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Mr. Bud Motsinger
Presiding Commissioner
Caldwell County Commission
49 East Main Street
Kingston, Missouri 64650

Dear Mr. Motsinger:

Thank you for your application for assistance from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program. The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce an award of technical assistance to Little Otter Creek Reservoir Recreational Trails project from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022. *Our assistance will focus on helping you and your partners to:*

- *Engage communities near the reservoir through workshops and design charrettes to capture their vision for recreational needs*
- *Develop conceptual drawings of potential recreational amenities*
- *Support the development of a Comprehensive Recreational Master Plan with a planning team of stakeholders*

While we expect that your organization will lead the project and make key decisions, we will work with you and your partners to develop an overall planning process and will focus attention on the project areas specifically identified in your application.

The RTCA staff typically assist with multiple projects across a wide geographic area concurrently throughout the year. In striving to fulfill the collective needs of all partners, we will be as committed as possible in meeting your project needs. The time and resources that staff commit to each project represent the technical assistance provided by the NPS to local partners. We will contact you in early May to further discuss your project and schedule an initial meeting to develop a project timeline.

INTERIOR REGION 3, 4, 5 – GREAT LAKES, MISSISSIPPI BASIN, MISSOURI BASIN

ARKANSAS, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, KANSAS, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI,
NEBRASKA, NORTH DAKOTA, OHIO, SOUTH DAKOTA, WISCONSIN

Award Requirements

In return for NPS technical assistance, we ask the following of project partners during our work together:

- Develop an annual work plan that identifies specific roles and responsibilities for project partners and RTCA staff;
- Identify and commit significant time and resources (financial, in-kind, overhead, etc.) along with other project partners, to match our assistance;
- Acknowledge and credit the NPS RTCA assistance in press releases, promotional materials, signage, maps, and publications such as newsletters, surveys, brochures, and final planning documents;
- Complete a project close-out report at the end of NPS assistance.

Continued Assistance

The RTCA program recognizes that broad-based, community-driven planning projects take time. If your organization does not accomplish the project goals and desired outcomes this fiscal year, you may request a second year of assistance by submitting an “Application for Continued Assistance” by March 1, 2022.

Measuring Success

Each year our partners across the nation create local and regional trails, conserve open space, and protect miles of rivers. Congress measures our program’s success by looking at the tangible, on-the-ground results our partners achieve within five years of the technical assistance agreement. Keeping an on-going record of your project successes will help our program report good results, especially as there are often changes in staff over time.

We look forward to a successful year of collaboration with you and your partners. Please feel free to contact me at any time at (402) 206-4392 or ashley_newson@nps.gov to discuss any questions you might have.

Congratulations,



Ashley Newson
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