The Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail, a 501c3 was recently formed to raise funds for the construction of the Lake Vermillion Trail and to raise community awareness surrounding the need for a paved trail between Cook and Tower. The trail route will meander through the beautiful natural landscape south of Lake Vermilion providing an opportunity for safe, non-motorized, year-round transportation and healthy recreation for residents and tourists.

In 2018, the cities of Cook and Tower; the Townships of Owens, Beatty, Greenwood, Vermilion Lake, and Kugler; and the Bois Forte Tribal Government established a Joint Powers Board, which is the government entity responsible for developing and managing the Lake Vermilion Trail. The same year a master plan for the trail was finalized laying out the development design and phases, economic impact generated by residents and tourists and the community health value.

**Securing funding for trail development is the next crucial step.** In July 2019, the Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Board applied for a grant from the Minnesota Parks and Trails Fund, a result of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy amendment. Lack of matching funds for the development of the Lake Vermilion Trail was the primary reason no funds were granted from the Parks and Trails Fund.

Attached you will find our sponsorship levels and incentives. Please consider the Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail for your next giving opportunity.

Sincerely,

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