

TO: Park & Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
Chris Fortsch, Administrative Assistant
Jon Steffes, Summer Recreation Director
DATE: April 6, 2023
RE: Meeting Notice
Monday, April 17, 2023
5:30 p.m., La Crescent City Hall
315 Main Street

AGENDA

1. Consideration of meeting minutes – March 20, 2023.
2. Review an agreement with MSA to complete an ADA access audit and transition plan for the City's Park and Recreation facilities. A copy of the agreement is included. Carter Arndt from MSA will be available via zoom at the meeting to review the agreement. There are funds in the City's 2023 general fund budget for this expenditure.
3. Review 2023 Summer Recreation Programming – information included.
4. Discussion regarding establishing a rental fee for the new Wieser Park Pavilion. Construction of the new pavilion and parking lot is expected to be completed by the end of July 2023. A draft of a park shelter reservation form is included.
5. Review the updated draft of a City ordinance for Parks, Playgrounds, and Public Grounds. A copy of the updated ordinance is included.
6. Discussion regarding trail maintenance and the use of volunteers to complete the work under the direction and supervision of the City.
7. Update on Peyton Jerue's Eagle Scout project to develop a dog park adjacent to South 7th Street – information included.
8. Safe Routes to School Project awarded grant – information included.
9. Update on phase 4 of the Wagon Wheel Trail project - information included.
10. Volunteer day to pull garlic mustard at Vetsch Park – information included.
11. Bike data related to bicycle/pedestrian bridge – information included. The counter was installed October 24, 2022, and is presently only recording bicyclists. Additional equipment will be installed this summer which will record the number of pedestrians.
12. Bicycling around Minnesota event in August 2023 – information included.
13. Set date for the next meeting.
14. Additional discussion items.
15. Adjournment.

Please call either Chris or Bill at 895-2595, or e-mail us at cfortsch@cityoflacscent-mn.gov or bwaller@cityoflacscent-mn.gov, if you will not be able to attend, have questions, or need more information. Thank you.

#1

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Park and Recreation Commission Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: March 21, 2023
RE: Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023

The La Crescent Park and Recreation Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 20, 2023, in the City Council Chambers at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Jon Steffes, Paul McLellan, Maseray Bangura, Patti Martell, and Marge Loch-Wouters. Commission members Diana Adamski and Sarah Wetterlin were not in attendance. Also in attendance were Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Chris Fortsch, Betsy Knowles, and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the Commission to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented.
2. The Commission was informed that the City Council held a public hearing on October 24, 2022 and adopted the Comprehensive Park & Recreation Plan as presented.
3. The Commission was updated on the Wieser Park Improvement Project, including the construction of the new park pavilion, and the preliminary engineering report regarding costs for park improvements. Discussion followed regarding the rental fee for the new park pavilion and a reservation form and policy that was distributed at the meeting. It was agreed that these items would be included on the agenda for the April Park & Recreation Commission meeting.
4. The Commission reviewed and discussed trail maintenance guidelines, a draft of a new City ordinance for Parks, Playgrounds and Public Grounds, and the 2023 work plan for the Natural Resource Advisory Group. It was agreed that these items would be added to the agenda for the April Park & Recreation Commission meeting for further review and discussion.
5. The Commission reviewed a preliminary engineering report regarding the paving of the parking lot at Old Hickory Park and a new parking lot off South 7th Street. It was agreed that the Commission would be presented information on the Eagle Scout project to construct a dog park adjacent to South 7th Street at the April Park & Recreation Commission meeting.
6. Information was presented regarding the Wagon Wheel Trail Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge being recognized as a Grand Award winner (first place) in the 2023 ACEC/MN Engineering Excellence Award Competition.
7. The Commission reviewed a proposal from MSA to complete an ADA access audit and transition plan for the City's park and recreation facilities. It was agreed that this item would be on the agenda for the April Park & Recreation Commission meeting, and that a representative from MSA would be in attendance via zoom to review the proposal and answer questions.

8. It was agreed that the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting would be April 17, 2023.
9. There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:55 pm.

#2



Professional Services Agreement

This AGREEMENT (Agreement) is made today March 21, 2023 by and between CITY OF LA CRESCENT (OWNER) and MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC. (MSA), which agree as follows:

Project Name: ADA Access Audit and Transition Plan for City of La Crescent Park and Recreation Facilities

The scope of the work authorized is: See Exhibit A – Scope of Services

The schedule to perform the work is: Approximate Start Date: May 2023
Approximate Completion Date: Oct. 2023

The lump sum fee for the work is: \$26,000

All services shall be performed in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions of MSA, which is attached and made part of this Agreement. Any attachments or exhibits referenced in this Agreement are made part of this Agreement. Payment for these services will be on a lump sum basis.

Approval: Authorization to proceed is acknowledged by signatures of the parties to this Agreement.

CITY OF LA CRESCENT

Bill Waller
City Administrator
Date: _____

MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC.

Raine Gardner, P.E.
Team Leader
Date: **3/21/2023**

Daniel Schmitt, PLA.
Project Manager/Landscape Architect
Date: **3/21/2023**

315 Main Street
La Crescent, MN 55947
Phone: 507-895-4668

1230 South Blvd
Baraboo, WI 53913
Phone: 608-355-8895
rgardner@msa-ps.com



Exhibit A - Scope of Services

ADA Access Audit and Transition Plan for City of La Crescent Park and Recreation Facilities

SCOPE OF SERVICES

MSA has divided the scope of services to provide City of La Crescent with an American with Disabilities Act Facility Audit and Transition Plan into the following phases and tasks:

PHASE I: Park Facilities Audit/Report

Task 1 - Kick-off Meeting (Meeting #1 - Teleconference)

MSA will meet with City's ADA team to review the audit process and project schedule. The City will provide any available facility plans or layouts, Capital Improvement Plans, and any other documentation relevant to the audits for MSA to review and develop audit inventory to be reviewed in Task 2.

Task 2 - Facility Review (Meeting #2 - In-Person)

MSA will meet with City staff to verify the areas and extent of the facilities included in each site audit. Prior to the meeting:

- MSA will utilize available GIS data to map building and park facility site boundaries and identify existing facilities.
- City to provide building plans or layouts if available.
- Review the City's ADA obligations under ADAAG including public notice, program access/compliance, and ongoing monitoring of compliance.

Task 3 - Field Inventory/Site Audits

MSA will conduct a field inventory of the public areas for the existing publicly accessible facilities including buildings, grounds and parks.

Review is limited to public use and access areas of the listed facilities. Review of non-public areas — such as, but not limited to — staff-only offices or storage areas are not included. This will be identified with City staff in Task 1.

MSA staff will wear MSA branded clothing and name tags to identify themselves while conducting site audits.

MSA will prepare an accessibility audit flyer to distribute during audits to residents and/or site users who would like more information about the audit process.

Audits of exterior park facilities will be collected using ESRI ArcGIS Field Maps and used to assist MSA in developing the Transition Plan. A Shapefile or File Geodatabase can be provided to the City at the completion of the project including a copy of the spatial data for exterior deficiencies, audit photos, listed deficiency, and potential solutions.

MSA staff will identify accessibility deficiencies at each facility in accordance with applicable Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guide (ADAAG) 2010 Standards and/or the American National Standards Institute - National Standard for Accessible and Useable Buildings and Facilities (ANSI A117.1).

Note: The ANSI standards are almost identical to the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guide (ADAAG). The primary difference between the two is that ADAAG is part of the overall ADA, which is federal civil rights legislation, while ANSI A117.1 is the accessibility standard adopted by the State of Minnesota under the Minnesota State Building Code, and it is understood that this standard achieves ADA compliance.

Exhibit A – Scope of Services

March 21, 2023

The Audits will focus on compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guide (ADAAG) 2010 Standards except where American National Standards Institute - National Standard for Accessible and Useable Buildings and Facilities (ANSI A117.1) are more restrictive. The variances between ANSI and ADAAG are minimal and include such nuance as the ANSI requirement for vertical grab bars in restrooms. ANSI standard will be cited in the transition plan to make a clear distinction between ADAAG requirements and ANSI standards.

Task 4 – Accessibility Audit Reports (Report Section I)

MSA will provide a condensed Accessibility Deficiency Summary Report (Section I of the final report) identifying:

- Summary of audit methodology.
- Summary spreadsheet of observed deficiencies.

MSA will also provide Site-Specific Audit Reports for each facility, including:

- Cover page of park boundary with aerial photo, highlighting audited structures.
- Summary of each audit identifying observed deficiencies with photographs from time of audit, identification of potential corrective measures, and reference to the applicable section of ADAAG or Building Code.
- Maintenance suggestions and recommended improvement (Smart Practices) will be identified where improvements would benefit accessibility but are not specifically required by ADAAG or ANSI.

Task 5 – Review Audits with City Staff

(Meeting #3 – Teleconference)

MSA will review the draft assessment findings with the City including the Site-Specific Audit Reports and Accessibility Deficiency Summary Report and discuss recommended corrective measures to prioritize for inclusion in the Transition Plan.

- High level review of Site-Specific Audit Reports and Accessibility Deficiency Summary.
- Review summary of program access for all City facilities.
- MSA and City staff will discuss the process of identifying phasing of recommended corrective measures to prioritize over the schedule the City identifies.

PHASE II: TRANSITION PLAN

Task 1 – Transition Plan (Report Section II)

MSA, with assistance from the City, will prepare an ADA Transition Plan, including preliminary cost estimates for corrective measures recommended to occur based on the feedback from the staff.

The Transition Plan Report will include:

- Introduction/purpose statement.
- Summary of how the City determines priorities and will monitor progress for corrective measures.
- Summary of ADA Coordinator contact and grievance procedures. (If available, the City's existing Request for Reasonable Accommodation will be included in the appendix.)
- Summary of Transition Plan timeline.
- Summary spreadsheet of deficiencies by facility or park, with target year corrective measure timeline and estimated costs.
- Example/reference drawings or sketches for common proposed accessibility mitigation actions.
- City staff will complete identification of timeline and prioritization of corrective measures (project timeline can be extended to accommodate City's ability to complete prioritization).

Task 2 – Review Draft Transition Plan with City Staff (Meeting #4 – Teleconference)

MSA will review the Transition Plan with City staff.

- *Review Transition Plan spreadsheet and cost estimates.*
- *Revise and finalize Transition Plan Report.*

Task 3 – Public Information Meeting (Meeting #5 – In-Person)

MSA will assist the City in hosting a Public Information Meeting to provide an overall summary of audit findings and to get input from stakeholders regarding the proposed transition plan timeline. The City would be responsible for advertising the meeting and outreach to specific stakeholders. It is recommended this meeting take place after the initial phasing is completed and reviewed by City Staff. However, at the direction of the City, this meeting could also be held upon completion of the audit summaries and before the development of the transition plan timeline/phasing. The meeting would be best hosted as a hybrid meeting, with an in-person component as well as a recorded video conference to allow those who may not be able to attend in person an additional opportunity to provide feedback. A comment period of approximately two weeks would follow the meeting. MSA will prepare a survey or comment forms for distribution by the City.

PHASE III: FINAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION

Task 1 – Develop Final Report Document

MSA will compile the Accessibility Deficiency Summary Report and Transition Plan Report into one complete final report. MSA will:

- *Revise the Transition Plan Report and spreadsheet based on feedback received during the final staff meeting.*
- *Provide City staff with a digital version of the report for review.*
- *Revise and finalize report based on staff feedback.*

Task 2 – Review Final Report with City ADA Team (Meeting #5 – Teleconference)

MSA will meet with City staff and members of the ADA team to review the final report, make edits to the Transition Plan and discuss the final presentation.

Task 3 – Present Final Report to the City's ADA Team and City Council (Meeting #6 – In-Person)

MSA will present an overview of the final report to the City Council, at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

MEETINGS AND DELIVERABLES

MSA proposes the following meetings:

- *Meeting 1: Kick-off Meeting (teleconference)*
- *Meeting 2: Facility Review*
- *Meeting 3: Review Audits with City Staff (teleconference)*
- *Meeting 4: Review Draft Transition Plan with City Staff (teleconference)*
- *Meeting 5: Public Input Meeting (In-Person)*
- *Meeting 6: Review Final Report and Draft Presentation with City Staff (teleconference)*
- *Meeting 7: Present to City Council (in-person or via Virtual Meeting)*

MSA will provide the report in electronic format (PDF). The final Transition Plan table will be provided in Microsoft Excel format.

Accessibility Deficiency Summary Report and Site-Specific Audit Reports (individual park maps, accessibility audit checklists)

Summary of audit methodology.

Summary spreadsheet of observed deficiencies.

Site-specific audit reports.

Transition Plan Report

Introduction/purpose statement.

Summary of how the City determines priorities and will monitor progress for corrective measures.

Summary of ADA Coordinator contact and grievance procedures (Request for Accommodation).

Summary of Transition Plan timeline.

Summary spreadsheet of deficiencies by facility or park, with target year corrective measure timelines and estimated costs.

Appendix of Applicable References, including but not limited to:

Audit Informational Flyer.

Grievance Procedure (Request for Reasonable Accommodation) Form.

Contact Information for ADAAG, ANSI, and Great Lakes ADA.

ADAAG or ANSI Sections as required to justify specific corrective measure or policy based accommodation.

Transition Plan Geodatabase

MSA will provide a geodatabase (ESRI ArcGIS) including: Audit Location, listed deficiency, potential solutions, and priority or timeline phase.

WORK NOT INCLUDED

- City right-of-way areas (sidewalks and trails).
- City/County public transit vehicles.
- Review of policies, procedures, programs, communications, and website and media information.
- Review of non-public or process areas of City facilities.
- Design and construction drawings and/or specification development.
- Detailed land surveying by field survey crews, professional land surveyors, etc.
- Design documents, construction documents, bidding services and construction services for the needed alterations.
- Review of other City parcels or facilities not expressly identified in this scope of services.
- Playground safety audits.
- Staff training session.

Exhibit B
Park Facilities List

Table 2.6 City of La Crescent Park Amenities (highlight indicates lighted facility)

		Acres	Pool	Canoe/Kayak Launch	Playground Equipment	Baseball Fields	Basketball Court	Tennis Court	Volleyball Court	Soccer Field	Playfield	Ice Skating/ Hockey	Sledding Hill	Skate Park	Bike/Walking Trail	Open-Air Shelter	Restroom	Picnic Tables	Benches	Parking Lot
Community Parks		41.6																		
Abnet Field	520 S 14th St	10.4				2														
Frank J. Kistler Memorial Park	608 S 7th St	5.4						3												
Old Hickory Park	1200 Jonathan Ln	17.8																		
Veteran's Park	595 Veterans Parkway	8																		
Mini Parks		2.5																		
Crescent Valley Park	Valley Ln & Crescent Ave	0.5																		
John S. Harris Park	N Elm St	2																		
Nature Preserves		192.9																		
Eagles Bluff Park	422 Red Apple Dr	107.1																		
Horsetrack Meadows	Bridle Ln	38.9																		
North End Park	Ambrosia St	10																		
Stoney Point	Stoney Point Rd	59.6																		
Vetsch Park	722 N 2nd St	25																		
Vollweiler Park	Crescent Hills Dr	18.9																		
Neighborhood Parks		9.9																		
Valley South Park	Jupiter St & S 11th St	4																		
Wieser Memorial Park	1811 County 6	5.9																		
Special Purpose Parks		5.6																		
Blue Lake (canoe/kayak launch)	south side of Hwy 14/61, end of Strupp Ave.	5.6																		

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Summer Recreation Timeline

Early-mid April: Tiling and caulking the pool

Saturday, May 6: Rec sign up, 8-10 a.m., Community Building

Monday, May 8: Rec sign up, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Pool

May 17 and 24: CPR and Bloodborne Pathogens, Fire Station

Friday, May 26: Crucifixion Pool Party

Saturday morning, May 27: Lifeguard recertification through YMCA

Saturday, May 27, 1:00 p.m.: Pool opens to the public

Tuesday, May 30: La Crescent-Hokah Elementary Pool Party

Wednesday, May 31: Houston Elementary Pool Party

Thursday, June 1: La Crescent-Hokah Middle School Pool Party

Monday, June 5: All recreation activities start. Swim lessons, golf, tennis, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, swim team, log rolling



Permit # _____

#4

☐ Calendar☐ Excel Log☐ Scanned

La Crescent City Hall
315 Main Street, La Crescent, MN 55947
(507) 895-2595 – Email: cfortsch@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov

PARK SHELTER 2023 Reservation Request

RENTER INFORMATION:

Organization/Group Name (If Applicable) _____

Applicant's Name _____ Phone (include area code) _____

Email address _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

City of La Crescent Resident ☐ Yes ☐ No

RENTAL & EVENT INFORMATION:

Desired Reservation Date: _____ Arrival/Set-Up Time: _____

Type of Event _____ Departure/Tear-down Time: _____

Desired Facility Location: _____

Approximate Number attending _____

Note: No spaces are held or "penciled in."

Scheduling Instructions

- Reservations can be made by contacting Chris Fortsch at City Hall at (507) 895-2595 or email: cfortsch@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov.
- Reservations will not be confirmed without a signed contract, rental payment and consent of damage responsibility agreement.
- A contact person must be designated to oversee all arrangements with the City of La Crescent Parks Department.

ALL RESERVATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED RESERVATION POLICY CONCERNING LA CRESCENT'S PARKS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU REVIEW ALL CONDITIONS.

Rental Rates: (TIMES & FEES WILL NEED TO BE ADJUSTED)

Rental Time Block for Reserved Space & Fees: (please check one)

Resident Fees:

- | | | |
|---|---------|-------|
| ☐ 7:00 am – 2:00 pm | \$XX.00 | _____ |
| ☐ 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm | \$XX.00 | _____ |
| ☐ 7:00 am – 10:00 pm | \$XX.00 | _____ |

Non-Resident Fees:

- | | | |
|---|---------|-------|
| ☐ 7:00 am – 2:00 pm | \$XX.00 | _____ |
| ☐ 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm | \$XX.00 | _____ |
| ☐ 7:00 am – 10:00 pm | \$XX.00 | _____ |

La Crescent Non-Profit Organizations (Staffing Fee for Any Reservation)

- | | | |
|---|----------|-------|
| ☐ 7:00 am – 2:00 pm | \$XX.00* | _____ |
| ☐ 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm | \$XX.00* | _____ |
| ☐ 7:00 am – 10:00 pm | \$XX.00* | _____ |

*\$30 with proof of Tax-Exemption (Form ST3 –Certificate of Exemption) for non-profit organizations

Subtotal _____

x MN Sales Tax (X.X%) + _____

TOTAL RENTAL FEES: \$ _____

Damage Responsibility Agreement

☐ Renter reviewed Damage Responsibility Agreement and agrees to be billed if deemed necessary

initial _____

Park Reservation Policies

1. Shelter reservations may be made any time for future events within three years of today, and are only accepted for facilities listed on the reservation form. Reservations must be made at least a week in advance to guarantee services.
2. Fees will be collected on the date the reservation form is submitted in order to book your date.
3. A 30 day notice is required for a refund. If an event is cancelled for any reason within 30 days, no refund will be given. (**This includes cancellations due to weather.)
4. A copy of the permit or proof of payment must be brought to the facility as proof of reservation.
5. A fee may be charged for additional table or other requests. These requests must be made at the City Center, with payment, at the time of reservation.
6. Reservations must be made by a person 18 years of age or older and responsible adult supervision must be provided at all times to insure that the facility and surrounding grounds are utilized in a safe and orderly manner.
7. Law enforcement officials have the authority to ask uncooperative offenders to leave the park. Any violation of park rules or other City ordinances may result in loss of reservation and future access to park facilities.
8. All motorized vehicles must be left in designated parking areas.
9. Park hours are ___ am - ___ p.m. Groups must clean up and be gone by ___ p.m., or times specified on reservation form.
10. You are responsible for keeping the park area clean by leaving the facility and grounds free of litter. Please empty garbage cans into nearby dumpsters, wipe off picnic tables, clean up messes and spills on the floor, and pick up litter around the facility. Failure to do so may result in billing you for damage/clean-up fees and/or rights of park use in the future.
11. Please report vandalism or littering witnessed at the park.
12. Park policies and/or fees may be altered at the action of the La Crescent City Council.

Damage Responsibility Agreement

You agree that you are responsible for any damages, excess cleaning fees, repairs, or replacement to City-owned property as a result of the rental. Fees charged to customer are based on the cost of the materials and services required to repair, clean, or replace City-owned property. Invoices for said fees and costs shall be due in full within 30 days of receipt. If you fail to timely pay any invoice from the City you agree that you will also be responsible for the attorney's fees and costs incurred by the City to collect from you, whether or not a lawsuit has been commenced to collect.

Park Shelter Agreement

The above named group agrees to abide by all park regulations. Groups are reminded that their reservation is for the pavilion area only. Other park facilities are open to public use. City parks close at ___ p.m. Be kind to our parks and considerate of other users, clean up after your event. Park staff will coordinate times with group to determine best times to meet and inspect facilities before and after.

It is agreed that this permit is a license only to use the facilities for the stated purpose(s). The licensee agrees that the City of La Crescent, its agents, employees and/or assigns are not responsible for any personal injury or property damage sustained by licensee, his/her invitees or guests, arising out of the use of the facilities pursuant to this permit. Licensee agrees to indemnify the city of La Crescent, and, its agents, employees and assigns for any claims for personal injury or property damage made against it arising from the use of the facilities pursuant to this permit.

Agreement: I have received, read, and agree to abide by all City Ordinances, Park Rules and Regulations, as well as conditions with this reservation application.

Questions, comments, or suggestions regarding any park facility or program may be directed to _____
at (phone number, email, etc.?).

The City of La Crescent enforces the above rules and regulations for each rental.
Your signature below confirms your understanding and adherence to the rules and regulations for each rental.

City Representative, City of La Crescent

Date

Renter's Signature

Date

#5

CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW CITY CODE – PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND
PUBLIC GROUNDS**

The City Council of the City of La Crescent, Minnesota hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. A new City Code Chapter ____ entitled Parks, Playgrounds, and Public Grounds, is adopted as follows:

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND PUBLIC GROUNDS

APPLICATION.

This Section shall apply to all parks, playgrounds and public grounds owned by or otherwise under the control of the city council within the municipal boundaries of the city, irrespective of whether or not any such lands are open to the unsolicited use thereof by city residents or other persons.

HOURS OF USE.

- (A) Unless otherwise posted, no person shall be present in or located upon any park, playground or other public ground, including parking areas appurtenant thereto, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. without the express written approval of the city council; provided, that this section shall not apply to persons who, without delay, are traveling through such parks, playgrounds, or public grounds upon established walks, paths and streets.

USES PROHIBITED.

- (A) No person not an employee of the city shall pick or cut any wild or cultivated flower or cut, break or in any way injure or deface any tree, shrub or plant or otherwise disturb or disrupt the soil or grounds of such public areas unless prior approval is obtained from the city.
- (B) No person not an employee of the city shall plant any wild, cultivated or exotic tree, shrub or plant.
- (C) No person shall kill, pursue, injure, molest, disturb or have in possession any species of wildlife including birds, waterfowl or other animals found within the confines of the park.
- (D) No person shall operate a motorized or electrified vehicle in any city park or trail, except on designated roadways and parking lots.

- (E) No person shall start any fire in any such public area.
- (F) No person shall tamper with, climb, deface, destroy, disturb, damage or remove any part of any park building, sign, light, table, grill, shelter, equipment or other property found therein.
- (G) No person shall disregard or fail to comply with any posted regulations, directional signs, barriers or other control devices located within any city park or public ground.
- (H) No person shall deposit, allow to accumulate or dispose of any inorganic waste in or upon a stated public area, except to place same in garbage receptacles provided therefor.
- (I) No person shall engage in boisterous, disruptive behavior, or excessively loud music or noise within or upon any stated public area or otherwise conduct himself so as to unreasonably disturb or aggravate another person or persons.
- (J) No person shall erect or place in any or upon any stated public area a tent, camping equipment or other temporarily located structure, nor shall any person leave any vehicle or movable structure which could be used for the purpose of overnight camping unless approved by the La Crescent City Council. No staking is allowed of said structures without written approval from the city.
- (K) No person shall place or erect any sign or advertisement on any park land, trees, structures or equipment located therein without prior approval of the City.
- (L) No person shall cast, deposit, throw, damage, lay, place or scatter upon any of the stated public areas, or in or upon any water located therein or adjacent thereto, any cigars, cigarettes, glass, bottles, nails, tacks, wire, crockery, cans or any other refuse matter. No person shall have in his possession any glass or other objects easily fragmented in or upon any water located within the park.
- (M) No person shall possess, consume or otherwise provide to others any controlled substance in any park, playground or public ground.
- (N) All dogs while within any park shall be on a leash and the person in control of the dog shall have in possession tools or equipment suitable for the sanitary pick-up, removal and disposal of all dog fecal matter.
- (O) No person shall possess, ride, or drive a horse in any park, playground, or public ground.
- (P) No person shall utilize any park, playground, or public ground for a for-profit enterprise unless in conjunction with a City approved event.
- (Q) Hunting with the use of a weapon is not permitted, and deer stands are not allowed to be installed on City property.

VIOLATION; PENALTY.

- (A) Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (B) Any person violating any of the provisions of this article may be expelled or ejected at such time from a park at the discretion of a law enforcement officer.

SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

The City may establish hours of operation or other rules or regulations regarding specific parks by future action of the City Council.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

#7

Bill Waller

From: Peyton Jerue <jerpey25@students.isd300.k12.mn.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 8:23 AM
To: Christina Fortsch; Teresa O'Donnell; Bill Waller
Subject: Re: eagle scout donation letter



City council meeting

On Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 10:24 AM Peyton Jerue <jerpey25@students.isd300.k12.mn.us> wrote:

Good Morning. As requested at our last meeting here is the eagle scout project donation letter.

Also with the upcoming council meeting, what information should I be presenting, I was gonna go over the cost, timeframe, and progress of the project. Is there more that should be covered?

Thanks, Peyton

Troop 33 La Crescent MN

3/29/2023

Dear NAME HERE,

My name is Peyton Jerue from troop 33. I am currently a life scout in my troop in La Crescent MN. The next rank achievement is Eagle where I am to build, fund, and complete a project benefiting the community of my choosing. I am reaching out to you asking for a monetary donation to help fund my Eagle scout project. Any donations are for the LaCrescent Dog Park, NOT the Boy Scouts of America. The project is aiming to raise \$8,000 to fund the project as a whole. The project is building a perimeter fence and clearing land in La Crescent, for the well-overdue addition of a dog park. With pet owners at an all time high in town, a dog park is the perfect addition. There has been a great deal of planning and yet lot's more work to be done. The donation would go to funding material for the fence or equipment to remove the brush. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated. All checks should be made to Troop 33-Peyton Jerue, and mailed to 324 Fireside dr La Crescent MN. All donations should be submitted by May 31st, 2023. Construction will then begin in June.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Sincerely

Peyton
Eagle scout candidate
324 fireside dr
PeytonJerue@outlook.com
55947
La Crescent



Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

Eagle Scout candidate's full legal name Peyton Andrew Jerue

Please give a name to your project Project Barking Apples

Contact Information

Eagle Scout candidates should know who is involved, but contact information may be more important to unit leaders and others in case they want to talk to each other. While it is recognized that not all the information will be needed for every project, Scouts are expected to provide as much as reasonably possible. Approval representatives must understand, however, that doing so is not part of the service project requirement.

Eagle Scout Candidate

Name: Peyton Andrew Jerue		Birth date: 01/24/2007	
Email Address: PeytonJerue@outlook.com		BSA PID number:	
Address: 324 Fireside Dr	City: La Crescent	State: MN	Zip: 55947
Preferred telephone(s): 608 797 4479		Life Board of Review date:	

Current Unit Information

Check One: ☒ Troop ☐ Crew ☐ Ship	Unit Number: 33
Name of District: Seven Rivers District	Name of Council: Gateway Area Council

Unit Leader Check One: ☒ Scoutmaster ☐ Crew Advisor ☐ Skipper

Name: Ron Forman	Preferred telephone(s): 608 385 9423		
Address: 408 4th street North	City: La Crescent	State: MN	Zip: 55947
Email Address: RP4man@goacentek.net			

Unit Committee Chair

Name: Sherry Barrett	Preferred telephone(s): 608 799 4531		
Address: 701 12th Court	City: La Crescent	State: MN	Zip: 55947
Email Address: Sherry_dave_ben.msn.com			

Unit Advancement Coordinator

(If your unit has one)

Name: Ron Forman	Preferred telephone(s): 608 385 9423		
Address: 408 4th Street North	City: La Crescent	State: MN	Zip: 55947
Email Address: RP4man@goacentek.net			

Project Beneficiary

(Name of religious institution, school or community)

Name: City of La Crescent	Preferred telephone(s): 507-895-2595		
Address: 315 Main St	City: La Crescent	State: MN	Zip: 55947
Email Address:			

Project Beneficiary Representative

(Name of contact person for the project beneficiary)

Name: Bill Waller	Preferred telephone(s): 507 895 4668		
Address: 315 Main St	City: La Crescent	State: MN	Zip: 55947
Email Address: bwaller@cityoflacrescent.mn.gov			

Your Council Service Center

Contact Name: Nikki Burk	Preferred telephone(s): 608 784 4040		
Address: 2600 Quarry Road	City: La Crosse	State: WI	Zip: 54601
Email Address: nikki.burk@scouting.org			

Council or District Project Approval Representative

(Your unit leader, unit advancement coordinator, or council or district advancement chair may help you learn who this will be.)

Name: David Foye	Preferred telephone(s): 608 288 4040		
Address:	City: La Crosse	State: WI	Zip: 54601
Email Address: Dfoyelax@yahoo.com			

Project Coach

(Your council or district project approval representative may help you learn who this will be.)

Name: Kerry Jerue	Preferred telephone(s): 608 385 4134		
Address: 324 Fireside Dr	City: La Crescent	State: MN	Zip: 55947
Email Address: Kerryjerue@yahoo.com			

For many years, my city of La Crescent has had a growing dog population. The city had been discussing the idea of adding a dog park for the community. My project would be removing trees and vegetation by clearing the designated city property and then putting a chain link fence around the area. This will give the city a controlled and cleared area for the dog park. Basic signage including the park guidelines and expectations will also be put up.

Include images on an additional document.

Tell how your project will be helpful to the beneficiary. Why is it needed?

La crescent's dog population is at an all time high with dogs at most houses in the city. A place like a dog park would be good for dogs to socialize and exercise. Not everyone has a yard for their pet to run and play outside. Those that have the space will still benefit from the opportunity to socialize with other dogs. Pet owners will also be able to build a sense of community based on the the opportunity to socialize as the pets play.

When do you plan to begin carrying out your project?

When do you think your project will be completed?

Where will you recruit them (unit members, friends, neighbors, family, others)?

Troop 33 members at the February Troop meeting. Family members that are involved in scouting. Friends that have a shared interest in the project and our community. Volunteers will be in smaller groups to reduce down time and improve output.

What do you think will be most difficult about leading them?

People might not understand what to do or do not know how to do the job given.

Materials

Materials are things that become part of the finished project, such as lumber, nails and paint.

What types of materials, if any, will you need? You do not need a detailed list or exact quantities, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required. For example, for lumber, use basic dimensions such as 2x4 or 4x4.

Chain link fence, I will use 50 foot rolls that are 5 feet tall. Posts to structure to the fence and caps for the top of the posts. and chain gates for in between sections and for entrance. I also will need ground stakes to secure the bottom of the fence.

Supplies

Supplies are things you use up, such as food and refreshments, gasoline, masking tape, tarps, safety supplies and garbage bags.

What types of supplies, if any, will you need? You do not need a detailed list or exact quantities, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required.

bottled water, gatorade, gasoline for machinery, first aid supplies, garbage bags, hot dogs, snacks

What tools or equipment, if any, will you need? You do not need a detailed list, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required.

shovels, saws, hatchets, axes, loppers, rakes, clippers, hedge trimmer, weed wacker, lawn mower, chain saw

Other Needs *Items that don't fit the above categories; for example, parking or postage, or services such as printing or pouring concrete, etc..*

What other needs do you think you might encounter?

traffic cones to block the area

Permits and Permissions

Note that property owners should obtain and pay for permits.

Will permissions or permits (such as building permits) be required for your project? Who will obtain them? How long will it take?

No permits are required since the project is on city land with city permission. We will need a liability release form for those choosing to use power tools/equipment.

Preliminary Cost Estimate

You do not need exact costs yet. Reviewers will just want to see if you can reasonably expect to raise enough money to cover an initial estimate of expenses. Include the value of donated materials, supplies, tools, and other items. It is not necessary to include the value of tools or other items that will be loaned at no cost. Note that if your project requires a fundraising application, you do not need to submit it with your proposal.

Enter your estimated expenses below
(include sales tax if applicable)

Materials:	5000
Supplies:	350
Tools:	100
Other:	50
Total Costs:	5500

Fundraising: Explain how you will raise the money to pay for the total costs. If you intend to seek donations of actual materials, supplies, etc., then explain how you plan to do that, too.

Fundraiser with Lions club, Altra Credit Union donation, Marine Credit Union donation and other business donations. Drive through fundraiser meal for awareness and support.

Project Phases

Think of your project in terms of phases, and list what they might be. The first may be to prepare your project plan. Other phases might include fundraising, preparation, execution and reporting. You may have as many phases as you want, but it is not necessary to become overly complicated; brief, one line descriptions are sufficient. If you have more than 10 phases, attach a separate page with your continued phase list.

1	Setup perimeter and map out the area
2	Fundraise the money
3	Gather material
4	Get volunteers
5	Clear the land
6	Build the fences and gates
7	clean up the area
8	Add the signage
9	
10	

Logistics

How will you handle transportation of materials, supplies, tools, and helpers?

Materials and tools will be transported by my father's vehicle. He has trailers and vehicles available to support this project. Volunteers will meet at the site.

Describe the hazards and safety concerns of which you and your helpers should be aware.

Read the "Age Guidelines for Tool Usage" at Scouting.org

Injury from vegetation like poison ivy/oak and burrs. Insect bites or snake bites are also possible. Wrong use of machinery. Dehydration or overheating if you have improper hydration.

Project Planning

You do not have to list every step, but it must be enough to show you have a reasonable idea of how to prepare your plan.

List some action steps you will take to prepare your project plan. For example, "Complete a more detailed set of drawings."

Make a detailed map of trees and land. Discover and map property lines and boundaries. Make a detailed supply list to budget and fundraise properly.

Candidate's Promise* On my honor as a Scout, I have read this entire workbook, including the "Message to Scouts and Parents or Guardians" on page 4. I promise to be the leader of this project, and to do my best to carry it out for the maximum benefit to the religious institution, school, or community I have chose as beneficiary.	Sign below before you seek the other approvals for your proposal.
Signed _____	Date _____

* Remember: Do not begin any work on your project, or raise any money, or obtain any materials, until your project has been approved.

Unit Leader Approval* I have reviewed this proposal and discussed it with the candidate. I believe it provides impact worthy of an Eagle Scout service project, and will involve planning, development and leadership. I am comfortable the Scout understands what to do, and how to lead the effort. I will see that the project is monitored, and that adults or others present will not overshadow him.	Unit Committee Approval* This Eagle Scout candidate is a Life Scout, and registered in our unit. I have reviewed this proposal, I am comfortable the project is feasible, and I will do everything I can see that our unit measures up to the level of support we have agreed to provide (if any). I certify that I have been authorized by our unit committee to provide its approval for this proposal.
Signed <u>Ronald Forman</u> Date <u>1-9-23</u>	Signed <u>Sherry Barrett</u> Date <u>1/9/23</u>
Name (Printed) <u>Ronald Forman</u>	Name (Printed) <u>Sherry Barrett</u>

Beneficiary Approval* This service project will provide significant benefit, and we will do all we can to see it through. We realize funding on our part is not required, but we have informed the Scout of the financial support (if any) to which we have agreed. We understand any fund raising the Scout conducts will be in our name and that funds left over will come to us if we are allowed to accept them. We will provide receipts to donors as required.	Council or District Approval I have read topics 9.0.2.0 through 9.0.2.15, regarding the Eagle Scout service project, in the <i>Guide to Advancement</i> , No. 33088. I agree on my honor to apply the procedures as written, and in compliance with the policy on "Unauthorized Changes to Advancement." Accordingly, I approve this proposal. I will encourage the candidate to prepare a project plan and share it with the designated project coach.
Our Eagle Candidate has provided us a copy of "Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project, Information for Project Beneficiaries." Yes _____ No _____	
Signed <u>Bill Waller</u> Date <u>2/3/2023</u>	Signed _____ Date _____
Name (Printed) <u>Bill Waller</u>	Name (Printed) _____

* While it makes sense to obtain approvals in the order they appear, there shall be no required sequence for the order of obtaining those approvals marked with an asterisk (*). Council or district approval, however, must come after the others.

Stoney Point

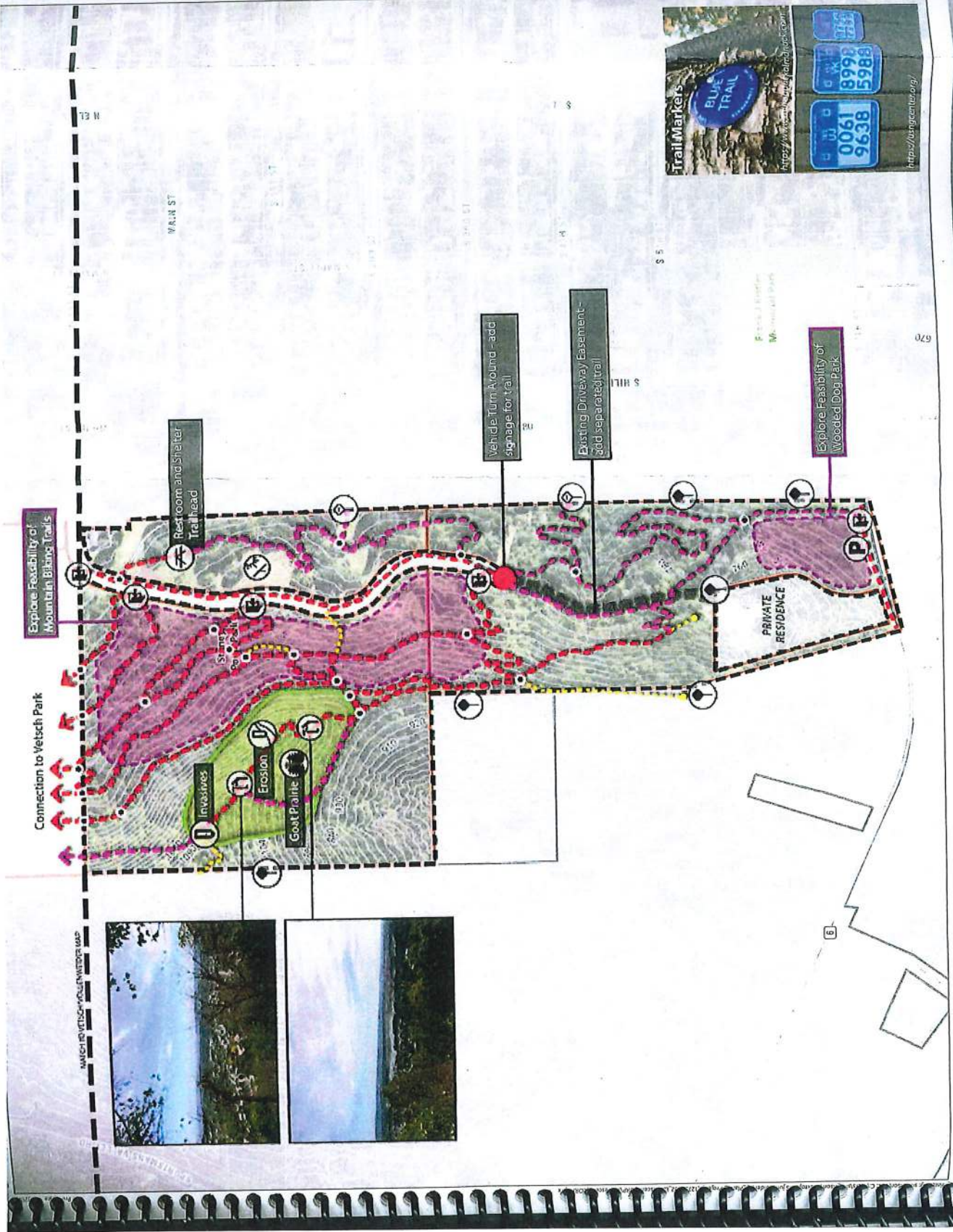
La Crescent CORP Study

Note: All trail locations are approximate.

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|---|---|
|  | Unnamed Trail
Add trail markers every 500 feet or as trail conditions require. |
|  | Accessible Trail
Improve trail to allow for ADA compliance to maximum extent practicable. Slopes less than 5%. Firm, stable and slip resistant surface (e.g., compacted gravel preferred). Develop route from accessible parking stall. |
|  | ADDED Trail
(approximate location) |
|  | REMOVED Trail
(approximate location) |
|  | Park Signage |
|  | Entrance/Gateway |
|  | Trail Signage |
|  | Property Boundary Signage |
|  | Overlook |
|  | Picnic Area |
|  | Significant Vegetation |
|  | Invasive Species Management |
|  | Trail Maintenance |
|  | Solar Array Expansion Opportunity |
|  | Parking |

Data Sources:
Houston County (2021)
Camp Plan Data (2015)
MNDNR (2021)

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#8



District 6 Rochester
2900 48th St. NW
Rochester, MN 55901

February 14, 2023

Jason Ludwigson
City of La Crescent
315 Main Street
La Crescent, MN 55947

Dear Mr. Ludwigson,

The District 6 Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-6) would like to thank you for the submittal of your application, *La Crescent Safe Routes to School Implementation*, as part of the 2027 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program solicitation.

Below is a list of the projects that were selected and the amount of awarded funding. Your project was awarded \$223,280. The ATP-6 attempts to use all available TA funds to fund the highest-ranking projects.

- City of La Crescent – La Crescent Safe Routes to School Implementation \$223,280
- City of Red Wing – Mississippi Blufflands State Trail – Red Wing Riverfront \$575,591
- Houston County – CSAH 21 on road trail facility \$808,216
- City of Northfield – TH 19 Trail Improvements Project - \$492,913

Your project will be programmed into the 2024-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) which includes the state's next four-years of planned transportation projects. Please work with the MnDOT District 6 State Aid Office during the development of your project. You may contact Fausto Cabral, MnDOT D6 State Aid Engineer, at 507-251-1930 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Greg Paulson Digitally signed by Greg Paulson
Date: 2023.02.14 14:41:42 -06'00'

Greg Paulson
Area Transportation Partnership Chair
District 6 Assistant District Engineer – Program Delivery

CC: ATP-6, Mark Schoenfelder, Fausto Cabral, Tracy Schnell, Kurt Wayne, John Kahoun

Equal Opportunity Employer



Safe Routes to School Implementation

Presented to the
SE Minnesota ATP

Friday, February 10, 2023
11:45 AM

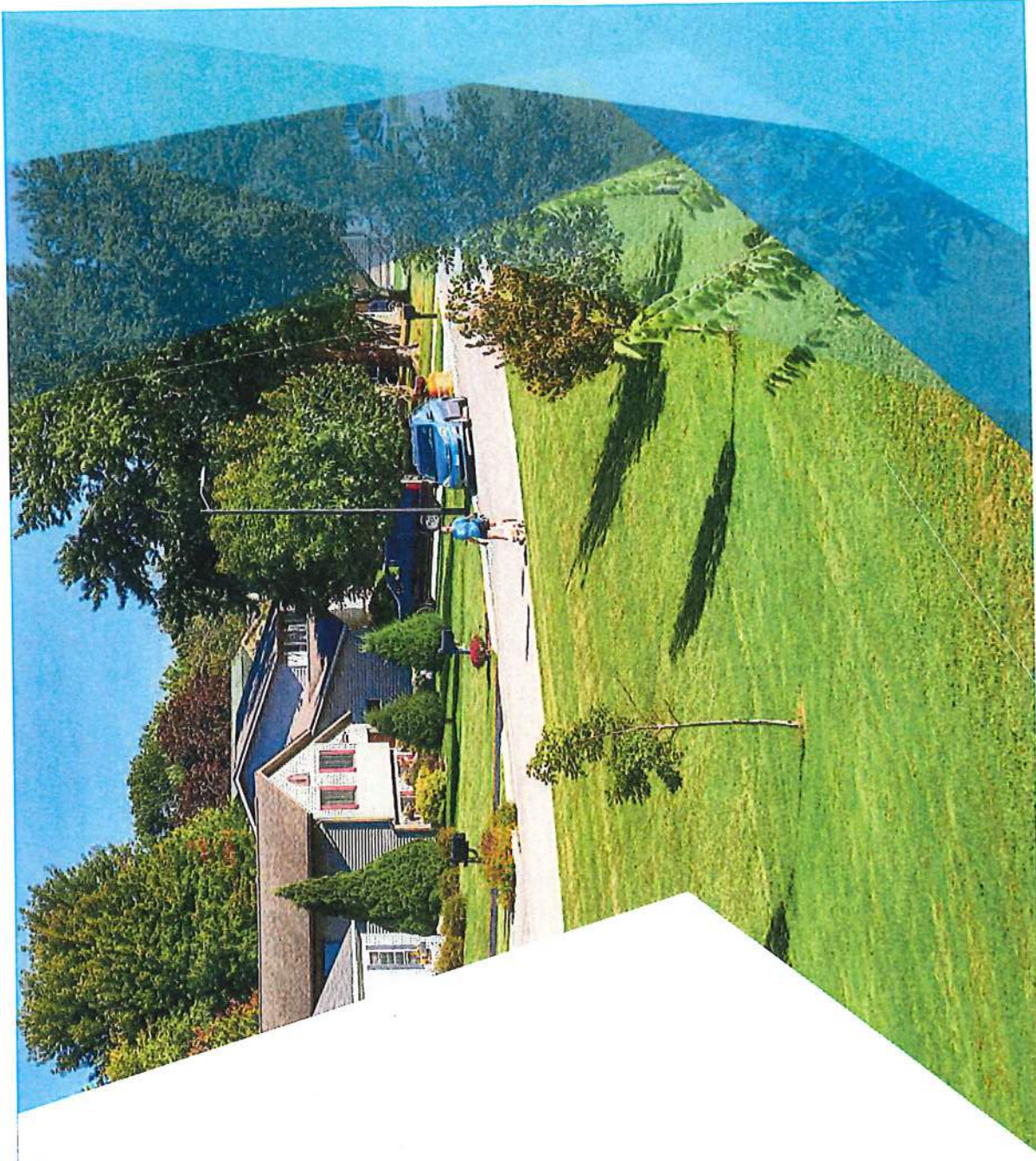


Project Overview

- ▶ Projects identified in the 2020 SRTS Plan
 - ▶ SRTS Plan received significant public input
 - ▶ Improves connections for all 4 schools
 - ▶ Makes significant infrastructure improvements to improve walking and biking to school
- ▶ All projects are on City streets



Growing from River to Ridge



Project Overview



Project Overview

- ▶ **(E)** - Replace the sidewalk running along 2nd Street in front of Crucifixion Elementary



Project Overview

- ▶ **[A]** - Install two bump-out pedestrian crossings at Oak Street and 3rd Street intersection



LA CRESCENT HOKAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Project

- ▶ **(A)** - Improve pedestrian crossing on Lancer Blvd. near the school's main entrance
- ▶ **(B)** - Install four bump-out pedestrian crossings
- ▶ **(D)** - Add two bump-out pedestrian crossings on the north side of the intersection
- ▶ **(F)** - Implement pedestrian crossing outside Montessori & STEM along Oak St.
- ▶ **(J)** - Add sidewalk on the south side of 11th St between Cedar Dr. & Oak St.
- ▶ **(M)** - Add sidewalk on the south side of 12th St between Lancer Blvd. & Skunk Hollow Rd.



LA CRESCENT HOKAH SECONDARY/MONTESSORI & STEM SCHOOL
LA CRESCENT, MN

Objectives

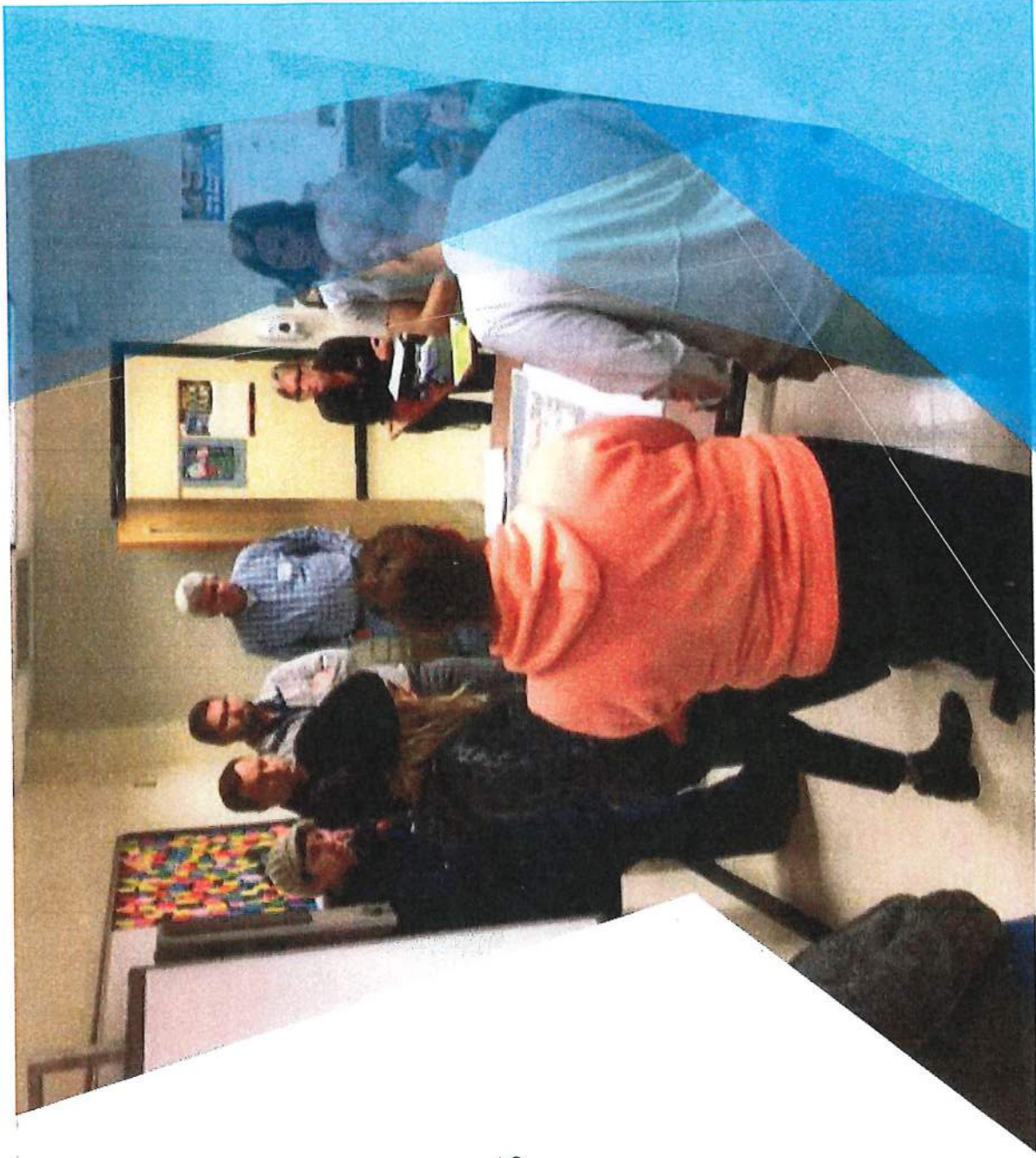
- ▶ Walking and biking to school is safe, comfortable, and fun for all students in La Crescent
 - ▶ Traffic calming
 - ▶ Slower speeds
 - ▶ Decrease crossing distances
 - ▶ Connects residential area
 - ▶ Increased physical activity
 - ▶ Healthier community

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Project Delivery

- ▶ Public involvement in SRTS Plan
- ▶ Demonstration Projects
- ▶ No Right-of-Way required



Financing

- ▶ ATP: \$223,280
- ▶ City Funds: \$140,020

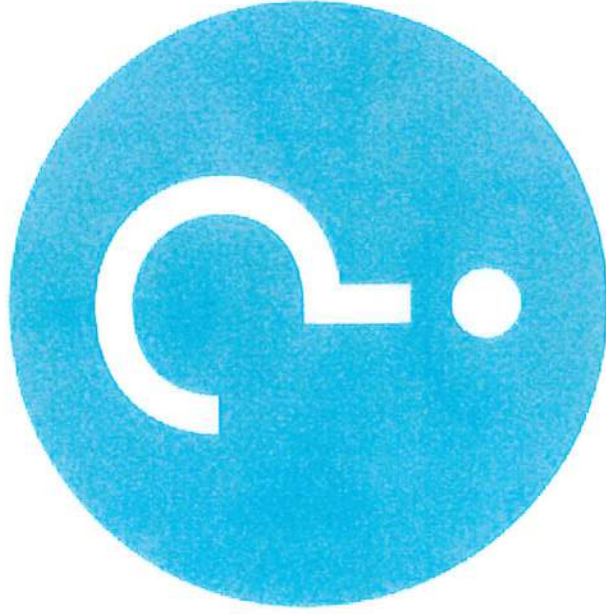
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Equity

- ▶ School locations in older parts of the community
- ▶ Property values
- ▶ Pedestrian connectivity to destinations
 - ▶ Improves connections to previous projects
 - ▶ Wagon Wheel Trail and Bridge
 - ▶ Oak Street Sidewalk
 - ▶ Downtown





Questions and Answers

Thank You!

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LOCAL OFFICIAL MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES

RE: Local Officials Meeting

Date of Meeting: 1/31/2023

Project Manager: Aleigha Burg (SEH)

Time of Meeting: 1 p.m.

SEH No.: TBD

Location of Meeting: TEAMS

WisDOT ID: 5991-07-72/73

Attendees: Tim Acklin (City of La Crosse), Jenna Dinkel (City of La Crosse), Stephanie Sward (City of La Crosse), Jeremy Tomesh (SEH), Aleigha Burg (SEH), Lorraine Betzel (WisDOT LPPM), Francis Schelfhout (WisDOT Bike/Ped), Michael Erickson (WisDOT LPM), Kurt Wayne (MnDOT Bike/Ped), Bill Waller (City of La Crescent), Jason Ludwigson (City of La Crescent), Peter Fletcher (La Crosse County), Jackie Eastwood (La Crosse County)

Agenda:

This meeting was to discuss project progress for the Wagon Wheel Trail project.

1. Lorraine Betzel will be taking over as WisDOT Local Program Project Manager from Brandan Burger.
2. Grant passed City of La Crosse council and has been approved.
3. Resolution going thru City of La Crosse council to appropriate design funding for this year.
4. LET was moved to 2026 construction by WisDOT.
5. City is requesting letter of support from City of La Crescent and La Crosse County for another application they will be submitting.
6. Project will be WisDOT LET and will fall under WDNR/WisDOT Cooperative Agreement.
7. Maintenance agreement between WisDOT and City of La Crescent. Also, a maintenance agreement between City of La Crosse and City of La Crescent.
8. Goal for this year is to begin initial environmental coordination and complete 30% preliminary plans.
9. Potential for real estate acquisition at the pedestrian bridge. MnDOT prefers to be the maintaining authority of any real estate that is purchased in MN. TLE will be acceptable to construction the pedestrian bridge and trail project. Goal of this project is to stay within existing right of way.
10. MnDOT has put together a design team and requests that the pedestrian bridge be as close to existing roadway structures as possible to limit impacts. MnDOT design team will review plans.
11. How close can the ped bridge be to existing bridge? Maybe 5-6 feet edge of structure to edge of structure. Will need to verify.
12. Sponsors Guide documentation needs to be sent to WisDOT so they can approve the SMA.
13. City of La Crescent is not anticipating reviewing plans. City of La Crescent will defer plan review to MnDOT and anticipates that MnDOT will review plans from City and State perspective.
14. Michael Erickson will be retiring in March 2023.
15. Have regularly schedule progress meetings.

16. Tentative project schedule:

Project Award	March 2023
Topographic Survey	April 2023 (pending ice out)
Arch/Historic Surveys	May 2023 (pending high water)
Wetland Delineation	June 2023 (pending high water)
Begin Initial Agency Coordination	June 2023
30% Preliminary Plans	October 2023
Operational Planning Meeting	November 2023
Geotechnical Exploration	May 2024
Environmental Document	August 2024
Design Study Report	September 2025
60% Preliminary Design	October 2024
Plat	November 2024
Pre-PS&E	August 2025
PS&E	November 1, 2025
LET	February 10, 2026

Follow-up:

1. La Crosse County will schedule a progress meeting in June 2023. If another meeting is needed prior to this date, contact Peter Fletcher.
2. City of La Crosse will assist with limits of connecting highway.

National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



91°16'39"W 43°49'20"N

Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

- Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
- With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
- Regulatory Floodway

OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD

- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Area of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
- Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
- Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X
- Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone X

OTHER AREAS

- NO SCREEN
- Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
- Effective LOMIRS
- Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone X
- Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
- Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

GENERAL STRUCTURES

- Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance
- Water Surface Elevation
- Coastal Transect
- Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
- Limit of Study
- Jurisdiction Boundary
- Coastal Transect Baseline
- Profile Baseline
- Hydrographic Feature

OTHER FEATURES

- Digital Data Available
- No Digital Data Available
- Unmapped

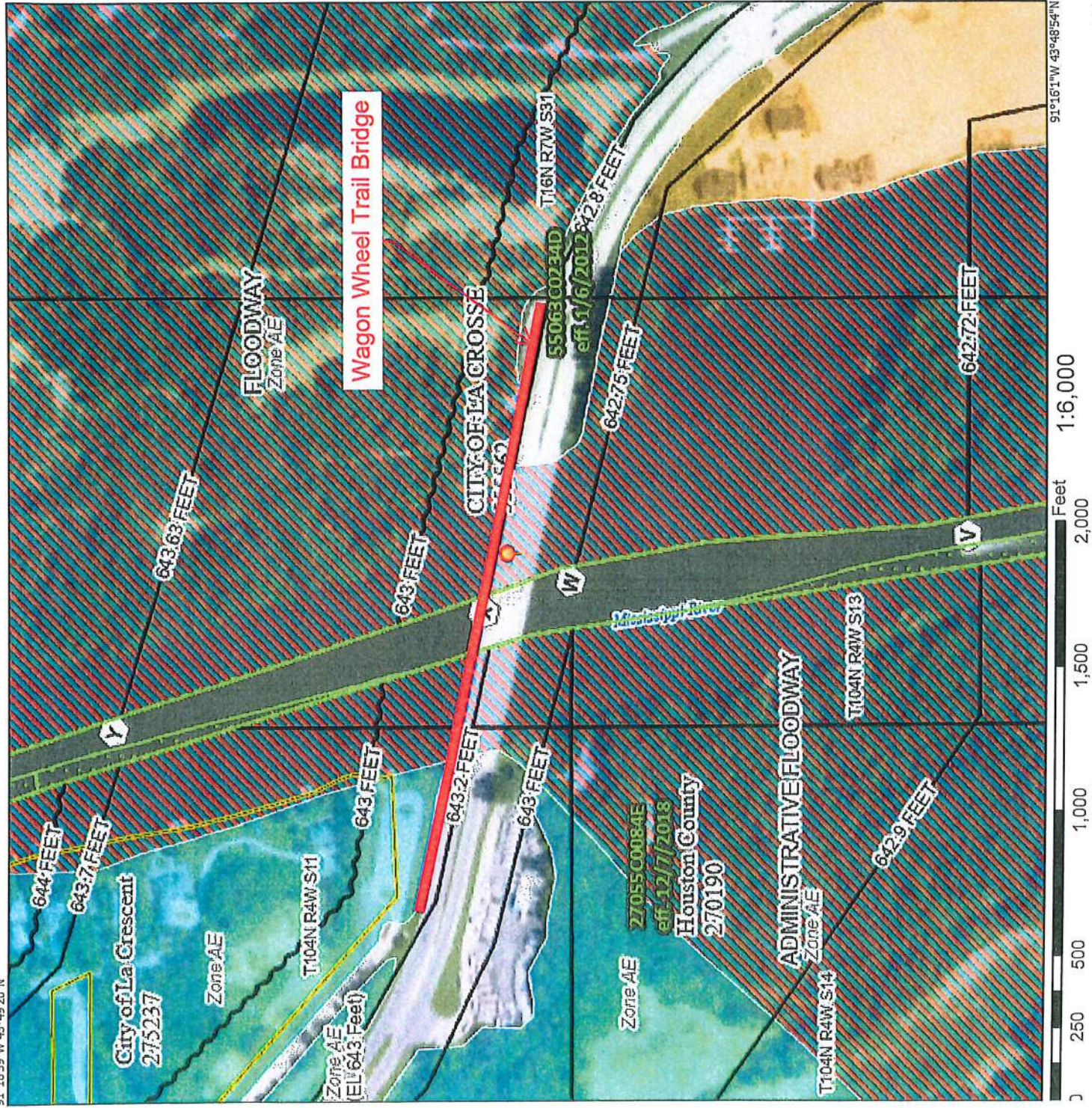
MAP PANELS

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La Crescent Volunteer Day to Pull Garlic Mustard



Vetsch Park in La Crescent, like many parks in eastern MN, has seen an increase in the spread of Garlic Mustard, an invasive exotic species. A plant becomes classified as invasive when the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) determines that a non native plant species causes “economic or environmental harm or harm to human health”.

Garlic Mustard starts growing in the early spring and tends to thrive in the shade of forests. As the garlic mustard spreads it crowds out native plants. Ultimately, you may see large patches of the plants on the forest floor. In its second year, garlic mustard produces blooms with small white flowers, and then goes to seed. These tiny seeds are easily carried by the wind or water. MN DNR notes that garlic mustard also produces chemicals that “inhibit the growth of other plants and beneficial fungi that help trees grow”.

As Ruth Nissen, chair of the Natural Resources Advisory Group reflects, “La Crescent is very lucky to have such an accessible natural area like Vetsch Park/Stony Point, it is

important to continually monitor the health of the forest to reduce the impact of invasive species”.

In 2022, the La Crescent Park and Recreation plan was updated and cited the need to address invasives, including garlic mustard, within the city parks. Garlic mustard can be controlled with herbicides or by hand-pulling. The city, guided by its Natural Resources Advisory Group (NRAG), is launching a multi-year effort to hand-pull this invasive plant in order to limit damage that might be caused by spraying. This spring you may see crews systematically pulling garlic mustard before it blooms, and following state guidelines for its disposal. It should be noted that any removal of plant material from a public park must be completed with the knowledge and supervision by city employees.

Want to help? A work day to pull garlic mustard is currently planned for Saturday, April 22, beginning at 10:00 am, weather permitting. If you would like to volunteer, contact NRAG member Marge Loch-Wouters at lochwouters@gmail.com for important information and to receive the City of La Crescent Volunteer Waiver. And when you are enjoying any of our city parks, be sure to clean off your boots to avoid carrying tiny seeds elsewhere!

For more information about MN invasive plants, go to <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrial/index.html>



City of La Crescent



Tyler Benish
04/06/2023

#11

October 24, 2022 → April 6, 2023

Location



October 24, 2022 → April 6, 2023

Key Figures Summary

📅 Whole Period

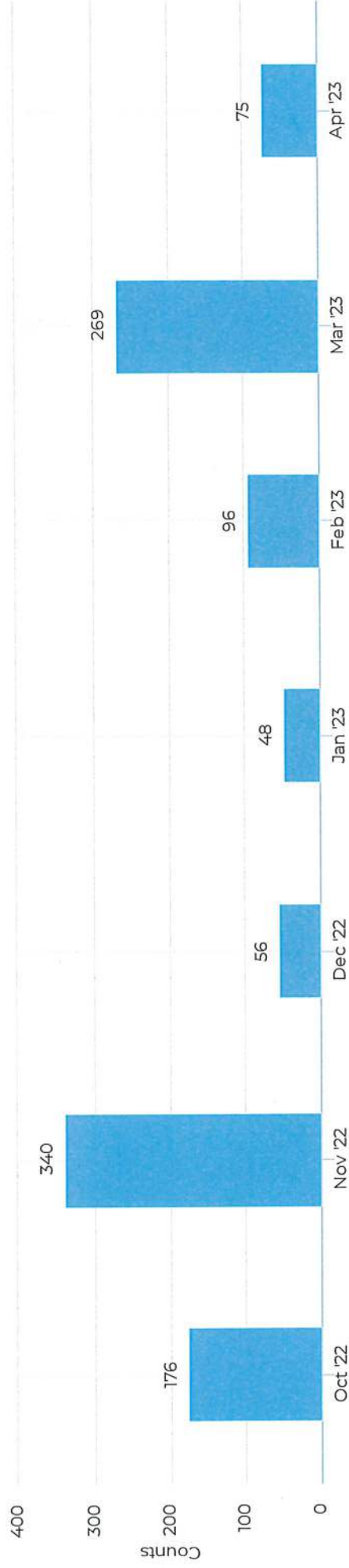
Site	Total ▼
Total Cyclists	1,060

D6 | La Crescent | Wagon Wheel Bridge

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Monthly traffic

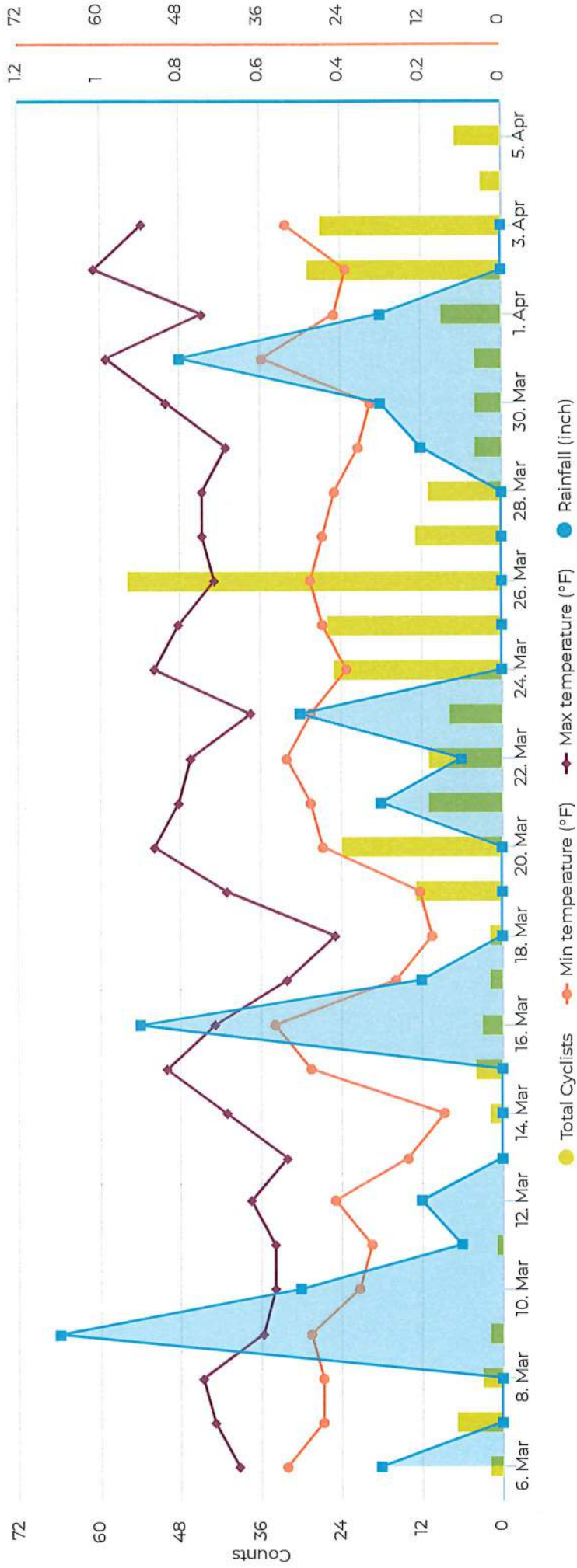
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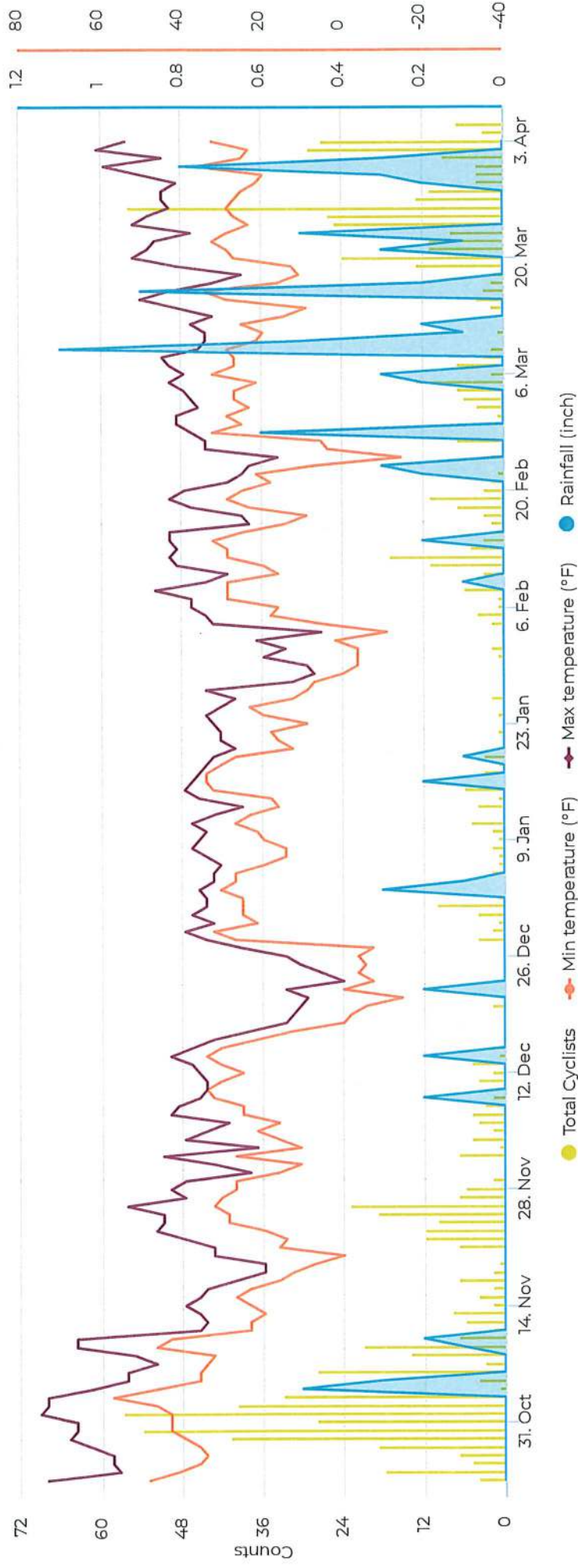
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Whole Period



#12

BICYCLING AROUND MINNESOTA

c/o Marilyn J. Doyle
4308 Zenith Avenue South #1
Minneapolis, MN 55410-1456
marilyn.j.doyle@gmail.com
651.491.8399

April 6, 2023

Honorable Mayor Mike Poellinger
and City Council Members
315 Main Street
La Crescent, MN 55947

email to: lkirch@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov
cfortsch@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov

Re: **Bicycling Around Minnesota - August 17-20, 2023**
Tour in La Crescent August 18 - 19, 2023
Veterans Park

Honorable Mayor Poellinger and City Council Members:

Bicycling Around Minnesota is contacting you to request formal approval of La Crescent as a host city for our 2023 bicycle tour. I write this as the tour assistant. Larry Kirch, La Crescent Community Development Director, presents this letter on our behalf.

BACKGROUND

Bicycling Around Minnesota's Tour Director Mary Derks has been in communication with La Crescent representatives since fall of 2022 and continues into 2023 exploring the possibility of you being a host town for our 2023 bicycle tour. Your representatives have consistently been welcoming and resourceful.

By way of background, Bicycling Around Minnesota / BAM is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote bicycle safety, Minnesota's bike route network, fitness, tourism and bicycling as transportation. BAM has offered its 4-day bicycle tours since 2006. See bambiketour.org for more and the 2023 route.

REQUEST

The purpose of our letter is to request formal City Council approval for BAM's use of Veterans' Park as the tour campsite on August 18-19, 2023. We continue to work with La Crescent's resources to identify an emergency shelter option in case of threatening weather. We refer to this as Plan B which will be submitted to prior to your April 24, 2023 meeting.

The attached proposed event schedule is self-explanatory. A site plan setting out locations for camping, meal and beer tents, entertainment area, shower truck, and event vehicle parking will be included with Plan B.

Bicyclists typically keep their bikes secured near their sleeping locations so we do not have bike corrals.

ONGOING CONTACT WITH LA CRESCENT

Larry Kirch has included public utilities and other key city employees in our Zoom meetings to address concerns such as contacting www.gopherstateonecall.org for utility markings prior to tent stake out plus the use of city fire hydrants for water source for the shower truck and location of sanitary storm sewer for grey water.

We defer to host towns for preferred vendors and will be contacting Hilltoppers Trash & Recycling; Chase Munson - A-1 Precision Pumping for porta-potties at the campsite. Thanks to Christina Fortsch for these resources and others.

BAM is contacting local restaurateurs to cater meals at our La Crescent campground. Local entertainers will also be in the mix for the evenings entertainment.

The La Crescent Lion's Club agreed to operate our August 18th beer tent from 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. and will be contacting you regarding a temporary license for this event.

Christina suggested the possibility of identifying a local organization to serve dinner and / or breakfast if the restaurant was short-staffed. If that occurs, then BAM historically makes a donation to organizations who lend a hand to our event.

PORK BELLY VENTURES

Pork Belly Ventures provides the shower truck, cabin on wheels, meal and camper tents. They have supported Iowa's RAGBRAI for over 20 years. See pkbelly.com Pork Belly's shower trucks, cabins on wheels, and tent services are integral, proven components to our event. We have worked with Pork Belly in the past and look forward to another year with their crew.

SAVE THE DATE

Presuming that you formally approve this request, BAM looks forward to its 2023 time in La Crescent. **We're extending a Save the Date to Mayor Poellinger for dinner on Fri, 8/18 (5 - 6:30 pm) or breakfast on Sat, 8/19 (6:30 - 7:30 am).** We typically introduce you to the bicyclists as we applaud your host city. We'll follow-up later this summer.

We encourage council members to stop by the designated campsite and introduce yourself the evening of August 18th. We have 300 riders (180 registered the 1st nite we opened registration). Average age 62. Average daily distance biked 50 - 60 miles. The majority of riders are Minnesotans with others from across the U.S. and Canada.

If there are any unanswered questions, please contact me at 651.491.8399 or marilyn.j.doyle@gmail.com. Thank you for consideration of BAM's request.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Proposed Event Schedule

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August 18-19, 2023
Proposed Event Schedule & Site Plan
La Crescent

Friday, August 18:

10 – 12 am	Pork Belly Ventures (PBV) crew arrives to set up meal tents, shower truck and PBV campers' tents. BAM luggage truck arrives.
1 – 5 pm	Bicyclists arrive throughout afternoon
4:30 – 8:30 pm	Beer tent
5 – 6:30 pm	Dinner
7 – 9 pm	Entertainment

Saturday, August 19:

6:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast and bicyclists depart
9 – – 11:00 am	Pork Belly Ventures tents take down & crew departs. BAM Luggage Truck departs. BAM site clean-up.

