

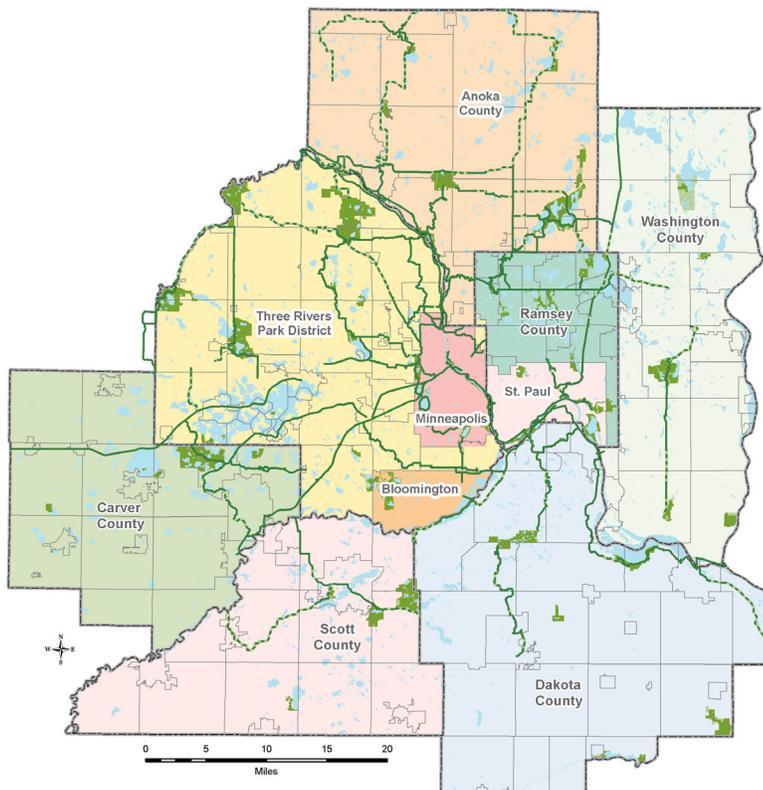
Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails System

FY 2026-2027 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund

Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan's 2025 budget includes **\$25.855 million** in FY26 and **\$26.867 million** in FY27 from the Parks and Trail Legacy Fund to the Metropolitan Council. This continues the tradition of allocating 40% of the Parks and Trail Legacy Fund for metro regional parks, 40% to the Department of Natural Resources for state parks, and 20% to the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission for Greater Minnesota parks.

FY2026-2027 METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SYSTEM

- Expand programming and engagement to attract new visitors and increase use of parks and trails
- Develop new and rehabilitate existing regional parks and trails infrastructure and amenities
- Acquire land, protect and restore natural resources
- Provide nature-based outdoor recreation and skill building



**Welcoming all,
removing barriers,
acknowledging
history**

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 & CONSERVATORY AND GALE WOODS FARM)



58 REGIONAL PARKS AND PARK RESERVES



NEARLY 500 MILES OF INTERCONNECTED REGIONAL TRAILS

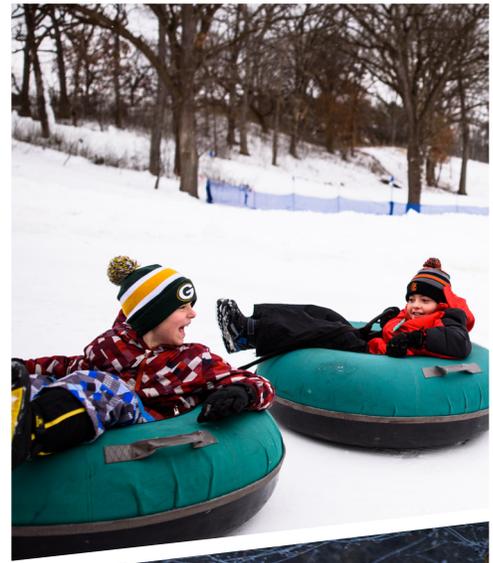


OVER 69 MILLION VISITS IN 2023



NEARLY 55,000 ACRES OF LAND

For more information on the Parks and Trails Legacy funding, contact Lisa Barajas at lisa.barajas@metc.state.mn.us.



Exploring
nature, cultivating
a **sense**
of **belonging**

