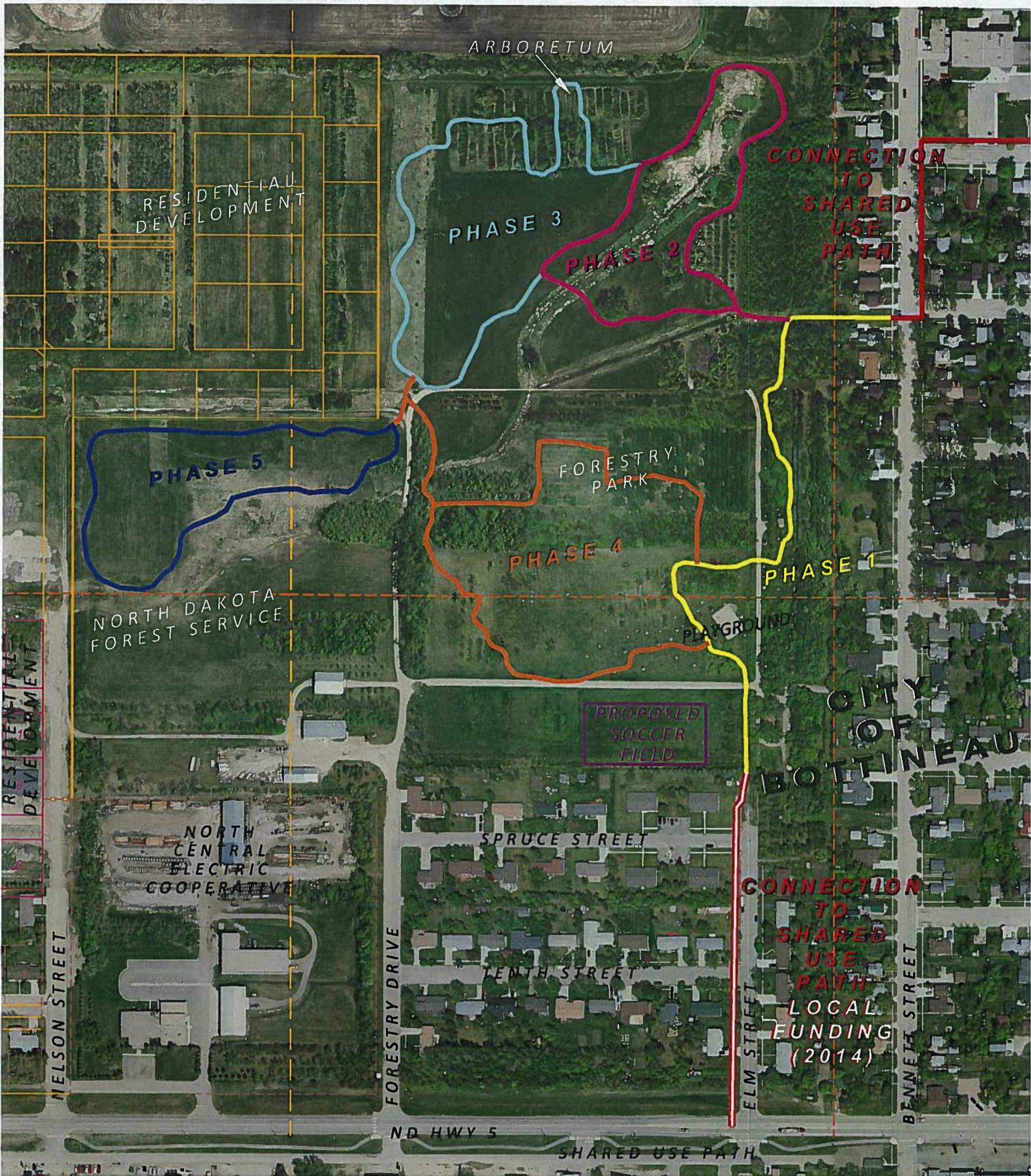
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The project development will have a design that takes into account the existing natural features of the area and will be a high priority. The natural setting, is the primary reason for the City's desire and interest in developing the trails in this area. The design's utmost goal is to preserve and to be as unobtrusive as possible when placing paths that will allow residents to enjoy this park. Since the property was once under the control of the North Dakota Forest Service, a cultural resources inventory may have been previously completed – a records search will be performed and consultation with the ND Historical Society will be sought.

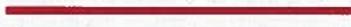
- 5. Impact on adjoining landowners in the vicinity of the project: Identify adverse impacts that might be realized as a result of completing the project, and how the project's design attempts to mitigate adverse impacts. How might the project improve conditions for adjacent landowners?**

Impacts to adjoining landowners are expected to be minimal. Currently forested areas act as a natural buffer to adjacent residential areas. Further development of activities and infrastructure in Forestry Park would be probably go unnoticed.

Increased traffic at the points of entry in the Park area would be limited and only occur if specific high traffic single-day events would be scheduled in the future. Some pedestrian users that access the park initially by vehicle and then hike the trails would utilize a parking area that is away from near-by residents. Users that access and travel to the park by bicycle would be considered a low-level disturbance and would not greatly affect area residents.



SHARED USE PATH - PHASES - LEGEND

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|  | CONNECTION TO SHARED USE PATH |  | PHASE 3 |
|  | PHASE 1 |  | PHASE 4 |
|  | PHASE 2 |  | PHASE 5 |

**BOTTINEAU CITY PARK BOARD
FORESTRY PARK - 2014 SHARED USE PATH (Phase 1)**

Bid Opening: TBD
Place: Bottineau Community Arena, Bottineau, ND
Engineer: Wold Engineering P.C.

Item #	Description	Unit	Quantity	Engineer's Estimate		CONTRACTOR	
				Unit Price	Cost	Unit Price	Cost
1	Contract Bond	LS	1	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
5	Borrow	CY	100	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
6	Remove & Replace Topsoil	CY	257	\$ 50.00	\$ 12,850.00	\$ -	\$ -
7	Aggregate Base Course, Class 5	CY	214	\$ 50.00	\$ 10,700.00	\$ -	\$ -
8	Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
9	Tree Removal	LS	1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
10	Concrete Sidewalk	SY	1,944	\$ 70.00	\$ 136,080.00	\$ -	\$ -
11	Signs	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
12	24" CSP 064"	LF	20	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
					<u>\$ 188,630.00</u>		<u>\$ -</u>

Engineering (Preliminary & Construction)

\$15,000.00

TOTAL

\$ 203,630.00



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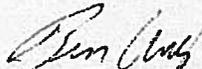
Dear Recreational Trail Committee:

On behalf of the City of Bottineau, we wish to inform you that our City Council is in full support & is willing to be the co-sponsor along with the Bottineau City Park Board of the Forestry Park Trail Plan & the application for the R.T.P. grant. We have also agreed to assist with future maintenance on the trails system.

We have allocated \$25,000.00 to this trail system in our 2014 Budget. We have been working together with the Park Board to accomplish this project & thank you for your consideration in the grant process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 701-201-0139. Thank you.

For the City of Bottineau,


Ben Aufforth, Mayor

**BOTTINEAU CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2013
CITY OFFICE-7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Aufforth, Auditor Nostdahl, Superintendent Fulsebakke, Attorney Benson & Council Members: Hall, Lorenz, Bernstein, Mortensen, Kainz, Sanderson & Getzlaff.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Aufforth called the meeting to order.

CONSENT AGENDA: Kainz moved to approve the consent agenda with a change to the Oct. minutes, seconded by Mortensen, carried.

DECA PROCLAMATION: Kaitlyn Aufforth, Vice President of BHS DECA Club was present to have Mayor Aufforth sign a document proclaiming November 4th -8th as DECA week in Bottineau.

BILLS: Two bills were added to the list of bills; Wold Engineering & Utility Systems. Bernstein moved to approve the list of bills, seconded by Getzlaff. On roll call all voted yes, carried.

POLICE REPORT: Deputy Jim Rispa distributed the monthly report.

EDC DIRECTOR: The new EDC Director, Deana DeFoe was introduced by Diane Olson. Olson will be retiring at the end of the year. Olson updated the Council on the daycare project. Construction has begun & a fund raising campaign will be started for the furnishings & fixtures.

WOLD ENGINEERING: Matt Johnson discussed the following items:

1. The concerns relayed by Mayor Aufforth regarding the sewer expansion project were addressed. (clay on top of dirt, Shopko parking lot & damage off easement area by Wal-Mart) This project should be completed in 2 weeks. Johnson will bring forth the easement bills. We are waiting for a response in regards to the eminent domain proceedings.
2. The Utility Committee will need to meet to discuss how far to extend the water line loop project next summer. Contact will be made with All Season's Water regarding water service territory.
3. Repairs to the west lift station will need to be rebid soon.

GAMING SITES: This agenda item will be discussed next month.

TRAILS COMMITTEE: The Trails Committee is requesting that the City take the lead on grants & maintenance for the proposed trail system expansion. Sanderson moved to approve this request, seconded by Lorenz, carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CITY PROPERTY:

Sanderson moved to advertise for a new garbage truck & cans, seconded by Hall, carried. (bids to be opened at the Dec. 2nd mtg.) In the near future we will work on educating the public about the new residential garbage pick-up system that will be implemented spring of 2014.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Protests were filed in regards to the following rezone request:

Barry Brossart is requesting that 720 R.R. Avenue aka 720 Alexander St. (.45 acre less outlot 3 of SE ¼ SW ¼ Unplatted #52-46-01320) be rezoned from "R-1 & 2" to "M" to allow for a storage building.

Due to the amount of protests, a ¾ vote of the Council is needed for this to pass.

Sanderson moved to allow the rezone request, seconded by Lorenz. On roll call; Hall-yes,

Lorenz-yes, Bernstein-no, Mortensen-yes, Kainz-yes, Sanderson-yes, Getzlaff-no.
Motion failed due to lack of ¾ majority vote. Rezone request is denied.
Kainz reported on the activity at the 10/22/13 mtg.:

A policy for front decks/steps/landings has been adopted.
Jamie Pladson has moved the garage off the lot at 613 Ohmer St.
Gene Kersten is working with an Attorney & Kainz to help him with his development plans.

Letters have been sent to Cobblestone Hotel & Roger Riley regarding issues with their development agreements.
Next mtg. is November 12th.

Discussion was held on how the new Comprehensive Land Use Plan would need to be updated if we make changes to zoning, etc. Kainz will work on addressing some of the action items that are directed at the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE:

The updated Municipal Code Book is ready to distribute. Council is fine with following the state law regarding fireworks on New Year's Eve.

STREET:

A formal letter of complaint was received about truck parking on 12th St. This letter will be turned over to the Sheriff's Office.

UTILITY COMMITTEE:

No report.

HEALTH:

No report.

SHADE TREE:

No report.

SWIMMING POOL BOARD:

No report.

POLICE:

No report.

TAX EXEMPT:

No report.

DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION:

No report.

EMPLOYEE:

Updates to the personnel policy are being worked on by Dakota Dynamics.

FINANCE:

No report.

OTHER:

Sanderson is requesting Hall set up a Police Committee mtg.

Getzlaff moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32, seconded by Lorenz, carried.

ATTEST:

Penny J. Nostdahl, City Auditor

Ben Aufforth, Mayor

Administration:
Brian Knudson - Director
Phone: (701) 228-3030
Email Address: bpd@utma.com
403 East 7th Street
Bottineau, ND 58318
Penny Nostdahl - Secretary/Treasure
115 West 6th Street
Bottineau, ND 58318

BOTTINEAU PARK DISTRICT

Board of Directors:
Mike Aasen
Karsten Bartsch
Matt Glasner
Riley Getlaff
Rachel Patterson

January 27, 2014

Kevin Stankiewicz, Recreational & Trails Grant Coordinator
N.D. Parks and Recreation Department
1600 E. Century Avenue, Suite 3
Bismarck, ND 58503-0649

Recreational Trail Program Advisory Committee:

On behalf of the Bottineau Park Board, I, Mike Aasen, President of the Board of Directors am writing to inform the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Advisory Committee that the Park Board is in full support and co-sponsors, with the City of Bottineau, the grant application for areas within Forestry Park.

This forty-five acre park is owned by the North Dakota Forest Service and leased by the Bottineau Park District (BPD) to provide outdoor recreational opportunities to the public. The current thirty-year lease will continue until December 31, 2030. We fully intend to renew the lease before expiration date to ensure the public the recreational usage of this beautiful forested park landscape.

The Board at the December 9, 2013 meeting designated \$25,000.00 to Forestry Park trails and improvements fund. These funds are on hand and can be used to satisfy the local dollar match required should our application for RTP funds be accepted by the committee.

The Bottineau Park District is committed to seeing this trails project through. Following completion we agree to operate, maintain and protect the facilities along with the City of Bottineau and the Bottineau Trails Committee. Currently the BPD maintains a similar type of walking path as the one we are proposing to build in Forestry Park, this path runs through Tommy Turtle Park Ball Diamond Complex, and is used by outdoor enthusiasts of all types. The Park District oversaw the planning and construction of this path in the year 2010, and continues to maintain it today.

Thank You for your consideration of our application, we look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,



Mike Aasen

President, Bottineau Park Board



NORTH DAKOTA FOREST SERVICE

"To care for, protect and improve forest and natural resources to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations."

January 24, 2014

Brian Knudson, Director
Bottineau Park District
403 East 7th Street
Bottineau, ND 58318

Dear Mr. Knudson,

We are pleased to provide this letter of support for the Bottineau Park District's application to the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) administered by the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. This proposed project would complete the main hiking and biking trail route that extends through Bottineau Forestry Park. The project will provide an excellent and very much needed recreational trail for local citizens, as well as a designated and safe route to schools and other locations within the community.

This comprehensive project will expand hiking and biking opportunities and be developed in phases. The first phase includes connecting a trail system within Bottineau Forestry Park to an existing trail along State Highway #5. Bottineau Forestry Park provides off-street recreational opportunities for walking, hiking and biking through a beautiful area with trees and grass. Community members representing a variety of organizations including the Bottineau City Council, Bottineau County Commissioners, Bottineau Park District, Dakota College at Bottineau, Wold Engineering, Bottineau School District, Bottineau County Economic Development Corporation, Bottineau Chamber of Commerce and the North Dakota Forest Service are supportive of this community recreational trail systems.

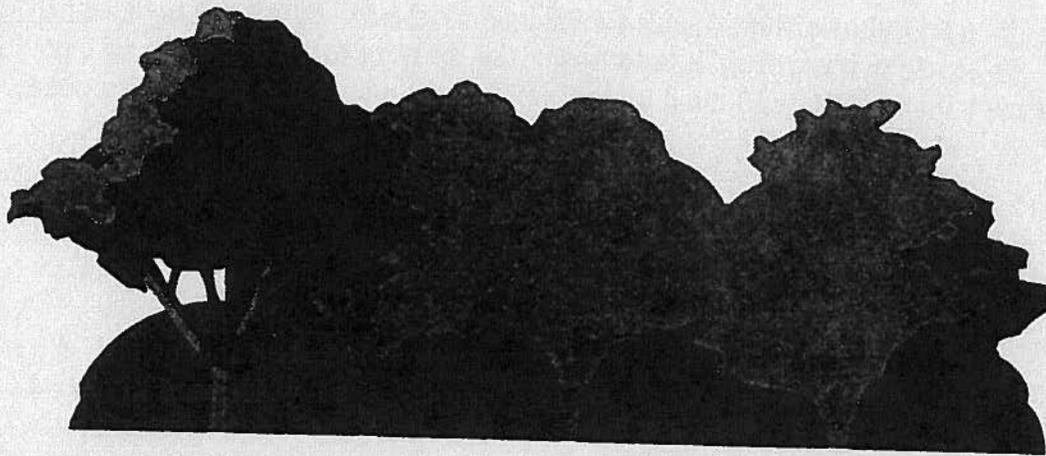
The forty-five acre Bottineau Forestry Park is owned by the North Dakota Forest Service and leased to the Bottineau Park District to provide public outdoor recreation opportunities. The current thirty-year lease will continue until December 31, 2030. We fully intend to renew the lease before its expiration date to ensure the continued public recreational benefits this park provides to Bottineau's residents and visitors to the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry A. Kotchman". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Larry A. Kotchman, State Forester

**A COOPERATIVE LEASE AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE FORESTER
AND THE BOTTINEAU PARK DISTRICT**



BOTTINEAU FORESTRY PARK

October 1, 1998

**A COOPERATIVE LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE FORESTER
AND THE BOTTINEAU PARK DISTRICT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made as of this 1st day of October 1998, by and between the NORTH DAKOTA STATE FORESTER and the BOTTINEAU PARK DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the North Dakota State Forester desires to provide public outdoor recreation opportunities on state forest properties; and

WHEREAS, such state forest properties are available for the creation of a Bottineau City Park; and

WHEREAS, the Bottineau Park District has expressed interest in establishing, managing and maintaining a city park for public outdoor recreation;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is the purpose of this agreement to list the financial and management responsibilities for the establishment, operation and maintenance of an outdoor recreation area suitable for use as a Bottineau City Park within the following legal description:

A tract lying in the W 1/2 SE 1/4, Section 25, Township 162 North, Range 76 West, and Lots 11 and 12 in Block 43 of White's First Addition and Lot 58 in Block 44 of White's Second Addition, City of Bottineau, North Dakota, containing 45 acres, more or less. (See attached map which is incorporated herein)

- 1. The State Forester shall:**
 - a. Permit the use of the properties described in this agreement for public outdoor recreational purposes and the installation, at locations approved by the State Forester, and operation of associated recreational facilities including campgrounds, restrooms, playground equipment, warming houses, hiking/biking/skiing trails, tree arboretum, vehicle access roads, parking and signs.**
 - b. Permit access to authorized agents or representatives of the Bottineau Park District for installing, maintaining and improving recreational facilities and developments.**
 - c. Withhold from implementing any uses or making any physical changes to the property that would interfere with public outdoor recreational activities described in this agreement.**

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2. The Bottineau Park District shall:

- a. **Develop, operate and maintain the park in a neat and safe condition.**
- b. **Assume all installation, operations and maintenance costs associated with the park and its facilities.**
- c. **Allow public access to the park throughout the year for recreational activities.**
- d. **Establish rules and regulations governing the park's use and assume all patrolling and enforcement responsibilities.**
- e. **Make every effort to avoid unnecessary damage or removal of trees and shrubs during construction projects and to maintain the present tree cover on the site. Utilize thinning, pruning, selective cutting, replanting and other normally accepted forestry practices to maintain and/or renovate the windbreaks and other tree plantings. Allow the continued use of established tree plantings by the USDA Plant Materials for tree research purposes.**
- f. **Contact the North Dakota Forest Service for prior written approval before initiating any outdoor recreational improvements, modifications, construction or extraordinary maintenance activities. Any alterations or improvements must conform to the aesthetics of the property and surrounding area.**
- g. **Restore the lands subject to construction activities to as near their original condition as reasonably possible and to remove therefrom all debris, spoils, and equipment resulting from or used in connection with the installation of facilities.**
- h. **Agree to place proper signs in the park to warn users of hazardous conditions, provide information and to inform users of city park rules and regulations.**
- I. **Erect entrance signs to identify the public recreation area as follows:**

"BOTTINEAU FORESTRY PARK"
**"Operated by the Bottineau Park District in Cooperation with the
North Dakota Forest Service"**
- j. **Permit access to authorized agents or representatives of the State Forester to check on any condition or use of the property.**
- k. **Be responsible for any taxes or special assessments on the property.**

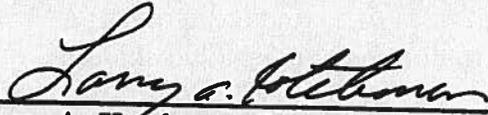
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- 3. The Bottineau Park District may provide recreational services within the park and may charge a user fee in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of providing such services. Any user fee collected and retained by the Park District shall be utilized exclusively for the development and maintenance of the park and associated facilities.**
- 4. The parties mutually agree to meet at least once per year to discuss the improvement, management and operation of the park.**
- * 5. This agreement shall be in force and effect for a period beginning as of October 1, 1998, and continuing until December 31, 2030, unless modified earlier by the written consent of all parties. The parties may mutually agree to extend the agreement for additional ten-year terms. Any termination of this contract shall be without prejudice to any obligations or liabilities of either party already accrued prior to the termination. The North Dakota State Forester, by written notice of default (including breach of contract) to the Bottineau Park District may terminate the whole or any part of this agreement:**
 - a. If the Bottineau Park District fails to provide services called for by this contract within the time specified herein or any extension thereof; or**
 - b. If the Bottineau Park District fails to perform any of the other provisions of this contract in accordance with its terms and after receipt of written notice from the North Dakota State Forester, fails to correct such failure within 30 days or such longer periods as the North Dakota State Forester may authorize.**
- 6. The Bottineau Park District shall have the right to purchase the property at any time during the term of this agreement. During the first five years of the agreement or until December 31, 2003, the purchase price shall be the current appraised value of \$250.00 per acre. After this date, the purchase price shall be determined by an independent appraiser. The cost of performing the appraisal shall be paid equally by the parties. There are no annual lease payments.**
- 7. Ownership of improvements or fixtures provided by the Park District shall remain with the Park District unless this agreement is terminated and the Park District fails to remove such improvements or fixtures within ninety (90) days of termination, in which case, the ownership shall be with the State Forester.**
- 8. The rights and remedies of the North Dakota State Forester provided in the above clause relating to defaults (including breach of contract by the Bottineau Park District) shall not be exclusive and are, in addition to any other rights and remedies, provided by law or under this contract.**

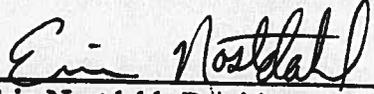
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9. The Bottineau Park District shall indemnify and hold harmless and save the State of North Dakota, its officers, employees, agents, boards, bureaus, commissions and assigns from any and all liability, claims, expenses, loss or damage for work or any other obligations performed or incurred under this agreement or arising upon the above described property, excepting claims resulting from the sole negligence of the State. The Bottineau Park District shall maintain in force during the term of this Agreement liability coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 bodily injury and property damage combined single liability. Such insurance coverage shall specifically include the North Dakota State Forester and State of North Dakota as an additional named insures. Documentation of such insurance shall be submitted to the North Dakota State Forester. Failure to secure the required insurance shall cause immediate termination of this agreement.
10. This agreement shall be governed by and controlled in accordance with the laws of the State of North Dakota.
11. The terms of this agreement shall not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented, or amended, in any manner whatsoever, except by written instruments signed by the parties.
12. All notices, certificates, or other communications shall be sufficiently given when delivered or mailed, postage prepaid, to the parties at their respective places of business, as set forth below or at a place designated hereof in writing by the parties:

THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE FORESTER

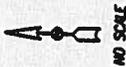
By  Date 9-25-98
Larry A. Kotchman, State Forester
North Dakota Forest Service
307 First Street East
Bottineau, ND 58318

THE BOTTINEAU PARK DISTRICT

By  Date 9-25-98
Eric Nostdahl, President
Bottineau Park District
309 Main Street
Bottineau, ND 58318

NORTH DAKOTA FOREST SERVICE PROPOSED NURSERY LAND SALE

A tract lying in the E 1/2 SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4,
Section 25, Township 162 N, Range 76 W,
July 18, 1897
REV. September 15, 1898

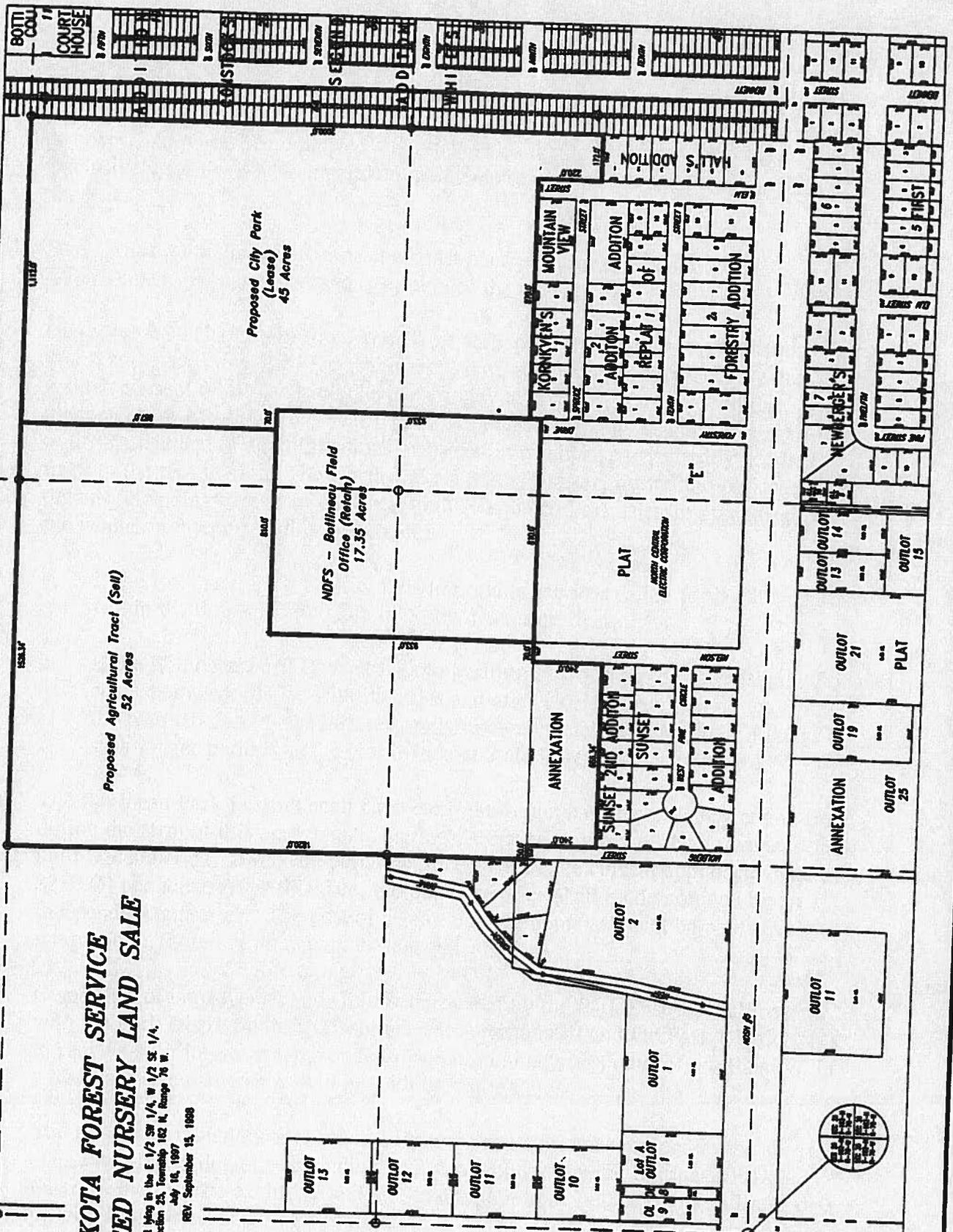


Proposed Agricultural Tract (Sell)
52 Acres

Proposed City Park
(Lease)
45 Acres

NDFS - Bottineau Field
Office (Retail)
17.35 Acres

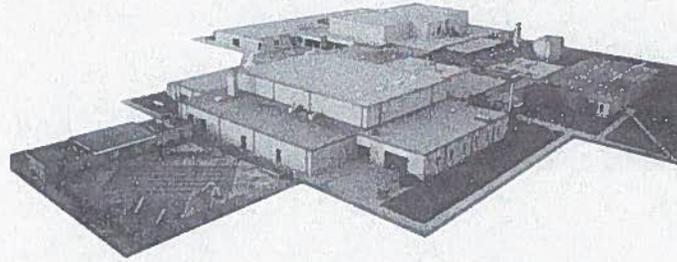
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Central School (Grades K-2) (701) 228-3014
Fax Number (701) 228-2021

301 Brander Street • Bottineau, North Dakota 58318-1199

January 29, 2014

To whom it may concern:

My name is Jason Kersten and I am the Superintendent of the Bottineau Public School. I am writing this letter in support of the Recreational Trails Program Grant the City of Bottineau and the Bottineau Park District are applying for. This is an excellent project for the community of Bottineau.

The Park District and the city have partnered together in the project. They have formed a committee made up of various individuals within the community. This committee has spent many hours formulating a plan and design to expand our existing path around our town. As superintendent, I appreciate the layout. This path goes throughout our existing parks and would eventually have the path run by a school. This not only provides walking, hiking, and biking through our town, but a safe path for students to walk to school when the weather is nice. To me, this is a win win situation for the city of Bottineau and its patrons.

As superintendent of the Bottineau Public School, I am in full support of this project. I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Bottineau school. My number is 701-228-2266.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason A. Kersten". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jason Kersten, Superintendent

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

January 24, 2014

Re: Letter of support for Bottineau Trails Committee

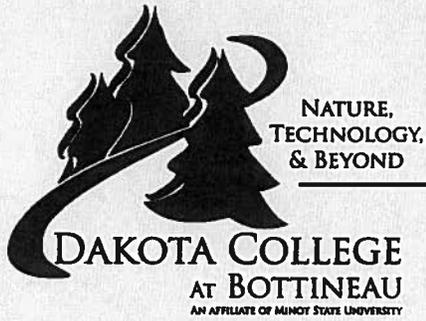
My name is Rodney Schmidt and I am the Building Trades Instructor at Bottineau Public Schools.

I had a discussion with Brian Knudson, Director of Parks and Arena here in Bottineau and he asked if my Building Trades students would be interested in constructing a bridge for the trail system within Forestry Park. I am in total support of this project and I verbally committed to Mr. Knudson the skills of my students to undertake this portion of the project. I am also going to meet with the committee member from Wold Engineering to discuss construction details.

I concur with the need for this Trail System and the projected use by the community. This letter will serve as my total support for this project and commitment from me and my students with the construction of this bridge.

Sincerely,

**Rodney J. Schmidt
Building Trades Instructor
Bottineau Public Schools
Bottineau, North Dakota**



TO: Recreational Trails Program
FROM: Ken Grosz, Campus Dean, Dakota College
DATE: January 29, 2014
SUBJECT: Bottineau Hiking/Biking Trail

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the Tommy Turtle Trail Committee's effort to expand the current hiking and biking trail that runs through our community along Highway 5.

I firmly believe that this phase, the trunk line phase, is deserving of a grant from the state's recreational trails program. The proposed trail will add to the quality of life in the Bottineau and surrounding areas. The current trail along Highway 5 is being used extensively – more extensively than I think anyone predicted. Adding to this this unique and attractive feature of our growing community will enhance Bottineau's reputation as a "Four Seasons" playground and will also grow the safe, family friendly, and handicap accessible space we provide for hiking, biking, and jogging.

I ask that you give every consideration to approving this very worthwhile project.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this outstanding grant program.

January 27, 2014

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed Bottineau Trails system grant proposal. I am an Assistant Professor at Dakota College at Bottineau and teach biology, fish and wildlife and GIS/GPS classes. As a trail committee member I support the proposal before you and would like to describe how I will interact with this project.

I have discussed with the committee the following possibilities for interaction with my classes and my students:

- 1) The project would be supported by basic locations of the trail and locations of proposed trail improvements through the GIS/GPS class.
- 2) The project would be supported with the gathering of baseline habitat and biological inventories through my fish and wildlife classes.
- 3) I would also use the planning and development of habitat restoration as in class real world scenarios for the fish and wildlife classes. A large part of the grade in these classes is developing conservation and wildlife management papers.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal it represents an opportunity for professionals, the community, and the college to improve the quality of life in the Bottineau region.

Yours truly,

Kenneth C Cabarle

Assistant Professor

Fish and Wildlife Program Advisor

Dakota College at Bottineau



bottineau economic development corporation

January 25, 2014

Brian Knudson, Director
403 East 7th Street
Bottineau, ND 58318

Dear Brian,

I am writing today to express my commitment and support for the Bottineau Park District's proposal to the State of North Dakota's Recreation and Trails Program for FY14 and FY15 projects. I am pleased that Bottineau Economic Development Corporation can work so closely with the Bottineau Park District to support the development of a new trail in Bottineau. I believe that collaborative work across all sectors in our community is the foundation that affords improved recreational opportunities for all living and working in the Bottineau area.

As you probably already know, economic development in Bottineau correlates directly with a variety of community dimensions including public safety, infrastructure, education, goods and services, and healthcare. I believe, however, the most important dimension is the quality of life in Bottineau and the social and recreational offerings our community is able to provide. Our community's culture is, in reality, our greatest asset. Whether we are trying to attract a business or recruit doctors and other professionals to Bottineau, recreational and social opportunities are noted as the most important factors in attracting families and stimulating growth for our local economy. The development of this trail system makes our community a more attractive, vibrant place for all ages to live, work, and play.

It is an important component of the Bottineau Economic Development Corporation's strategic direction to support initiatives that attract and retain quality businesses to our community. So a big thank you, Brian, to you and all on the Trails Committee for spearheading this project! The Bottineau Economic Development Corporation wholeheartedly supports the development of this proposed recreational trail and commits our organizational resources – human and monetary – as needed to ensure this project's success. I look forward to our continued partnership and our work together to bring sustainable outdoor recreational trails and programs to the greater Bottineau area.

Warmest regards,

Deana DeFoe, Director
Bottineau Economic Development Corporation

GBACC

Greater Bottineau Area Chamber of Commerce

519 Main Street ~ Bottineau, ND 58318-1202

Phone (701) 228-3849 ~ Fax (701) 228-5130

Website: www.bottineau.com ~ Email: bcc@utma.com

January 28, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

The Greater Bottineau Area Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau fully support the multi-use path in and around the city of Bottineau.

The idea of extending the existing path along Highway 5, through Forestry Park and eventually throughout the community is very exciting for us. In addition to providing an excellent and very much needed area for our local citizens and visitors to exercise, we feel that the path will also help us to attract more visitors and residents. Future expansions will help to provide safe routes to our schools and retail area's and services as well. This would be a wonderful attraction to add to our list of things to do and see in and around our community and we feel the economic impact would be great.

We are very proud of our community and fully support the endeavors of the people and organizations with regards to this project. Again, we feel this would enhance the community, tourism and overall wellness within our area

Sincerely,



Clint M. Reinoehl
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