

2025 Regional parks and trails bonding program

Providing and maintaining quality public park areas and facilities

Governor Walz recommends **\$2.3 million** in general obligation bonds that will be matched with **\$1.53 million** in regional funds to improve regional parks and trails.

DISTRIBUTING FUNDING ACROSS THE REGION

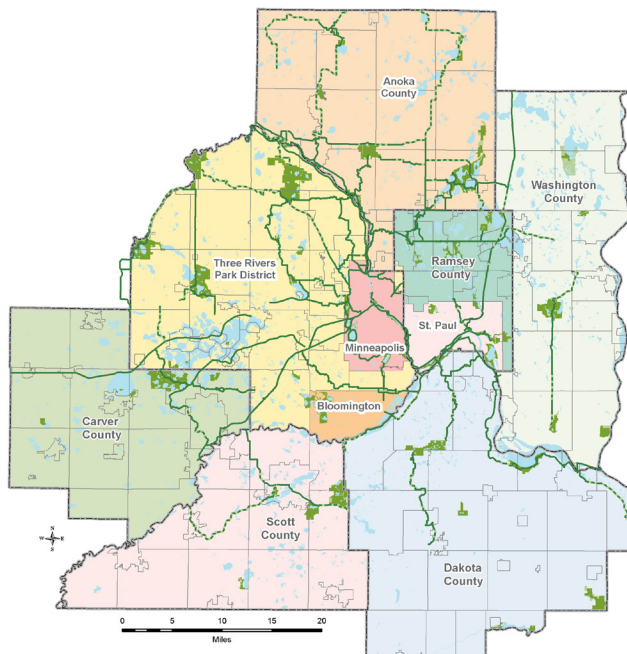
The Metropolitan Council passes every dollar of bonding to the 10 regional park implementing agencies that own and operate the regional parks and trails.

The Met Council's Parks Policy Plan and capital financing policy prescribe that the Met Council distribute parks bonding funds according to the following formula:

- **70% based** on the population within the jurisdiction of each agency, compared to the region's total population
- **30% based** on the number of visits an agency hosted from individuals who live outside the agency's jurisdiction (non-local visits)

EXAMPLES OF METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS CAPITAL SYSTEM PROJECTS

- Improve or replace trails, boardwalks, and connectors
- Develop, rehabilitate, and renovate parks, facilities, and features
- Increase accessibility to parks, trails, and gathering spaces
- Increase interpretation and education opportunities for all park users
- Enhance playgrounds, water activities, and recreation areas
- Restore natural resources



Connecting
people to
nature,
developing a
**sense of
belonging**

Connecting people to regional parks and trails,
and investing in quality of life.

The Twin Cities region is home to a Regional Parks and Trails System renowned for its beauty, size, and variety of features that provide an abundance of opportunities for recreation, exercise, and wellbeing.



**NATURE-BASED
SYSTEM PROVIDES
SIGNIFICANT
GREENSPACE AND
WILDLIFE HABITAT**



**8 SPECIAL
RECREATION
FEATURES** (LIKE COMO
PARK ZOO AND CONSERVATORY
AND GALE WOODS FARM)



**58 REGIONAL
PARKS AND PARK
RESERVES**



**NEARLY 500 MILES
OF INTERCONNECTED
REGIONAL TRAILS**



**OVER 69 MILLION
VISITS
IN 2023**



**OVER 65,000
ACRES OF
LAND PROTECTED**

For more information on the parks grant program

Visit [metrocouncil.org/Parks/Grants-Funding/Bonding-Program](https://metro council.org/Parks/Grants-Funding/Bonding-Program)

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