

# Lebanon Hills & Lake Byllesby Campground Buildings and Beach House Replacement



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**The issue:** Dakota County’s regional parks serve more than 3 million visitors each year, contributing to regional tourism and offering valuable recreational, environmental and health benefits. However, core facilities built in the 1980s are outdated, undersized and deteriorating. In addition, the two growing campgrounds lack necessary severe weather shelters.

**The solution:** Replace the existing campground and beach house facilities and address deficiencies in Lebanon Hills and Lake Byllesby regional parks.

## PROJECT SUMMARY:

Dakota County is requesting state bonding to support the replacement of several critical park facilities that have exceeded their functional lifespan. These include campground office and check-in areas, campground restroom and shower buildings, and a beach house at key regional park locations. Built in the 1980s, these buildings have safety, accessibility, capacity and energy challenges.

### Lebanon Hills Regional Park — Beach House

A replacement beach house is proposed on the east side of Schulze Lake Beach and will include restrooms, showers (indoor and outdoor), all-terrain wheelchair and watercraft storage, and electrical and mechanical rooms. The rooftop will double as an accessible patio for picnics and informal gatherings. An outdoor open area will accommodate concessions partnerships.



Current Lebanon Hills Beach House

### Lebanon Hills Regional Park — Campground Buildings

A replacement lodge and office building and a bathroom building are proposed at the campground entrance. Building amenities will include a lobby area, office space, a multipurpose room that doubles as a storm shelter, an outdoor patio, storage and mechanical and electrical rooms. More single-occupant bathrooms with showers and individual shower stalls will accommodate recent campground growth. This location will have new trails connecting the West Loop camp area and the bike trail on Johnny Cake Ridge Road.



Current Lebanon Hills Campground Office



Current Lebanon Hills Restrooms Building

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**Lake Byllesby Regional Park —  
Campground Buildings**

A proposed replacement lodge and office building will include a lobby, office space, a multipurpose room, severe weather shelter, outdoor patio, and mechanical and electrical rooms. A new bathroom building will include more single-occupant bathrooms with showers.

Campground users represent a wide geographic range, with guests coming from all 50 states and a growing number of international visitors. This diversity underscores the campgrounds’ importance as a destination that contributes to regional tourism.

This investment aligns with Minnesota’s statewide goals to:

- Expand access to parks and outdoor spaces;
- Modernize aging infrastructure;
- Promote health and wellness; and
- Ensure equitable access to public amenities for all Minnesotans.

**Project funding**

State bonding request	\$22 million
County funds	\$1 million
Regional Parks Modernization Grant	\$1.6 million

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**Estimated total** **\$24.6 million**



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