

**Subject** Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

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## Overview

This bill contains a number of provisions impacting the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC). The commission was established by law in 2013 and tasked with regional park system planning and providing grant recommendations for parks and trails of regional significance outside the seven-county metropolitan area that are funded by the parks and trails fund, one of the four funds established by the “Legacy Amendment” passed by the voters in 2008.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>Districts; plans and hearings.</b><br>Removes the requirement that districtwide plans and master plans for individual parks outside the seven-county metropolitan area meet certain criteria, as well as removes requirements for public hearings on those plans. |
| 2 | <b>Recommendations.</b><br>Specifies that parks and trails fund grant recommendations may be for “projects” rather than for “parks and trails.”  |
| 3 | <b>Chair.</b><br>Requires the chair of the GMRPTC to be elected biennially rather than annually, which is required under current law.  |
| 4 | <b>Report.</b><br>Requires the GMRPTC to list its recommendation for parks and trails fund grants by regional parks and trails district instead of in priority order as required under current law.  |

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5	<b>Parks and trails fund appropriation extensions.</b> Extends the availability of five previous parks and trails fund grants.
6	<b>Repealer.</b> Repeals obsolete provisions establishing requirements for the first GMRPTC appointments (Minn. Stat. § 85.536, subd. 3) and its first meeting (Minn. Stat. § 85.536, subd. 4).



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