



Operations & Maintenance Funding Regional Parks System

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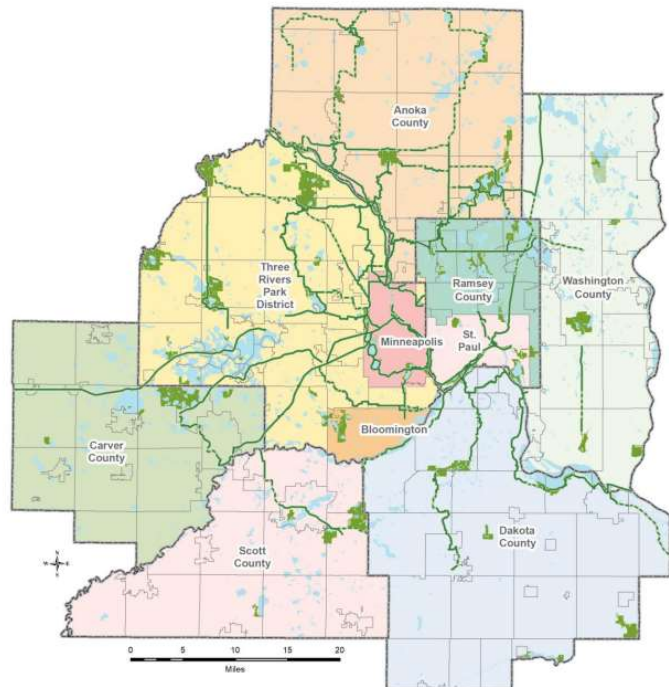
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Regional Parks System

- 54,400 acres of park land
- 389 miles of regional trails
- Over 58 million visits in 2017



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Regional Parks Grant Programs

Program	Funding Source Distribution Methodology
Operations & Maintenance	State General Fund and Lottery in Lieu Formula
Parks & Trails Legacy	State matched by Council bonds Formula
Parks Acquisition	State matched by Council bonds Part Legacy, Part ENRTF 1st come, 1st served
Bonding	State matched by Council bonds Formula

- 4 grant programs are funded by multiple state sources and Council bonds
- Council passes through 100% of state funding to Parks Implementing Agencies
- Current portfolio is over 175 grants valued at ~\$158M
- \$215M in grants are programmed in the current Council Authorized Capital Improvement Program (2019-2024)

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Governor's Proposal

- The Governor supports stable Operations and Maintenance funding for the Regional Parks System:

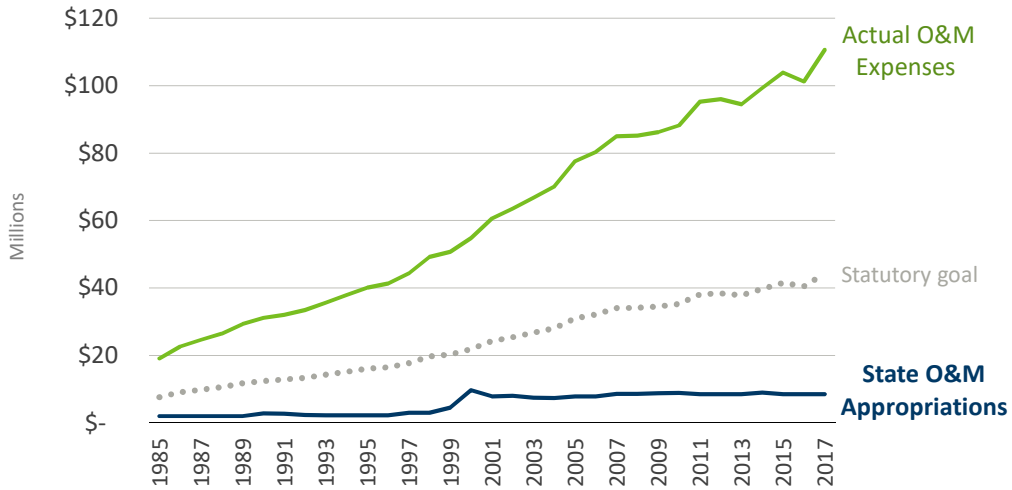
Fund	Annual Amount
General Fund	\$2.54 million
Lottery-in-Lieu of Taxes	\$6.00 million
TOTAL	\$8.54 million



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State Appropriations have not kept up with Operations & Maintenance Costs



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What does Operations & Maintenance funding pay for?



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