

September 12, 2013
 Blood Run National Historic Landmark
Initial Phase Budget Summary

Description	Recommended Level of Investment by State of Iowa for Initial Phase	Notes	Comparable Investments previously made by the State of South Dakota	Planned Future Investments projected by the State of South Dakota
Master Planning, Targeted Site Study and Research, Public Outreach and Tribal Community Consultation	\$ 350,000	Professional comprehensive planning to determine long-term development and land acquisition and protection actions; management and operations approaches and budgets; interpretive programming; and visitor services. Timeframe: 18 to 24 months	\$ 193,000	
Key Property Acquisition from Willing Sellers	\$ 3,000,000	Purchase of previously identified key properties critical for natural and archeological resource protection, access, and stewardship of the site's landscape integrity. Timeframe: 18 to 36 months	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 700,000
Initial Site Restoration and Limited Development of Access and Essential Facilities	\$ 1,750,000	Enhanced protection of existing public lands; vegetation restoration of new acquisitions; fencing; limited utility infrastructure, interim building for on-site operations; access road(s), parking; signage; limited visitor amenities and other needed improvements. Timeframe: 24 to 36 months.	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,350,000
Personnel Cost and Support for Project Management, Public Education and On-Site Operations	\$ 400,000	Salary, benefits, equipment, supplies and services for personnel to support a variety of on-site management and operational functions including overall project management, public relations and education, interpretive services for schools and public visitation; coordination with tribal representatives and other core functions. Timeframe: Continuous	\$ 225,000 (3 years at \$75,000/year)	\$ 500,000 (5 years at \$100,000/year)
Totals	\$5,500,000		\$ 4,948,000	\$ 6,550,000

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Meeting with Governor Branstad

10.07.13 - Monday

3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Attendees: Gerry Schnepf – KIB
Bill Bartine – State Historical Society Board Member
Marisa Cummings - Omaha
Dale Henning - Archaeologist
Joe McGovern – INHF
Steve Simons – Lyon Co. Econ. Dev.
State Senator David Johnson
State Representative Jeff Smith

TENTATIVE SCRIPT FOR MEETING

GERRY SCHNEPF

- As you requested - this is a report of a task force representing the Iowa Dept. of Cultural Affairs, the Iowa DNR, Lyon Co. Historical Society, Lyon Co. Conservation Board, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and Keep Iowa Beautiful. The group met in Storm Lake at Buena Vista University on August 27th for a period of four hours to outline a tentative plan and needs to bring Iowa to the level of input of South Dakota. The group decided that the group here today should be the delegation to present this report to you. We want to emphasize that in presenting this report that we are concerned that additional funding for this project will not negatively impact either agencies existing or proposed budgets.
- Due to the natural qualities of this site and the land/resource management history of the Iowa DNR, it is recommended that this site be managed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources as a State Park with guidance on the cultural assets provided by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.
- This area is one of the most significant cultural sites in the Nation. The National Park Service declared this area as eligible as a National Park Service site.
- To catch up with South Dakota the first step is that a person needs to be on site to:
 - Guide and assist in landowner relations and contacts.
 - Provide public education and awareness efforts.
 - Build partnerships.
 - Assist in site interpretation and respond to visitor use (largely because S.D. development will cause it to happen.
 - Provide outreach to schools and encourage service learning opportunities.

The cost is estimated at **\$400,000.**

- Master planning is required for the Iowa side. South Dakota has completed their work. It is estimated that **\$350,000** will be required. Higher budget than S.D. due to significance and variety of the archaeological sites and the larger scale of the project to include the Big Sioux River corridor to Gitchie Manitou S.P. This plan will guide continued negotiations with S.D. on the future joint efforts. The master planning must include tribal consultation. The Iowa tribe and the Ponca have officially asked to be consulted during the planning phase. We will also consult with other culturally affiliated tribes. Lead on the Master Plan should again be the Iowa DNR utilizing the team of advisors (with some possible expansion) that prepared this initial report.
- Need a pool of funds of initially of **\$3.0 million** for land acquisition. This is necessary to respond to landowners interests by having the funds available – it lets the landowners know that you are ready to negotiate. Timing is totally in the hands of the landowners.
- Need some initial development / temporary facilities to protect that cultural assets, provide accessibility and respond to user needs for services and interpretation – estimated at **\$1.75 million**.
- The future of the Iowa portion of the Blood Run National Historic Landmark is at a critical crossroads. Opportunities for action are already arising, and it is now necessary to develop more concrete plans with broad-based participation and input as key properties become available.”
- In the next three years a total of **\$5.5 million** will be required.

FIVE MINUTES

JOE MCGOVERN – Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

- Review of the role of the INHF in earlier land efforts to Cultural Affairs. Continuing work of the Foundation over the past years on the project – Dahlquist Work, etc. Joe – can you bring copies for everyone and have a large photo / map of properties available if we need it. Offer a continuing partnership, encouraging other financial partners and assisting in the project in land and support.

THREE MINUTES

LYON COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE STEVE SIMONS – Economic Development and Historical Society Interests.

- Focus on importance to the region and county. Work that has been done by the Historical Society and others. Keep to the larger regional perspective of the project not only to Lyon Co.

TWO MINUTES

The Blood Run National Historic Landmark was designated in 1970 and consists of the Blood Run (Iowa) and Rock Island (South Dakota) archaeological sites. It was established because of these sites' "significance to the prehistory and early history of the Midwest." The Blood Run NHL represents the largest recorded site of the Oneota cultural traditions.

Blood Run offers unique educational, recreational and economic value to the United States, Iowa, and to the Midwest. Preservation will insure the integrity of a nationally significant site from further deterioration while development as a travel destination – preservation, education, interpretation – could bring hundreds of thousands of visitors and millions of dollars of direct tourism dollars annually to the region and the states of Iowa and South Dakota.

This state park will be a destination site – at the crossroads of two interstates – with more than 850,000 people within a 100 mile drive of the destination. A gateway to other destinations north, south, east and west.

This regional historical and archaeological treasure has endless potential and too much time has passed with nothing being done. This undertaking has been on the "bucket list" of the Lyon County Historical Society since 1970. Our local groups – Lyon County, Lyon County Historical Society, Lyon County Conservation Board and Lyon County Economic Development are excited and energized to work with the partners in this room on this truly worthwhile historical, cultural, archaeological and preservation project in a thoughtful and sensitive manner to create something we can be proud of and share with future generations.

STATE SENATOR DAVID JOHNSON AND REPRESENTATIVE JEFF SMITH

- Legislative challenges and opportunities. Project significance and values to the State.

TWO MINUTES

MARISA CUMMINGS – Native American – Omaha

- National and regional significance of the sight to all of America and to native Americans.

TWO MINUTES

DALE HENNING – Archaeologist (Retired but active)

- Offer to assist the agencies and the Governor in any way that this group can to assure success for the project.

TWO MINUTES

THAT IS A TOTAL OF EIGHTEEN (18) MINUTES

SORRY TO BE A TASK MASTER BUT THAT ONLY GIVES US 12 MINUTES FOR DISCUSSION.

BE CONCISE AND TO THE POINT AND POSITIVE. IF YOU CAN DO YOUR TASK IN LESS TIME, IT ALLOWS MORE TIME FOR DISCUSSION.