

State of Wisconsin  
 Department of Natural Resources  
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### Motorized Recreation Grant Application

For: (choose all that apply) Form 8700-159 (R 12/18)

**Due Date: April 15**

- ATV/UTV Trail Aid
- Snowmobile Trail Aid
- Motorized Stewardship - 20% County match required

**Notice:** Completion of this form is required under Wisconsin Statutes 23.09(26) and 23.33. Failure to complete this form will result in denial of financial assistance. Personally identifiable information found on this form is not intended to be used for any other purpose. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may provide this information to requesters as required by Wisconsin's Open Records law (ss. 19.31 - 19.39, Wis. Stats.).

**Instructions:** Applications may combine more than one source of funds. They may be submitted for consideration of traditional ATV, UTV, Snowmobile and Motorized Stewardship funding. Submit one copy of all forms and attachments. See Page 2 for necessary attachments. Send applications to your Community Services Specialist.

DNR Use Only	
Category	Number

**Section 1: Applicant Information**

Applicant / Organization Name La Crosse County			Check Recipient: Individual other than authorized individual to act on behalf of the applicant. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Select if the same as applicant.		
Individual Authorized to Act on Behalf of Applicant per Resolution Ryan Westpfahl			Check Recipient Name (Name to Appear on Check)		
Title Facilities Director			Title		
Address 212 6th Street North, room 1800			Address		
City La Crosse	State WI	ZIP Code 54601	City	State	ZIP Code
Telephone Number 608-785-9770	Email Address facilities@lacrossecounty.org				

**Section 2: Project Information Required for all Projects**

Project Title La Crosse County New Miles - Hundt Trail				Current Funded Miles 144.6	New Miles (if applicable) 2.3
County LaCrosse	Township N	Range OE OW	Section ¼ ¼	¼	GPS Coordinates: Lat. 43.763 Long. -90.956
Project Description Summary				South end	North end

La Crosse County is requesting grant funding to create a second access route into Vernon County. Currently snowmobilers have to follow the existing trail into the valley and then back to the ridge before going to Vernon County. Adding this route would relieve some of the traffic flow on the only route available. We are hoping by adding this trail it will be easier to keep the one trail we currently have in better shape and help to avoid bottlenecking on the trail. It also adds another beautiful ride through the woods.

I certify that all maintenance land use agreements are on file.

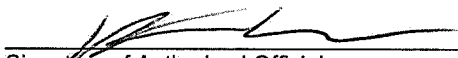
**Estimated Cost**

Maintenance	Acquisition	Insurance	Development	Bridge Rehab.	Trail Rehab.	Total Estimated Cost
			4,950.00			4950.00
Leave Blank - DNR Use Only						

**Applicant Certification**

Printed Name of Authorized Official Ryan Westpfahl	Official's Title Facilities Director
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As the applicant's authorized official, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct.

  
 Signature of Authorized Official

02/24/2022  
 Date Prepared

**Appendix B – Required for Trail/Qualified Trout Rehab, Reroute, or Development**

Trail Rehab     Qualified Trout     New Trail     Trail Reroute (Mandatory or Discretionary)

County La Crosse	Township N	Range <input type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> W	Section	¼ ¼	¼	GPS Coordinates: Lat. 43.763 <i>South</i> Long. -90.956 <i>end</i>	<i>43.796 North</i> <i>-90.946 end</i>
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Funded Trail Name or Number (SNARS if applicable)	Has this trail ever received development or rehabilitation funds in the past? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No    Year: _____ \$ _____
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Trail is located on: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Private property <input type="radio"/> Public property	Length of Easement or Landowner Use Agreement 5 years	Expiration Date 03/01/2027
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Landowner Where Trail is Located James Kaiser/Michael Hundt/ <i>Randy</i> Silha/Jerome DeFlorian	Telephone Number
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What other recreational trail uses are planned for this trail?  
none

If there are other Recreational uses planned, how much of the trail development/rehab. cost will be paid for by other users?  
none

How many miles would be affected if this project is not funded? 0	Will this result in closure of a trail? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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Is this a critical section to the overall trail system? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Is there a reasonable alternative?
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Does any section of this trail contain a bridge? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Will this bridge require rehabilitation now or in the next few years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	What is the weight of your puller & drag/grading equipment? <i>12,695</i> lbs.
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- Yes     No Have you contacted your local DNR Water Management Specialist (WMS) regarding a permit?
- Yes     No Is a permit needed? (Please provide any written correspondence from WMS.)
- Yes     No Will this project be located near or cross any intermittent or perennial waterway? Surface Water Data Viewer
- Yes     No Will this project be located near or cross any wetland?
- Yes     No Will this project involve land disturbance – including clearing and grubbing – of 1 acre or more of land? (Less than 4/10th mile for a typical trail) DNR Storm Water Contact List

**Trail Project Detailed Description**

This new trail will need some dozing to connect different landowners in different areas of the woods that the trail meanders through. The first area is at the bottom of the Hundt/Silha land where we will need to have some trees removed and connect the first intersection. We will continue through the woods on already developed ridge roads and do maintenance work on sluffing hillsides and continue with the removal of trees that would cause issues for the grooming unit and drag. We will continue from one side of the valley to the other until we connect to the DeFlorian property. This brings us out of the woods and to the current intersection that goes into Vernon County.

# New Trail Ranking and Certification Worksheet

County: La Crosse Segment Name/Trail #: 29  
Date of Application: 03/09/2022 Miles Requested: 2.3

Qualifications – All items in this worksheet must be completed for new miles request, and submitted with a copy of the Motorized Recreation Grant Application 8700-159 for each new trail. Each trail must be submitted separately. All items in this section must be completed for valid new trail maintenance funding request – incomplete applications will be denied.

Any rehabilitation funding requests should be included at this time on form 8700-159. Trails must be in the funded system for at least 10 years before they are eligible to receive rehab grants, so it is important to include rehabilitation needs now. (NR 50.09 (4) (g))

Gateways questions: Provide justification for selection below.

- 1. Trail provides primary access route through a county and connects with another county's trails.
- 2. Trail provides access from population centers to main access trail(s).
- 3. Trail supports a high volume of use.
- 4. Trail is separate from the road surface, marked and groomed as a snowmobile trail. Plowed roads do not qualify as a funded off-road trail. (s. 350.01 (16) and (17) Wis. Stats.)

Maps attached  
(All are  
required)

- Provide GIS file (shapefile, etc) of county trail system with the requested trail segments included.
- Provide countywide trail system map (printed/PDF) with the requested trail segments identified. (Map should show how the requested new mile segment fits into the trail system, and what it connects to.)
- Provide aerial/topographical map (printed/PDF) for each segment. (Map should show a more detailed view of the trail, but still clear on trail location and connections).

I certify that this trail meets or will meet all trail requirements in chs. 23 & 350, Wis. Stats. and ch. NR 50, Wis. Admin. Code NOTE: at present, this trail is not developed \*\*

1. Minimum graded width for one-way trails is 6 feet and maximum 8 feet.
2. Minimum graded width for two-way trails is 10 feet and maximum 12 feet.
3. Minimum turning radius is 25 feet.
4. Minimum cleared height above trail is 10 feet.
5. Sustained grades and slopes will be a maximum of 25%.
6. Approved, fully reflectorized snowmobile signs must be used.
7. Snowmobile trails shall not be routed over bodies of water. If stream crossings make bridging necessary, bridges should be at least 8 feet wide. If the bridge is located on an abandoned railroad grade, the bridge shall be a minimum of 10 feet wide free from obstruction.

Justification (Required) – Provide narrative description of the new trail with explanation for gateway qualification checked (#1, 2 or 3 above).

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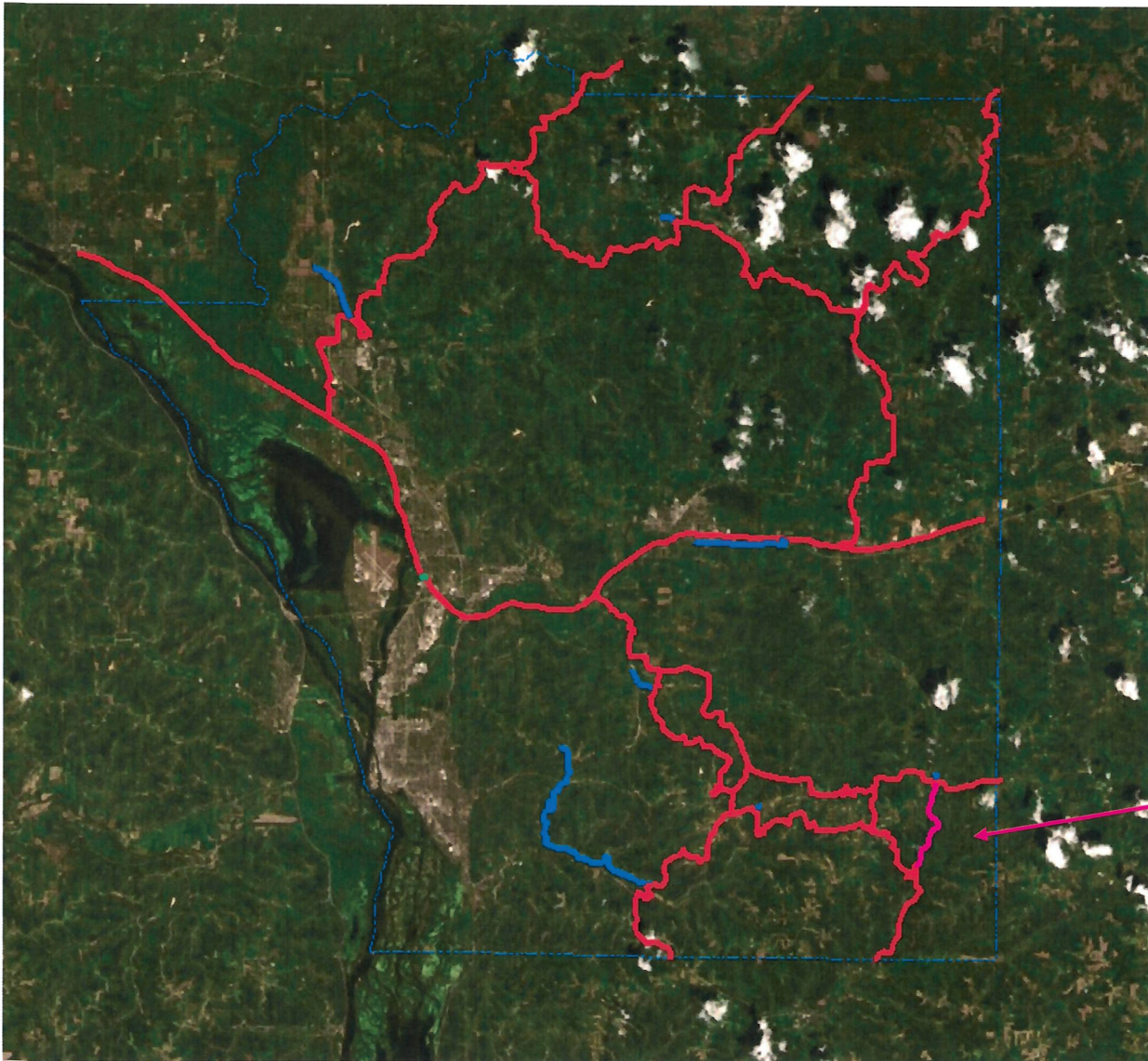
\*\* The trail will be developed to meet all the trail requirements in chs. 23 & 350, Wis. Stats. and ch. NR 50, Wis. Admin. Code.

Water Crossings (**Required**) - Does the requested trail segment include any bridges, culverts or water crossings? If so, Describe. If not, indicate none. *Bridge structures should be added to the county's snowmobile bridge inventory if not already included.*  
*No, there is no running water through this area. The only water seen is when there is heavy rain and it comes from the ridge to the valley. Otherwise, it is dry all year long.*

**Ranking**

	Category	Possible Points	Actual Points
1.	Trail Longevity ( <i>If multiple scenarios along the trail, lowest point situation applies. County must provide copy of easements/LUAs with application if &gt;0 pnts, if not on public land.</i> )	Max points: 3	
	Trail segment is located on public land or private land with permanent deeded easement.	3	3
	Trail segment on private lands with land-use agreement (LUA) of 10 years or more.	2	
	Trail segment is on private lands with LUA of 5 to 9 years.	1	
	LUA of less than 5 years.	0	
2.	Trail System ( <i>choose one</i> )	Max points: 3	
	Trail segment connects <u>directly</u> to one or more neighboring county or state trails.	3	<del>3</del>
	Trail closes a gap between two existing funded trail segments, <b>or</b> extends existing funded trail 10 or more miles – excludes routes.	2	
	Trail segment is a part of the basic county trail system.	1	1
	Trail is isolated and does not connect to the county trail system.	0	
3.	The trail segment is in the following area of mean annual snowfall <u>Mean Snowfall Map per County</u> (Source: Midwestern Climate Center)	Max points: 3	
	Greater than 60 inches	3	
	48 – 60 inches	2	
	Less than 48 inches	1	1
4.	The ratio of miles of trail to total square miles of land within the county: <u>Snowmobile Trail Area Ratio per County</u>	Max points: 3	
	The ratio is within the grouping 01% - 30%	3	
	The ratio is within the grouping 31% - 40%	2	2
	The ratio is within the grouping 41% - 50%	1	
	The ratio is in a grouping of over 50%	0	
5.	Trail segment will be groomed with the following equipment. ( <i>choose one</i> )	Max points: 2	
	Class A-1, A-2 includes AAA and AA	2	
	Class A-3, A-4 includes AAA and AA	1	1
	Class B or C	0	
6.	County snowmobile trail coordinator priority points. <b>Note: County is allowed 2 points maximum for <u>ALL</u> trail segments submitted.</b>	Max points: 2	
	High priority.	2	2
	Medium priority.	1	
	No priority.	0	
7.	<b>Deductions if trail segment contains any of the following: (<i>check all that apply</i>)</b>	Max deduction: -8	
	New bridge, major bridge rehab or major trail rehab	-3	
	Trail segment is parallel (within 5 miles) to another funded segment	-3	-3
	Trail runs to a body of water. ( <i>no deduction for use of a bridge to cross</i> )	-2	
		(Maximum Points: 16) <b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>

**Please verify that all sections of this form have been completed, -4  
and all required attachments included prior to submittal. Incomplete applications will be denied.**

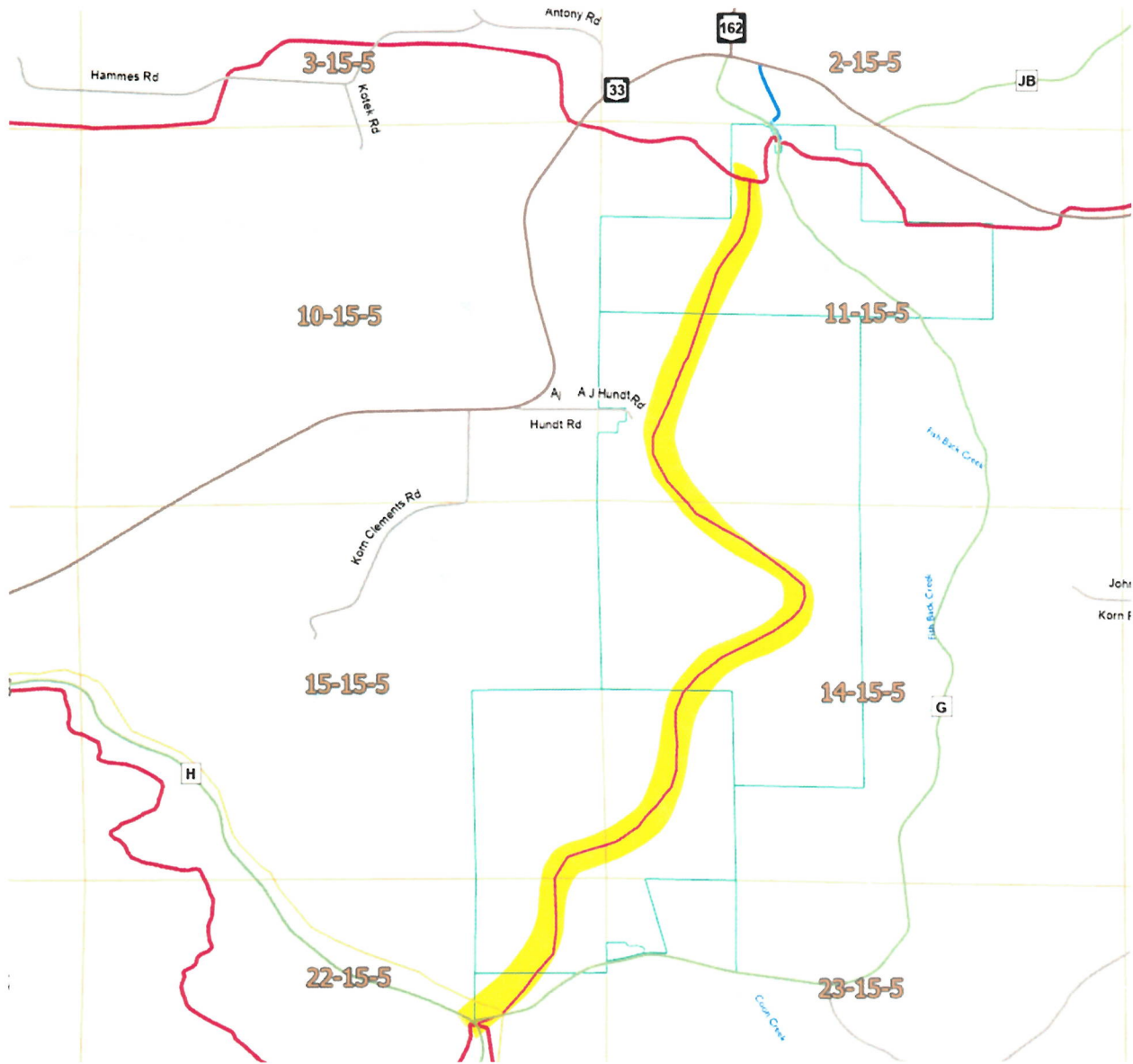


**La Crosse County  
Snowmobile Trail System**

Red – funded trail

Blue – club trail

Pink – Proposed new development

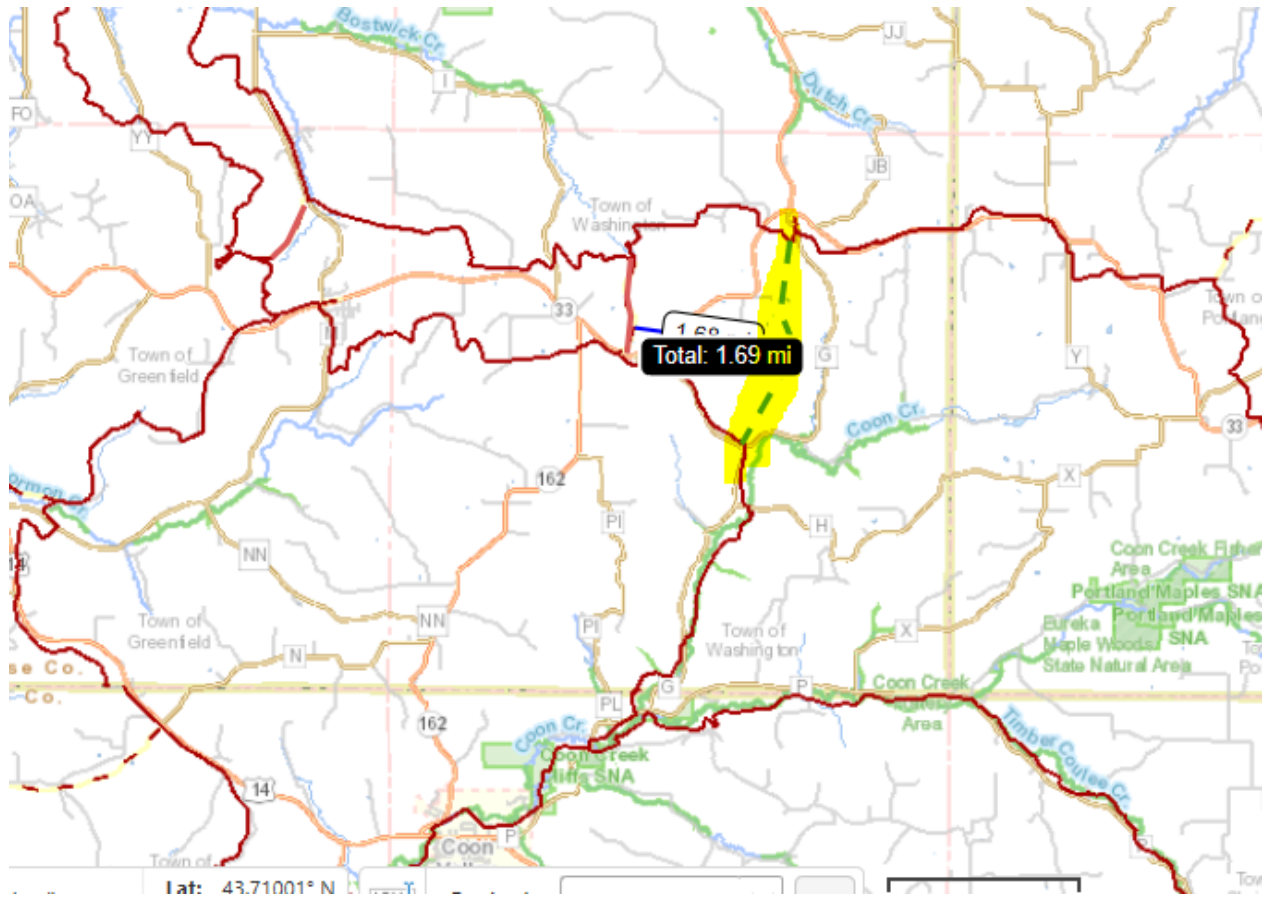


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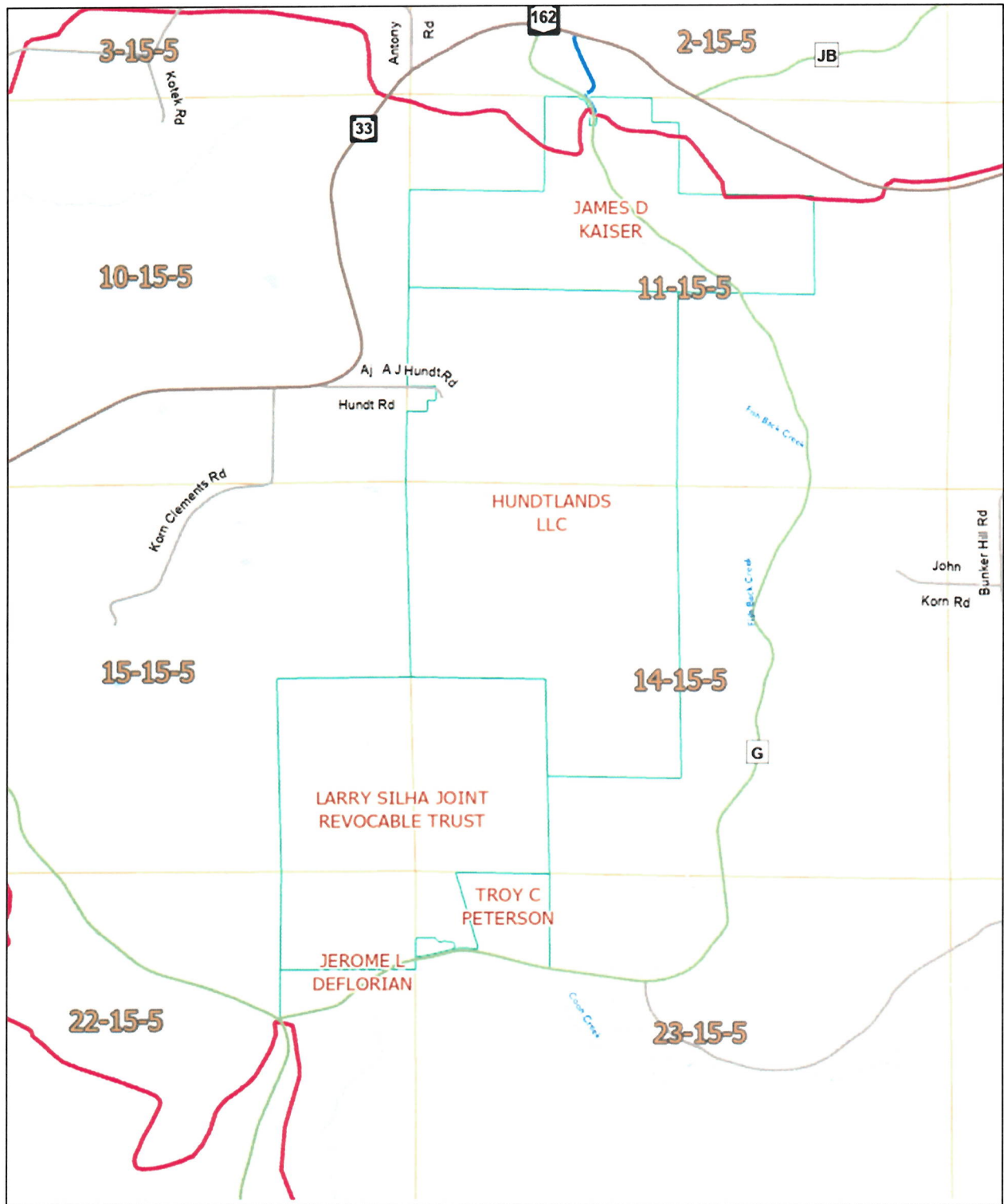
Type1

- Corridor
- Trail
- Route
- Pending Approval - New trail development
- Closed

Pending Approval - New trail development

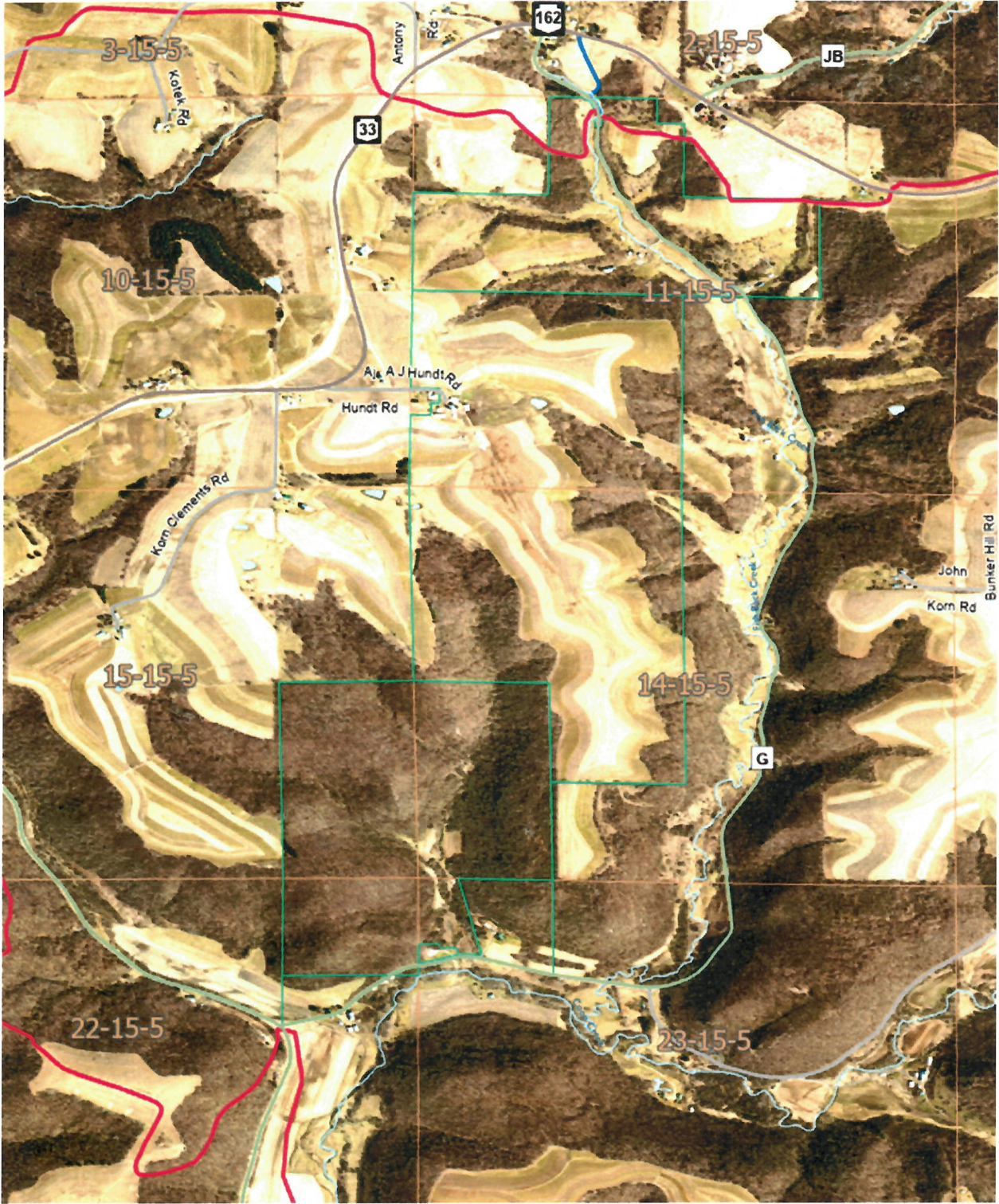


Funded parallel trail <2 miles away



- Landowner identification
- township | range | section





topo map of area

For use with Recreation Grant Application Forms

Project Name: La Crosse County New Miles - Hundt Trail		Prepared By: Mary Kaufmann/Ann Degenhardt	Date: 03/09/2022
County: La Crosse	Project Applicant: La Crosse County	Landowner Name: Kaiser/Hundt/Silha/DeFlorian	<input type="radio"/> Public <input checked="" type="radio"/> Private

Indicate - (C) Contract , (F) Force Acct., (D) Donated

	DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ITEMS <i>List by individual item or break down by Use Areas (See Item List On Back Of This Form)</i>	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Component Costs	Estimated Total Item Cost
(C)	Middle Ridge Ventures - dozer work for tree removal and grading				\$2,900.00
(C)	New Posts				\$250.00
(C)	Blazers	100	ea	\$3.00	\$300.00
(C)	Stop / Stop Ahead Signs	8	ea	\$8.50	\$68.00
(C)	Arrows	10	ea	\$4.50	\$45.00
(C)	Club Labor Hours and Equipment				
	50 hp tractor with brush hog mower tractor	3	hr	\$32.00	\$96.00
	mower	3	hr	\$21.00	\$63.00
	Seeder	1	hr	\$32.00	\$32.00
	Man Hours: 8 people cutting trees, brushing, etc., 8 hr ea.	64	hr	\$8.00	\$512.00
	Chainsaws	3	hr	\$6.00	\$18.00
	3 UTV's for transport and carrying materials, 3 hrs ea.	9	hr	\$19.00	\$171.00
(C)	Seed	150	lb	\$3.30	\$495.00
<b>TOTAL\$</b>					<b>\$4,950.00</b>

**NOTE: For acquisition projects, complete the Acquisition Project Cost Estimate Section**

# MIDDLE RIDGE VENTURES

N1573 Bunker Hill Road, Rockland, WI 54653  
 office@middleridgeventures.com  
 office 608 486 2851

## Proposal

Date	Quote number:
2/21/2022	292

Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club

Terms

Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
22	Komatsu D37PX21 Dozer Flat rate of \$150 to and from jobsite within 25 miles per machine  Estimate not to exceed 22 hours on dozer	125.00 150.00	2,750.00 150.00
Submitted by: _____ Date: _____			
Accepted by: _____ Date: _____			
		<b>Total</b>	\$2,900.00

**Mary Kaufmann**

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**From:** Robert Hemling  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 1, 2022 1:03 PM  
**To:** Mary Kaufmann  
**Subject:** FW: Permits Needed? re: Snowmobile Grant Application for new trail development  
**Attachments:** NewStJoesTRail\_HundtLand.docx; New Trail Ridge Runners.docx

Good Afternoon Mary,

I would need to write a no-fee permit for this project. Do you have an expected start date? Also, could you provide all the parcels that will have work done on them. I may request a site visit to address erosion control concerns if some of the trails are breaking new ground in 30 percent slope restricted areas. We would allow of the work to be done but may require some erosion control measures to limit potential off-site erosion.

Thank you,

Rob

**Rob Hemling**

Conservation Specialist

La Crosse County DLC  
212 6<sup>th</sup> Street North  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
P: 608-785-9867  
C: 608-792-0793

*La Crosse County  
Land Conservation*

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**From:** Brock Tokach <btokach@lacrossecounty.org> **On Behalf Of** Land Conservation  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 1, 2022 12:31 PM  
**To:** Robert Hemling <RHemling@lacrossecounty.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Permits Needed? re: Snowmobile Grant Application for new trail development

From the Land Con inbox.

Sincerely,

**Brock Tokach**

Administrative Assistant  
La Crosse County Land Conservation Dept  
212 6<sup>th</sup> St North, La Crosse, WI 54601  
608-785-9867  
[btokach@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:btokach@lacrossecounty.org)

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**From:** Mary Kaufmann <[mkaufmann@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:mkaufmann@lacrossecounty.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 1, 2022 12:18 PM  
**To:** Zoning <[zoning@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:zoning@lacrossecounty.org)>; Land Conservation <[Landcon@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:Landcon@lacrossecounty.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: Permits Needed? re: Snowmobile Grant Application for new trail development

Attn: Zoning and Land Conservation:

I am inquiring if the email below was received. Can you please respond if so.  
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Thank you,

*Mary Kaufmann - La Crosse County Facilities Dept. - 608-785-9770*  
[mkaufmann@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:mkaufmann@lacrossecounty.org)

**From:** Mary Kaufmann

**Sent:** Thursday, February 24, 2022 3:56 PM

**To:** Zoning Permits <[zoningpermits@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:zoningpermits@lacrossecounty.org)>; Land Conservation Permits  
<[landconpermits1@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:landconpermits1@lacrossecounty.org)>

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My question, will your department require any permits for this project. I have attached a couple maps that hopefully with show you the proposed location. Let me know of any additional questions you may have in order to answer my question.

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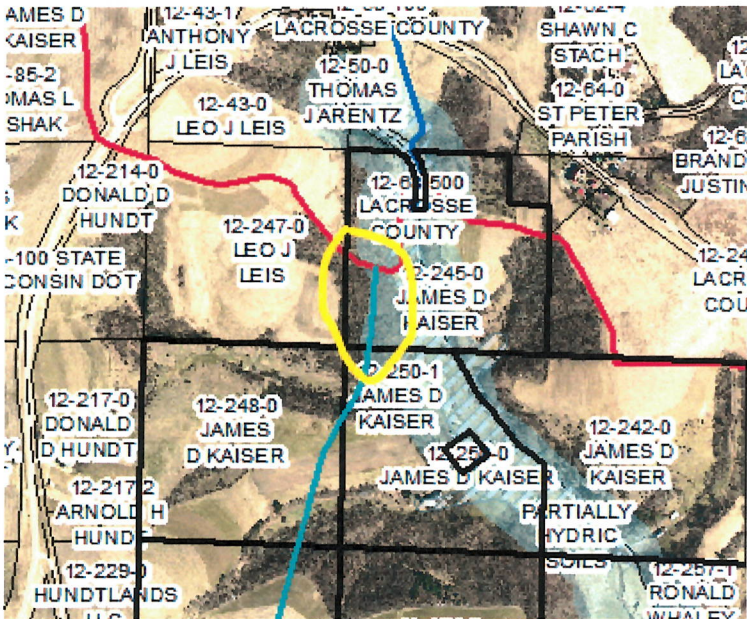
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**From:** Aaron Lacher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 1, 2022 3:51 PM  
**To:** Mary Kaufmann  
**Cc:** Angel Much; Dale Hewitt  
**Subject:** RE: Permits Needed? re: Snowmobile Grant Application for new trail development

Mary,

The proposed route is entirely within the exclusive ag district, within which the trail would be considered an authorized accessory use. Assuming no structures are involved (e.g. bridge) no permitting would be required. A small portion of your project, circled in yellow below, appears to be proposed in the shoreland overlay district. Here, additional performance standards come into play and regulate vegetation removal and grading, and permitting would be needed. You might consider shifting the northern most portion of the route west if possible to avoid the shoreland district.



Respectfully,

*Aaron Lacher*

Zoning, Planning and Land Information  
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La Crosse, WI 54601

Direct 608-785-5769  
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