

Monday, April 29, 2024

Chair Fue Lee
485 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Lee and House Capital Investment Committee,

On behalf of the ten implementing agencies that make up the Metropolitan Regional Parks & Trails System, we thank you for including \$8 million for metropolitan parks & trails. If approved, this will be matched by an additional \$5.3 million of funding from the Metropolitan Council.

The Metropolitan Regional Parks System has hit an all-time high usage with over 69 million visitors annually. This funding is essential to be able to continue to offer and maintain a high-quality parks and trails system. We thank you for your thoughtful consideration in support of these important regional assets.

Sincerely,



Mark McCabe
Director - Parks & Recreation

