

Parks and Trails Legacy Fund • FY 2022/2023

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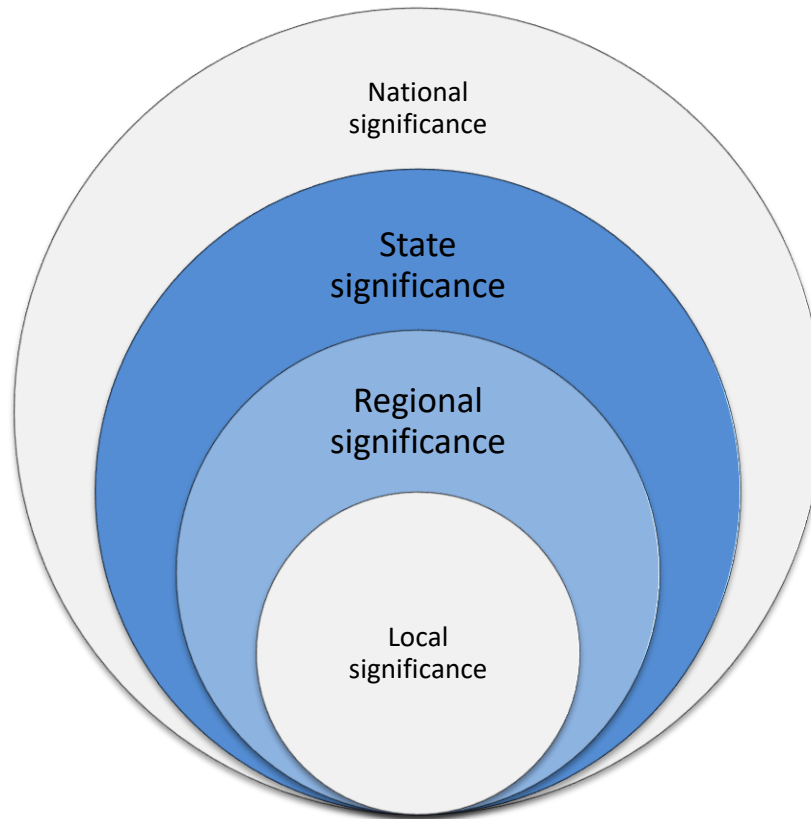
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Parks and Trails Legacy

Strategic Directions Overview • FY 2022/2023

As defined in the **25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan**, these parks and trails are large scale (large land base), natural resource based, and they serve a regional or statewide audience.

- State Parks and Trails
- Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails
- Metropolitan Regional Parks System



25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan Strategic Priorities



Connect People to the Outdoors



Acquire Land, Create Opportunities



Take Care of What We Have

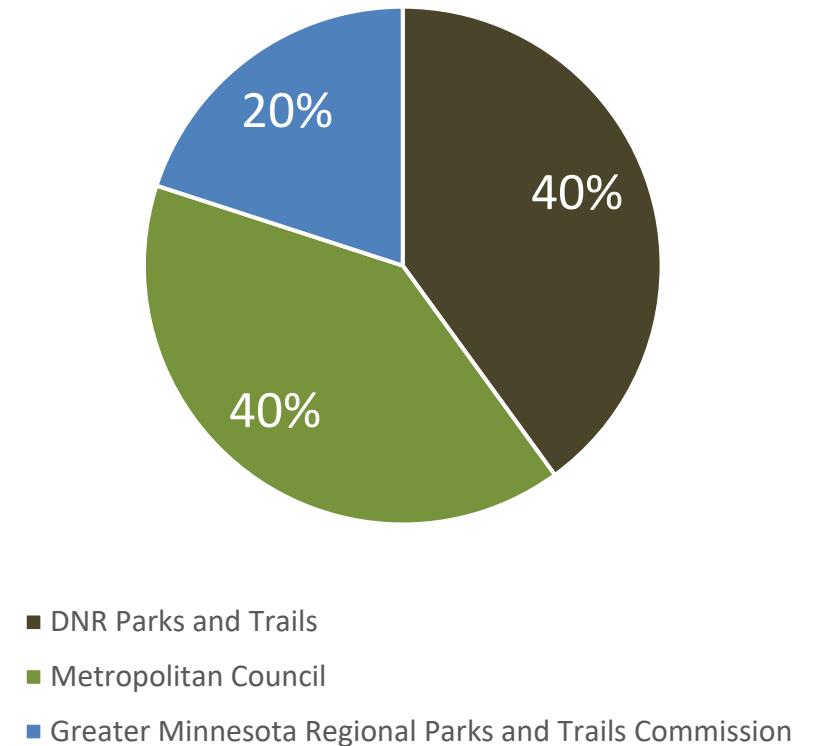


Coordinate Among Partners

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Funding Allocation for Parks and Trails Fund

Parks and Trails Legacy Partner Agency	FY 2022	FY 2023
MN DNR – Parks and Trails	\$21,699,000	\$22,130,000
Met Council – Regional Parks	\$21,699,000	\$22,130,000
Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails Commission	\$10,850,000	\$11,065,000
Coordinate with Partners	\$548,000	\$559,000



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**Metropolitan Regional
Park System**



**LisaBeth Barajas, Community Development Director
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Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Distribution

State statute allocates funding for metropolitan regional parks into two areas:

- 90% distributed *non-competitively by formula*, to the 10 implementing agencies
- 10% dedicated for land acquisition, distributed on a first-come-first-served basis.
 - Metropolitan Council matches acquisition funds on a two-to-three basis



Girl and her father help with a joint U of M and Saint Paul Parks & Recreation bee survey

Project Selection Process

- Park and Trail Legacy Projects are selected by each of the 10 locally elected boards or commissions
- All projects are reviewed by Metropolitan Council staff for consistency with Council-approved park and trail master plans as well as ensuring the proposed projects meet all state guidelines and requirements.



Mother and daughter on the shores of Schulze Lake at Lebanon Hills Regional Park, Dakota County.

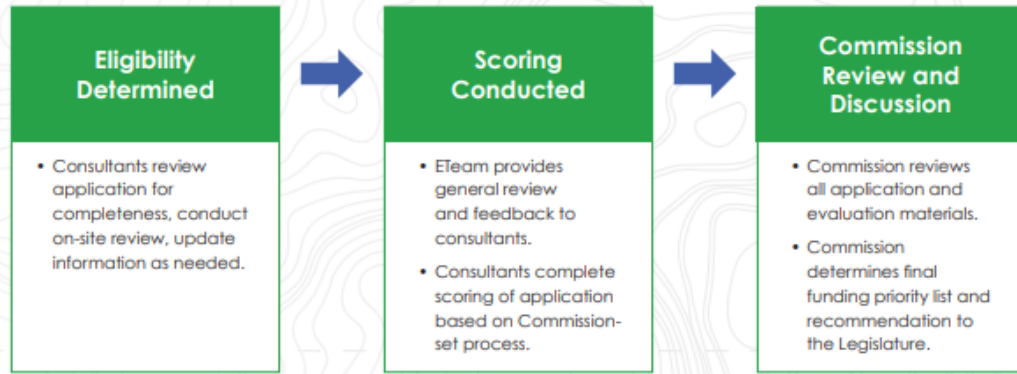


Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

Renee Mattson, Executive Director

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FUNDING RECOMMENDATION SELECTION PROCESS



Eligibility Determined

- Consultants review application for completeness, conduct on-site review, update information as needed.

Scoring Conducted

- ETeam provides general review and feedback to consultants.
- Consultants complete scoring of application based on Commission-set process.

Commission Review and Discussion

- Commission reviews all application and evaluation materials.
- Commission determines final funding priority list and recommendation to the Legislature.

SCORING CRITERIA

Park Criteria	Trail Criteria	Connecting People to the Outdoors Criteria
Completes a regionally substantial component in the applicants Master Plan.	Completes a regionally substantial component in the applicants Master Plan.	Supports the programming and marketing components in the applicants Master Plan.
Fills a gap and provides an outdoor recreation benefit of regional significance for that district.	Fills a gap and provides connectivity to users. Could also provide connectivity to a larger trail system to create a recreation benefit for the district.	Fills a gap and provides a proven outdoor recreation benefit of regional significance for that district.
Is significantly linked to one or more of the four pillars in the 25-Year Legacy Plan.	Is significantly linked to one or more of the four pillars in the 25-Year Legacy Plan.	Is significantly linked to the Connecting People to the Outdoors pillar objectives as well as additional pillars in the 25-Year Legacy Plan.
Project is a critical acquisition or critical rehabilitation and repair of a park facility or feature.	Project is a critical acquisition or critical rehabilitation and repair of a trail, trailhead facility or trail feature.	Provides significant and locally sustainable recruitment, retention or reactivation of outdoor recreation participation.
Provides access to quality natural and cultural resources within the district.	Provides access to quality natural and cultural resources within the district.	Provides access for underserved populations to quality natural and cultural resources within the district.
Has a financial match. A higher match will receive greater point awards.	Has a financial match. A higher match will receive greater point awards.	Has a financial match. A higher match will receive greater point awards.
Includes a fully detailed budget and implementation plan.	Includes a fully detailed budget and implementation plan.	Includes a fully detailed budget and implementation plan.

Grant Funding Selection Process and Scoring Criteria





Greater Minnesota FY 2022 Funding Recommendations

PROJECT	AWARD	DIST.
Olmsted County Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo	\$350,000	6
Goodhue County Byllesby Park	\$180,000	6
Offer Tail County Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail	\$781,000	3
Mesabi Trail	\$300,000	1
Lake County Mountain Bike Trails	\$400,000	1
Gull Lake Trail	\$2,434,922	2
Moorhead River Corridor Trail	\$660,925	3
Chisago County Sunrise Prairie Trail	\$1,182,282	4
Wright County Connecting People with the Outdoors	\$67,000	4
Luverne Loop & Blue Mounds Trail	\$839,300	5
Winona Bluffs Traverse	\$560,000	6
TOTAL	\$7,755,429	

These projects are recommended for FY22 Funding if Minnesota Management Budget forecasts are better than anticipated.

PROJECT	AWARD	DIST.
Sandstone Robinson Park	\$321,750	1
Olmsted County Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo	\$192,000	6
TOTAL	\$513,750	



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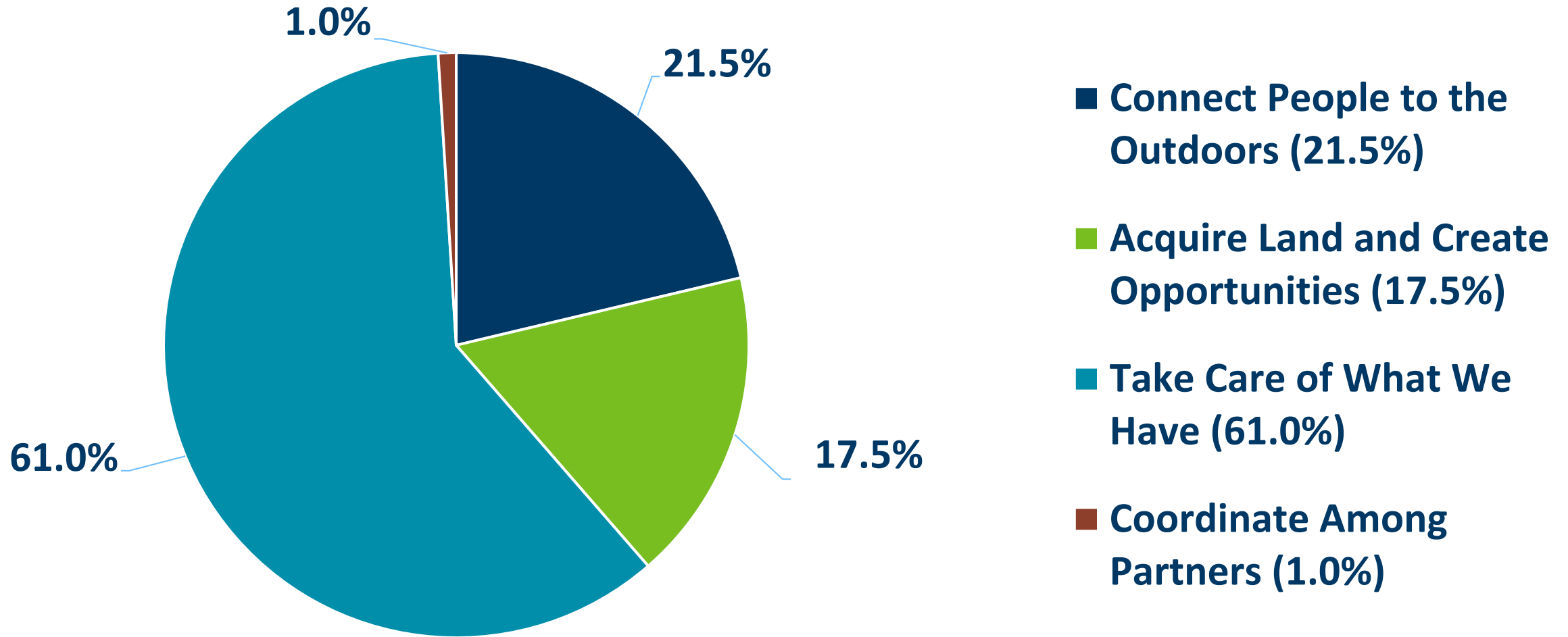
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MN DNR Parks and Trails Legacy Investment Process



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