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BOARD LIASON – DAN DAHLBERG

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CHISAGO COUNTY PARK BOARD

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, March 20, 2025- DRAFT

At 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 20th, 2025, the Chisago County Park Board of Directors met in regular session at the Chisago County Government Center. The following members present: John Pantelis, Jolene Wille, Gregg Carlson, Jessica Bergan, and Allen Siedow. Also present: Joe Tart; Park Director, Nicole Hawley; Office Support Specialist, Dan Dahlberg; 5th District County Commissioner, Jackson McDowell; Parks and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, and Kurt Schneider; Environmental Services Director.

Meeting Summary:

- Unanimously the Board approved the agenda.
- Unanimously the Board approved the January 16th, 2025 minutes.
- The Park Board approved Amador's Township Funding Request.

Chair Pantelis called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of the Board members was taken. A quorum was established.

Motion by Jolene Wille to approve the agenda. Second by Allen Siedow and carried unanimously.

Motion by Jolene Wille to approve the amended January 16th, 2025 minutes. Second by Gregg Carlson and carried unanimously.

Citizen's Forum: Center City Mayor, Jill Behnke, was present. Mayor Behnke asked for updates regarding the status of the Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail and the Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail.

Old Business

A. Ki-Chi-Saga Concession Building Update

Director Tart updated the Park Board that there has been work on the bathroom at the concession building. Our team have installed mirrors, dispensers, and trash cans in the bathrooms. There is a plan on 5/2/25 to epoxy the bathroom floors. MN Department of Health approved appliances will be delivered 3/25/25.

B. SHIP Projects 2025- Update

Director Tart informed the Board that the Sunrise Prairie Regional Trail sign grant was approved by SHIP. Director Tart also informed the Board that he met with a plumbing specialist and found out a hydration station will not be feasible at Ki-Chi-Saga County Park. Director Tart will keep looking for a better spot for the Hydration Station.

C. Parks Wi-Fi- Update

Wi-Fi was officially installed at Ki-Chi-Saga County Park. It was confirmed that the Wi-Fi will likely reach to all Picnic Shelters. With Wi-Fi being installed, Director Tart informed

the Board that cameras will also be installed at a future date. One internal in the concession building and one external facing the main parking lot. The Park Board recommended that this asset be added to the Chisago County Parks and Trails brochure.

New Business

A. Township Funding Request- Amador Township

The Park Board reviewed Amador's Township Funding Request. **Motion** by Jolene Wille to approved Amador's Township Funding Request. Second by Gregg Carlson and carried unanimously.

B. 2025- Capital Improvement Plan

Director Tart went through the 2025 CIP items that were approved by the County Board. Gregg Carlson asked why only 3 items were approved in the County Board meeting on 3/19/25 and not the whole list. Director Tart stated that anything over \$25,000 will need further County Board approval. Anything under \$25,000 is approved internally by the County Administrator and Environmental Services Director. This is highlighted in the Chisago County Purchasing Policy.

C. Concession Agreement

Director Tart attended the Lakes Area Recreation Association (LARA) board meeting on 3/19/25. Director Tart presented the Concession Agreement draft at Ki-Chi-Saga County Park to gage any interest if LARA would like to manage for their events. LARA told Director Tart that they would let him know if they have interest at LARA's April board meeting. When not being used by LARA, the concession building can still be used by Chisago County or other organizations for separate special events. In the case that LARA is not interested, Director Tart stated that he has alternative plans for the concession building.

D. 2025- Seasonal Staffing Update

The Chisago County Parks Department is looking for 3 Park Rangers, 3 Collection Attendants, and 5-6 Seasonal Maintenance employees. Director Tart stated that for the Maintenance and Ranger positions, you need to be over the age of 18. We have advertised these positions in the local newspaper.

E. Fish Lake Park- Season Passes

Director Tart presented the new design for the Fish Lake County Park's season passes. The new design now displays Chisago County's new branding font and colors.

F. Adopt-A-Trail Maps- Updated

The Adopt-A-Trail maps have been updated on what segments are available and what are currently reserved. The Park Board had questions regarding the Adopt-A-Trail program, so this topic will be brought to the April Park Board Meeting to discuss in more detail.

G. Chisago County Parks and Trails Brochure- Updated

Director Tart presented the updated Parks and Trails brochure. The brochure was only updated to follow Chisago County branding guidelines, all content stayed the same.

The Park Board recommended that a mileage chart for the trail portion of the brochure be added.

H. Parks Maintenance Projects

Director Tart presented multiple projects that our maintenance team has completed in the last couple of months. Our maintenance team have installed lock keypads and bolted down picnic tables at our concession building, groomed fat tire biking and cross-country skiing trails, cleared old equipment behind our maintenance building, and updated the bathroom space at our Parks maintenance building.

Adjourn –Motion by Jessica Bergan to adjourn the meeting. Second by Allen Siedow and carried unanimously at 4:15pm.



Park Board Meeting

4/17/25



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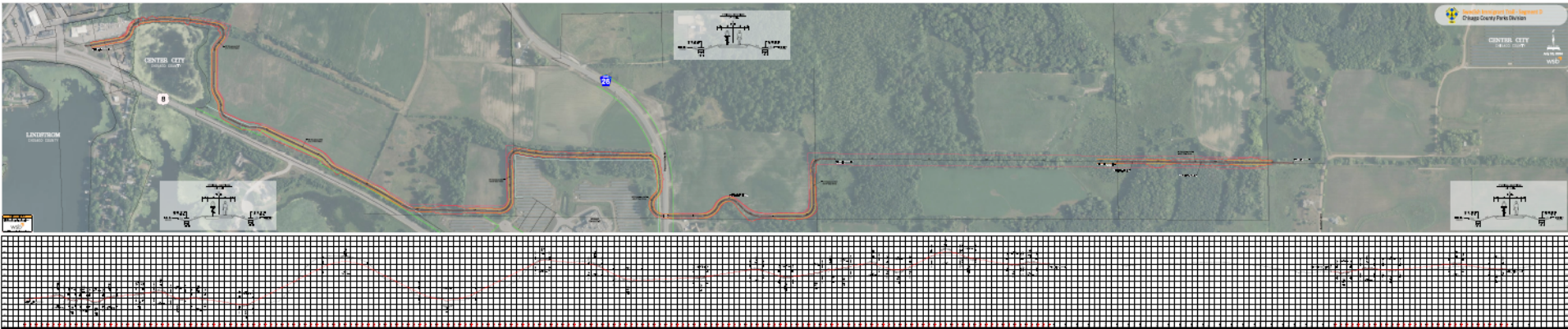
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SIRT-Segment D Update





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- Project Requirements (Check List)
 - Minnesota Historical Sites Act and Minnesota Field Archaeology Act Review (SHPO)
 - Natural Heritage Information Systems Request (NHIS)(IPaC-U.S Department of Interior-Fish and Wildlife Services)
 - Environmental Assessments Statements (EAS)
 - MN Environmental Quality Board Review Rules (EQB) (RGU) (EAW)
 - Land Approval Certifications
 - Appraisals
 - Water and Wetland Permits (Delineation, BOWSR, U.S Army Corp, LGU)-Mitigation Credits
 - PLT-Application Completion prior to MN DNR Grant Contract



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Swedish Immigrant Trail - Segment D & E-Phase 2				App # 24-015F			Date-10/8/2024
Chisago County Parks							
Reference	Eligible Item Details	Quantity	Unit Cost/Item	Total Cost			
	Segment E-Reconstruction						
2021.501	MOBILIZATION	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00			
2104.518	REMOVE BITUMINOUS WALK	110880	\$1.40	\$155,232.00			
2360.509	TYPE SP 9.5 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (2,B)	2089	\$96.00	\$200,544.00			
2501.502	15" GS PIPE APRON	20	\$400.00	\$8,000.00			
2501.502	18" GS PIPE APRON	6	\$450.00	\$2,700.00			
2501.502	24" GS PIPE APRON	8	\$750.00	\$6,000.00			
2501.503	15" CS PIPE CULVERT	304	\$38.00	\$11,552.00			
2501.503	18" CS PIPE CULVERT	90	\$50.00	\$4,500.00			
2501.503	24" CS PIPE CULVERT	140	\$65.00	\$9,100.00			
2511.507	RANDOM RIPRAP CLASS III	102	\$95.00	\$9,690.00			
2573.502	CULVERT END CONTROLS	34	\$130.00	\$4,420.00			
2574.505	SOIL BED PREPARATION	0.1	\$180.00	\$18.00			
2575.504	RAPID STABILIZATION METHOD 4	95	\$1.80	\$171.00			
2575.504	ROLLED EROSION PREVENTION CATEGORY 20	95	\$2.00	\$190.00			
2575.505	SEEDING	0.1	\$200.00	\$20.00			
2575.508	SEED MIXTURE 35-241	1	\$24.00	\$24.00			
Construction Total				\$432,161.00			
Soft Cost Total	Design/Engineering/Const. Admin. (20%)			\$86,432.00			
Eligible Contingency Cost (10%)				\$35,000.00			
Total Project				\$553,593.00	\$ 518,593.00	\$ 35,000.00	
Total Percentage					0.936776657	0.063223343	
Non Eligible Expenses	Item Details						
	County Staff Multiple Disciplines			\$ 5,000.00			
	Time Related to Project Administration			\$ -			
Non-Eligible Total				\$ 5,000.00			
Grand Total				\$ 558,593.00			



SIRT-Segment E (Grant Application)





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2025- Capital Improvement Plan Update

Environmental Services					
AUCTION	N/A	Auction Proceeds & Insurance Reimbursements	\$ -	\$ 4,356	\$ 4,356
ENVS-0120	2025 CIP	2002 3/4 Ton Truck Replacement	\$ 55,000	\$ -	\$ 55,000
ENVS-0129	CARRYOVER	Swedish Immigrant Regional Trail land acquisition	\$ 32,244	\$ (2,645)	\$ 29,599
ENVS-0435	2025 CIP	Brush Mower	\$ 8,625	\$ (8,625)	\$ -
ENVS-0436	2025 CIP	Snowblower	\$ 7,815	\$ (7,815)	\$ -
ENVS-0437	2025 CIP	Grapple	\$ 5,000	\$ (4,825)	\$ 175
ENVS-0438	2025 CIP	DR Mower	\$ 3,500	\$ (3,500)	\$ -
ENVS-0439	2025 CIP	Kayak Dock Ramps	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ 18,000
ENVS-0440	2025 CIP	Snowplow	\$ 8,985	\$ -	\$ 8,985
ENVS-0441	2025 CIP	SIRT-Wetland Delineation and Enviromental Review Contracted Services	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000
ENVS-0442	2025 CIP	SIRT-Wetland Mitigation Land Credit Purchase	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000
ENVS-0443	2025 CIP	Parks Maintenance Facility- Existing Pole Building Structures- Steel Renovation	\$ 58,060	\$ (17,200)	\$ 40,860
ENVS-0444	2025 CIP	Insulate and Install Heating System-New Parks Building Structure	\$ 47,515	\$ (12,000)	\$ 35,515
Environmental Services Total			\$ 304,744	\$ (52,254)	\$ 252,490



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2025 Parks Seasonal Staffing Update

- 3 SEASONAL PARK RANGERS
- 3 SEASONAL COLLECTION ATTENDANTS
- 6 SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKERS





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Adopt-a-Trail Condition Report

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Trail: _____ Date: _____
Segment: _____ Name: _____

Inspection: April/June/August/October/Storm Event (Please Circle)

Weather Conditions (During Inspection) _____
Use the Following Codes: 1=Satisfactory 2= Need Maintenance 3= Request for Repair

Inspection Items	Code	Location	Observations or Comments
Trailhead Parking Lot			
Informational Kiosk			
Trailhead Sign			
Overall Trail Condition			
Tables and Benches			
Vandalism: (Damage, graffiti, glass, trash)			
Culverts and Inlets: (Damaged or Plugged)			
Hazards Trees and Branches: (Diseased, Dead, Damaged)			
Vegetation Management: (Invasive species or other concerns)			
Signage along Trail: (Missing or Damaged)			
Erosion Control: (Along Trail Corridor and Banks)			
Bridges (Platform, Railing, Fencing)			
Portable Restrooms			
Other			

Group Rep. Signature _____

Nicole Hawley- Parks Office Support
Office Phone: 651-213-8879
E-Mail: Nicole.Hawley@chisagocountymn.gov

- Sponsors are expected to hike adopted trail(s) at least 4 times a year during the months of April, June, August, and October and fill/submit a report identifying: trail use observations, trail condition, hazards (down trees or erosion), signage issues, observations, and other observations or concerns.



Adopt-A-Trail Program Information



Adopt-A-Trail / Sponsorship Agreement Member Terms and Conditions

- Adopt-A-Trail members must be 18 years old, or work with a consenting/responsible adult at all times.
- Members are expected to hike adopted trail(s) at least 4 times a year during the months of April, June, August, and October) as well as after storm events and fill/submit a report identifying: trail use observations, trail condition, hazards (down trees or erosion), signage issues, observations, and other observations or concerns.
- Members are expected to pick up trash along trail(s) or report larger debris items for removal.
- Members are asked to commit to maintaining/monitoring designated section for a minimum 2 years / maximum 5 years at discretion of Chisago County Parks Department Adopt-A-Trail Program.
- Members will be provided trash bags upon request.
- Members will need to provide proof of liability insurance.
- Minimum of 2-year annual commitment requires a \$250 non-refundable payment per year for each Trail Segment Adoption Sponsorship payable January 31st.

The Chisago County Parks Department and/or Park Board reserves the right to limit the number of successive years of adoption and/or refuse, cancel or revise this agreement if in its sole judgment the nature of the group or its sign is political, controversial or in questionable taste, or if the sponsors is not meeting the terms and conditions of this agreement. By signing this agreement, the sponsor acknowledges the hazardous nature of the work and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions herewith to the satisfaction of the Chisago County Parks Department.

Except for any negligent acts of the County, its agents and employees, the members or their agents shall assume all liability for, and save the County, its agents, and employees, harmless from, any and, all claims for damages, causes or action arising out of the work to be done herein.

Any and all members of the sponsor or other members involved in the activity while engaged in the performance of any work or service performed under this agreement shall not be considered employees of the County, and any and all claims that may arise under the Worker's Compensation Act of Minnesota on behalf of said members or other persons while so engaged, and any and all claims made by any third party of the group's members or other persons while so engaged on any of the work or services to be rendered shall in no way be the obligation or responsibility of the County.

Adopt-A-Trail Sponsorship shall be considered on a first come first served basis. In acknowledgement of the trail segment adoption sponsor, member, and/or organization uniform and recognizable "This segment adopted by..." signage will be placed within the assigned trail segment at the full discretion of Chisago County Parks.



Adopt-A-Trail / Sponsorship Agreement Member Terms and Conditions

Renewals

Sponsors who do not respond to a renewal letter by returning the renewal form by the due date should understand that their Agreement will be terminated.

Renewals may be validated with a sponsor's ink signature, faxed signature, or emailed to the Chisago County Parks Director.

All renewals (same sponsor, same segment) keep the original agreement number.

Signs

Adopt-A-Trail signs will be constructed of sheet aluminum.

Used signs are recycled and are not available to sponsors requesting an Adopt-A-Trail souvenir.

The master design will be a 9" x 14" sign, to include a limited number of characters, (including spaces and punctuation).

Every effort will be made to place signs at each end of the adopt segment. Due to variability in the existing conditions, signs placement may vary.

Sponsors may expect sign installation with 120 days of approval of the application acceptance.

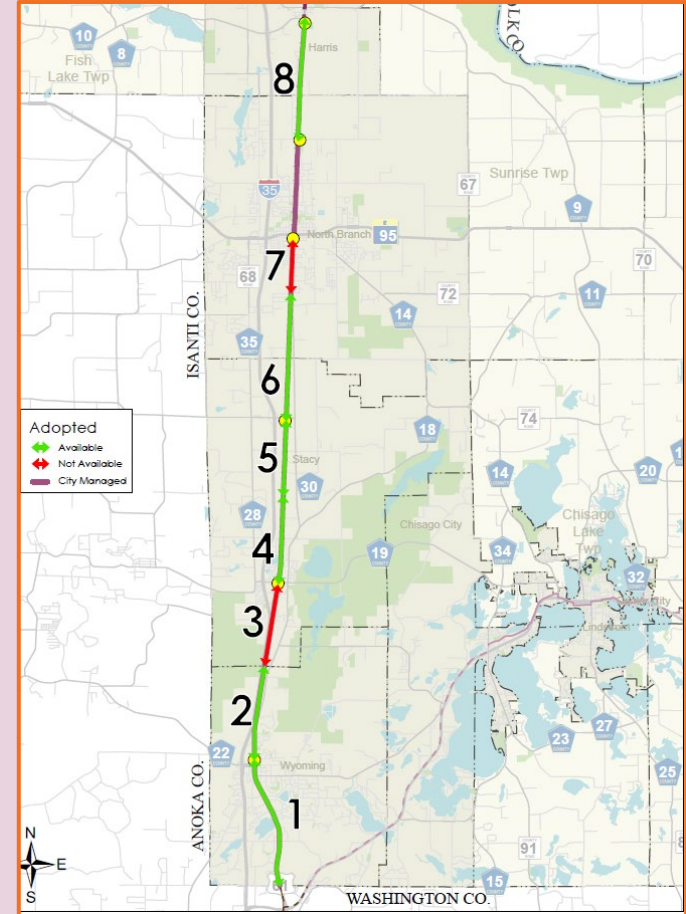
Chisago County Parks Department will replacement or repair the signs in cases of vandalism or damaged.

Chisago County discourages sponsors from changing the name of their sign, though exceptions can be justified (e.g. Business name change). Chisago County reserves the right to approve or deny and request for a name change.

Sponsor's Names

Chisago County reserves the right to edit names that are too long or are controversial. Adopt-a-Trail signs may not promote any message, whether social or political. *Specifically:*

- No member groups supporting a candidate for office
- The name of political groups (Republican Party) is fine but not specific candidates
- No business logos, special lettering, or additional colors
- No messages
- No product names, colors, or slogans
- No political candidates in office or running for office
- No advertising directions of business addresses
- Individual names are acceptable, but not titles (i.e. John Smith, not Senator John Smith)
- No signs shall be controversial or offend residents and/or business.





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Parks Entrance Counters



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MOUNTAIN BIKE COUNTER

Generation 4.1

Key Info

- Optimized to detect and count bicycles on trails
- Advanced microelectronic design
- Self-contained design; no external wires or tubes
- Designed to be buried
- Small and easy to hide — reduces vandalism risk
- Long battery life (up to 9 months)
- Large storage capacity (millions of counts)
- Built for outside: -40C (-40F) to +55C (131F)
- Low installation, operating, and maintenance costs
- Field-proven, Generation 4 design (>10 year history)



14cm (5.5in) 10.5cm (4.1in)

Designed to be Buried

This counter is designed to be buried beside or in the middle of a trail, depending upon the trail's width. When a bike passes, an aerospace-quality magnetometer coupled with advanced embedded processing software, detects and records a count. It is mainly intended for mountain bike trails, but can also be installed on regular bicycle paths under 2m (6.6ft) wide.



Quick Installation

The low-power design ensures battery efficient operation, and because it is small, this counter is quick to install. It uses three standard "C size" alkaline batteries.

TRAFx Counting System

TRAFx Deck

To download counters in the field (without PC)
To configure counters (with PC)



5.0 cm (2.0in) 10.0 cm (4.0in)

TRAFx DataNet

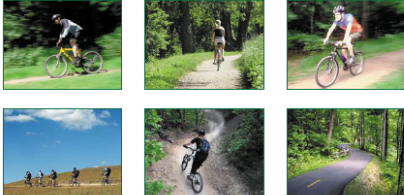
To view and manage your data



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Try the free Demo at www.trafx.net

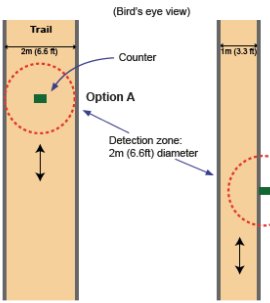


Installation Options

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MOUNTAIN BIKE COUNTER

Generation 4.1



(Bird's eye view)

Trail 2m (6.6 ft) 1m (3.3 ft)

Counter

Option A

Detection zone: 2m (6.6ft) diameter

Option B

Counter

OPTION A

- install mid-trail

OPTION B

- install trailside

FEATURES

- Hourly or daily totals, or timestamps
 - 14 000 hourly or daily totals => > 400 million counts
 - 14 000 timestamps
- Flexible installation options (see above)
- Proprietary design for detecting bicycles
- User programmable modes/settings
 - Programmable settings include:
 - Real-time clock
 - Start date/time
 - Detection range
 - Digital sampling parameters
 - Delay after event
 - Site/counter name
- Three colour-coded LEDs indicate status of operation
 - green light flashes upon detection
- Digital readout of battery voltage level (e.g. 4.2V)
- Automatic low battery warning
- User replaceable parts
- Engineered and built in the Canadian Rockies

SPECIFICATIONS

CASE: 14cm x 10.5cm x 5cm (5.5in x 4.1in x 2in); weatherproof
WEIGHT: 250g (8.8oz) (without batteries)
POWER: Three "C size" alkaline batteries (e.g., Energizer)
BATTERY LIFE: 8 to 9 months max. with three C alkalines
20 months max. with one D lithium (custom.)

DETECTION RANGE: 2m (6.6ft); see diagrams above

DATA TYPE: ASCII; .txt file type

DIGITAL MEMORY DESIGN: Data and settings are retained even when batteries are replaced or die

TIME KEEPING: Quartz clock; 10ppm accuracy @ 20C

OPERATING TEMPERATURE: -40C (-40F) to +55C (131F)

SENSOR TYPE: Low-field geomagnetic

COMMUNICATIONS: RS232 serial; 115,000 baud

OTHER: Gold (ENIG) circuitboard; two coats silicon (anti-moisture); ESD protection and short circuit protection; RoHS (lead-free)

LIMITED WARRANTY: 1 year; covers manufacturing defects.

EMI COMPLIANCE: FCC, IC, CE

TRAFx VERSATILITY

The TRAFx Mountain Bike Counter comes pre-programmed and ready to use as the TRAFx OHV Counter or the TRAFx Vehicle Counter, at no extra charge. Simply change the mode when configuring the counter.

Also, it can be quickly and easily converted to the TRAFx Infrared Trail Counter by ordering a special conversion kit.

"3-in-1 design!"

ACCESSORIES/OPTIONS

- LCD tally display
- IR conversion kit
- Extended 5-year warranty

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Parks Entrance Counters

Key Info



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VEHICLE COUNTER

Generation 4.1

- Counts one or two lanes
- Advanced microelectronic design
- Self-contained design, no external wires or tubes
- Install at roadside, above or below ground
- Maximum range: 8m (26ft.)
- Ideal for rural, rugged and remote roads
- Use as permanent or portable counter
- Very small and easy to hide — reduces vandalism risk
- Long battery life (up to 1.2 years)
- Large storage capacity (millions of counts)
- Built for outside: -40C (-40F) to +55C (131F)
- Low installation, operating, and maintenance costs
- Field-proven, Generation 4 design (>10 year history)
- Used worldwide, from Iceland to New Zealand



TRAFx Counting System

TRAFx Dock

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To configure counters (with PC)

TRAFx DataNet

To view and manage your data



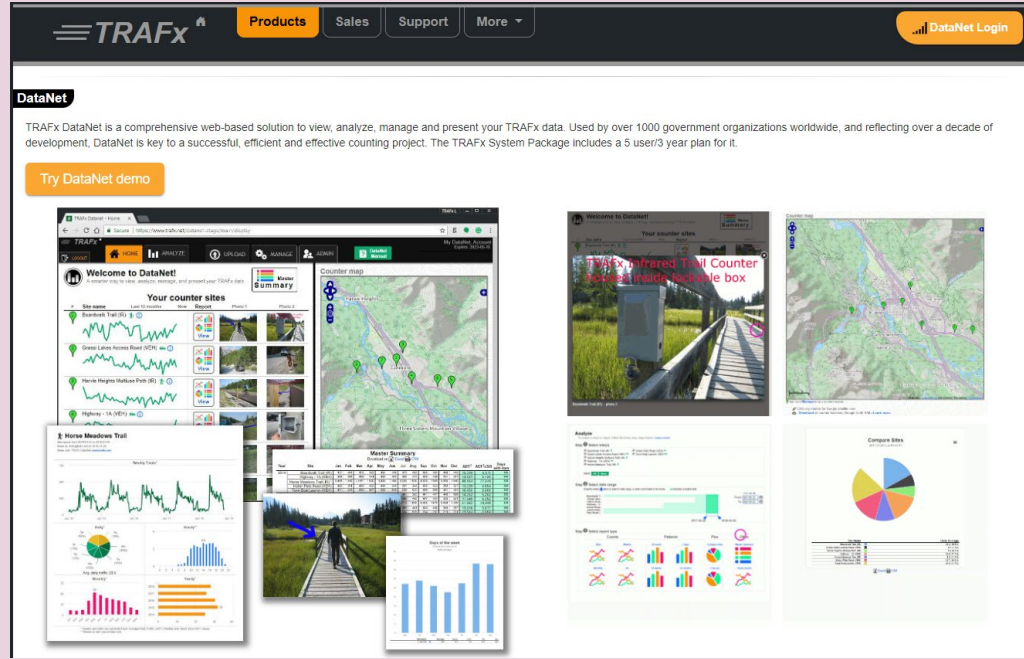
Easy Installation

This innovative, reliable, compact vehicle counter uses an aerospace-quality magnetometer, and advanced embedded software, to detect passing vehicles.

Passenger cars can be counted from up to 8 metres (26 feet) away, allowing coverage of two lanes from a roadside installation. Roadside installations are safer and easier to access than mid-lane ones. If the counter is buried at the roadside, no road cuts or special tools are required. The counter's detection range is user-programmable, and can be adjusted for single lane or two lane counting.

Compact Design

All parts are contained in one small, rugged, weather-proof box. There are no complicated external wire loops to install and calibrate, so installation time and costs, and potential set-up errors are reduced. The TRAFx Vehicle Counter is well suited for rugged, rural and remote roads, particularly gravel roads. It uses three standard "C" size alkaline batteries.





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Parks Entrance Signs

Structural Material Estimated at \$2,100 and Replacement Sign at \$1900 for Checkerboard Park Sign.

- 2 Sono tubes
- 17 Bags of Concrete
- Brackets for post and sign
- 2 Cedar post
- 2 Stone Caps
- 12 Stone Column kits 14" X 14" X 1'
- Vackor Sign



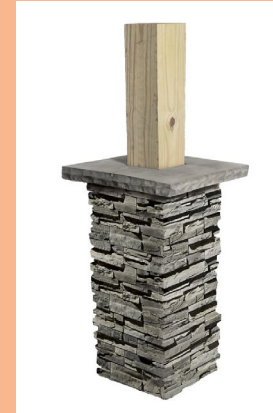


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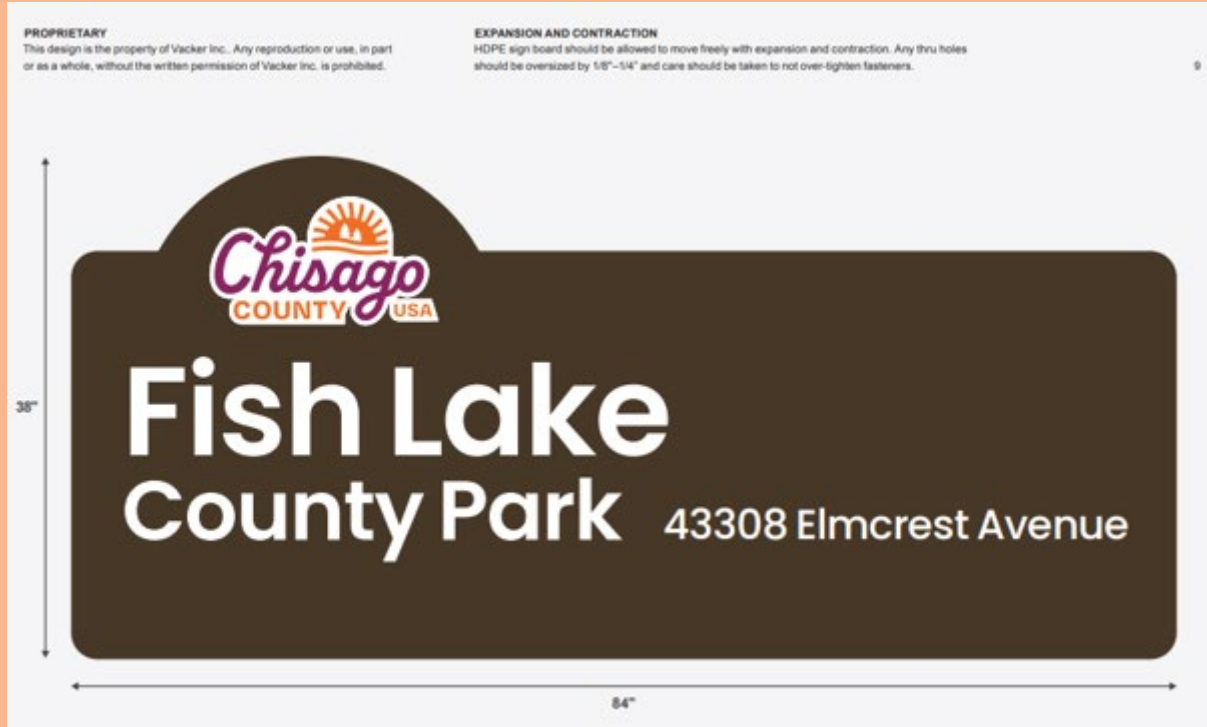
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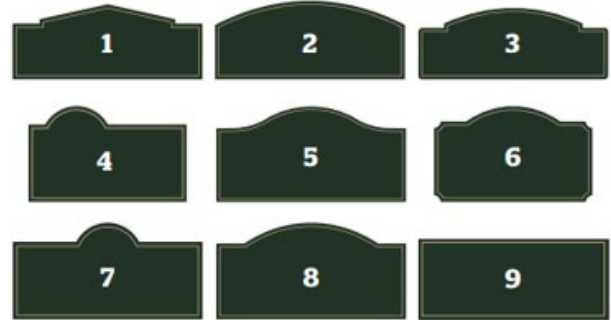
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Vacker Signs

ROUTED PLASTIC SIGNS

STANDARD SHAPES

Early in the design process, clients are encouraged to select a desired panel size and shape. Then, based on text, logos and graphic elements to be included, the desired shape is refined to achieve pleasing visual proportions.



COLOR OPTIONS

*(Colors are approximate).
Contact us for a material color sample.





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Ki-Chi-Saga Mountain Bike Course



Closed due
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Fish Lake Swimming Platform



Swimming platform



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Vice Chair – Joseph Tart, Chisago County

Treasurer – Tom Salkowski, Individual Member

Comms./Secretary – Brad Harrington, Wright County

Past Chair – Ben Anderson, Stearns County

Representatives

District 1 – Sarah Ciochetto, St. Louis & Lake Cos. Railroad Authority

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District 3 – Crystal Johnson, City of Granite Falls

District 4 – Josh Baas, City of Elk River

District 5 – Jon Jerabek, McLeod County

District 6 – Karlin Ziegler, Olmsted County



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2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

LEGISLATION WE ARE INTRODUCING:

#1 LEGACY

- Ensure Greater Minnesota receives at least 20% of parks and trails Legacy Fund
- Extend funding availability for a number of projects facing unavoidable delays
- Set DNR compensation for grant related services at a flat rate
- S.F. 1039 / H.F. 489

#2 GENERAL FUNDING

- Shift funding for Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission from Legacy to General Fund so that more Legacy funding can be used for projects
- S.F. 1040 / H.F. 723

LEGISLATION WE SUPPORT:

- LCCMR bill that includes an appropriation for DNR Local Parks and Trails Grants
- Bonding bill that includes funding for DNR Local Parks and Trails Grants
- S.F. 506 / H.F. 1218



2025 LEGISLATIVE POLICIES

#7

The GMPT supports changes to state agency rules and policies to allow small cities that have the capacity to manage parks, trails, and natural resources grants and projects to do so without the sponsorship of another city or county.

#8

The GMPT supports legislation that ties the reimbursement of state grant administration fees to the work actually performed by the state agency providing those services.

#9

The GMPT supports legislation that would allow unspent parks and trails legacy funds to be reallocated to other projects.

#10

The GMPT supports a recommendation to use a general fund appropriation to pay for the operating costs of the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission.



#11

The GMPT supports the passage of a Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources bill that includes funding for the Local Trail Connections, Outdoor Recreation, and Natural and Scenic Area grant programs and for selected local and regional park and trail projects.

#12

The GMPT supports a robust bonding bill that includes a bonding appropriation of at least \$4,000,000 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to fund the local and regional grant programs under Minn. Stat. 85.019 and additional funding for local and regional parks and trails.





Greater MN Parks and Trails- Legislative Update

- Letters to House and Senate Members and Committees (Supporting or Opposing Bills, Thank you Letters)
 - Local Sales Tax Options-Designation related to Regional Status
 - Opposition to Local Parks and Trail Cuts
 - Lottery Renewal Amendment-(Community Grants Programs)
 - LCCMR Bill (Recommendations-Conservation MN)
 - Eminent Domain for Land Acquisition-Related to Future Legacy Funding
 - Legacy Omnibus Bill-Capping DNR Grant Fees, Retain 20%, GMRPTC General Fund (Administration Fees)
 - Funding Locally-based Outdoor Programming (Wilderness Inquiry)



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