

February 14, 2018

Dear Land Owner,

On behalf of a new community group called Roseau Outdoor Adventures & Recreation, we'd like to take this opportunity to inform you of some exciting changes we hope will happen in the next few months. A stakeholder group has been organized to work on getting the Roseau River on the Minnesota Water Trails map. As a local group that utilizes the river, we've been asked to participate and provide feedback to ensure community support for this project. Having the Roseau River designated as a mapped state water trail would increase the use of the River from the Canadian Border to Hayes Lake State Park and the South branch to Wannaska. The Roseau River Watershed District has already secured grant money for project planning and also a kayak dock to be installed at Roseau City Park to kick-off this adventure!

The stakeholders group consists of local DNR officials, Roseau River Watershed District, Life Care Medical Center, Historical Society, City of Roseau, Roseau County, U of M Extension, Explore Minnesota, Roseau County 4-H, Roseau County Trail Blazers, and Roseau Outdoor Adventures & Recreation. One of our goals is to promote the Roseau River as a trail of regional significance in Northwest Minnesota. Water trails connect individuals, families, and groups with a variety of hiking trails, bikeways, museums, historic sites, parks, and public lands. They cultivate a sense of place and love of the community.

As a land owner, we would like to hear your comments and answer your questions. Please return the enclosed survey to Rebecca or go to www.roseauriverwd.com and click on the River Trail Questionnaire by March 2nd.

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When the new dock & launch is installed, there will be a launch party at the Roseau City Park scheduled sometime in June 2018. More information on that to come!

Thank you,

Roseau Outdoor Adventures & Recreation Committee

The Mission Statement:

The Roseau River Water Trail promotes enjoyment and conservation of natural, cultural, and historical resources of the Roseau River by encouraging responsible, high quality public access opportunities through partnerships and stakeholder advocacy.

Roseau Water Trail Survey

Brought to you by the Roseau Outdoor Adventure & Recreation Committee

1. Have you enjoyed the use of a public Water Trail before?

YES

NO

If yes, please describe your experience and why you choose to do this recreational activity?

2. Please rank your level of interest in the following water related activities, with 5 being your highest level of interest and 1 being your lowest.

_____ Fishing

_____ Birding and other wildlife watching

_____ Swimming

_____ Camping

_____ Paddling (canoe, kayak, Paddle Board)

3. Please rank the type of improvements that you would like to see at Roseau River access sites, with 5 being the most important and 1 being the least important. (You can have more than one of each category)

_____ Temporary kayak/canoe storage areas.

_____ Rest/Picnic facilities

_____ Restroom facilities

_____ Primitive camping

_____ Educational signage (historical, habitat restoration, ecosystem types)

_____ Directional signage (river mile markers, maps, safety, rules)

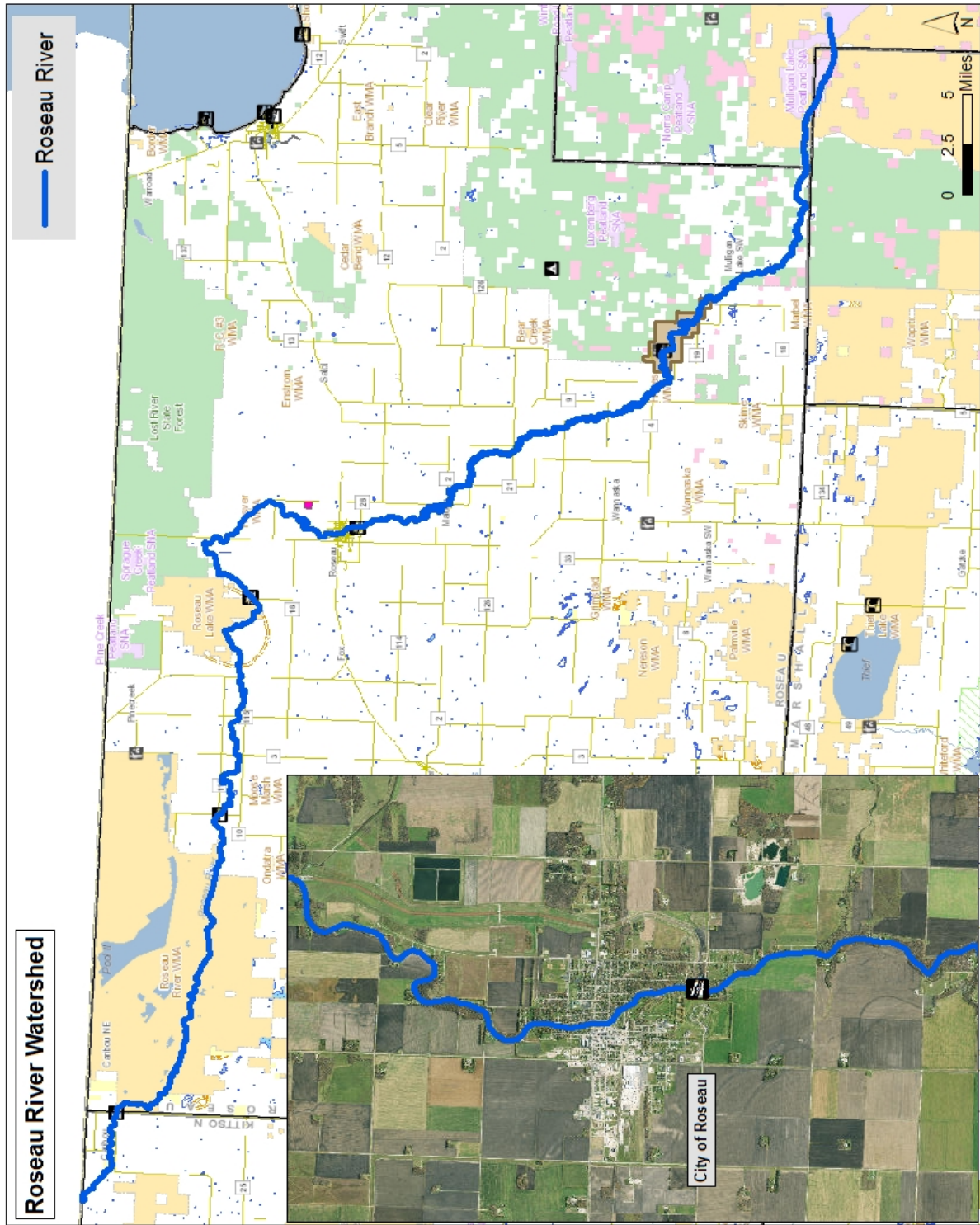
_____ Ease of entry into river at launch area (includes gradual slopes, crushed rocks, docks, and/ or stairs)

_____ Additional fishing opportunities (more boat access points, shore fishing sites)

4. To help make the best experience for all:

It will be important to identify any potential issues and develop a plan to either prevent or address them. Please help by listing any potential issues you feel may result from the Roseau River becoming a Water Trail.

It will be important to identify any points of interest along the Roseau River. Please help by listing the points of interest you are familiar with (A map is included on the other side for assistance).



May we contact you for further explanation of any of the survey questions? If so, please indicate the best means of contact.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____