



STAFF REPORT

DATE: 3/18/2025

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TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Jason Stopa, Community Development Director
AGENDA ITEM: Support submitting a Letter of Intent to the 3M Priority 2 fund for a multi-use path connecting the future Central Greenway Regional Trail to Sunfish Lake Park
REVIEWED BY: Ashley Monterusso, City Planner

CORE STRATEGIES:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vibrant, inclusive, connected community | <input type="checkbox"/> Efficient, reliable, innovative services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsive, transparent, adaptive governance | <input type="checkbox"/> Balanced Finances now and future |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Managed Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Resilient Infrastructure |

BACKGROUND:

The City is acquiring land for a recreational park adjacent to Sunfish Lake Park. The park would connect Sunfish Lake Park to the County Park Reserve. The Central Greenway Trail is proposed to run through the Park Reserve to Stillwater Blvd. and head east to the Old Village. A multi-use path from Sunfish Lake Park would provide a connection to the future regional trail.

Priority 2 of the 3M Settlement provides \$20 million in grant funds to compensate for losses to recreational and ecological resources resulting from PFAS released by 3M. Grant funds will be used to fund projects designed to enhance aquatic resources, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreational opportunities. The DNR and MPCA have elected to solicit project proposals directly from the organizations and communities via a public RFP process. Before applying for the grant, the applicant must submit a Letter of intent (LOI), this is a brief project description to determine whether a project qualifies for Priority 2 funding.

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Would City Council support a letter of intent to apply for 3M Priority 2 grant funds for a multi-use path connecting the future Central Greenway Regional Trail to Sunfish Lake Park.

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

The bituminous multi-use trail would run west of and adjacent to Sunfish Lake Rd. The path would be approximately 0.5 miles.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact

OPTIONS:

- Approve the request
- Deny the request
- Amend the request
- Table for further information

RECOMMENDATION:

“Motion to support a letter of intent submission by staff for the 3M Priority 2 Grant funds for a multi-use path connecting the future Central Greenway Regional Trail to Sunfish Lake Park.”

ATTACHMENTS:

- Site Map