

Agenda

Lake Vermilion Trail Meeting

Wednesday, January 6th, 2016, 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Minnesota DNR Office, 650 Hwy. 169, Tower

Purpose of Meeting:

Expand the recently reestablished Lake Vermilion Trail Steering Committee to include representatives from the Tower area, and continue to work toward building the first phase of the Trail

Desired Meeting Outcomes:

1. Agree upon scope of “phase 1” project
2. Decide whether to apply for regional significance designation (due April)
3. Agree upon strategy to identify a management structure for the trail
4. Form subcommittees for: development, master plan update, management structure and acquisition

1. Introductions

2. Trail Development:

- A. Discuss new information
- B. Discuss and agree upon preferred scope of 1st project (east and west ends)
- C. Identify next steps and form subcommittee

3. Regional Significance Designation:

- A. Criteria and process to obtain regional significance
- B. Required Master Plan changes
- C. Decide whether to apply this year; if so, form subcommittee

4. Funding:

- A. Government grant application schedules and match requirements
- B. Identify potential local match sources
- C. Identify target strategy for funding and form subcommittee

5. Management Structure/Political Support:

- A. Discuss new information on options
- B. Identify most likely options to pursue first (*see Potential Management Structures for Trails handout from 12/2/15 meeting*)
- C. Fact sheet/brochure and/or talking points
- D. Identify subcommittee and next steps

6. Trail Corridor Acquisition (Purchase):

- A. Discuss typical process and Landowner Fact Sheet (*see example*)
- B. Acquisition training
- C. *Who from the steering committee is willing to talk to landowners?*

7. Wrap Up/Set Next Meeting Date