



# Dakota County

## Legislation Text

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**DEPARTMENT:** Parks, Facilities, and Fleet Management

**FILE TYPE:** Consent Action

### TITLE

**Authorization To Award And Execute Consultant Contract With KLJ Engineering LLC For Preliminary Design Services For North Creek Greenway, Vermillion Highlands Greenway, And Vermillion River Greenway In Cities Of Farmington, Rosemount, And Empire, Project #2000233**

### PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize execution of a contract with KLJ Engineering LLC for preliminary design consulting services for portions of the North Creek Greenway, Vermillion Highlands Greenway, and Vermillion River Greenway.

### SUMMARY

Dakota County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to Consultants interested in providing preliminary engineering design services for multiple sections of greenway, including:

#### North Creek Greenway (3 Segments)

- 189<sup>th</sup> Street West to CSAH 64 - 30 percent Preliminary Design
- County State Aid Highway 64 to Rambling River Park - Two or three alignment options with 30 percent Preliminary Design of one preferred option.
- Rambling River Park to Denmark (County State Aid Highway 31) - 30 percent Preliminary Design

#### Vermillion Highlands Greenway (3 segments)

- Trunk Highway 3 to Barcardi Ave- alignment study/landowner discussion
- Barcardi Ave to McMenomy property - 30 percent Preliminary Design through Schmitz (North 20 Brewery) and Dakota County conservation easement.
- Whitetail Woods Regional Park to Vermillion River - 30 percent Preliminary Design
  - Includes alignment study/discussion with Metro Council and DNR

#### Vermillion River Greenway: (2 segments)

- Rambling River Park to Trunk Highway 3
  - Includes railroad crossing evaluation/concept design & discussion with railroad
  - Trunk Highway 3 to Biscayne - two alignment alternatives, 30 percent Preliminary Design on one

Final Design is desired for Vermillion River Greenway in Rambling River Park. Pending outcomes of

conversations with private landowners, additional final design work may be needed between Rambling River Park and the City of Empire.

Current request is for preliminary designs to be completed in 2024-2025 with final design of Vermillion River Greenway to Rambling River Park proposed in 2025-2026. The final design plans will also address trail amenities, nodes, landscaping, and other special features consistent with regional greenway design guidance.

Scope of Work. The primary purpose of this project is to provide a preliminary geometric layout of the greenway alignment for the Vermillion Highlands and North Creek Greenway sections in Rosemount, Empire, and Farmington. Preliminary design up to 60 percent for one grade separated crossing, preferably under, the railroad track will be needed on the North Creek Greenway project. Final Design for Vermillion River Greenway through Rambling River Park will also be delivered as part of the design work. Additional deliverables include supporting a public involvement process to address the grade-separated crossing, trail amenities, greenway nodes, landscaping, and other special design elements specific to greenways.

Consultant Selection and Roles. Dakota County issued a Request for Proposal for the above-noted services to 13 consultant teams on July 08, 2024. Two proposals were received and evaluated by County staff representing the Parks, Planning, and Transportation offices on August 19, 2024. KLJ Engineering LLC was selected as the preferred professional engineering consultants based on the following criteria: project understanding, project approach, public involvement, team expertise, quality control, performance on similar projects, and best-value cost. The costs and hours proposed were considered reasonable, and the total contract cost was within the range anticipated by staff.

The consultant submitted a cost proposal as follows:

<u>Consultant</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Cost/Hour</u>
KLJ Engineering LLC	\$582,825.60	3,918	\$148.00
Stantec Consulting Inc.	\$775,936.00	3,151	\$165.31

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends executing a contract with KLJ Engineering LLC for the professional design services for portions of the North Creek Greenway, Vermillion Highlands Greenway, and Vermillion River Greenway project (2000233) for actual costs not to exceed \$641,108.16, including a 10 percent contingency.

## EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

The Adopted 2024 Parks Capital Improvement Program includes \$500,000 for portions of the North Creek Greenway, Vermillion Highlands Greenway, and Vermillion River Greenway project (2000233). An administrative amendment will move \$141,108.16 (\$119,941.94 from the Transportation Advancement Account and \$21,166.22 from the Environmental Legacy Fund)) in funding from the Greenway Collaborative Set-Aside to CP 2000233.

- None       Current budget       Other  
 Amendment Requested       New FTE(s) requested

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, to provide a great place to live, Dakota County is proceeding with portions of the North Creek Greenway, Vermillion Highlands Greenway, and Vermillion River Greenway project (2000233) for preliminary design consulting services; and

WHEREAS, County staff sent a Request for Proposal to 13 qualified professional consultants; and

WHEREAS, two proposals were received and evaluated by County staff; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from KLJ Engineering LLC had the best-value costs for preliminary design and provides all the services needed; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2028 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget includes \$500,000 for preliminary engineering consulting services for this project; and

WHEREAS, an administrative amendment will move \$141,108.16 (\$119,941.94 from the Transportation Advancement Account and \$21,166.22 from the Environmental Legacy Fund) in funding from the Greenway Collaborative Set-Aside to CP 2000233; and

WHEREAS, the County Parks, Facilities, and Fleet Management Director recommends executing a contract with KLJ Engineering LLC for engineering consulting services for the North Creek Greenway, Vermillion Highlands Greenway, and Vermillion River Greenway project (2000233) for actual costs not to exceed \$641,108.16.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a contract with KLJ Engineering LLC, 1010 Dale St. N, Saint Paul, MN 55117, to perform preliminary engineering design consulting services for the North Creek Greenway, Vermillion Highlands Greenway, and Vermillion River Greenway project (2000233) in an amount not to exceed \$641,108.16, which includes a 10 percent contingency, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

## PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Project Location Map

Attachment: Consultant Evaluation Summary

## BOARD GOALS

A Great Place to Live

A Successful Place for Business and Jobs

A Healthy Environment

Excellence in Public Service

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