



City of Wabasha Veterans Park Project

900 Hiawatha Drive East
Wabasha, MN 55981
651-565-4568

1.. The name of the project and a project description

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The grant was utilized for the purchase of brand-new walkways leading off and into Veteran's Park from the existing sidewalks adjacent to Hiawatha Drive East and Pembroke Avenue in Wabasha. In addition to new walkways, eight new black anodized flagpoles with internal halyards and flags representing each branch of our military, the United States of America flag accompanied by the Prisoners of War flag below it, and the Purple Heart Flag were installed along the backside of each walkway with the Purple Heart flag being installed directly behind an existing statue consisting of a kneeling soldier with a battlefield cross sitting on top of a new concrete pad. Also, broken conduit and a new GFCI was installed powering the light that now shines brightly upon the American flag. When conditions allow, ideally in Spring of 2024, we plan on performing some landscaping work that will include getting the grade of the lot level with the possibility of some trees and flowers that could be added. This park is now a beautiful representation of our Purple Heart community and can be found at 109 Hiawatha Drive East, Wabasha, MN 55981.

2. Contact information of funding recipient

Grantee Name:
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3. Web address where the public can directly access detailed information on the recipient's receipt and use of money for the project The amount and source of funding, including the fiscal year of the appropriation

City of Wabasha: <https://www.wabasha.org>

4. The amount and source of any additional funding or leverage

The total amount of funding for this project had been set aside in the Parks Improvement budget to rehab the park and make it look presentable again. After meeting with local groups, it was determined that money could be donated for the entire project. Local groups began to meet with the Public Works Director about gathering funds. The only city funds that were used were manpower and equipment to get the project where it is today.

IV. Amount and source of any additional funding

The total funding for this project came in the form of donations from the Wabasha Fire Department, Wabasha VFW, Wabasha Legion, and many other smaller donations from the community. Total funding gathered to date for this ongoing project is \$43,358.58. We will be receiving another \$17,000 from the Wabasha Legion in May of 2024.

5. Duration of the Project

The duration of this project will last until the end of May 2024 with final landscaping, informational plaques installation, trees, shrubs, and benches.

6. Number of full-time equivalents funded under the project

None of the funds received in this grant were used for personnel salaries, benefits or for any City of Wabasha administrative expenses.

7. Direct expenses and administration costs of the project

The direct expenses for this project including the grant money will be a total of \$53,037.15 with another donation coming from the Wabasha legion of \$17,000 in May of 2024. Expenses have been paid for flagpoles, flags, concrete work, and electrical work. The project is not fully completed currently.

8. Proposed measurable outcomes and plan for measuring and evaluating the results

It will be very difficult for us to look ahead at any measurable outcomes except for the public visually using the park on an increased basis. We have already noticed people using the walkway in the park and checking on the improvements, and positive comments and encouragement on our Facebook page and other connecting Facebook pages at the veteran's organizations. The state highway and county highway that both travel past Veteran's Park carry an enormous amount of traffic daily so there will be plenty of visual advertisement to be had.

9. For pass through, noncompetitive grant, the entity acting as the fiscal agent or administering agency and a point of contact for additional information.

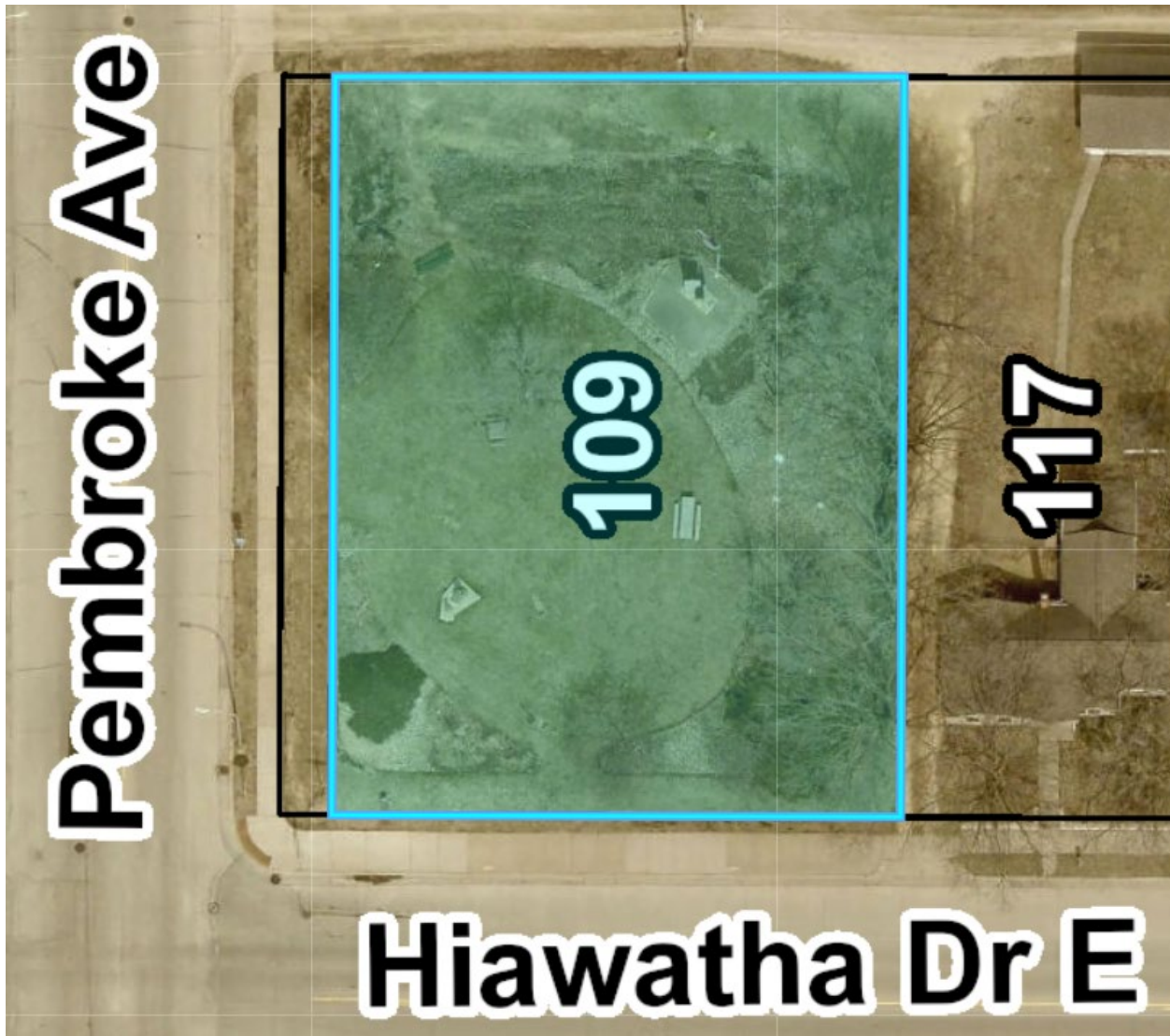
Not applicable.

10. Actual measured outcomes and evaluation of the projects as required under 129D.17, subdivision 2.

Over the past month of having the new flagpoles erected and the new flags up, there has been an increased number of people using the new walkways and stopping at the park to view the improvements. We will not be having engraving or individual plaques installed at this time but could be a possibility of a future addition.

11. Education about the area's issues, project address, including, when feasible, maps of where projects have been undertaken.

The Wabasha citizens along with the massive number of visitors we receive each year will get to enjoy the beautiful park that this grant has helped us build. Being a Purple Heart community, it is the hope that this park is now a staple in our community and is a reminder to us all to express gratitude to the sons and daughters of our community who were either wounded or killed in combat defending the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.



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12. All frameworks developed for future uses of each fund.

No further development for future use for this project.

13. Methods by which member of the public may apply for project funds under any of the unconstitutionally dedicated funds.

Not applicable.

Proposed Outcomes Achieved

We believe we achieved the proposed outcomes for the project

Actual outcomes Achieved for our Project

Achieved 100% of outcomes for the project.

See the following pictures recently taken since the completion of Phase 1 and the closeout report for the Legacy Grant.

Below are pictures of Veteran's Park that show the work that has been completed. Pictured you can see each of the eight flag poles that were installed.

