

Rearing Pond Trail

Preserving habitat and enjoyment for years to come.



Nestled between Otter Tail and Blanche lakes, the 58 acres of woods and paths known informally as Rearing Pond Trail have been an oasis for residents and visitors of the area.

Developed by the DNR in the late 40s and early 50s as a fish rearing pond that refused to hold water, the land instead has been enjoyed by families and wildlife for generations.

When the DNR scheduled this piece of land for public auction, the Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association stepped forward with an alternate plan. The association, in conjunction with West Central Initiative, is working to raise \$90,000 to help the Otter Tail Water Management District purchase the land from the DNR and maintain it as it currently exists through volunteer support.

"This is a terrific opportunity to save and promote a wonderful part of the world in which we are lucky to live. We never fail to take visitors on a walk through the 'Pond.' It underlines how fortunate we are."

D.W. Bernauer

YES! I/We want to help make sure the Rearing Pond Trail is a place for the public to enjoy for years and generations to come.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I would like this gift to be anonymous.

One-time payment amount: \$ _____

Two-year pledge:

Payment date: ____/____/____ Amt: \$ _____

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Total Pledged*: \$ _____

Please make check payable to West Central Initiative and indicate "Rearing Pond Trail Fund" in memo.

Mail along with pledge card to:

West Central Initiative
PO Box 318
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0318



Donate via credit card online: wcif.org/rearingpondtrail.html

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Does your employer provide matching funds?
West Central Initiative, an independent public foundation, non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation.

Here's how it works:

Funds raised for this project will be used to purchase the land (\$79,500), pay for fundraising/marketing and legal fees (\$8,500), and leave a \$2,000 cash reserve for contingency costs and other future projects.

Once the land has been purchased by the Otter Tail Water Management District, they will then own and care for the property. The intention is to keep it as it currently exists and to work with any volunteers who have been mowing and maintaining the property.

All legal documents have been drafted and signed, which now allows for the project to move forward.

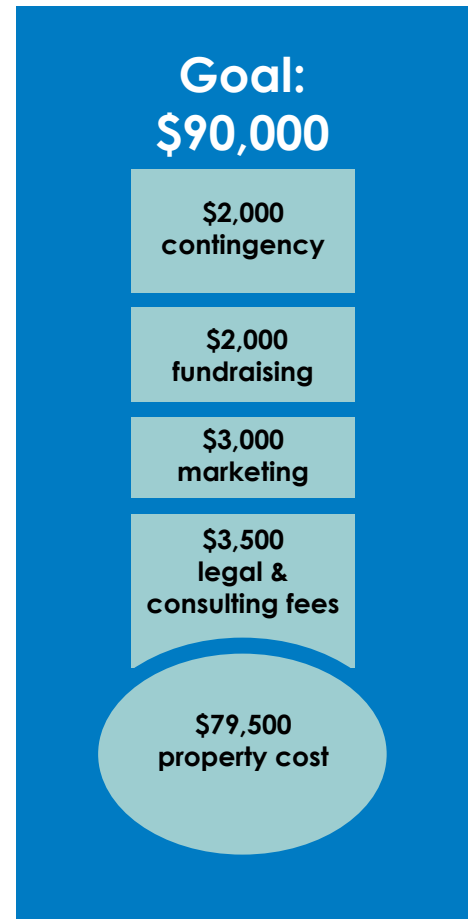
There is a two-year window of opportunity to make this happen. We need your support today. We think we can accomplish this in the first year, leaving us an extra year for good measure!

Please join us in meeting our \$90,000 goal.

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Questions? Contact Rob Bope at 612-889-8771.

No current OTLPOA funds will be spent for the purchase of this property and OTLPOA will have no ownership interest.



The Rearing Pond Fund is a component fund of West Central Initiative, a regional community foundation that serves the west central Minnesota counties of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin.

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“People who might not otherwise have the opportunity to walk, run or enjoy nature have found this property to be ideal as it is safe, quiet, easily accessible and provides a perfect place to enjoy the four seasons in our beautiful state.”

Ken and Mary Jo Wentz