

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Lee Gladitsch and my family and I live in the Rocori School District. Our son is one of the captains for the Knowledge Bowl team this year. Knowledge Bowl is an extra-curricular team activity, consisting of 4-5 members per team. This year Rocori is fielding 3-4 teams per meet. Meets usually consist of 30-60 teams, competing in 1 written round and 4 oral rounds of 45 questions to see who can answer the most. The oral rounds take place in classrooms with 3 teams per room. A coach reads the questions and the first team to buzz in and get the right answer gets a point.

This year, for the first time in 10 years, Rocori is hosting a high school Knowledge Bowl Invitational on March 3, 2012. This event is on a Saturday running from 9 a.m. to about 2 or 3 in the afternoon.

I would like to ask you to consider coming to the event, either to help the coaches keep track of points or just to observe. It is amazing how smart these kids truly are and how well they work together as a team. Rocori has only sent a team to the State Tournament once many years ago. This year is probably one of the best chances in recent memory to send another team to State.

I hope to see you on March 3rd. If you are able to come, please let me know and I will announce your presence to the participants, as well as notify Linda Liebl, the Knowledge Bowl coach. The best way to get a hold of me is via email at valee86@clearwire.net.

I'll leave you with a sample question to ponder: What was the line of defense in Germany which was opposed to the Maginot Line in France during WWII? I will provide the answer at the meeting.

Thank you,

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RE: Glacier Road – LRIP Grant Application

Dear Jodi,

Enclosed please find a resolution from the City of Rockville in support of LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program) grant funds. The City of Rockville would respectfully ask that Stearns County support our request for funds to tar Glacier Road between County Road 2 and County Road 139 – Rockville County Park.

It is my understanding that the City of Rockville is responsible to hire an engineer to prepare state aid plans and further that any costs not covered by the grant will need to be covered by the city.

This project, if approved will make access to the regional county park safer. Also, thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

CITY OF ROCKVILLE

Verena M. Weber-CMC
Administrator/Clerk

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Brief Description of Project work type: This is a local road reconditioning and safety improvement project that includes 0.5 miles of bituminous re-surfacing, 1.6 miles of bituminous surfacing, aggregate shouldering, striping, signing at intersections, and replacement of a short length, large diameter centerline culvert. The existing culvert will be replaced with a longer one that will increase the shoulder vehicle recovery area and eliminate the hazard to vehicles with lane departures at this location.

Project's contribution to other local, regional, or state ed or rd

Farm to Market Artery: Glacier Road is a farm-to-market road that serves area farmers, connecting them to markets or distribution points. The current Glacier Road, An improved Glacier Road would allow farmers to transport their products safer and more efficiently.

Glacier Road provides congestion relief to a parallel county road – CR 2 and TH 23.

Glacier Road serves this area, which is considered a regional tourist destination, and this improvement project will improve travels to and from significant tourist destinations. Glacier Road leads to Rockville County Park and Eagle Park – both regional parks and regional tourist destinations. Eagle Park in Rockville is a 70-acre park with nature trails, a purple martin house, several species of prairie wild flowers and grasses, core stones, and views of an eagle nest. Rockville County Park contains 284 acres and includes 1.2 miles of river frontage, a large granite outcrop and the county recently received a \$500,000 Legacy Grant to construct various park amenities. Additionally, Rockville is home to an active Cold Spring Granite quarry and the historic John Clark House, both of which have been included in the St. Cloud Convention & Visitors Bureau's "Granite Country Tours." Finally, this area is a gateway to Phase 3 of the ROCORI Trail, which will connect Rockville, Cold Spring and Richmond. This trail also connects to the Glacial Lakes State Trail, which runs from Willmar to Richmond.

Glacier Road provides an important connection to CR 2, which links the area to Cold Spring, St. Joseph, and I-94.

Project's transportation deficiency and proposed safety strategy:

The deficiencies are:

- 1.6 miles of the road is gravel ==> paving would improve safety;
- 0.5 miles are paved but in poor condition ==> resurfacing would improve safety;
- centerline (large diameter) culvert ends too close to the edge of the road creating an unsafe drop-off condition ==> replacement with longer culvert would improve safety.

Proposed engineering safety strategies correlating to deficiencies:

- Utilize low cost safety improvements for lane departure crashes by enhancing delineation of sharp curves and unexpected changes in horizontal alignment with improved signage, and enhance/add pavement markings;
- Make low cost improvements to increase driver awareness of intersections by installing larger regulatory and warning signs, provide pavement markings with supplementary messages such as stop ahead.

Construction year: 2012

Funding sources: maximum allowed by LRIP grant plus remainder from Local/Other

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03
CITY OF ROCKVILLE
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, all Minnesota communities benefit from a sound, efficient and adequately funded transportation system that offers diverse modes of travel; and

WHEREAS, due to budget constraints, cities are increasingly deferring maintenance on city roads; and

WHEREAS, transportation infrastructure maintenance and improvement costs significantly contribute to rising property taxes; and

WHEREAS, lack of state funding has delayed regionally significant road construction and reconstruction projects across Minnesota; and

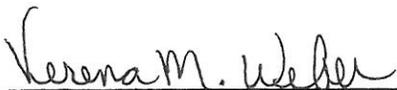
WHEREAS, many rural roads are not built to modern safety standards and are not meeting the needs of industries that depend on the ability to transport heavy loads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE that this Council requests that LRIP funds be granted for reconstruction of Glacier Road connecting County Road 2 to County Road 139 (Rockville County Park) in the City of Rockville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE that cities under 5,000 receive their fair share of transportation funds especially cities that have consolidated to be more efficient and have numerous miles of roads to maintain.

ADOPTED by the Rockville City Council on January 18, 2012.

ATTEST:



**VERENA M. WEBER-CMC
ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK**



**JEFF HAGEN
MAYOR**

RESOLUTION 12-21

Glacier Road

WHEREAS: The City of Rockville is planning to improve Glacier Road between CSAH 2 and County Road 139; and

WHEREAS: Glacier Road is not currently built to carry heavy loads; and

WHEREAS: A lack of state funding has caused cities to delay road construction projects; and

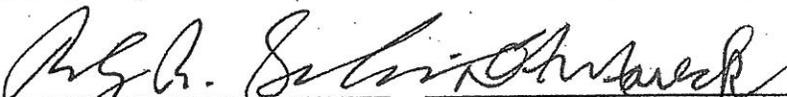
WHEREAS: The City of Rockville is planning to apply for funding through the Local Road Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS: The City of Rockville is not a state aid agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Stearns County Board of Commissioners supports Rockville's application for Local Road Improvement Program funding for improving Glacier Road between CSAH 2 and County Road 139.

Adopted by the Stearns County Board of Commissioners this 31st day of January, 2012.

ATTEST:



Randy Schreifels,
County Auditor – Treasurer

DeWayne F. Mareck,
Chair of the Board of
County Commissioners

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly passed, adopted, and approved by the County Board of Commissioners of said County on the 31st day of January, 2012.

(SEAL)



Randy Schreifels
County Auditor - Treasurer

Rena

From: Wocken, Chuck [<mailto:Chuck.Wocken@co.stearns.mn.us>]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 9:06 AM
To: Rena Weber
Subject: SAUK RIVER ROAD at Rockville County Park

Dear Rena,

Last night the Stearns County Park Commission was discussing development plans for the park. As you know, we have received \$575,000 worth of grants for the project. We discussed the road re-alignment to the north side of the open field on the former Gronseth property. Before the Park Commission proceeds with its plan it wants to know if the City of Rockville would consider VACATING the Sauk River Road from the intersection of Sauk River Road/Glacier Road to the Peck driveway? I am aware the Master Plan keeps the road as a public thoroughfare, but the Commission wanted to ask the question of the Council.

Chuck Wocken

Stearns County Parks Director,
 1802 Co. Rd. 137, Waite Park, Minnesota 56387;
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Rena Weber

From: Wocken, Chuck [Chuck.Wocken@co.stearns.mn.us]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 3:34 PM
To: Rena Weber
Cc: Theismann, Pete
Subject: RE: SAUK RIVER ROAD at Rockville County Park

Rena,

We have no design work outside of what was depicted in the Master Plan. Please refer to your copy of that. Here is the link to our webpage and the Master Plan location:

<http://co.stearns.mn.us/Recreation/CountyParks/RockvilleCountyPark> I recall the Bechtolds had only one issue in the master planning process, and that was to keep that road through the park as a public road. That's the way the Master Plan depicts the road. The Pecks were at last night's meeting and offered that they would be comfortable with the road being vacated. In fact, it was their comment that began the discussion. So, the Park Commission felt it needed to ask the question.

I will be gone from Feb. 10 through Feb. 27 on vacation and a St. Paul Legacy meeting for Greater Minnesota. If you have questions please address those to Pete.

Chuck Wocken

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Interface with City of Rockville Park Property

Stearns County and the City of Rockville share a common interest in maximizing the park amenities in this area to meet broad local and regional park needs. This working relationship extends to the efficiencies and common goals associated with park development, including the following considerations.

Complementary Trail Systems & Connections

Rockville County Park and Nature Preserve is located within the corporate limits of the City of Rockville. The park also abuts the recently created Eagle Park. Eagle Park is a 63 acre city park featuring the restoration of oak savanna and river woodland ecologies, which provides park visitors a unique opportunity to observe an active bald eagle nest in a setting reminiscent of early settlement times. To learn more about Eagle Park a master plan report was completed in February 2006 that can be obtained through the City of Rockville.

Rockville city roadways within the park include portions of Sauk River Road and Glacier Road. Both roadways serve the residential and farm commerce of the land to the north and west of the Rockville Park and Nature Preserve.

The Rocori Regional Trail, proposed by and to be developed and operated by the cities of Richmond, Rockville, and Cold Spring, the MnDNR, and Stearns County. The trail will parallel the south side of the Sauk River on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail line right of way. When developed, this trail along with the proposed connector trail to Rockville Park and Nature Preserve will provide the residents of Rockville with convenient access to not only the county park, but also Eagle Park.

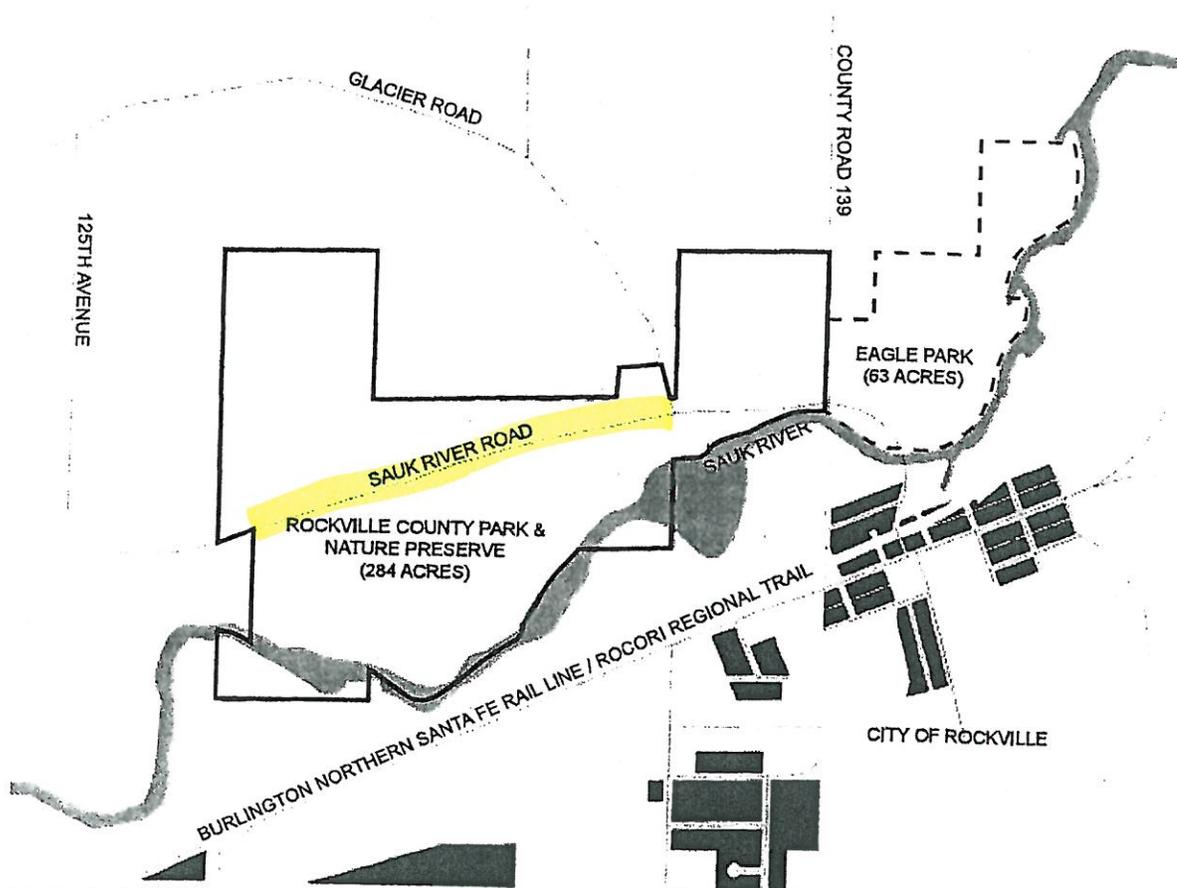


FIGURE 1.2 - ADJACENT PROPERTY OVERVIEW MAP

ROCKVILLE COUNTY PARK