
Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: 5/26/2026

Title: Temporary Construction Easement Agreement and Permanent Public Trail Right-Of-Way Easement Agreement for Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park with the City of Shoreview

File Number: 2026-179

Background and Rationale:

Ramsey County is the fee owner of the Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park property in the City of Shoreview. The Snail Lake section of Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park has an existing paved, multi-use public trail constructed by the county in 1998 as part of the development of the regional park trail system. The trail that was constructed passes over two parcels owned by the City of Shoreview. No formal agreement was created or documented for the construction or the trail or for ongoing use of the trails by the county across the city-owned property.

To assign ownership of the trail for maintenance and liability purposes, a temporary construction easement and permanent easement is now being established to allow the county to continue to own and operate the trail segments built on City of Shoreview property. Over the past year, county staff have worked with the city to complete a design for improvements to the paved trail to inform the permanent easements extents. The City of Shoreview has agreed to grant easements for the two city-owned parcels.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve a temporary construction easement agreement and permanent public trail right-of-way easement agreement for paved trail with the City of Shoreview at 318 Floral Drive, Shoreview, MN adjacent to Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park.
2. Approve a temporary construction easement agreement and permanent public trail right-of-way easement agreement for paved trail with the City of Shoreview at 358 Dennison Ave, Shoreview, MN adjacent to Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the easement agreements.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Xiong, seconded by Commissioner Jebens-Singh. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: 
Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board