

City of Rochester



2019 Legislative Priorities

Cascade Lake Park Improvements

Funding Request

The project request is for \$2.75 million in Capital Investment to continue the development of Cascade Regional Park as envisioned in Cascade Regional Park Master Plan.

Background

Cascade Lake Park is the primary focus for park improvements to serve the community outlined in Rochester's Park System Plan. With the connection to the trail network this regional park is already seeing an estimated visitor use in and around the park of over 100,000 users annually. This park has been pursued for a long time due to the importance of this type of park in the community. Thus far, the City has invested well over \$10 million dollars on park land preparation and on various improvements to the park.

The location downtown is such that providing this facility will enhance the lives of the 3,000,000 annual visitors to Rochester and residents of the region as well. The State of Minnesota has recognized this economic benefits and has designated the Cascade Lake Regional Park as a park of regional significance.



City of Rochester Legislative Priorities- Adopted 12/17/18



- ① Lake Loop Trail
- ② Picnic Shelter
- ③ Seating Terraces
- ④ Performance Stage
- ⑤ Rambling Paths
- ⑥ Public Art Feature
- ⑦ Overlook Tree Fort
- ⑧ Natural Water Play
- ⑨ Cascading Creek
- ⑩ Park Pavilion
- ⑪ Pergola & Chaise Lounge Area
- ⑫ Beach House
- ⑬ Garden Paths (Typ.)
- ⑭ Active Playground
- ⑮ Turf Pave Parking Area
- ⑯ Main Drive Entrance
- ⑰ Open Lawn
- ⑱ Gateway
- ⑲ Bocce Courts
- ⑳ Pedestrian Promenade/
Potential Future Vendor Area
- ㉑ Drop-Off Circle
- ㉒ Bridge & Gateway A
- ㉓ Garden Shelter
- ㉔ Garden Arbor
- ㉕ Garden Rooms (Typ.)
- ㉖ Paths (Typ.)
- ㉗ Nature Playground
- ㉘ Parking Lot
- ㉙ Infiltration Island
- ㉚ Bridge & Gateway B
- ㉛ Overlook
- ㉜ Fishing Pier

CASCADE LAKE PARK MASTER PLAN

ROCHESTER, MN 05/05/2016



Project # 192803529



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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 450

01/28/2019 Authored by Sauke and Liebling
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for Cascade Lake Regional
1.3 Park; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. CASCADE LAKE REGIONAL PARK; ROCHESTER.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. \$2,750,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund
1.7 to the commissioner of natural resources for a grant to the city of Rochester to predesign,
1.8 design, construct, furnish, and equip improvements of a capital nature, including a pavilion,
1.9 an amphitheater, performance facilities, picnic shelters, restroom facilities, play areas, park
1.10 access, and landscaping. This appropriation is available when the commissioner of
1.11 management and budget determines that sufficient resources have been committed from
1.12 nonstate sources to complete the project.

1.13 Subd. 2. Bond sale. To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond
1.14 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of
1.15 the state in an amount up to \$2,750,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
1.16 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
1.17 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

1.18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.