



Three Rivers
Park District
Board of
Commissioners

February 15, 2023

Marge Beard
District 1

The Honorable Sandra L. Pappas
Chair, Capital Investment Committee
2113 Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Ave. W.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Jennifer DeJournett
Vice Chair
District 2

Dear Chair Pappas:

Erin Kolb
District 3

On behalf of the Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners, thank you for including a \$3 million general fund appropriation for the Mississippi Gateway Regional Park redevelopment project in the delete-all amendment to Senate File 677. The project is shovel-ready with construction expected to begin this spring, and this funding is vitally important to ensure that this \$34 million project can be completed as planned in time for a grand re-opening in summer 2026.

Louise M. Segreto
District 4

Mississippi Gateway Regional Park is a partnership between Three Rivers Park District and the City of Brooklyn Park, combining Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park in Brooklyn Park and the Brooklyn Park Environmental Nature Area into one 260-acre regional park on the banks of the Mississippi River. The park will be a year-round connection for all people to celebrate the Mississippi River, learn about nature and enjoy the outdoors. Three Rivers Park District and the City of Brooklyn Park worked together to complete a master plan that re-envisioned the park to better meet the needs of the public now and in the future. Development of the master plan was guided by the findings from extensive engagement with targeted populations, and the intent of the park is to connect people to nature and the Mississippi River in a manner in which they are comfortable.

Gene Kay
Appointed
At Large

Please share our sincere appreciation with members of the Senate Capital Investment Committee for this investment that will help present and future generations discover our nation's greatest river and explore the outdoors at Mississippi Gateway Regional Park.

Jesse Winkler
Appointed
At Large

If you have any questions about the project, please feel free to contact Boe Carlson, Three Rivers Park District Superintendent, at 763-559-6761 or Boe.Carlson@ThreeRiversParks.org. Thank you again for this investment in Mississippi Gateway Regional Park.

Boe Carlson
Superintendent

Sincerely,

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John Gibbs
Board Chair
Three Rivers Park District

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer DeJournett".

Jennifer DeJournett
Vice Chair
Three Rivers Park District

CC: The Honorable Kari Dziedzic
The Honorable Susan Pha