



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Project: Professional Services for Silver Lead Creek Greenway & Trail Project

Due Date: 5 p.m. EST, September 12, 2024

1. Is there a construction budget available?

We have an estimated construction budget of \$1.4 million from the conceptual design work. This estimate focuses on the Silver Lead Creek Greenway (SLCG) and Trail from Little Trout Lake Park to the static plane display, approximately 3 miles. Spur or connecting trails are not included in the estimate, nor is the potential design and construction of additional recreation features. Our primary focus is to construct the trail and connecting pathways. A secondary focus is to identify locations within the greenway for recreational opportunities (such as single track or disc golf). We are currently in the process of securing funding for the construction of the trail. The extent of construction activity beyond the trail and connecting pathway development will depend on the amount of funding awarded.

2. Is there any fence work related to this project?

At this time, there is no fence work associated with this project.

3. Confirm that no Right-of-Way work is required other than identifying potential right-of-way issues.

The trail will cross roads under the authority of the Marquette County Road Commission as well as M-94, a MDOT trunkline. Road crossings, including signage and pavement markings, will occur within rights-of-way (ROWs). Portions of the trail may also be within ROWs. County staff will seek easements for trail development outside of publicly-owned land where possible. The Professional will coordinate with the relevant agencies, prepare and submit permit applications, and obtain permits on behalf of Marquette County. If a permit cannot be secured during the pre-construction phase, the Professional will prepare a draft application for future submission. The Professional should identify potential right-of-way issues and collaborate with County staff to explore alternative solutions to achieve the project's goals.

4. The RFP states that we need to provide proof of insurance that meets the County's insurance standards as set forth in the attached description of required coverage. There is no attachment that we could find. Please provide the insurance information so we can provide the proper coverage certificate.

The insurance information is available at www.mqtcoplan.org/rfqp.

5. Is there any soil or geotechnical data available for the project site?



There is no specific soil or geotechnical data available beyond what is publicly accessible on the internet.

6. Has a ground topographic survey been done, and is data available to assist with design?

Planimetric data covering the area are available and include two-foot contours, building footprints, roads, elevation points, and multiple ground features. Samples of this data are available for viewing at www.mqtcoplan.org/rfqp. Additional data available for use include LIDAR (also available on the RFQP site for viewing), utility infrastructure, and parcels.

7. The RFQP states that project plans and bridge design are available. How do we access those?

The Little Trout Lake Improvement Plan has been uploaded to the RFQP site. Please note that the plan is conceptual, and the County is currently in the design phase of the project. The quote from UP Fabricating for the bridge has also been added to the RFQP site. There are no drawings for the bridge. Please note that the County is open to other cost-effective designs and options for the creek crossing.

8. Would the County consider prefabricated FRP structures for bridges?

Yes, the County is open to alternative designs and features. During the conceptual planning of this project, the creek crossing feature varied widely in scope and price. The current conceptual plan includes a bridge suited for pedestrian and bicycle crossing with low maintenance costs, designed with cor-ten steel by UP Fabricating.

9. Is the Professional's role in securing easements or some other form of land control advisory only, with the County taking the lead in negotiating those easements?

Yes, County staff will seek easements and take the lead in negotiating easements for trail development outside of publicly-owned land wherever possible.

10. Where pathways are located in road rights-of-way, is the Professional responsible for coordinating requirements and approvals with the governing authority?

Yes, the Professional will coordinate with the relevant agencies, prepare and submit permit applications, and obtain permits on behalf of Marquette County. If a permit cannot be secured during the pre-construction phase, the Professional will prepare a draft application for future submission.