



SCOTT COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS PROGRAM

A Partnership between Scott County and Three Rivers Park District

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Scott County Regional Trails Master Plan Project Overview

Plan Scope

Scott County with the assistance of SRF Consulting Inc. is in the beginning stages of developing a regional master plan for two regional trail corridors the Louisville Regional Trail (Big Woods Regional Trail/CH 17 to the planned Merriam Junction Regional Trail connecting to Carver County) and the Southern Scott Regional Trail (from Cedar Lake Farm to Cleary Lake Regional Park). This effort will help implement the Scott County Regional Parks and Trails System Plan identified in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update. In addition to addressing the required components for a regional trail master plan as defined by the Metropolitan Council, expected outcomes of the master plan are final alignments for each regional trail search area, cost estimates for construction, maintenance needs, and a prioritized framework to direct the funding and building of the trail corridors. Scott County is the recipient of a Parks and Trails Legacy Grant through the Metropolitan Council which is being used to fund the project.

Stakeholder Involvement

The stakeholder involvement during the planning process will consist of two design teams: Technical Team and a Community Design Team as two planned public open houses. **We are asking each township to identify a board member or staff to represent their township as part of the Technical Team. We are also asking each township to help us recruit members of the community to join our Community Design Team.** A description of each committee with detailed responsibilities and commitments can be found below:

The Technical Team will consist of Scott County, city, and township representatives, consultants, elected officials, park and natural resource organizations (DNR, Scott WMO, etc.), and other subject matter experts. The Technical Team will meet 6-8 times throughout the planning process jointly with the Community Design Team as well as separately.

- Responsibilities:
 - Provide input for corridor alignments
 - Bring technical expertise to the committee
 - Review feedback from Community Design Team
 - Assist with open houses

The Community Design Team will actively participate in and provide direction on the creation of master plans for two Regional Trail search corridors in Scott County. This Community Design Team will consist of residents with local and regional interests and will work alongside a Technical Design Team. Members of this team do not need to be regular trail users to apply for the Community Design Team. Interested teens and young adults are encouraged to apply, as it is important to include future users in planning our regional trail system and oftentimes these age groups are not represented on community planning teams. Similar to the Technical Team the Community Design Team will meet 6-8 times throughout the planning process jointly with the Technical Team as well as separately.

Schedule

Kick-Off Meeting: Tuesday, January 25th, 2022

Open Houses: Summer and Fall 2022

Grant Closeout: June 2023



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Community Design Team Members

Roles and Expectations

Background:

Scott County is seeking motivated resident-volunteers of all ages, including teens and young adults, to join a Community Design Team that will actively participate in and provide direction on the creation of master plans for two Regional Trail search corridors in Scott County. These corridors include Louisville Regional Trail (from CH 17 to Louisville Swamp Trailhead) and the Southern Scott Regional Trail (from Cedar Lake Farm to Cleary Lake Regional Park). This Community Design Team will consist of residents with local and regional interests and will work alongside a Technical Design Team, which will consist of various County, City, and other technical staff.

The goal of the master planning process is to identify one preferred route, and likely, segments of alternative routes, for each trail corridor. In addition to the technical team and the community design team, the master planning process includes feedback and involvement of the Scott County Parks Advisory Commission, the Scott County Board of Commissioners, and the affected township boards and city councils. Ultimately, the Scott County Board of Commissioners holds final approval authority before submitting the plans for Metropolitan Council approval.

Expectations of Design Team Members:

Applicants must be available and committed to the following:

- ~ 12 month project timeline
- ~6 meetings, primarily in the evening
- In-person and/or virtual activities, meetings, and tours.
- Between meetings, complete homework on your own time.
- Creative thinking on current and future needs.
- Willingness to discuss and make recommendations as a team.
- Willingness to assist at and represent the CDT at Public Open Houses
- Helping to identify trail alignments that meet the recreational needs into the future
- Helping to create master plans that support the vision of the county's regional trail system

To participate in the Community Design Team, email your application by **January 17th, 2022** to trailmasterplans@co.scott.mn.us or mail your application to:

**Parks and Trails Department
Scott County Government Center
200 4th Avenue West
Shakopee, MN 55379**

Proper Covid-19 precautionary measures will be in place during the master planning process. Engagement may be a mix of virtual and socially distanced meetings and on-site activities. In order to promote strategic planning, staff will be limiting enrollment for Community Design Team to 12 – 15 members.

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Scott County Regional Trails Master Plan Community Design Team Application

Thank you for your interest in shaping the future of Scott County Regional Trails.

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Directions: Please fill in the contact information and answer the questions below. This pdf form contains text fields that you may edit on your computer, then save and e-mail your responses. You may also print out this form and mail your hand-written responses (please write legibly).

Submit the completed form by **January 17th, 2022** to trailmasterplans@co.scott.mn.us or via mail to:

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Name:

Age:

Address:

Primary Phone Number:

E-mail:

Occupation/Profession:



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Why are you interested in participating on the Community Design Team?

Do you have experience on trails? If so, please describe below, and please list the names if you are familiar with Regional Trails in the area.

Please describe any relevant skills and/or perspectives that you can contribute to the Design Team (both professionally and personally).

Have you participated in any other resident groups or local committees before? If so, please provide a brief summary of the group and the contribution you are most proud of making to the group.

Have you seen ways that the regional trail system could be more inclusive of those of different ages, genders, races, ethnicities, incomes, or abilities?

What do you feel are the benefits of regional trails for Scott County?



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Identify your general availability for participating in meetings and on-site trips. Note: Strategy Team meetings will most likely be scheduled during evening hours. (Check Best Available Meeting Times)

	Morning	Noontime	Afternoon	Evening
For Meetings & Site-Visits				
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
For Site Visits Only				
Saturday				
Sunday				