



# GREATER MINNESOTA REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION



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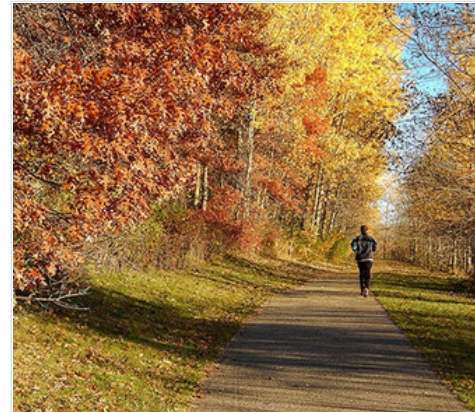
## OUR WORK

### Overview

Prior to the establishment of the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC) in 2013, Greater Minnesota did not have an established history of comprehensive planning for regional parks and trails. The documents and organizations highlighted below establish the criteria and protocol that grants the GMRPTC responsibility in this area.

### 25 Year Parks & Trails Legacy Plan

The Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee (LAC) was created as a part of the implementation of the 25-year Parks and Trails Legacy Plan. The Legacy Plan establishes the basic structure and guidelines both for the creation of the GMRPTC, and for the Regional System Plan it is responsible for creating. Learn more about the work of the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee, including the 25 year Legacy Plan, at <http://www.legacy.leg.mn/ptiac> (<http://www.legacy.leg.mn/ptiac>).



**Step 1 – Initial Screening/  
Baseline Evaluation for  
Regional Significance**



**Step 2 – Detailed Evaluation/  
Formal Recognition as  
Regional Park or Trail**



**Step 3 – Formal Listing and  
Ranking in Funding Program**

### Strategic Plan

As defined in the [Commission's Strategic Plan](#)

([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/gmrptcommstrategicplan2015.pdf](#)) (and guided by the Parks & Trails Legacy Plan), the Commission will evaluate, rank, and determine funding recommendations for regionally-significant projects of highest merit. As the 3-Step graphic illustrates, all regional park and trail projects will flow through the Commission's evaluation process to ensure consistency with the protocol and criteria defined under the Strategic Plan.

The vetting process defined and implemented by the Commission through the Strategic Plan is the only route to Legacy or other funding sources as related to regional parks and trails in Greater Minnesota. The Commission is responsible for ensuring that the physical system plan that emerges over time only reflects parks and trails that are well-vetted and formally recognized as being regionally-significant and essential to meeting regional needs.

### 2016 Legislative Report

The Annual Legislative Report (REPORT) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/greater\\_mn\\_regional\\_parks\\_and\\_trails\\_report\\_for\\_january15-2016-](#)

## Regionally Designated Facilities

Click a facility name to review its basic Designation Application. Additional attachments may be reviewed by contacting us at [coordinator@gmrptcommission.org](mailto:coordinator@gmrptcommission.org)

### **Natural Resource-Based Regional Park Classification**

- Stearns County Quarry Park (D4) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/14-007d\\_report.pdf](#))
- Redwood Falls Alexander Ramsey Park (D5) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/14-015d\\_report.pdf](#))
- Wright County Bertram Park (D4) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/14-010d\\_report.pdf](#))
- Rochester Quarry Hill Park (D6) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/14-008d\\_report.pdf](#))
- Douglas County Kensington Park (D3) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/14-004d\\_report.pdf](#))
- Granite Falls Memorial Park (D3) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/14-005d\\_report.pdf](#))
- Stearns County Rockville Park (D4) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/14-008d\\_report.pdf](#))
- Stearns County Warner Lake Park (D4) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/14-009d\\_report.pdf](#))
- Rochester Gamehaven Park (D6) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/14-017d\\_report.pdf](#))
- Wright County Robert Ney Park (D4)

1.pdf) details the \$16,491,725 in recommendations made for project funding in FY16 and FY17.

DNR Commissioner Landwehr has approved the FY16 recommendations, allowing those 13 projects to move forward. The Minnesota Legislature will consider the 12 FY17 recommendations for approval during the 2016 session. Projects recommended for funding will make impressive impacts on the communities and regions in which they're located and create more and improved opportunities for outdoor recreation for Minnesotans and visitors to the state.

Review the basic funding applications in the following list by clicking on the project name. Additional information may be found by contacting the System Plan Coordinator at [coordinator@gmrptcommission.com](mailto:coordinator@gmrptcommission.com).

Review the Designation Protocol ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/designation\\_protocol\\_letterhead-2.docx](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/designation_protocol_letterhead-2.docx))

Review the Funding Protocol ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/funding\\_protocol\\_letterhead-2.docx](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/funding_protocol_letterhead-2.docx))

#### **FY2016-17 Funding Recommendation List**

Bertram Park Acquisition - Phase 10 ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-006f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-006f_funding_report.pdf))  
Irving & John Anderson Park Acquisition ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-018f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-018f_funding_report.pdf))

Lake Brophy Park Acquisition ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-035f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-035f_funding_report.pdf))

Gamehaven Park Acquisition ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-042f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-042f_funding_report.pdf))

Bertram Park Phase I Development ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-007f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-007f_funding_report.pdf))

Alexander Ramsey Park ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-019f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-019f_funding_report.pdf))

Swedish Immigrant Trail - East End Paving ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-037f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-037f_funding_report.pdf))

Quarry Hill Park - Prairie House Educational Building ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-040f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-040f_funding_report.pdf))

Sunrise Prairie Trail - Segment F & G ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-046f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-046f_funding_report.pdf))

Cannon Valley Trail Comprehensive Plan Update ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-004f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-004f_funding_report.pdf))

Robert Ney Park - Programming Specialist ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-008f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-008f_funding_report.pdf))

Memorial Park - Implementation Plan ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-014f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-014f_funding_report.pdf))

Sunrise Prairie Trail - Rehabilitation ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-016f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-016f_funding_report.pdf))

Lake Wobegon Trail Extension ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-010f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-010f_funding_report.pdf))

Alexander Ramsey Park ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-019f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-019f_funding_report.pdf))

Northland Regional Sports Park Phase II ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-028f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-028f_funding_report.pdf))

Quarry Hill Park - Exploration Hall Renovation ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-039f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-039f_funding_report.pdf))

Kensington Park - Visitors Center ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-030f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-030f_funding_report.pdf))

Irving & John Anderson Park Phase II ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-027f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-027f_funding_report.pdf))

Swedish Immigrant Trail - Regional Connection ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-013f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-013f_funding_report.pdf))

MB Johnson Park - Park Improvements ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-001f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-001f_funding_report.pdf))

Robert Ney Park - Programming Specialist ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-008f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-008f_funding_report.pdf))

Gull Lake Trail - Phase II ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-003f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-003f_funding_report.pdf))

Mesabi Trail - Trail Expansion\*\*

Wagon Wheel Trail\*\* ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-052f\\_funding\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-052f_funding_report.pdf))

## **2016 System Plan**

On June 30, 2016, the GMRPTC submitted its updated 2016 System Plan to the Legislature.

The plan summarizes the current regional parks and trails system and Commission accomplishments to date. It also highlights specific state-wide and district-level strategic initiatives that will guide system development over the next few years.

GMRPTC System Plan 2016

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Rochester Cascade Lake Park (D6)

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Moorhead MB Johnson Park (D3)

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Isanti County Irving & John Anderson Park (D4)

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Olmsted County Chester Woods Park (D6)

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Douglas County Lake Brophy Park (D3)

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Le Sueur County Lake Washington Park (D5)

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Lyon County Twin Lakes Park\* (D5)

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Lyon County Garvin Park\* (D5)

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Elk River Woodland Trails Park\* (D4)

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Redwood County Plum Creek Park\* (D5)

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Cohasset Tioga Recreation Area\* (D2)

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Duluth Hartley Park\* (D1) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-037d\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-037d_report.pdf))

Barn Bluff Park\* (D6) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-096d\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-096d_report.pdf))

Robbins Island Park\* (D3) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-014d\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-014d_report.pdf))

## ***Regional Trails Classification***

Stearns County Lake Wobegon Trail (D4)

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St. Cloud Beaver Island Trail (D4)

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Chisago County Swedish Immigrant Trail (D4)

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Chisago County Sunrise Prairie Trail (D4)

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Mille Lacs County Plains to Port Trail (D1)

Lake Shore Gull Lake Trail (D2)

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Otter Tail County Perham to Pelican Rapids Trail (D3)

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Cannon Valley Trail (D6) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-027d\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-027d_report.pdf))

McLeod County Dakota Rail Trail\* (D5)

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Lake County Mountain Bike Trails\* (D1)

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Moorhead River Corridor Trail\* (D3)

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Red Lake River Corridor\* (D2)

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Hermantown/Proctor Munger Trail Spur\* (D1)

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Luverne Loop & Blue Mounds Trail\* (D5)

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Aitkin County Northwoods ATV Trail\* (D1)

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Mesabi Trail\* (D1) ([/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-059d\\_report.pdf](/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/15-059d_report.pdf))

## ***Special Recreational Feature***

### ***Regional Park Classification***

Sandstone Robinson Park (D1)

Detroit Lakes Detroit Mountain (D3)

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Beltrami County Northland Sports Park (D2)

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Big Falls Campground and Horse Camp\* (D1)

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\* NEW in 2016

## FY 2018 Funding Recommendations

On November 23, the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission met and approved funding recommendations for FY18 grants to regionally designated parks and trails in Greater Minnesota.

The Commission carefully considered the 25 funding applications; a total amount of \$23,582,369, and approved funding for 12 applications at a total of \$8,298,810, 35% of the total amount requested. Review the [Funding Report HERE](#).

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The Minnesota legislature must now approve the Commission's recommendations during the upcoming legislative session.

The 12 projects recommended for funding will further enhance the outdoor recreation experience for Minnesotans and visitors to the state, as well as providing an economic impact in the communities in which the projects are taking place.

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Moorhead River Corridor (/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-022f\_funding\_report.pdf)  
Detroit Mountain (/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-031f\_funding\_report.pdf)  
Cascade Lake Park (/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-038f\_funding\_report.pdf)  
Mesabi Trail (/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-045f\_funding\_report.pdf)  
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Milford Mine Memorial Park (/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-039f\_funding\_report.pdf)  
Memorial Park (/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-009f\_funding\_report.pdf)  
Dakota Rail Trail (/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-029f\_funding\_report.pdf)  
Lake Brophy Park (/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-008f\_funding\_report.pdf)  
Cook County Mountain Bike Trails (/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-044f\_funding\_report.pdf)  
Robbins Island Regional Park (/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/16-046f\_funding\_report.pdf)

## ETeam Report

The ETeam reports to the Commission after its initial ranking and scoring evaluation in late summer. The introductory section highlights both the summary of the evaluation and several issues that are being addressed by the GMRPTC. The last section of this report documents the ranking and scoring results for each application.

ETeam Report 2014 (/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/eteamreport10-14.pdf)  
ETeam Report 2015 (/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/gmrptc\_2015\_ranking\_review.pdf)  
ETeam Report 2016 (/uploads/5/1/2/9/51294637/gmrptc\_2016\_ranking\_review.pdf)

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